



## Waunakee Rotary Club

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Scott Walker, Milwaukee County Executive, told the Waunakee Rotary Club last week that he's running for governor because he "loves this state."

"I think it's time to put the government on the side of the people," said Walker, one of two Republican gubernatorial candidates, at the May 13 meeting.

Walker added that in particular, he hopes to "turn this government around so the people of the state can get working again."

In an effort to erase the state's budget deficit, Walker believes government should not spend more than it has, reduce its size, and understand that people and businesses create jobs.

Walker listed several steps he would take to improve state government, as follows:

- cut taxes, including estate taxes.
- cut through red tape and introduce regulatory reform. "The few regulations we have should be science based and predictable," he said. States that have lowered the cost of doing business have seen job growth and healthy budgets.
- be a partner for businesses and employers.
- continue to provide a "world-class" educational system. Walker said demanding accountability and assessing teachers and principals is important. "Everywhere else in life we pay for performance," Walker said.
- address health care, but differently than the federal care reform does. Walker said the real problem is cost. He suggested removing the tax on health care savings accounts, ensuring full cost disclosures, and providing small and mid-size businesses with access to large purchasing pools.

•providing a strong infrastructure system in the form of roads, bridges and highways, rather than an expensive high speed rail line.

Walker pointed to his many successes in Milwaukee County. While Dane County and the state face budget deficits, Milwaukee County has the same challenges and ended the year with a budget surplus, he said.

The Milwaukee airport has seen a 41 percent increase in passengers due to investments in improvements that have brought new airlines and added new employees, Walker said.

Walker grew up in Delavan and is the son of a minister. He was involved in sports and band as a youth and was an Eagle Scout. Walker said he became interested in public service then and his frugal grandmother, who lived through the Great Depression, was an influence, he said.

He still drives his 1999 Saturn, and when he began attending Marquette University, he packed a brown bag lunch, which he continues to do today, he said.

Walker said Wisconsin has a great workforce and tremendous employers, along with abundant natural resources.

"There is no place in the world better... than our Wisconsin," Walker said. "What's failing us is our government. Come this November, we can do something about that."

Guests: Jack Fountaine, Kevin Monroe, Jerry Derr, LaVonne Fountain, Joe Henry, Kent Disch, Dick Wasserburger, Alex Hansen, Lawrence Mueller and Mike Lawton, guests of Don Tierney; Theodore Scott, guest of Leonard Allen; Bruce Bieri, guest of Connie

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### Calendar of Events:

- May 21, District Conference in LaCrosse.
- June 24, changing of officers.
- July 13, pontoon cruise on Lake Wisconsin.
- July 14, senior citizens picnic

Blau; Jim Kazmeirusk, guest of Greg Garton.

Visiting Rotarians: None.

Birthdays: May 22, Katie Kennedy-Shepherd; May 25, Joyce Maly; May 25, Amy Fluke; May 26, Bob Lenz.

Anniversaries: May 21, Joy and Marc McMerty; May 23, Greg and Heidi Garton; May 25, Jon and Barbara Townley.

Prayers: May 20, Pat Durden; May 27, Susan Vergeront; June 3, Leonard Allen.

Programs: May 20, Classification talks, Daren Steuart and Becky Ohan; May 27, Brian Ziegler, Badger Honor Flight; June 3, Club Assembly.

Greeters: May 20, Luke Tierney and Jon Townley; May 27, Robert Tucker and Jim Tubbs; June 3, Bill Tygum and Susan Vergeront.

### Make up meetings online

It's easy to make up a meeting on the Internet. The site is [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org). Print out the form and give it to Phil Willems, the club secretary.