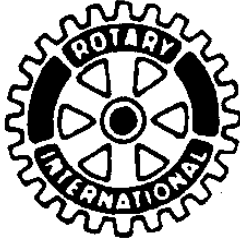


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Waunakee Rotary Club

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Scott Cochems gave his classification talk at the Feb. 2 meeting of the Waunakee Rotary Club.

Scott grew up in Fitchburg and attended school in Verona. He played high school football, basketball, and golf. Scott attended UW-River Falls, originally planning to major in conservation management and minor in business, but he flip-flopped and earned a degree in business with a minor in conservation management.

He had offers to play ball at River Falls but instead organized a rugby club team. Learning the sport from more seasoned players, Scott often emerged from games black and blue and bloody, he said.

But he enjoyed the challenge of starting a club team, banging on dorm room doors to find players, and traveling to other schools. As an added perk, host schools were expected to supply players with beer and host them overnight.

While at college, Scott met his future wife. After graduation, he took a position in the Twin Cities working at a collection agency while she finished school.

He then worked at M&I Bank as a credit analyst, and then as a lender in Stevens Point.

Scott eventually learned of a position at Bank of Waunakee and started there shortly before it became the State Bank of Cross Plains, Waunakee.

His wife is an English Teacher at Glacier Creek Middle School in Cross Plains.

Scott now enjoys hunting, playing Australian rules football, fishing, and other sports.

The Feb. 2 meeting was also club assembly. President-elect Drew Lawrence reported on the Feb. 1 board of directors meeting. The

Rotary in Lights project raised far more funds than expected, Drew said – about \$33,000 as opposed to the anticipated \$15,000. That committee is still working on improvements for next year, and the club can expect several Screwing-In-Light-Bulb parties.

The club anticipates doing some bridge work – and not the dental sort, Drew said.

The various committees provided the following reports:

- Community Service chair Larry Felsheim reported that the club plans to rebuild the bridge to the Castle Creek Conservancy this spring. Phil Willems is in contact with a local family who has experience building bridges and has some beams. The club may try to gain naming rights and share them with that family.

- Membership committee is reviewing its list of members to identify those who have not attended in a while. The next step is to identify those who are not paying dues and then to make contact with those members.

- The international committee reported that the ship has left for Honduras with the medical equipment, Bill Erickson reported.

- Phil Willems reported that the club is in the process of organizing an Interact Club. After the basketball season, some of the key members will begin to meet with Rotarians. He noted that Rotary International has dropped Egypt and Niger from the list of countries with indigenous polio, leaving only four countries left with the virus.

- Meetings and publicity committee chair Jim Tubbs said speakers are lined up through March 23. Now that the Christmas lights project is over, Jim said the club should shoot for some publicity with the bridge

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Calendar of Events:

Feb. 28, Whitetails Unlimited
May 19-21, District Celebration

reconstruction.

- Fellowship committee chair Ed Neibuhr reported that the committee is discussing outings to Mallards games, along with the steak fry and the Rustic Road Rally.

Other items:

- Members are needed to work at the Whitetails Unlimited fund-raiser, Drew said. The fund-raiser is about three hours long and raises substantial funds for the club.

Guests: Ellen Schaaf, guest of Lisa Pertzborn-Whiting.

Birthdays: Feb. 11, Phil Willems and Ron Ballweg; Feb. 15, Dave Kruchten.

Anniversaries: Feb. 9, Ed and Elizabeth Kruchten.

Prayers: Feb. 9, Pat Durden.

Programs: Feb. 9, State Rep. Dave Travis.

Greeters: Feb. 9, Lori Derauf, Art Drake; Feb. 16, Pat Durden, Fritz Durst.

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 Sarah DeKraay, club secretary.