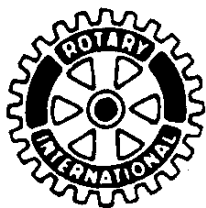


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An incredible amount of development takes place during the first six months of an infant's life, and the La Crosse Rotary Club is hoping a book developed for parents will ensure more children are well developed.

Rotarian Bob Pulvermacher shared information about that book with the Waunakee Rotary Club during its May 17 meeting.

Bob presented a video of a presentation that club had given of the program and the "Brain Game Book."

The presenter in the video noted that a baby's visual and language skills begin to develop within the first six months. It's important to talk to babies from the day they are born and to provide them with video stimuli.

Touching is perhaps the most important stimulus for babies.

And a television won't do – babies need interaction with caregivers to grow up healthy.

Young children are also able to grasp mathematical concepts, and an introduction to music can help their learning along.

The presenter noted that repeated experiences become encoded in memory as expectations. When an infant exhibits a certain behavior such as crying and a caregiver responds, it assures the child of a nurturing, consistent environment. Children who grow up in such homes enter school with a feeling of worth.

That's not the case for children who are raised in unpredictable environments.

The presenter also noted that to reach the child, it's important to reach the parents, and that's how "The Brain Game Book" applies.

The book can be utilized for international service projects and translated into many languages and adapted

to different cultures. The idea is to educate young parents so that children grow up healthier.

Bob has contact information for parents and grandparents looking to purchase "The Brain Game Book."

Other items:

- Lori Derauf thanked Bill Erickson and Neil Kruschek for taking Waunakee youths to the RYLA conference.

- Drew Erickson noted that May 23 is the senior awards presentation at Waunakee Community High School. Waunakee Rotary will present four scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.

- Drew noted that the club is looking for someone to head up the Service Club Olympics. It's fun getting teams involved in the various activities, such as Bocci ball and golf.

- The Rotary Plaza is looking good after volunteers worked on it recently, Drew said. Anyone walking by is welcome to stop and pull a weed or two.

Guests: Janna Lauer, guest of Lori Derauf; Dave May, guest of Jim Tubbs.

Birthdays: May 25, Joyce Maly; May 26, Bob Lenz.

Anniversaries: May 25, Jon and Barbara Townley; May 25, Mike and Dena Lawrence; May 28, DuWayne Statz and Roberta Valle-Statz; May 30, Phil and Betty Willems.

Prayers: May 24, Pat Durden; May 31, Msgr. Kramer; June 7, Susan Vergeront; June 14, Leonard Allen.

Programs: May 24, Youth Exchange Student at Lodi High School; May 31 ??

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Calendar of Events:

May 30, Madison Breakfast

Rotary Golf Outing

June 1, Madison Mallards with
Endres Mfg.

June 17-20, RI, Salt Lake City

June 28, Steak Fry

Greeters: May 24, Dick Pilsner, Bob Pulvermacher; May 31, Tammy Reeve, Tom Reis; June 7, Ellen Schaaf, Jim Schmitz; June 14, Gene Smith and Lynne Spielman.

Two 10-year-old twin children were exact opposites: Bill was a die-hard optimist, and Bob a hopeless pessimist. The mom asked the psychiatrist what to do about Christmas. The doctor told her to buy all the toys she could for Bob and get Bill nothing. In fact, he said just to wrap up some manure for Bill to break down his hopes even more. Christmas morning, Mom came downstairs and found the twins by the tree. She asked Bob what Santa had brought him. "A B.B. gun, but I'll probably hit someone in the eye and blind him. And a bicycle, but I'll probably get run over and killed while riding it. And an electric train, but I'll probably electrocute myself," said Bob.

Realizing it wasn't going very well, the mom turned to Bill and asked what he got. "I'm not sure!!" he replied, "I think I got a pony, but I haven't been able to find him yet!!"

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.