



Waunakee Rotary Club

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The Waunakee Rotary Club members discussed some of the projects that committees are working on during club assembly Nov. 5.

"Philling in" for President Tom Reis was Phil Willems, who reported on the recent board meeting. Al Dassow gave the treasurer's report at that meeting and said the account balance and investments are doing alright, Phil said.

Also, the Guatemala project is off to a good start. Bill Erickson said the cost for the well came in at \$14,000, far lower than expected, and the Guatemalan villagers have worked out the legal arrangements to purchase the land. A well should be dug in the next month or so.

Bill thinks a group will travel there after the first of the year to help build a secure area for the water treatment facility, he said.

Phil said the board also voted to accept three new members, Jim Ableidinger, Becky Ohan and Daren Steuart. They will be inducted when Tom returns.

Peggy Acker-Farber reported for the community service committee. Joleen Stinson, program director at the Village Center, will host the Santa Visit there Dec. 5. Rotarians will provide cookies for the event, she said.

Leonard Allen from the international committee said the children's book on micro-lending, "One Hen," had been ordered and that project is under way.

Harriet Statz reported from the youth and vocational committee. A host home is still needed for Bird, the student from Thailand. Also, two high school students have turned in applications for exchange study next year. One hopes to go to Japan and has already been studying Japanese. The other is the grand-

daughter of a Rotarian who has been very active in the exchange program.

John Cullen of meetings and publicity said speakers are scheduled through February. But New Year's Eve is still open, and the committee is deciding what to do for that meeting. Bob Pulvermacher may give a presentation on the club's Web site.

Pat Durden said the membership committee is looking at ways to provide more information to prospective members. Some members said when they were looking to join, they lacked important information about dues, when they might be voted in, and what Rotary is.

Ed Neibuhr said often when members quit, the club has no idea why.

Other news:

- Danny Paul and his crew were busy putting up the lights for the display at the Village Park while the club met. Bill said help will be needed with the ground displays Nov. 21.

- Rich Murphy said volunteers are needed to serve breakfast at the Senior Center Thanksgiving morning. For more than 25 years, the club has hosted a free senior citizen breakfast on Thanksgiving morning. Volunteers are needed at 7 a.m. to help cook and at 8:30 a.m. to serve and clean up. Serving is from 8-10 a.m. Last year, about 130 people came for breakfast.

- Bob Pulvermacher said poinsettias will be available as a fund-raiser for the DeForest Rotary.

- Dan Statz reported on Wauktoberfest. It was the best year ever for that event, he said, with beautiful weather. The proceeds are split between the Rotary, Lions Club and Waunakee Community

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Calendar of Events:

- Nov. 26, Thanksgiving breakfast
- Dec. 5, Santa Visit at Village Center
- Dec. 17, Christmas party at Rex's

Foundation. Rotary's portion was between \$2,500 and \$3,000. Dan thanked everyone for helping out.

- Phil said ad sales are going well with the Rotary In Lights brochure, and that fund-raiser could generate about \$12,000.

Guests: None.

Birthdays: None.

Anniversaries: Nov. 13, Gary and Jane Epping

Prayers: Nov. 12, Leonard Allen; Nov. 19, Pat Durden; Nov. 26, Thanksgiving; Dec. 3, Susan Vergeront.

Programs: Nov. 12, Tamara Sondgeroth, energy conservation.

Greeters: Nov. 12, Rex Endres and Gary Epping; Nov. 19, Bill Erickson and Betsy Flanagan; Nov. 26, Thanksgiving Day; Dec. 3, Amy Fluke and Greg Garton.

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.