



**Waunakee  
Rotary  
Club**

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Three fairly new Rotarians – a financial advisor, a village administrator and an attorney – gave their classification talks at the March 12 club meeting.

Jonathon Jordan, whose Edward Jones office opened that very day, described how he became a financial advisor. Jon grew up in the Washington, D.C., area and was the son of a secret service agent. He majored in genetics in college, and after he and his wife, Ellen, were married, he took the exam to join the secret service himself.

Jon and Ellen moved their new family to Chicago and waited for Jon to start at the field office there. Ellen was pregnant with the couple's second child when Jon met a salesman with a pharmaceutical company in Madison, who urged Jon to come work with him.

"The only time I saw signs for Madison was on my way to Hayward," Jon said, adding that his grandfather had a cabin in that northern Wisconsin town. "I didn't realize people actually lived in Wisconsin. I thought they just vacationed here."

The Jordans moved to Madison six years ago, and three years ago, Jon decided he wanted to work more one on one with people, so he joined Edward Jones. He is proud to represent people and organizations, including his family, Edward Jones, Blackhawk Church where he is a member, and the Sturge-Weber Foundation.

Jake, one of the Jordans' sons, has Sturge-Weber, a rare neurological disorder resulting from a birthmark that has caused glaucoma and seizures in Jake. Jon organizes fund raisers for that foundation. His hobbies include playing guitar, reading and baseball.

Bill Barlow joined the Waunakee Village staff as administrator in

February. He has 31 years of municipal management experience, having begun as an intern for the city of Dayton, Ohio as a student at the University of Dayton.

Bill then attended the University of Kansas and interned in Kansas City. After he married his wife, Kathy, in 1982, the couple moved to Chicago. Bill has worked in Brighton, Mich.; Wixsom, Mich.; Sydney, Ohio; Rolling Meadows and Schaumburg, Ill.; Zenia, Ohio; and Winfield, Ill.

"I've been here seven weeks, My hair is getting grayer like Obama's hair," Bill joked.

Actually, Bill said, the village board and staff have been great to work with, and he's looking forward to his wife moving to Waunakee. The Barlows have grown two children.

Bill said the biggest problem facing the village is the economic downturn. It may not be hitting us hard this year, but it will be interesting to see the next property appraisals and how that will affect economic health, he said. But still, national chains like the new A&W slated to open this year, are locating their businesses in Waunakee, Bill added.

Mike Ableidinger has practiced law for the past eight years and is a graduate of Waunakee High School. Tom Reis was his locker partner, so Rotarians looking for dirt on the club's next president can talk to Mike.

Mike completed his undergraduate work at UW-Eau Claire before earning his juris doctor at Marquette Law School. He first worked for a firm in Brookfield, then joined Sweeney and Sweeney where he mainly represented The Wilderness resort in Wisconsin Dells.

He currently works for Carlson, Keck, Greaves and Lindley in Madison and practices family, real estate and business law.

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**Calendar of Events:**

- May 12, Safety Seat Check
- March 14, Musical Pathways fund raiser, 10 a.m., First Presbyterian Church.
- March 24, Taste of Rotary, Crown Plaza, Madison, 5 p.m.

Mike and his wife, Heidi, also from Waunakee, have two daughters and live in the Town of Springfield.

President Dan Statz said the club is lucky to have Jon, Bill and Mike as members. If you haven't met them, introduce yourselves, he said.

**Other items:**

•The club received thank you notes from the exchange students at the Waunakee Winter Weekend and from the Relay for Life committee for its contribution.

Guests: Craig Urso, guest of Fritz Durst; Joanne Leonard and Kathy Ableidinger, guests of Jim Leonard; Michelle Caro, guest of Patrick Durden.

Visiting Rotarians: Nancy Wills, Madison East-Monona.

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None.

Prayers: March 19, Susan Vergeront; March 26, Leonard Allen.

Programs: March 19, Nancy Mistele; March 26, Al Dassow, Foundation recap; April 2, Club Assembly.

Greeters: March 19, Ron Ballweg and Connie Blau; March 26, Jim Brussell and Frank Bucaida.