



Waunakee Rotary Club

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District Gov. Mary Kessens discussed the work of Rotary International at the Waunakee club's July 19 meeting.

Mary noted that Rotary has four areas of service – club, community, vocational and international.

The theme of the 2008 international conference will be Rotary Shares, Mary learned during training in California.

She asked the club about projects they feel good about. Bill Erickson said the international projects in Honduras and Haiti.

Other Rotarians mentions projects such as the Rotary in Lights, high school scholarships and senior citizen picnic and Thanksgiving breakfasts.

Mary noted that the Waunakee club is especially active.

Mary said this year, Rotary is urging clubs to work on increasing membership. If every club could net one new member per year, that would do a lot for service in the district.

Rotary has also asked all district governors to say "yes" to Rotary, and Mary asked Waunakee club members to do the same.

Those commitments include each member making a \$100 donation to the Rotary Foundation and obtaining one new net member this year.

The donations to the foundation make a difference in the amount of matching funds the foundation can provide to clubs.

For instance, \$24,000 is available to clubs for use in local projects, and \$23,000 is available in ambassador scholarships for students who want to study abroad.

Mary said she has been amazed

by the efforts matching funds are able to accomplish internationally.

She learned first hand about those efforts as a group study exchange ambassador in 2002, she said. During her trip to Nigeria, she was able to help orchestrate the donation of \$16,000 in books shipped there through her club.

Another project involved beginning a school for children of beggars. The community in Nigeria established a Community Corps that became active groups in the school.

Polio Plus is another Rotary project that accomplished a near miracle, eradicating the disease in all but four countries, Mary said.

Rotary's work to eradicate polio has provided a model for disease eradication used throughout the world.

Mary said there are currently 1.2 million Rotarians, and we should all be proud.

"We are making the world a better place, and we do miracles," she said.

Other items:

- Lynne Spielman took a poll and it was decided to return to the tradition of singing two songs, instead of one, at the start of each meeting.

- Participants are needed for the Service Club Olympics.

- Harriet Statz has blocked 10 rooms at the Irish inn for the Rotary Rustic Road Rally.

Guests: Jonny Buroker, guest of Ellen Schaaf; Shawn Smith, guest of Mike Lawrence; Ben Ballweg, guest of Ken Ballweg.

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Calendar of Events:

July 26-29, Waunafest

Oct. 6-7, Oktoberfest

Oct. 14, Rotary Rustic Road Rally

Visiting Rotarians: Ralph Montello, Portage; Jennifer Sereno, Downtown.

Birthdays: July 26, Tom Laufenberg; July 27, Traci Mann; July 28, Bob Arntz; July 30, Amy Gile-Enge.

Anniversaries: None.

Prayers: July 26, Kim Wilde; Aug. 2, Pat Durden; Aug. 9, Msgr. Kramer; Aug. 16, Susan Vergeront.

Programs: July 26, Ben Hobbins, Lake Resources Group; Aug. 2, Club Assembly; Aug. 9, Rotary Foundation; Aug. 16, Combat Blindness.

Greeters: July 26, Jim Tubbs, Susan Vergeront; Aug. 2, Mary Weber, Kim Wilde; Aug. 9, Phil Willems, Rich Wipperfurth; Aug. 16, Henry Zander, Brent Ziegler.

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.