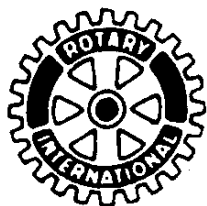


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Waunakee Rotary Club

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Tom Reis, who has organized the Waunakee Rotary in Lights project, told the club that the fund-raiser was a success this second year at the club's March 22 meeting.

Tom also presented checks in the amount of \$2,500 to the Waunakee youth hockey and softball organizations for their participation in the project.

Initially, when the light project was proposed, the club saw major obstacles in funding the lights, Tom said. Between \$35,000-\$40,000 would be needed to pay for lights, strands and displays. The club sold advertisements in the Rotary in Lights brochure to recoup the cost and pay for the majority of the project.

This year, more displays were added, including a warming house and a gingerbread house, Tom said. Five 200-amp services were also added.

Tom noted that the set-up on two separate Saturdays entailed 50 hours, collectively, between Phil Willems and Bill Erickson and other members.

Another 10 hours was spent hooking up the electrical.

Tom estimated that the people at the gate contributed another 200 hours, with another 30 to 50 hours of time spent taking the displays down. About 60 hours was spent on monthly meetings.

Altogether, Tom estimated the labor hours at between 600-700, 400-500 were put in by Rotary members.

But there were many rewards, Tom said. The club gets great recognition as it's one of the signature pieces.

"I love hearing the stories at the gate of a family that goes through every night," he said.

Also, it gives families three to five minutes to be alone together, away

from the television and the phone, Tom said.

This year, the club interacted with the youth softball and hockey organizations, which Tom said was fun.

Tom also thanked other entities involved, including Waunakee Utilities and TDS, which both donated labor, time and equipment.

Rotary club president Drew Lawrence noted that Rotarians Danny Paul and Ray Statz also provided labor and equipment.

After receiving the check, Waunakee High School Softball Coach Tammy Rademacher said the funds would be used for new batting cages at the new athletic field.

The softball club was honored to be part of the project, she said.

Brian Smith of the youth hockey organization said the proceeds for that group would be used to fund a feasibility study for a new hockey rink. The fund-raising campaign is sent to kick off Monday. The rink is planned for the Hogan Road recreation area in the business park addition.

The club is already thinking of new ideas and additions for next year's Rotary in Lights project, Tom said.

"This is a super effort by the club. If you haven't had the time to get involved, you have a chance to next year," Drew said.

Other items:

- The Super Raffle was a great night, and only eight tickets were left over. No numbers have come in from that yet.

- Drew said a host family meeting for the Russians was planned. Another host family for the exchange student has been found.

Guests: Steve Schlaver, guest of Phil Willems; Shawn Smith, guest of Mike Lawrence; Tammy

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Calendar of Events:

April 12-28, Russian visitors
May 4-6, District Conference
June 17-20, RI, Salt Lake City
June 28, Steak Fry

Rademacher, Al Ripp, Brian Smith and Dave Dresen, guests of Rotary.

Visiting Rotarians: None.

Birthdays: April 1, Ken Pesik;
April 4, Ray Statz.

Anniversaries: March 31, Drew and Lolly Lawrence.

Prayers: March 29, Susan Vergeront; April 5, Leonard Allen; April 12, Kim Wilde; April 19, Pat Durden; April 26, Msgr. Kramer.

Programs: March 29, Pat Rice, Warrior football coach; April 5, club assembly; April 12, Teen Safe driving program; April 19, Russian exchange visitors; April 26, Relay for Life, DJ Niemuth and Jennifer Stangl; May 3, club assembly.

Greeters: March 29, Robert Lenz, Jim Leonard; April 5, Joyce Maly, Traci Mann; April 12, Gordy Meicher, Jim Meyer.

Make up meetings online

It's easy to make up a meeting on the Internet. The site is www.rotaryclubone.org. Print out the form and give it to Phil Willems, the club secretary.