



Waunakee Rotary Club

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Lee Lee, a Republican from Mount Horeb, will face Peter Theron in the Sept. 14 primary election in hopes of appearing on the ballot against 2nd Congressional District Rep. Tammy Baldwin in November.

But during an Aug. 26 speaking engagement at the Waunakee Rotary Club meeting, Lee said his campaign is really focused on replacing this district's Congressional Representative.

"I'm running to defeat Tammy Baldwin," Lee said, adding that people in the district have told him they don't feel she represents them.

Lee is the second of six children. His father is a minister, he said, and he was home-schooled. He's running to bring back honesty, integrity, hard work and discipline to Washington, he said.

Lee is a businessman, an owner and operator of a residential cleaning business. Getting the business up and running has required integrity, hard work, and discipline, Lee said. He's even had to roll up his sleeves and clean a few homes himself. In fact the first time, he had to call his mother and ask how.

"I understand what it takes to run a business," Lee said. "I understand the sacrifice and the challenges it takes."

Lee said he had a dream of becoming a small business owner.

But Americans are losing the ability to build on their dreams as Lee did, he said, and eventually, young people's futures will depend solely on their family's wealth. Lee said he is running to protect the American dream. He said people today do not feel they have the same freedoms and liberties they did 15 years ago.

Tammy Baldwin's answer is more spending and higher taxes, according to Lee. She has also been unproductive, he said.

"She has been a rubber stamp for Nancy Pelosi," Lee added.

Wisconsin has lost 180 jobs in the last two years, Lee said, adding that the real unemployment rate in Beloit is at 25 percent.

Baldwin, he said, "hasn't been representing us. She busier on the East coast and the West coast. I feel like I can do a better job."

Lee held up a copy of the U.S. Constitution, saying it was fairly short compared to some of the 2000-page bills that have been enacted. Lee said he would look at all proposed bills through the lens of the U.S. Constitution.

Asked how he would bring about economic improvement, Lee said he would ensure that taxes are not raised. With tax hikes looming, business owners are unsure of the future and so are less likely to hire.

"I'm for a balanced budget amendment," Lee said.

Lee said he is also against federally funded abortions and embryonic stem cell research. He also supports term limits in the range of 10 years for Congress and 12 years for the Senate.

Other items:

- Lori Derauf reported that one of the outbound students was en route to Croatia and is very thankful to the club for the opportunity.

- Harriet Statz said outbound student Derek Fuerstenberg is in Japan and was already asked to give a speech in Japanese.

- Phil Willems reported that Todd Schmidt, the new Waunakee Village administrator, has already sought membership to the Waunakee Rotary Club.

- A sign-up sheet for Wauktoberfest was circulated. The event is Sept. 25-26.

- Craig Larson said the date of the

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Calendar of Events:

- Wauktoberfest, Sept. 25-26,
Endres Manufacturing grounds
- Golf outing, Sept. 2?

golf outing may be moved to Sept. 9 to get more participation.

- The club said hello to Frank Bucaida, a longtime member who made a rare appearance.

Guests: Ken Schwab, guest of Brent Ziegler; Hanoulia Salame, guest of the club.

Visiting Rotarians: None.

Birthdays: Sept. 5, Gordy Meicher; Sept. 6, Tom Reis.

Anniversaries: None.

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

Programs: Sept. 2, Club Assembly; Sept. 9, fellowship picnic meeting at Village Park; Sept. 16, Julee Helt, Waunakee Village Clerk, election cycle; Shawn Haney, candidate for Dane County Sheriff.

Greeters: Sept. 2, Amy Fluke and Greg Garten; Sept. 9, Rich Harris and Susan Hedrick; Sept. 16, Travis Heiser and Bob Hoskins.

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.