



Waunakee Rotary Club

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Ian Weller was exposed to a new culture, and he almost got married during his trip to Jordan this summer.

A Waunakee High School senior, Ian traveled to the Middle Eastern country through a U.S. Department of State program.

He learned a traditional Jordanian dance at a wedding there, and one of the other men offered to introduce Ian to his daughter who was not yet married, Ian said.

"If you learn just a little bit of culture, you end up getting marriage proposals," Ian said.

In the primarily Muslim country, the wedding Ian attended had a men's only party. Women were kept separate, he said.

Ian was one of 40 students from the United States chosen for the program – a national language initiative to have young people learn Arabic and Chinese. The UW-Green Bay received the grant from the U.S. Department of State and arranged the travel.

Ian and his fellow travelers, all high school students, were Cultural Ambassadors, a title Ian said he now uses only on his college resume.

The 40 youths traveled first to Washington, D.C., then to Amman for a crash course in Arabic. Ian said at one point in their travels they encountered a group of old men who had a resolve to teach them the language. The men would point at objects and teach the students the names in Arabic.

The U.S. students stayed with families, and a Power Point presentation depicted his host family at the dinner table. The women do not completely cover themselves when they are home with their families, Ian said.

One woman at the family dinner was from Baghdad and had moved

to Jordan after the war began, Ian said. The country has seen an influx of Iraqis since the war began, he added.

Ian and the other students toured the area where they encountered ancient tombs and monuments, the desert where "Lawrence of Arabia" was filmed and a small school. The school contained no chairs, just a chalkboard.

The students tried to no avail to teach a group of kids "Duck, Duck, Goose," Ian said.

Some of the sights in the Power Point presentation included rolling dunes – which the Cultural Ambassadors spiraled down – and sunsets.

Asked about what the trip taught him, Ian said he no longer looks at the Palestinian/Israeli issue in the same light. The Jordanians do make a distinction between Americans and President Bush, he added.

While the Jordanians are angry about the U.S. support of Israel and oppression in Iraq, they strongly condemn suicide bombings and radicalism, Ian said.

Ian is planning to attend Drake University after he graduates from Waunakee High School. He would like to continue his international studies and hopes to study abroad through a program at that university, he said.

Lynne Spielman noted that Rotary International has graduate scholarships and other international programs that Ian could benefit from.

Other items:

- The board of directors will meet one week later in December, Dec. 13. Club Assembly will be the first Thursday in December.

- A sign-up sheet is being passed around to greet visitors to the Rotary in Lights display. President Lynn

OFFICERS

LYNNE SPIELMAN, PRESIDENT • DAN STATZ, PRESIDENT ELECT
PHIL WILLEMS, CLUB SECRETARY
BOB PULVERMACHER, RECORDING SECRETARY • KIM LENGFELD, TREASURER

DIRECTORS

TOM REIS • LORI DERAUF • BILL ERICKSON

Calendar of Events:

Rotary in Lights, Nov. 26-
Jan. 1.

Christmas Party, Jan. 25.

Spielman expressed kudos to Phil Willems for his work on the brochure, which is now printed, and Tom Reis for finding new lighted displays each year.

Guests: Shawn Smith, guest of Dave May.

Visiting Rotarians: None.

Birthdays: Dec. 6, Bud Zander;
Dec. 8, Neil King; Dec. 8, Roberta Baumann.

Anniversaries: None.

Prayers: Dec. 6, Susan Vergeront;
Dec. 13, Leonard Allen, Dec. 20, Kim Wilde; Dec. 28, Pat Durden.

Programs: Dec. 6, Club Assembly;
Dec. 13, Kim Wilde, update of library location search; Dec. 20, caroling at the Manor.

Greeters: Dec. 6, Rich Harris, Bob Hoskins; Dec. 13, Jim Jukes, Kevin Kearney; Dec. 20, Dave Kennedy, Neil King.

See you next week!

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.

BIRTHDAYS

January

Jan. 9, Bob Pulvermacher
Jan. 11, Greg Garton
Jan. 18, Rich Harris
Jan. 19, Gene Smith
Jan. 22, Daniel Muxfeld
Jan. 24, Art Drake
Jan. 26, Jim Meyer
Jan. 26, Mike Lawrence
Jan. 27, Pat Durden
Jan. 27, Lynne Spielman
Jan. 29, Gary Epping

February

Feb. 3, Jim Starling
Feb. 11, Phil Willems
Feb. 11, Ron Ballweg
Feb. 15, Dave Kruchten
Feb. 24, Danny Paul
Feb. 26, Sandy Taylor
Feb. 27, Ralph Montello

March

March 1, Rex Endres
March 1, Duwayne Statz
March 14, Craig Larson
March 15, Rich Murphy
March 17, Ellen Schaaf
March 26, Ken Ballweg
March 27, Don Tierney

March 27, Fred Caywood

April

April 1, Ken Pesik
April 4, Ray Statz
April 7, Connie Blau
April 24, Leonard Allen
April 27, Bob Nicholson
April 30, Harriet Statz

May

May 2, Jim Jukes
May 2, Steve Schlaver
May 12, Ed Kruchten
May 25, Joyce Maly
May 26, Bob Lenz

June

June 5, Ed Niebuhr
June 18, Dan Statz
June 20, David May
June 27, Tammy Reefer
June 28, Rod Cupp

