



Waunakee Rotary Club

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Those involved in the Waunakee-area community have probably met Bob Ziegler at some point. He has a long history of volunteerism in Waunakee that he said was fostered by his former employer, Endres Manufacturing.

Bob gave his classification talk at the Nov. 18 Rotary meeting.

A lifelong Waunakee resident, he is the oldest of four children and a 1964 graduate of Waunakee High School.

Bob met his wife, Linda, in 1965, and they were married in 1968. The couple have three children and five grandchildren, with another grandchild on the way.

Bob began working for Endres Manufacturing part time as a welder and machinist in 1963, and after he graduated in 1964, he began working full time, fulfilling projects for MG&E, Oscar Meyer and the Beloit Corporation. In the late 1980s, structure steel became a popular product, and Bob began constructing railways for stairways and other odd projects such as church towers. His last project before he retired in May was the goat tower at Endres Manufacturing.

"Endres has always been a company that encouraged you to get involved with the community," Bob said.

And so he did, spending 32 years volunteering with the Waunakee Fire Department and about 15 with the Waunakee Jaycees, with whom he helped create and establish the Welcome to Waunakee signs.

He was also a member of the Waunakee Lions Club for 10 years, and he and Phil Willems began the Super Raffle together.

Bob also helped get the Waunakee Youth Soccer program off the ground. He was a field coordinator for five years and a coordinator for another five when the club had

about 400 young athletes.

"I got to know just about every new person in Waunakee," he said.

Bob later worked to launch soccer programs at the high school, and both the girls' and the boys' programs have been successful.

When his children moved up to playing high school and college soccer, he had less time to devote to the youth program, he said.

Bob said he enjoys spending time at the family's home in Lake Wisconsin, where he likes to go boating, fishing, hunting and golfing.

Five years ago, Bob got involved with Rotary when Phil Willems asked if he could make some brackets for the Rotary in Lights event at Village Park. Then Phil asked if he could design a carousel, and every year, they have added more to the Christmas lights display.

Bob said he is happy to be involved in the community today with Rotary Club.

In other news:

- Peggy Acker-Farber reminded club members that the Santa at the Village Center event is Dec. 4 and asked that cookies be brought to the Dec. 2 meeting.

- Bill Tygum passed around a sign-up sheet for the Rotary Christmas Party. It will be Dec. 16 with cocktails at 6 p.m. Each couple should bring one wrapped gift worth about \$25.

- Bill Erickson introduced several guests who helped with the Rotary Lights installation prior to the meeting. This Saturday, volunteers are needed to help starting at 8 a.m.

- Harriet Statz said all former and current home hosts for the Rotary student exchanges had been invited to the Dec. 16 Christmas party. That committee is looking for a third host family for Hanoulia. Harriet is also

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Calendar of Events:

- Thanksgiving breakfast, Nov. 25.*
- Santa at the Village Center, Dec. 4, cookies due Dec. 2.*
- Rotary Club holiday party, Dec. 16.*
- Waunakee Winter Weekend, Feb. 18-20.*

planning for the Waunakee Winter Weekend, which last year drew 38 exchange students, both inbound and returned outbounds. Home hosts are needed for that Friday night and the potluck dinner Saturday after the winter recreation activities.

Guests: Wendy Fahlgren, guest of Jim Leonard; Ron Christenson, guest of the club; Tim Bolhuis and Greg Nordeng of Pellitteri Waste Management, guests; Linda Ziegler, guest of Bob Ziegler; Jody Pulvermacher, guest of Robert Pulvermacher.

Visiting Rotarians: None.

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

Anniversaries: Dec. 1, Bob and Nancy Hoskins.

Prayers: Dec. 2, Pat Durden; Dec. 9, Leonard Allen; Dec. 16, Susan Vergeront.

Programs: Dec. 2, ??

Greeters: Dec. 2, Gordon Meffert and Gordon Meicher; Dec. 9, Jim Meyer and Danny Miller; Dec. 16, Shelley Moffatt and Richard Murphy.