



Waunakee Rotary Club

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Some of the same roads built in 122 AD in Great Britain provide an excellent tour venue of that country and its history.

At the April 22 Rotary meeting, Dean Bowles described his journey with about 13 others as they walked Hadrian's Wall last August from the east to the west coast of Northern England. The wall is 60 miles of stone and masonry spanning from the North Sea to the Irish Sea, and 13 of the 23 walkers along on the trip finished the trek from Wallsend to Carlisle in a week.

Dean described walking along the Tyne River in Newcastle and a scenic 18-mile hike along a national trail. In more urban areas, pubs are located along the wall.

The wall is 9 1/2 feet wide and 15 feet tall. Day two took the walkers 11 miles to Housesteads Fort.

Dean said the wall defined the Roman Empire and separated Britannia from the Barbarians.

Parts of the trail are steep, and the group managed just six miles during one hilly day, compared to 18 miles on a day with more flat terrain.

The trip also allowed the walkers to take in a great deal of history. Several castles can be seen along the way, and there are many forts and museums to visit. The walkers also crossed two rivers.

Dean said they brought equipment to prepare for the trip. He had himself outfitted with a good pair of hiking boots and wool socks before he left. The walkers also carried backpacks and rain gear, along with cell phones for

emergencies.

On the last day they followed the River Eden on approach to Carlisle. Dean continued walking after the trip, and he returned recently to visit other forts and areas of the Roman Empire.

Dean said the Romans were incredible road builders, and many of the roads built during the Roman Empire have simply been paved over for use in this modern age.

When the area was abandoned by the Romans in 450 AD, stones were taken from the wall to build houses and forts nearby, Dean said.

In other news:

- The Rotary Work Day is May 1. Rotarians will meet at the Village Hall at 9 a.m. then divide into groups to volunteer at various parks throughout the community, said Brent Ziegler. Volunteers are asked to bring gloves, shovels and other implements for landscaping and gardening.

- Harriet said Bird, the club's exchange student, is planning to attend the District Assembly in Wisconsin Dells but may need a ride back. Also, she said Bird went to Prom and had a good time.

- Neil Kruschek will drive the Rotary youths to the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership) event.

- Rex Endres said a reception will be held for Dr. Jim Starling on May 6. Jim is returning to the Carolinas.

Guests: None.

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Calendar of Events:

- May 1, Rotary Work Day
- May 17, Jachin Jordan Golf Outing at Bishop's Bay
- May 21, District Conference in LaCrosse.

Visiting Rotarians: Dean Bowles, Madison West.

Birthdays: April 30, Harriet Statz; May 2, Jim Jukes; May 2, Steve Schlaver.

Anniversaries: May 4, Jim and Betsy Starling.

Prayers: April 29, Pat Durden; May 6, Susan Vergeront; May 13, Leonard Allen.

Programs: April 29, Al Arnold, Dean Foundation Reading Clinic; May 6, Club Assembly; May 13, Scott Walker, Gubernatorial Candidate; May 20, Classification talks, Daren Steuart and Becky Ohan.

Greeters: April 29, Dan Statz and Duwayne Statz; May 6, Harriet Statz and Ray Statz; May 13, Sandy Taylor and Don Tierney; May 20, Luke Tierney and Jon Townley.

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.