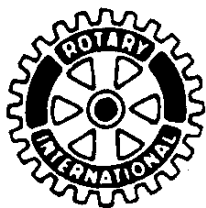


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## Waunakee Rotary Club

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It's been over a year and a half since Hurricane Katrina wiped out parts of the south, but many areas are continuing to rebuild.

Pastor Susan Vergeront described her experience in Mississippi with members of First Presbyterian Church at the May 10 Rotary meeting and said the stories of survival were amazing.

But the untold story is of the hundreds of thousands of volunteers who have traveled south to help. Although Katrina is out of the news, it is still in the hearts of people throughout the United States, Susan said.

Susan gave a Power Point presentation put together by Mark Weller that showed the extent of the damage.

Working with Handsboro Church through the Hurricane Disaster Assistance office, 28 members of the Waunakee Presbyterian Church saw houses that had been built on stilts, and only the stilts were left. A Shell gas station was still reduced to its shell.

The Waunakee church members helped clear out mold and debris from homes left unoccupied for 18 months. Susan said it was amazing what happens to food in a refrigerator over that period of time.

Basically, the volunteers took the homes down to the studs, removing moldy drywall and insulation to allow other builders to come in and work.

Some wondered why the homeowners did not begin to rebuild immediately, Susan said. She explained that the storm left them shell-shocked.

One woman who lived in a house inland from the ocean with her mother and daughter felt she could survive the storm in the attic. But

when water began seeping up into the attic, she punched a hole in the side of the house and the family spent five hours clinging to the roof in sustained winds of 100 mph, Susan said.

Another family swam to safety and found themselves more afraid of being harmed by the debris floating than of drowning.

So many people have helped in the rebuilding effort from all over the United States. The volunteers are given t-shirts to wear, so Pastor Susan recognized many others when she was out at area restaurants.

"A lot of the people I talked to, this was their second or third time down there," Susan said.

Susan estimated that the region's recovery is about half way completed. Most of the efforts are being done by volunteer church or civic organizations.

In particular, skilled trades people such as plumbers and electricians are needed, she said.

#### Other items:

- Phil Willems reported that a group would be planting at the Rotary Plaza that evening. Although the board of directors had budgeted \$300 for new plants, he was able to get the plants for \$139.

- Drew noted that the newsletter will be sent by e-mail to all members who have e-mail service. This will save the club thousands of dollars per year. Those members without e-mail will continue to receive the newsletter through the United States Postal Service.

Guests: Lucie Faltysova, guest of Connie Blau.

Visiting Rotarians: Randy

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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

Anderson, Madison Horizons.

Birthdays: None.

Anniversaries: May 17, Leonard and Becky Allen; May 23, Greg and Heidi Garton

Prayers: May 17, Kim Wilde; May 24, Pat Durden; May 31, Msgr. Kramer.

Programs: ??

Greeters: May 17, Ted Pertzborn, Ken Pesik; May 24, Dick Pilsner, Bob Pulvermacher; May 31, Tammy Reefe, Tom Reis.

*A man speaks frantically into the phone, "My wife is pregnant, and her contractions are only two minutes apart!"*

*"Is this her first child?" the doctor queries. "No, you idiot!" the man shouts. "This is her husband!"*

### Make up meetings online

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