



Waunakee Rotary Club

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Does the Waunakee Rotary Club have the commitment needed from its members to continue its youth exchange program?

That was the question Harriet Statz, outgoing youth exchange officer, posed to the club at the June 17 meeting. The club has until July 5 to decide whether it will host a student for the 2011-2012 school year.

Currently, a high school student from Belgium is set to arrive for the 2010-2011 year. She will stay with Roxanne Johnson and her family for the first few months, and Harriet has a second family interested in providing a home for one third of the stay. Harriet is confident a third family will step up for the remainder of the time.

But the club had committed to host the student from Belgium last July and has just now found the first host family, Harriet said.

The club has also arranged to send two Waunakee students on exchanges to Japan and Croatia.

Harriet said she understands this is an economically difficult time, and families may find it hard – not just monetarily but psychologically – to host another person at this time.

But there is no point in continuing the exchange program if the club has to pull teeth to find hosts and other participants.

Also, Harriet is stepping down as officer and someone will be needed to replace her. If the board does decide to continue the program, she plans to stay involved to coach the next officer.

A replacement is also needed for the youth exchange counselor. Both the youth exchange officer and counselor are two-year commitments.

Harriet urged the club's board of directors to make a yes or no decision on whether it plans to continue the exchange program by July.

Other news:

- Sign-up sheets were circulated for the July 22 change of officers dinner and for the July 13 pontoon cruise.

Guests: John Ace, guest of Rich Murphy.

Visiting Rotarians: Dave Underwood, Elgin, Ill.

Birthdays: None.

Anniversaries: June 25, Shelley Moffatt and Tom Fendrick; June 28, Gordon and Marilyn Meffert; June 29, Jim and Joanne Leonard; June 30, Fritz and Sheri Durst; June 30, Gene and Catherine Smith.

Prayers: June 24, Leonard Allen; July 1, Pat Durden; July 8, Susan Vergeront.

Programs: June 24 ???

Greeters: June 24, Peggy Acker-Farber and Leonard Allen; July 1, Bob Arntz and Ken Ballweg; July 8, Roberta Baumann and Connie Blau; July 15, Jim Brussell and Jonny

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Calendar of Events:

- June 22, changing of officers.
- July 13, pontoon cruise on Lake Wisconsin.
- July 14, senior citizens picnic

Buroker.

On the lighter side...

A stock analyst and a Wall Street broker went to the race-track. The broker suggested betting \$12,000 on a certain horse. The analyst was skeptical; he had never been to the races before and wanted to understand the rules and look over all the horses before placing a wager.

"You're too cautious and detail-oriented," the broker criticized as he placed his large bet. His horse won and he raked in a bundle of money.

"What's your secret?" the analyst asked.

"It's simple," the broker explained. "I have two kids ... ages two and six ... so I add their ages together and bet on number nine."

"But two and six equals eight, not nine!" protested the analyst.

"See!" the broker replied, "I told you you're too cautious and detail-oriented."

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.