



Waunakee Rotary Club

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Roxanne Johnson, a civil engineer, gave her classification talk at the July 29 Rotary meeting.

Roxanne grew up in La Crosse and attended UW-Madison. She married her husband, Kevin, in 2000, and the couple have two children. In 2004 they moved to Madison and in 2009, they moved to Waunakee.

Roxanne said she initially intended to become a physical therapist, and her parents wanted to her live at home throughout her college years, so she attended UW-La Crosse.

But her brother was majoring in engineering at UW-Madison and convinced her to change her major to engineering and go to school there, so she transferred.

When Roxanne applied for a job through the university, she was steered toward the U.S. Geological Survey, and she thought she would have a career cleaning up streams and lakes in Wisconsin. She earned her degree in civil engineering.

A hiring freeze there forced her to look for employment elsewhere. She then worked for a company cleaning up old gas stations, a job she didn't relish.

Her next position was with a firm putting together stormwater management plans for indoor water parks, such as Kalahari, planning parking lots, roads and utility extensions.

After the Johnsons' daughter was born, Roxanne moved on to a less consuming position planning new residential and commercial plats. When her daughter entered kindergarten, Roxanne started her own company, Professional

Engineering, to be home after school.

Roxanne works on land development projects, both residential and large scale, designing roads, parking lots and utility extensions.

An example of her work can be found at the Aldo Leopold Nature Center in Monona.

Roxanne's hobbies include playing volleyball, skiing and biking. She attends Black Hawk Church.

Starting in mid August, the Johnson family will host the next arriving Rotary exchange student.

Other items:

- John Cullen said the club participated in some events at the Service Club Olympics although there were a couple of no shows. It's been said that 90 percent of success in life is achieved just by showing up.

- Phil Willems brought Ted Scott as a guest to thank him for his help during WaunaFest. Ted is the manager of Pizza Hut in Waunakee. Phil also mentioned that he received a call from a Rotarian visiting Waunakee from Pennsylvania who was impressed with the Rotary Plaza at the Village Hall and all the other work our club does.

- Paul Gilbertson thanked all of the participants in the Kiss a Pig contest.

- Club President Brent Ziegler said the club is looking for a member to chair the WaunaFest food stand next year. Brent also thanked everyone who worked on the parade float.

- Harriet Statz reported that Byrd has returned safely to Thailand and that he misses us.

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Calendar of Events:

- Wauktoberfest, Sept. 25-26,
Endres Manufacturing grounds

He gave her presents from Thailand that he had saved throughout his year here.

Guests: Ted Scott, guest of Phil Willems.

Visiting Rotarians: None.

Birthdays: Aug. 5, Jim Leonard.

Anniversaries: Aug. 5, Lynne and Ken Spielman; Aug. 5, Jim and Kathy Ableidinger; Aug. 10, Bob and Nancy Arntz.

Prayers: Aug. 5, Susan Vergeront. Aug. 12, Pat Durden; Aug. 19, Leonard Allen.

Programs: Aug. 5, Club Assembly.

Greeters: Aug. 5, Lori Derauf and Pat Durden; Aug. 12, Fritz Durst and Rex Endres; Aug. 19, Gary Epping and Bill Erickson; Aug. 26, Larry Felsheim and Betsy Flanagan.

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.