



Waunakee Rotary Club

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The Waunakee Rotary Club had plenty of cheer to spread at its Dec. 23 meeting, on the eve of Christmas Eve.

Prior to singing Christmas carols at Waunakee Manor, club members heard from President Brent Ziegler and Greg Garton about the previous Thursday's Christmas party's impact on others.

Brent said the party auction raised \$1,815 – which Larry Felsheim generously rounded out to \$1,900. Those proceeds went to the Lake Melvin Yacht Club, a charitable organization that delivers cash and gifts to families in need at Christmastime.

Lake Melvin member Greg Garton applauded the club's efforts, and related this story. He said the Lake Melvin Yacht Club normally helps between 35-40 area families with donations of cash, food and toys.

This year, as Greg made the deliveries, one woman thanked him for the help last year. Every time she goes by the Lake Melvin pond in Dane, it brings a smile to her face, she told Greg.

This year, she said, she was down to her last \$40. She had no food for a Christmas meal, and no presents for one of her children. She also had no means to get to her mother's house in Portage for Christmas. Greg was about to give her a check for \$250, he said.

Her 11-year-old son told Greg, "You made our Christmas," he said, adding that really, the Rotarians' generosity had made it.

In other news:

•Bill Erickson said the Rotary Lights display is going well. Club members who are available the week of Jan. 3 are asked to help take lights down in the mornings. The goal is to finish the takedown on Jan. 8. A sign-up sheet will circulate next week.

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•Jim Tubbs, treasurer of the Waunakee Community Foundation, presented the club with a \$2,491 check – the club's proceeds from Wauktobfest. The Community Foundation, along with Rotary and Lions Club, all put that festival together and divide the profits. It was a good year for it, Jim said.

Guests: Ellen Felsheim, guest of Larry Felsheim; Craig Huisman, Jai Varheliy and David Meicher, guests of Gordy Meicher; Ken Gruenberg, guest of Bud Zander (paid); Jim Kattner, guest of Ray and Harriet Statz; Danny Reis, Olivia Reis and Will Reis, guests of Tom Reis.

Birthdays: None.

Anniversaries: Jan. 2, Jim and Linda Schmitz; Jan. 2, Ellen and Vincent Schaaf; Jan. 4, Daren and Jamie Steuart.

Prayers: Dec. 30, Leonard Allen; Jan. 6, Susan Vergeront.

Programs: Dec. 30, year-end wrap with Rotary Trivia Contest; Jan. 6, Club Assembly.

Greeters: Dec. 30, Linda Olson and Danny Paul; Jan. 6, Ken Pesik and Bob Pulvermacher.

Holiday Cookie Recipe

1. Go to the grocery store.
2. Purchase one or more tubes of ready-made cookie dough.
3. Go home.
4. Unwrap the cookie dough, carefully folding the wrapper inside-out and placing it at the bottom of your trash can. Better yet, bury it in the backyard.
5. Place cookie dough in bowl.
6. Before actually "baking," use a teaspoon and drop small amounts

Calendar of Events:

- Jan. 8 – Take down Rotary light display.
- Feb. 18-20 – Waunakee Winter Weekend.

directly into mouth. (forget the baking sheet).

7. Chew slowly and carefully, unless doorbell rings, children awaken from nap, or husband comes home from work early.

8. Brush teeth.

9. If stomach ache develops, follow with the "pink stuff." Don't call the doctor, it's too embarrassing to explain.

10. Return to "baking" and cut off a portion of the cookie dough and smear it on a mixing bowl and spoon. Display bowl and spoon prominently so everyone can see your "work."

11. Slice cookie dough, place on cookie sheets and bake in the oven. But don't use a microwave because that won't work. I just know this ... I've never actually tried it. I mean, you'd have to be pretty silly to stick cookie dough in the microwave, only to watch it melt and run together into one giant patty which explodes in three minutes. I've never seen this happen ... I'm just supposing.

12. Place cooled cookies on a hand-crafted platter and serve to your guests.

Make up meetings online

It's easy to make up a meeting on the Internet. The site is www.rotaryeclubone.org. Print out the form and give it to Phil Willems, the club secretary.