July

July 8, Mike Fehrenbach
July 10, Peggy Acker-Farber
July 10, Shelley Moffatt
July 12, Jim Tubbs
July 14, Robert Tucker
July 23, Jim Brussell
July 25, Jim Schmitz

July 25, Msgr. Jim Kramer
July 26, Tom Laufenberg
July 27, Traci Mann
July 28, Bob Arntz
July 30, Amy Gile-Enge

August

Aug. 3, Drew Lawrence
Aug. 4, Jon Townley
Aug. 5, Jim Leonard
Aug. 11, Kim Wilde
Aug. 12, Mary Weber
Aug. 12, Scott Cochems
Aug. 13, Kathy Cefalu
Aug. 13, Brent Ziegler
Aug. 14, William Erickson
Aug. 17, Frank Bucaida

September

Sept. 5, Gordy Meicher
Sept. 6, Tom Reis
Sept. 10, Kevin Kearney
Sept. 14, Fritz Durst
Sept. 14, Bob Hoskins
Sept. 17, Dan Miller
Sept. 19, Neil Kruschek
Sept. 21, David Kennedy
Sept. 21, Kim Lengfeld
Sept. 25, Allan Dassow
Sept. 25, Luke Tierney
Sept. 30, John Cullen

October

Oct. 21, Linda Olson
Oct. 26, Betsy Flanagan
Oct. 29, Lori Derauf

November

Nov. 4, Jeremiah Gollon
Nov. 21, Ted Pertzborn
Nov. 30, Susan Vergeront

December

Dec. 6, Bud Zander
Dec. 8, Neil King
Dec. 8, Roberta Baumann
Dec. 14, Rich Wipperfurth
Dec. 15, Margaret Landphier
Dec. 16, Kevin Even

ANNIVERSARIES

January

Jan. 2, Jim and Linda Schmitz
Jan. 2, Ellen and Vincent Schaaf
Jan. 12, Ken and Diane Ballweg

February

Feb. 1, Jim and Terri Brussell
Feb. 9, Ed and Elizabeth Kruchten

March

March 31, Drew and Lolly Lawrence

April

April 21, Bud and Jeri Zander
April 22, Kathy and Mark Cefalu
April 28, Scott and Melanie Cochems

May

May 4, Jim and Betsy Starling
May 6, Don and Joanne Tierney
May 9, Ed and Jan Niebuhr
May 10, Margaret and Dennis Landphier
May 12, Mike and Jenny Fehrenbach
May 12, Brent Ziegler and Angela Schwab
May 17, Leonard and Becky Allen
May 23, Greg and Heidi Garton
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

June

June 7, Craig and Judy Larson
June 11, Rod and Wendy Cupp
June 13, Sandy and Tim Taylor
June 15, Bob and Jody Pulvermacher

June 23, Frank and Joann Bucaida
June 25, Shelley Moffatt and Tom Fendrick
June 27, Kim and Nanette Wilde
June 29, Jim and Joanne Leonard
June 30, Fritz and Sheri Durst
June 30, Gene and Catherine Smith

July

July 1, Kevin and Leslie Even
July 5, Joyce and Alan Maly
July 7, Ralph and Billie Montello
July 8, Tom and Rhonda Reis
July 10, Gordy and Kris Meicher
July 17, Allan and Lynn Dassow
July 17, Roberta Baumann and Tim Brubaker

August

Aug. 4, Rich and Carolyn Harris
Aug. 5, Lynne and Ken Spielman
Aug. 10, Bob and Nancy Arntz
Aug. 12, Art and Jan Drake
Aug. 13, Danny and Yvonne Paul
Aug. 16, Kevin and Kathy Kearney
Aug. 26, Lori and Peter Derauf
Aug. 26, John and Debbie Cullen
Aug. 27, Dan and Joyce Muxfeld
Aug. 27, Danny and Lori Miller
Aug. 28, Connie and Marjorie Blau
Aug. 30, David and Mary Jean
Aug. 31, Tammy and Jerry Reefer

September

Sept. 8, Ron and Michelle Ballweg
Sept. 9, Linda and Don Olson
Sept. 12, Jim and Phyllis Jukes
Sept. 15, Dave and Lynn Kruchten
Sept. 15, Rich and Donna Murphy
Sept. 17, Ken and Mary Pesik

Sept. 20, Neil and Sharon Kruschek
Sept. 22, Rex and Brenda Endres
Sept. 28, Peggy and Bob Acker-Farber

October

Oct. 5, Dan and Kristin Statz
Oct. 7, Betsy Flanagan and Larry Nummerdor
Oct. 12, Jim and Tonya Tubbs
Oct. 13, Ray and Harriet Statz
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Oct. 19, David and Candace May
Oct. 21, Ted and Cathy Pertzborn
Oct. 21, Ed and Rita Endres
Oct. 24, Fred and Kathleen Caywood
Oct. 29, Tom and Joan Laufenberg
Oct. 30, Amy Gile-Enge and John Enge

November

Nov. 1, Neil and Lily King
Nov. 6, Jim and Margaret Meyer
Nov. 6, Dick and Sally Pilsner
Nov. 9, Bill and Jeanette Erickson
Nov. 13, Gary and Jane Epping

December

Dec. 1, Bob and Nancy Hoskins
Dec. 26, Bob and Mary Jane Nicholson
Dec. 27, Rich and Sue Wipperfurth
Dec. 28, Traci and Michael Mann
Dec. 31, Kim and Barry Lengfeld

The Four Way Test

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Prayers

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Jim Schmitz
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