



## Waunakee Rotary Club

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A book just published sheds new light on legendary Packers Coach Vince Lombardi with insights never before available.

Royce Boyles co-authored "The Lombardi Legacy" with Dave Robinson, former Packers line-backer. Royce attended the Dec. 22 Rotary Club meeting and shared some of the book's highlights.

A native of Wisconsin Rapids, Royce worked in television in Green Bay when Lombardi was the Packers' coach. He had met Dave Robinson and said he was fascinated by him because not only was he the first black line-backer in professional football but he was also an accomplished student.

Later, Royce and Dave happened upon each other at a tradeshow in Middleton.

Their book includes interviews with the people who were around Lombardi during the 1960s – the players, his secretary, people in public relations and his best friend.

Royce said he set out to include stories and details about the Lombardi years that had not yet been revealed. For instance, during the three consecutive championship years in the 1960s, Lombardi hired every player except one, he said.

Another player he discussed was Bobby Dillon who led the Packers in interceptions, intercepting 52 passes in 94 games. According to Royce, Dillon had an artificial eye and after a jarring tackle, the eye fell out. He called a time out and after he found the eye, he popped it in his mouth to wash it off, then stuck it back in its

socket.

Once he was asked what he would do if he lost his other eye.

"He said, 'I guess I'd have to become an official,'" Royce said.

Royce also talked about Nelson Toburen, who played special teams in 1961 then started in a game Nov. 18, 1962. He broke his neck in a tackle during that game, luckily close to the bench with a doctor nearby who stabilized him. Toburen went on to do well and become an acclaimed attorney, Royce said.

Royce said Lombardi was not only a legendary coach but a racial pioneer, hiring black players. During a time of racial turbulence, the Packers never had problems.

Lombardi was also extraordinarily fair, Royce said, adding that in the 50 chapters he's researched about him, he has not detected a trace of scandal.

Also at the Dec. 22 meeting:

- Greg Garton said the Lake Melvin Yacht Club is helping about 50 families in the Waunakee, Dane and Lodi area. Greg thanked the club for its contribution the charitable organization.

- John Cullen said the Christmas party had an excellent turnout, with more than 70 people there. The club also presented Jim Schmitz and Gordon Meffert with Paul Harris Fellowship Awards.

- Bill Erickson said club members will begin taking the Rotary Lights display down on Tuesday, Jan. 3, but the big day to take them down will be Saturday, Jan. 7, and volunteers will be needed.

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### Calendar of Events:

- June 8-9, Rotary District Conference, The La Crosse Center on the Mississippi.

Guests: Ken Gruenberg (spelling?), guest of Bud Zander; Sarah, guest of Shelley Moffatt.

Birthdays: None.

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

Prayers: Dec. 29, Susan Vergeront; Jan. 5, Pat Durden; Jan. 12, Leonard Allen.

Programs: Dec. 29, Bob Klostermann classification talk; Jan. 5, Club Assembly; Jan. 12, Todd Schmidt, Waunakee Village Administrator, on his job and village affairs; Jan. 19, John and Maureen Van Dinter, Auxiliary Coast Guard.

Greeters: Dec. 29, Phil Willems and Rich Wipperfurth; Jan. 5, Robert Ziegler and Paul Vilwock; Jan. 12, Mark Venditto and Richard Brewster; Jan. 19, Jim and Mike Ableidinger; Jan. 26, Peggy Acker-Farber and Leonard Allen.

### 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.