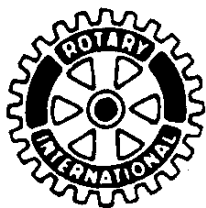


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Cancer has no doubt touched each and everyone of us in some way or another. With Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society (ACS) tries to combat cancer by raising funds for continuing research.

Jennifer Stangl from ACS and cancer survivor Diane Anderson spoke at the April 26 meeting of the Waunakee Rotary Club about the Relay For Life program in Waunakee.

Jennifer said ACS has made many advancements with drugs, programs and other help now available to cancer patients – thanks to the money raised through the relay program.

She said she enjoys going to work every day knowing things like this are happening.

Last year, the goal in Waunakee was to raise \$90,000, but the community ended up raising \$170,000. She said 53 teams participated with over 600 individual walkers joining in the festivities.

The business sponsorship in this community is amazing compared to many others and is much appreciated, Jennifer said.

Cancer survivor Diane Anderson also spoke in place of DJ Niemuth who was unable to attend. DJ is the father of Abby Niemuth, the little girl who has bravely battled leukemia.

Diane said she had participated in the relay before, but only after her breast cancer diagnosis in October of 2002 at the age of 44 did she become really involved.

She said she was very lucky to have such supportive friends and family, who helped her with meals, her shopping, house cleaning and many other tasks during her treatment.

In 2003, Diane was the honorary chair of the Waunakee relay and rounded up five teams to participate.

Over the past couple years she has continued to sponsor multiple teams and will again this year.

Her daughters have also gotten involved, rounding up teams themselves in recent years. Diane said it is great to see young people get involved in this fashion.

The community is very strong in their support of Relay For Life, Diane said. She encouraged others to come out and participate in the event, saying it is the most fun you'll ever have in raising money.

Each member of a team walks for an hour or two, Diane said. She said a disc jockey is also present playing music, among other activities.

If you cannot make it to any other part of the event, Diane said she would recommend attending the luminaria lighting ceremony.

The lighting of the luminaria and the survivors lap are very emotional, she said.

Diane added that she would like to thank everyone for their support in keeping Relay For Life strong in Waunakee.

This year's event will take place at Ripp Park on June 15-16.

Other items:

•Bill Erickson reported that the Russian guests had a great experience in their time here, and he thanked everyone for their help in making the experience a reality.

Guests: Brent Neevel, guest of Roberta Baumann; Diane Anderson, guest of Ellen Schaaf.

Visiting Rotarians: None.

Birthdays: None.

Anniversaries: May 6, Don and Joanne Tierney; May 9, Ed and Jan Niebuhr.

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Calendar of Events:

May 4-6, District Conference
May 30, Madison Breakfast
Rotary Golf Outing
June 17-20, RI, Salt Lake City
June 28, Steak Fry

Prayers: May 3, Susan Vergeront;
May 10, Leonard Allen; May 17,
Kim Wilde.

Programs: May 3, club assembly;
May 10 ???

Greeters: May 3, Ed Niebuhr, Ron Niesen; May 10, Linda Olson, Danny Paul; May 17, Ted Pertzborn, Ken Pesik; May 24, Dick Pilsner, Bob Pulvermacher.

A fellow comes home after his regular Saturday golf game and his wife asks why he doesn't include Tom O'Brien in the games anymore.

The husband asks, "Would you want to play with a guy who regularly cheats, swears up a storm over everything, lies about his score, and has nothing good to say about anyone else on the course?"

"Of course I wouldn't," replies the wife.

"Well," says the husband, "Neither would Tom O'Brien."

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.