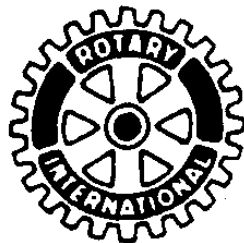


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## Waunakee Rotary Club

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Arise Family Services is a Madison-based organization that helps people who emerge from incarceration, and representatives from the group were speakers at the March 23 meeting of the Waunakee Rotary Club.

Case manager Charlie Doram said that Arise Family Services has two houses that serve men who are just coming out of prison or jail or who are on probation. The problem is, housing the men is not enough.

The government and the penal system do what they can to help people after incarceration, he said. The communities don't do enough though, he added.

Most people who are released from prison don't know what to do with their lives. Some have never known how to function in normal society, Charlie said.

Staffers at Arise Family Services facilities try to help residents through life changes that are needed to succeed outside prison. The residents are asked about their skills, what they can do and what they'd like to do. Staffers also work to remind residents that they do have value.

"Everybody doesn't get it," Charlie said. "But for those who do, it is powerful."

Arise Family Services is faith-based and privately funded.

J.R. – full name Jerome Holt, Jr. – told about the role Arise Family Services played in changing his life.

He was a drug addict for 30 years and spent five years in prison, being released in February 2005. Today, J.R. manages two buildings for Arise, talking to residents every day about whatever is on their minds – family issues, personal conflicts, drug and alcohol problems or suicidal thoughts.

"Arise Family Services has saved my life," he declared. Faith in Jesus also has been vital for him, he said.

Lou King is director of Safe Harbor, which falls under the umbrella of Arise Family Services. His organization coordinates volunteers who go into prison to talk, pray and rejoice with inmates and give them a reason to change their lives.

About 60 men volunteer to mentor inmates and former inmates, offering a sense of hope.

These kinds of efforts are important to keep former prison inmates from re-offending, Lou said. He noted that the cost of incarceration is about \$25,000 a year and rising.

#### Other items:

- President Greg Garton thinks Waunakee Rotary should invite fellow Rotarians from Lodi and DeForest to our fellowship events.

- Greg says the "Every Rotarian Every Year" effort continues.

- Phil Willems reports that the rehab center in Honduras is benefiting from newly acquired equipment.

- Lodi Rotary is having another smelt fry April 5.

- Jeanne Whitish from Madison Breakfast Rotary says her club has the Dane County Transition School as its signature project. There are a lot of ways that Waunakee Rotarians can help, including participation in a golf outing. For information, contact Jeanne at [madisongolf.com](http://madisongolf.com).

- It's time to start planning for the Waunafest Parade July 30.

- The club is searching for an International Chair and a Fundraising Chair. See Greg Garton or Drew Lawrence if you can help.

Guests: None.

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### Calendar of Events:

April 5, Lodi smelt fry  
May 19-21, District Celebration  
June, golf outing  
July 30, Waunafest Parade  
Sept. 30-Oct. 1, Oktoberfest

Visiting Rotarians: Jeanne Whitish, Madison breakfast.

Birthdays: April 1, Ken Pesik; April 4, Ray Statz.

Anniversaries: March 31, Drew and Lolly Lawrence.

Prayers: March 30, Kim Wilde; April 6, Pat Durden; April 13, Msgr. Kramer; April 20, Larry Felsheim; April 27, Susan Vergeront.

Programs: March 30, Dr. Phil from Genetic Savings and Clone; April 6, Club Assembly; April 13, Mark Green, candidate for governor; April 20, International Crane Foundation; April 27, Wisconsin Sports Development Corp, Ron Vincent; May 4, Club Assembly; May 11, International committee; May 18, Collector's Choice, John Kreuger.

Greeters: March 30, Wendy Grunewald-Fahlgren and Rich Harris; April 6, Paul Hermanson and Bob Hoskins; April 13, Jim Jukes and Kevin Kearney; April 20, David Kennedy and Neil King; April 27, Msgr. Jim Kramer and Dave Kruchten.

Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.