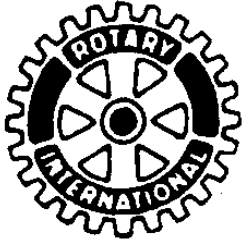


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## Waunakee Rotary Club

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Lori Murphy knows that Title IX has given a lot of women the chance to compete and enjoy sports at a college level.

At the July 28 meeting of the Waunakee Rotary Club, the University of Wisconsin-Madison assistant women's golf coach talked of the benefits and opportunities Title IX has created for hundreds of women.

The federal rules required schools to have a number of female athletes that is proportional to the number of female undergraduate students.

"Title IX made it possible for women to get an education and play sports," she added.

The Fond du Lac native has some familiarity with the federal rule, as a coach and as a player.

"I was the first girl in high school to receive a scholarship for sports," Murphy said.

With that scholarship, Murphy went to the University of Texas to play golf. After school, Murphy spent three years on the LPGA tour before her interest shifted.

She wanted a teaching career, and she wanted a family. She now has both.

But she likes golf, so for the past 1 1/2 years, Murphy has been an assistant coach at the UW, where she has been impressed by her student athletes.

"It takes a special student to become a student athlete," Murphy said. "You have to be able to balance your time."

Athletes balance a full schedule that includes the sport and the responsibilities of school while many non-athletes can't handle their academic responsibilities alone.

Athletes must meet the UW's high admission standards to begin with. Then they must maintain their grades to stay eligible.

"There is a big, fat, NCAA rule book we have to follow," Murphy said.

To help athletes, Murphy said each athletic program has academic advisors who help students register for classes and with their other academic needs.

On top of the school work, the

women must go to practices. Coaches are allowed to work with their athletes for only 20 hours a week, and that includes the time for competition. Though it may not seem like a lot, Murphy said most athletes spend many extra hours practicing and lifting weights.

And if that isn't enough, athletes also spend time giving back to the community.

"We make visits to the children's hospital, and we spend time doing food drives," Murphy said. "We also do kids' fairs where we try to keep kids involved in the sport."

By order of Gov. Jim Doyle, the team has hooked up with the Department of Tourism to encourage women's golf around the state. The team now travels around the state to try to attract more girls to the sport.

"It's difficult to get them (girls) involved and playing. If their friends don't play, they don't," said Murphy.

Murphy stated that a lot of progress has been made at getting younger girls to play golf. With the advent of Title IX, more colleges and high schools offer women's golf, leveling the playing field.

Which in golf, can't be a bad thing.

#### Other items

•Larry Felsheim, who chaired the meeting in Greg Garton's absence, announced that the club had more entrants in the Service Club Olympics, including two golf teams which won a first- and third-place honors. The team comprised of Sarah DeKraay, Pat Durden, Jon Townley and Ron Niesen won first place with a score of 62, and Sarah won several "closest to the pin for a woman" awards. Strangely, Pat got one of those, too, and received a fetching skirt as a prize.

Ron was unable to make the outing, however, having been in a car accident. Pat reported that Ron is now home from the hospital. He suffered several broken vertebrae and received stitches to the head.

•Jim Leonard visited fellow Rotarian Al Kessenich at Randolph and said he

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#### Calendar of Events:

Aug. 18, Betty Lou Cruise

Oct. 8-9, Octoberfest

Oct. 16, Rustic Road Rally

would love to hear from club members. You can write him at the Randolph Nursing Home, Randolph, WI, 53956.

•Enough people have signed up for the Betty Lou Cruise to make a go of it, Ed Niebuhr said, but the more the merrier. That event is Aug. 18. The cruise leaves from the Nau-Ti-Gal at 6:30 p.m.

Guests: Austin Heimann, guest of Roberta Baumann; Sanda Montello and Sarah Montello, guests of Ralph Montello; Johnathan Alla, guest of Leonard Allen.

Visiting Rotarians: Ralph Montello, former District Governor, Marco Island.

Birthdays: Aug. 4, Jon Townley; Aug. 4, Kevin Fischer; Aug. 5, Jim Leonard.

Anniversaries: Aug. 4, Rich and Carolyn Harris; Aug. 5, Lynne and Ken Spielman; Aug. 10, Bob and Nancy Arntz.

Prayers: Aug. 4, Bruce Engebretson; Aug. 11, Kim Wilde; Aug. 18, Pat Durden; Aug. 25, Jon Townley.

Programs: Aug. 11, John Laubmeier, village president; Aug. 18, Tom Wilson of the Town of Westport; Aug. 25, Kathleen Falk, Dane County executive; Sept. 1, Club Assembly; Sept. 8, Rotary's Membership Committee; Sept. 15???; Sept. 22, Sheriff Gary Hamblin; Sept. 29, Robbie Olson on youth mission trip to Mexico; Oct. 6, Club Assembly.

Greeters: July 28, Joyce Maly and Carlyn Marshall; Aug. 4, Gordy Meicher and Jim Meyer.