



## Waunakee Rotary Club

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With the smell of fresh paint in the air, the Waunakee Rotary Club toured the Waunakee-DeForest Ice Rink (WDIR) just weeks before it was to open.

Still to come was the main feature – the sheet of ice – and at the Oct. 14 meeting, the club learned a little about how that sheet is established.

Brett Frizzell, ice rink manager, described how the ice plant is created. The process begins with preparing the foundation and heat floor piping to prevent permafrost. Six inches of fill are laid over that and levelled, then covered with interlocking insulation. A trench with pipes is laid, and reinforcement bar is put in place to keep pipe chairs in place.

Then the cool floor piping is installed and prepared so no leaking can occur. Wire mesh creates structure for the piping. The next step is to pour a concrete floor, making sure it is absolutely level. After the 28-day curing process, the refrigeration is turned on and the surface brought to 16 degrees fahrenheit. It takes one to two days to bring the concrete floor to that temperature, Brett said.

Preparing the ice is a tedious process, with the floor being poured little by little and the striping done initially. The lines are painted by hand, Brett said.

Todd Scheffler, Waunakee DeForest Ice Rink board member, explained that three months ago, the WDIR board ran a full-page advertisement asking for funds to bridge a \$300,000 financing shortfall. The rink construction has proceeded without bleachers or carpeting in some of the rooms, he said.

But the board decided to spend a more on some items with an eye toward saving money long term.

Todd said the board opted to install a concrete floor instead of a sand floor. That will allow the rink to

be more flexible. And an ammonia rather than a freon cooling system was installed.

Board member Deana Turner, one of the tour leaders, noted that an ammonia cooling system, while more expensive, adds energy efficiency and is more environmentally friendly. It also has a longer life than a freon system.

The tour revealed a large lobby – where the Rotarians had lunch catered by Rex's – complete with a skate rental and concession area. Used boards enclosing the rink were purchased and installed, and volunteers buffed off the puck marks on the plexiglass, Deana said.

The rink is wired for sound – a used system complete with a disco ball and lighting, Deana added.

The rink mirrors the facility in Oregon, Deanna said, and the architect is the same. Renschler is the contractor.

Locker rooms were built for each of the three high school hockey teams, along with four separate youth team locker rooms. The Waunakee and DeForest varsity boys' and girls' varsity co-op teams are contracted to use the ice.

Deanna said the upper mezzanine, currently not completed, will one day provide a space for video filming. A shooting room for kids to practice is also included.

The rink includes conference rooms, as well, for the board to meet and for parties.

#### In other news:

•Mick Holm of Kids Against Hunger invited club members to that event Oct. 24. Volunteers will pack up about 130,000 meals at the Village Center to send worldwide to alleviate hunger. The meals are a nutritious rice-based casserole, and half of the packages go to local food pantries. Corporate sponsors and other dona-

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tions defray the cost of the meals. Rotary donated funds to support the effort.

•Roxanne Johnson reported on playground equipment at the Village Park.

•Bill Erickson said volunteers are invited to help work on the lights either Monday or Tuesday at Village Park from 9 a.m.-noon. If the crew isn't at the park, they will be at Qual Line Fence, he said.

Guests: Lori Hadfield, guest of Linda Olson; Ken Gruenberg, guest of Bud Zander; Bill Sprout, guest of Jim Schmitz; Todd Schmitz, second proposal for membership; Sharon Kruschek, guest of Neil Kruschek.

Visiting Rotarians: None.

Birthdays: Oct. 8 was Gordy Meffert's birthday but was omitted from the Oct. 7 newsletter. Wish him a belated happy birthday. Celebrating birthdays this week are: Oct. 21, Linda Olson; Oct. 26, Betsy Flanagan.

Anniversaries: Oct. 21, Ted and Cathy Pertzborn; Oct. 26, Bob and Linda Ziegler.

Prayers: Oct. 21, Leonard Allen; Oct. 28, Susan Vergeront; Nov. 4, Pat Durden.

Programs: Oct. 21, Dr. Brian Wussow, wellness essentials; Oct. 28, Marianne Garitii, sustainable business practices; Nov. 4, Club Assembly.

Greeters: Oct. 21, Neil Kruschek and Alan Langeteig; Oct. 28, Drew Lawrence; Nov. 4, Robert Lenz and Jim Leonard; Nov. 11, Joyce Maly and Traci Mann.