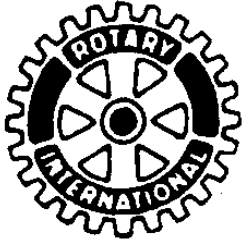


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**Waunakee  
Rotary  
Club**

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Dr. Michael Greger spoke at the March 10 meeting of the Waunakee Rotary Club, discussing the dangers of food poisoning and improperly prepared food.

Symptoms of food poisoning are often mistaken for a 24-hour flu. There is no 24-hour flu, Dr. Greger says. Food poisoning occurs in cuisine served in restaurants, schools and private homes. The USDA calculates that 9 out of 10 Thanksgiving turkeys carry some form of bacterial contamination.

Sometimes, food poisoning is the result of the production process. He noted a recent recall of 19 million pounds of meat – the second largest meat recall in U.S. history – resulted in no outrage. It was seen as simply a business problem. The reaction would have been far different if terrorists had planted 19 million pounds of tainted meat in the food supply, he observed.

Dr. Greger found that the tendency in the U.S. is to shift the blame for food poisoning to consumers. But he asks if we should accept as reasonable that a child could die simply because he ate an undercooked burger.

One underappreciated characteristic in food-borne disease is that some can lie dormant for years after being eaten, he said. By the time we know the risks posed by the meat supply, it's too late, he said.

Some meat production practices increase the danger of food-borne illnesses, he said. In the U.S., millions of tons of chicken droppings are fed to cattle, and cattle blood often is fed to calves.

Particularly nasty diseases often

strike humankind by "jumping species," that is, being contracted by humans from animals. Dr. Greger pointed to bird flu, which former HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson said was one of his greatest fears.

Vegeterians are not protected from food-borne illnesses, Dr. Greger said. Fruits and vegetables can spread disease if they are not washed adequately, he said.

**Other items:**

- Rotary is planning a forum for village board candidates at the March 24 meeting. If you have specific questions for the candidates, you can e-mail Greg Garton. You can find his e-mail address in the Rotary directory.

- The club is seeking nominations for business person of the year. Nomination sheets were on the tables March 10 and will be again on March 17.

Guests: Scott Cochems, guest of Jim Tubbs; Nancy Wescott, guest of Fritz Durst; Sue Springman, guest of Lisa Pertzborn-Whiting; Paul Wagner, guest of Bob Scheuerell.

Visiting Rotarians: George Keehn and Joe Braunger, both of Madison Downtown.

Birthdays: None.

Anniversaries: None.

Prayers: March 17, Msgr. Kramer; March 24, Larry Felsheim.

Programs: March 17, Bob Boelter, ethics symposium; March 24, village board candidate forum;

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**Calendar of Events:**

March 15, Super Raffle

April 29-May 1, district celebration

July 27, Service Club Olympics

Aug. 5, Rotary Golf Outing

March 31, Dan Muxfeld, Big Brothers & Big Sisters.

Greeters: March 17, Rod Cupp and Allan Dassow; March 24, Sarah Dekraay and Lori Derauf.

**One liners:**

- I just let my mind wander, and it didn't come back.

- Don't steal. The government hates the competition.

- My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God, and I didn't.

- I don't suffer from insanity. I enjoy every minute of it.

- Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.

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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 Roberta Baumann, club secretary.