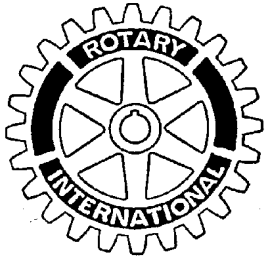


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## Waunakee Rotary Club

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With temperatures soaring to oppressive levels, trying to stay cool is likely to be a challenge for most.

Bob Runchey of American Home Consultants told the Waunakee Rotarians Thursday there are ways to beat the heat – and the cold in the winter – as well as save some money on energy costs with a few changes to homes, businesses and apartments.

American Home Consultants, a Madison-based home inspection company, offers customers a thorough energy audit to help save money and reduce energy costs, Bob said.

“People are amazed at what we can find in a three-hour period,” Runchey said of the energy audit test.

After sealing off the main door to the home, business or apartment, consultants attach a blower fan that pushes air through the building in search for leaks.

With the blower running, the technicians use an infrared camera that displays hot and cold spots.

Bob said his technicians typically find leaks around attic hatches and recessed lighting.

It's not just older homes, either, that benefit from an energy audit. Bob described a 3-month old Waunakee home that had a massive mold outbreak because of inadequate insulation and temperature swings in the

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building for lunch this week,  
July 21!*

home.

After completing a detailed energy audit report, highlighting areas of heat loss and energy inefficiencies, American Home Consultants will work with area contractors to help homeowners implement those savings, Bob said.

He also highlighted the Focus On Energy program which rewards homeowners for taking steps to conserve energy. However, he said the program is in its waning phases and a new program is slated to replace it. Bob isn't sure what that program will look like and encouraged homeowners to take advantage of Focus On Energy grants in case the new program isn't as rewarding.

Energy audits vary in cost, he said, but the average price is around \$350 and includes the detailed report to help homeowners start making energy saving decisions.

Other items:

- The club meeting meal price will go up a dollar.
- Sixty-five people came out for last week's pontoon boat ride.
- 155 senior citizens showed up for the Senior Picnic.
- Steve Hansen was inducted

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### Calendar of Events:

- July 25-26, Dane County Service Club Olympics.
- July 28-31, WaunaFest.
- Sept. 23-25, Wauktoberfest.

as a member.

•A report was given on the project at the Village Pond where the Rotary Path is located.

Birthdays: July 21, Travis Heiser; July 25, Jim Schmitz.

Anniversaries: None.

Prayers: July 21, Pat Durden; July 28, Leonard Allen; Aug. 4, Susan Vergeront.

Programs: July 21, lunch at the newly remodeled EMS building/ facility tours; July 28, Alice Honeywell, on her book and biking across America.

Greeters: July 21: James Kattner and Kevin Kearney; July 28; Neil King and Neil Kruschek.

### 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.