



Waunakee Rotary Club

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For nearly 100 years, Boy Scouts of America has been instilling leadership skills and ethics in boys from the age of about 5 to 18.

Kerry Branham, Mohawk District Executive, Glacier's Edge Council, described how Boy Scouts operates at the July 23 meeting of the Waunakee Rotary.

Boy Scouts hires some professional staff like Kerry to recruit volunteers, scouts and to raise funds.

Kerry showed a video to the club of scouts at the various camps and taught the Rotarians a few scouting cheers.

Boy Scouts and Rotary have several similar principals, such as service to community. The mission of Boy Scouts is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices by instilling in them the scout oath and law. Many of the meetings begin with the scouts reciting the oath and law.

Scouts earn merit and activity badges, and as they grow in rank, they begin working more hands on. Boy Scouts is also a leadership program, and more than 121 merit badges are offered. Few scouts attain that many merit badges, and only 21 are required for Eagle Scout status, Kerry said. But Scouting offers a great deal of life experience, including experience in community service, of which several hours are required. One such community service project is scouting for food, he said.

The Eagle Scout project is a culmination of everything the scout has learned with each merit badge. Scouts are also encouraged to sometimes learn by trial and example, and sometimes they fail but learn from their mistakes.

Camping trips offer scouts a way to practice the skills they've learned. Every summer a trip is planned to either a Wisconsin Scout Camp or a

national camp. There the scouts not only utilize the skills they've learned, but forge bonds of friendship.

The benefits of scouting include leadership development, continuous learning for youth and a resource for communities in need, Kerry said.

People can support scouting by sponsoring a scouting unit or becoming a friend of scouting with a donation. They can also volunteer at programs or provide in-kind donations such as printing brochures or posters or donating products and/or equipment. Or they can sponsor advertising or membership to a club.

Other items:

- Leonard Allen said he has heard a report back from Peru, where the Rotary Club donated sewing machines. The recipients of the machines just received the first large order – 200 blazers for a political party.

- Harriet Statz said she has heard back from the Thai exchange student, and he is coming Aug. 16.

- Phil Willems said there is one shift left at the WaunaFest food stand to fill from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday night. If you can't make that but have time earlier in the day, you can swap with Jim Starling for the 4:30-7:30 p.m. shift Saturday. Help is also needed on the parade float Sunday. It will promote the Wauktoberfest coming up in September, and Ken Ballweg has some authentic German lederhosen and other garments to wear. And help is needed Saturday morning serving water to the runners at 1001 Arboretum Drive.

- John Cullen said the Service Club Olympics will have a good turnout, but one person is needed to join Gordon Meicher on his tennis team.

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Calendar of Events:

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

Guests: Craig Huisman, Meera Nanthakumaron and Anne Pelkey, guests of Gordon Meicher; Katie Shepherd, guest of Mike Ableidinger; Ryan McIlwee, guest of Tom Reis.

Visiting Rotarians: Mike Reiter, Downtown Rotary; Kris Ashe, Madison East.

Birthdays: Aug. 3, Drew Lawrence; Aug. 4, Jon Townley; Aug. 5, Jim Leonard.

Anniversaries: July 31, Bill and Kathleen Barlow; Aug. 4, Rich and Carolyn Harris; Aug. 5, Lynne and Ken Spielman.

Prayers: July 30, Leonard Allen; Aug. 6, Pat Durden; Aug. 13, Susan Vergeront.

Programs: July 31, Rob Wolfe and Craig Urso, classification talks; Aug. 6, club assembly.

Greeters: 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. Print out the form and give it to Phil Willems, the club secretary.