



Waunakee Rotary Club

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Allison Davies, executive director of Shelter From the Storm, discussed that organization's animal rescue efforts at the May 25 meeting of the Waunakee Rotary Club.

Shelter From the Storm was started in January 2005 and has provided emergency rescue for 450 dogs and cats. The organization was started with her and a small core group of volunteers providing foster homes for dogs and cats who would be euthanized otherwise.

The group works to rescue animals from shelters in Wisconsin, Indiana, Georgia and Ohio. Every year, 6 million to 8 million animals go to shelters, and 4 million to 6 million of them are put to sleep.

The disaster from Hurricane Katrina boosted the group, as volunteers stepped forward to rescue the many homeless animals from that catastrophe. Allison made two trips to Mississippi and brought back more than 100 animals, many of them with heartworm.

Shelter From the Storm makes sure that all animals are spayed or neutered, vaccinated and checked by a vet before being adopted.

Allison brought to the Rotary meeting some puppies that were collected from a neglect case in Janesville.

This past weekend, the group took in 42 cats from a single shelter in Indiana.

The group's goal is to set up a

full-service veterinary clinic that charges a sliding scale according to the owners' ability to pay. Now there is nowhere in the area for low-income people to go to have their pets get veterinary care.

Shelter From the Storm welcomes donations of pet food. Placement rate for Shelter From the Storm animals is high – five to 10 per week, Allison said. Most animals are in and out of the group's care within a month.

Other items:

- Greg Garton said the district convention in Delavan was a success. He enjoyed meeting young participants in the Rotary Youth Exchange. Several of Waunakee Rotary's salmon boards were auctioned off. Also, the district looked at some potential international projects, such as wells in Jamaica.

- The Every Rotarian Every Year drive is still going on. The club will match donations made through June 1.

- Rotary gave scholarships to Waunakee seniors Holly Wilson and Jonathan Kristan.

- The club is matching Every Rotarian Every Year donations made through June 1.

- Steak fry is June 29.

Guests: Brent Ziegler, guest of Rich Murphy; Anne Fink, guest of Ken Pesik.

Visiting Rotarians: Lew Harned and Anne Fink, Madison, both from Downtown.

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Calendar of Events:

June 25, District Governor welcome party in Columbus

June 29, steak fry

July, Service Club Olympics

Sept. 30-Oct. 1, Oktoberfest

Birthdays: June 5, Ed Niebuhr.

Anniversaries: June 7, Craig and Judy Larson.

Prayers: June 1, Msgr. Kramer; June 8, Larry Felsheim; June 15, Susan Vergeront; June 22, Leonard Allen.

Programs: June 1, Club Assembly; June 8, Wisconsin Sports Development Corp., Ron Vincent; June 15, Take a Look at Wisconsin Dairy; June 22, Dave Magnum, candidate for Congress; June 29, ???; July 6, Club Assembly; July 13 ???; July 20, Mike Nelson, candidate for sheriff.

Greeters: June 1, Jim Leonard and Joyce Maly; June 8, Gordy Meicher and Jim Meyer; June 15, Dan Miller and Rich Murphy; June 22, Bob Nicholson and Ed Niebuhr.

Someone who smiles in the face of adversity probably has a scapegoat.

You know you're getting old when your children start to look middle aged.