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Waunakee Rotary Club

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On July 25-26, Dane County volunteers young and old will come together for friendly competition and fun.

Jenny Meicher Santek, chair of the Dane County Service Olympics, told Waunakee Rotarians a little bit about this event at the June 30 meeting and encouraged them to participate.

Club President Elect John Cullen said attendance has been down at the olympics. To learn why, a survey of service clubs was done some time ago, and of the Waunakee Rotarian respondents, one said he wanted to learn more about it.

Jenny said the event is all about sport, fellowship and recognition.

For two days, volunteers with service clubs compete in sports – everything from running to biking – and more leisurely competitions of card games, Scrabble and other board games.

“Really, it’s a day of sports and fellowship,” she said.

It’s also a way for service club members to meet one another and interact.

“It brings together everyone to celebrate people who give their time and talent for the betterment of the community,” Jenny added.

Many people put in a lot of time organizing the event and the fall luncheon, and help is always needed.

Jenny listed the venues planned this year.

On Monday, July 25, they include billiards and Texas Hold ‘Em at the Brass Ring in Madison and bowling at Schwoegler’s Lanes.

On Tuesday, July 26, morning events include basketball, bike racing, a run, golf, swimming, volleyball and a trivia contest.

Among the afternoon events are badminton, basketball, bocce ball, horseshoes and tennis.

Card and board games such as Battleship, Bridge, Cribbage, Euchre, Scrabble and a trivia contest are scheduled, as well. Most events will be held at Keva on Tuesday.

Jenny said participants are welcome to drop in when they have a break in their work day for their event. On Tuesday evening, a dinner will be catered in.

Of the respondents to the survey of service club members, 92 percent said they would like to see the olympics continue, Jenny said.

John added that the one of the misconceptions is that participants should be athletic. But all shapes, sizes and abilities compete in the olympics, he said.

Registration forms can be found on the website, www.madisonserviceclubs.org. They are due back July 13.

Other items:

- The club will usher in John Cullen as the new president at the Steak Fry July 7 and say goodbye to outgoing president Brent Ziegler then. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

- In addition to the normal club assembly at next week’s meeting, John will talk a little bit about the Visioning process for the club and what the future might hold.

- Bob Pulvermacher volunteered to chair the Senior Citizen Picnic. It is on July 17 this year.

Guests: David Meicher, guest of Gordy Meicher; Cindy Meicher HusenFratz, guest of Gordy Meicher; Natalie Durden, guest of Pat Durden.

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Calendar of Events:

- July 7, *Steak Fry at Rex’s Innkeeper.*
- July 12, *Pontoon Boat Ride on Lake Wisconsin.*
- July 13, *Senior Citizen picnic.*
- July 28-31, *WaunaFest.*

Birthdays: July 10, Peggy Acker-Farber; July 10, Shelley Moffatt; July 12, Jim Tubbs.

Anniversaries: July 8, Tom and Rhonda Reis; July 10, Gordy and Kris Meicher.

Prayers: July 7, Leonard Allen; July 14, Susan Vergeront; July 21, Pat Durden.

Programs: July 7, Club Assembly – Rotary Visioning; July 14, Bob Runchey, building energy savings and energy retrofits; July 21, lunch at the newly remodeled EMS building/ facility tours; July 28, Alice Honeywell, on her book and biking across America.

Greeters: July 7: Tony Hellenbrand and Robert Hoskins; July 14: Roxanne Johnson and Kim Kalepp; 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. Print out the form and give it to Phil Willems, the club secretary.