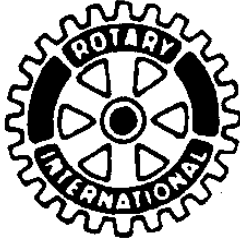


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**Waunakee
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Wendy Miller of the Wisconsin Department of Revenue discussed state income taxes at the Feb. 23 meeting of the Waunakee Rotary Club.

She is a graduate of the UW-Whitewater with a degree in accounting. She has been with the Department of Revenue since 2000.

I was interested in her comments on the sales and use tax. Failure to report sales and use tax is the single most common and costly error, she said. If you buy something over the Internet or out of state, you are required to pay sales tax somewhere. Her example was, if you buy clothes at Mall of America in Minnesota, clothes are not subject to sales tax in that state. They are in Wisconsin, though, and state law obliges you to pay that sales and use tax if you bring those items to Wisconsin.

She put in a good word for electronic filing, which allows you to receive your refund in days. It also saves the state some money in processing fees.

Other than that, Wendy walked the club through a number of points related to state income taxes versus federal taxes. I won't even try to

summarize the issues she went discussed. You shoulda been there.

Questions can be directed to the Department of Revenue web site, www.dor.state.wi.us. Contacts for general Wisconsin individual income tax are: income@dor.state.wi.us or phone 608-266-2486.

Your newsletter writer doesn't have much of a mind for taxes, but Wendy's talk did leave two questions in my mind:

1. What excuses work?
2. Just how bad is prison food?

Other items:

- Rotary received a \$100 donation for the Rotary Holiday Lights project from the American Legion Auxiliary.
- Larry Felsheim has Super Raffle tickets, and he's accepting donations of prizes.

Guests: Robert Tucker, guest of Ray Statz; Mike Lawrence, guest of Scott Cochems.

Visiting Rotarians: None.

Birthdays: March 2, Wendy Grunewald-Fahlgren.

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Calendar of Events:

March 15, Super Raffle
May 19-21, District Celebration

Anniversaries: None.

Prayers: March 2, Larry Felsheim; March 9, Susan Vergeront; March 16, Leonard Allen.

Programs: March 2, Club Assembly; March 9, Walker for governor; March 16, handbells, Susan Udell.

Greeters: March 2, Gary Epping and Bill Erickson; March 9, Mike Fehrenbach and Larry Felsheim.

Things a mother learned from boys:

- A king-sized water bed holds enough water to fill a 2,000-square-foot house four inches deep.
- If you spray hair spray on dust bunnies and run over them with rollerblades, they can ignite.
- A 3-year-old boy's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.
- When you hear the toilet flush and the words "uh-oh," it's already too late.