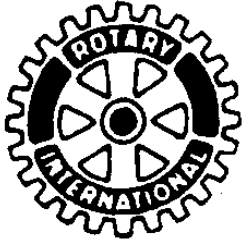


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Waunakee Rotary Club

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Dan Muxfeld of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Dane County spoke about that organization at the March 31 meeting of the Waunakee Rotary Club.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters celebrated its 100th anniversary last year. The organization formed in 1904, when an individual took an interest in a homeless child who was turning to a life of crime.

The Dane County organization has been around since 1966. Last year, it served 1,122 children. But currently, 250 children – including 10 in the Waunakee area – are on a waiting list for Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

Dan volunteered as a Big Brother for 19 years and had three different little brothers. The only requirement for being a Big Brother or Sister is to enjoy children. Big Brothers and Sisters can do things they normally would do anyway with their little brothers or sisters, such as bicycling, skiing or going to baseball games.

The idea is to provide a friend for the children. Children who participated in mentoring programs were less likely to use drugs or alcohol or to become physically violent or truant. And they were more likely to improve their school work and have better relationships with adults and peers.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters offers volunteer opportunities for individuals, couples and families. Volunteers are between 16 and 70 years old, and 10 percent are minorities. They make a one-year commitment and visit with their little brothers or sisters three to four times a month.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters also offers Spanish language opportunities so that volunteers can communi-

cate with Spanish-speaking families. There is a neighborhood outreach program for at-risk children and a program for children with a parent in jail.

The number of single-parent, low-income families continues to grow throughout Dane County, Dan said.

Other items:

- Club members who haven't had their photos taken for the club directory have their chance on April 7. Mike Fehrenbach will show up 15 minutes before the meeting to take pictures. Jeff Bernstein, Scott Cochems, Kevin Fischer, Jeremiah Gollon, Paul Hermanson, Bob Lenz, Jim Meyer, Danny Miller, Kathy Palet, Ted Pertzborn, Dick Pilsner, Beth Ripp, Don Tierney and Susan Vergeront should all have their pictures taken – or be faceless in new directory.

- Phil Willems reminded the club that the District golf outing is April 29-May 1.

- The Middleton Breakfast Club is also having a golf outing at the Meadows of Sixmile Creek May 26.

- The International Convention in Chicago is coming up, as is the leadership conference.

- Phil also informed the club that Julie Hellenbrand, an EMT with Waunakee EMS, was named Safety Person of the Year. The club voted Art Drake as the Business Person of the Year. Both will be honored at the community awards banquet April 17.

Guests: Scott Cochems, guest of Jim Tubbs; Diane Ballweg, Sam Ballweg, Gabby Szabo, Costi Chelaru, guests of Ken Ballweg.

Visiting Rotarians: Dan Muxfeld,

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Calendar of Events:

April 7, photos for faceless club members

April 17, Community Awards Banquet

April 29-May 1, district celebration

May 26, Middleton golf outing

July 27, Service Club Olympics

Aug. 5, Rotary Golf Outing

Downtown; George Keehn, Downtown.

Birthdays: April 7, Connie Blau.

Anniversaries: None.

Prayers: April 7, Leonard Allen; April 14, Bruce Engebretson; April 21, Kim Wilde; April 28, Pat Durden.

Programs: April 7, Club Assembly.

Greeters: April 7, Fritz Durst and Lee Elver; April 14, Ed Endres and Bruce Engebretson; April 21, Gary Epping and Bill Erickson.

- Did you ever stop to think – and forget to start again?

- Being over the hill is better than being under it.

- Wrinkled is NOT one of the things I wanted to be when I grew up.

- PROCRASTINATE NOW!