



## Waunakee Rotary Club

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“The future of Rotary is in your hands.”

This statement is the theme chosen by Rotary President John Kenny, District Governor Dean Dickinson told the Waunakee club members last week.

What does it mean?

Dean said Rotary is strong in countries like Africa and India, but in the United States, the international club is losing membership.

Yet he praised the Waunakee Club for its leadership at the district level and offered some thoughts on Rotary.

The Waunakee club, chartered more than 30 years, has contributed a great deal to the local and international community.

“If I tried to reprise what this club has meant to the community, I probably wouldn’t even scratch the surface,” Dean said.

Of the 60 clubs in District 6250, Madison’s was established first. And Rotary International has had a lot to celebrate in its over 100 years of existence.

In 1985, Rotary pledged itself to the eradication of polio. In 1987, it launched a campaign, and it is estimated that without the Rotary’s vaccination efforts, there would have been 8 million additional polio victims, and 800,000 of those, mostly children, would have died.

Dean remembered when his parents took measures to protect him from polio.

Polio is still endemic in certain parts of the world, among them Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Rotary’s efforts to eradicate polio have translated to 2 billion immunizations in children.

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Melinda Gates Foundation pledged \$255 million toward the eradication effort. Great Britain and the United Nations have also pledged funding.

Dean said Rotary serves its neighbors throughout the world, and he believes the future of Rotary is bright.

He urged the club to consider taking time to talk about Rotary in their own clubs. His own club in La Crosse allows every other service organization to speak at meetings every week, but not its own club.

Clubs could have a Rotary minute to help bond the idea of what Rotary is.

“Rotary has a great past and history. The future of Rotary is up to me and to you. I think the future is in good hands,” Dean said.

#### Other items:

- Phil Willems said a few more people are needed to sign up as cashiers at WaunaFest.

- Tom Reis said Rotary will have a water station during the WaunaFest Run outside of Mike Ableidinger’s office at Arboretum Drive. Tom will set up the tent. But Rotarians are needed to volunteer at about 7:30 a.m.

- John Cullen said the Service Club Olympics is looking for two more golfers.

- Harriet Statz introduced Lauren Jahnke, the outgoing exchange student. Lauren is going to Brazil “anytime now,” she said. She will be a junior in high school. District Governor Dean Dickinson and Lauren exchanged Rotary pins.

Guests: Dennis Leonard and Ted Leonard, guests of Jim Leonard;

### Calendar of Events:

- July 23-26 – Waunafest.
- July 27-28 – Service Club Olympics.

Lauren Jahnke, guest of the club; Marguerite Demareuil, guest of Ray and Harriet Statz; Cyndi Jaggi, guest of Shelley Moffatt; Travis Heiser, guest of Brent Ziegler; Jody Pulvermacher, Ruth Liguori and Robert Liguori, guests of Bob Pulvermacher.

Visiting Rotarians: Art Drake, Normal, Ill.; Matt Wahoske, Madison Downtown.

Birthdays: July 23, Jim Brussell; July 25, Jim Schmitz; July 27, Traci Mann; July 28, Bob Arntz.

Anniversaries: None

Prayers: July 23, Susan Vergeront; July 30, Leonard Allen; Aug. 6, Pat Durden.

Programs: ???

Greeters: July 23, David May and Joy McMerty; July 30, Gordon Meicher and Jim Meyer; Aug. 6, Danny Miller and Shelley Moffatt; Aug. 13, Richard Murphy and Dan Muxfeld.

### Make up meetings online

It’s easy to make up a meeting on the Internet. The site is [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org). Print out the form and give it to Phil Willems, the club secretary.