



Waunakee Rotary Club

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Many arts and cultural affairs activities are made possible by grants from the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission.

Karen Crossley, executive director of that commission, shared how Dane County's arts and cultural activities contribute economically at the Sept. 20 Rotary Club meeting.

A study done titled, "Arts and Economic Prosperity," pointed out that not only are the arts a good indication of the spiritual health of a city, but they contribute economically, as well.

In 2005, the Dane County arts and cultural community contributed over 4,000 jobs. Expenditures by audiences and the arts and cultural community exceeded over \$100,000 million, Karen said.

The Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission has three areas of focus. One is its small grants program. The commission awards \$500,000 to 130 projects and programs throughout the county per year in three grant cycles. One third of the grant funding comes from Dane County while two thirds comes from private contributors, such as the Endres Manufacturing Foundation, Karen said.

Waunakee groups have used grants to fund projects, Karen said, such as the former Waunakee Arts Council and the Waunakee school district. A Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission grant helped fund the artist-in-residence that created the mural at the high school.

About half of the grants go to nonprofit organizations, such as

the Madison Symphony. The other half go to smaller, more grassroots groups or schools, Karen said.

The maximum grant offered is \$10,000, but most are in the \$4,000-\$7,000 range.

Another focus of the Dane County Cultural Commission is creating posters, calendars and other products showcasing artists' works.

And the commission advocates for and supports arts, cultural and local history activities.

Other items:

- Harriet Statz told the club that those traveling on the Rotary Rustic Road Rally will leave Sunday morning, Oct. 14. Harriet has to release whatever rooms have not been reserved by Saturday, she said.

- The club is still taking donations for the effort to prevent blindness. One \$20 donation will be matched by the club and the Rotary International Foundation and can make a big impact.

- Greg Garton reminded the club that the Lake Melvin Yacht Club celebration is Sept. 14-15 in Dane.

- The service club luncheon is in November. The club will pay for the lunch.

- Sign-up sheets are circulating for Oktoberfest. Lots of help is needed for this.

Guests: Michael Starshak, guest of Greg Garton; Mombie Condie, guest of John Cullen; Shelley Moffatt, guest of Tammy Reefer; Lisa Pertzborn-Whiting, guest of Roberta Baumann; Deena Cortright, guest of Connie Blau;

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Calendar of Events:

Sept. 14-15, Lake Melvin Yacht Club Oktoberfest

Oct. 6-7, Oktoberfest

Oct. 14, Rotary Rustic Road Rally

Amy Fluke, guest of Connie Blau.

Birthdays: Sept. 21, David Kennedy; Sept. 21, Kim Lengfeld; Sept. 25, Allan Dassow; Sept. 25, Luke Tierney.

Anniversaries: Sept. 20, Neil and Sharon Kruschek; Sept. 22, Rex and Brenda Endres.

Prayers: Sept. 20, Susan Vergeront; Sept. 27, Leonard Allen; Oct. 4, Kim Wilde; Oct. 11, Pat Durden.

Programs: Sept. 20, Benjamin Meyer, Holocaust survivor; Sept. 27, Dean Dickenson, District Governor; Oct. 4, Club Assembly; Oct. 11, Jonny Buroker.

Greeters: Sept. 20, Jonny Buroker, Scott Cochems; Sept. 27, John Cullen, Rodd Cupp; Oct. 4, Allan Dassow, Lori Derauf; Oct. 11, Art Drake, Pat Durden.

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.