



Waunakee Rotary Club

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Both Bob Kase and James Chancellor gave their classifications talks at the May 1 Rotary meeting.

Bob is the executive director of the Wisconsin Music School Association. He was born in Joliet, Ill., and moved to Plainfield when he attended school. The son of a professional drummer, Bob played trumpet in band. When Bob was in the eighth grade, his family moved to Duluth, and later to New York, where Bob attended Performing Arts High School.

When Bob was in the eighth grade, his father quit drumming for big bands and became a salesman for major food companies.

Bob studied music in college, but he got burnt out practicing eight hours a day, so he switched his major to industrial psychology. Bob later went on the road as a professional trumpet player for Sonny and Cher.

Bob's father looked down on his accompaniment jobs, and Bob instead pursued the business side of the music industry, continuing to play but also working as a booking agent.

He then attended University of North Texas and earned a graduate degree in music education.

Bob also played music in Las Vegas, performing with Frank Sinatra, the Temptations and the Supremes, but he could tell it was a job, not a career, he said. He then did studio work, creating advertising jingles, until that industry changed and professional jingles were no longer used.

In 1984, he received his doctoral degree and took a job at UW-Stevens Point, where he later became dean. When the executive director's job at Wisconsin School Music Association became available, Bob retired from UW-Stevens Point and took that job.

Bob said he believes music and the performance of music makes the world whole.

James Chancellor is a native of Mount Horeb where he attended high school.

After he graduated, he worked for Sub-Zero refrigeration and took a carpeting apprenticeship. He attended one year of college at UW-Whitewater.

"It was kind of a waste because I didn't attend class that often," he said.

After doing decorative concrete work for a while, James went to work for RG Heating in Waunakee. He and his wife, Sarah, and their nearly 8-month-old daughter, live in Waunakee.

James said as energy costs rise, and people become more aware of the environment, RG Heating is providing high efficiency furnaces and other products.

Some of the new furnaces have filters that keep out 99 percent of allergens. Other high efficiency products include domestic solar hot water heaters. There are federal incentive credits for these through the Focus on Energy program, he said.

When James was younger, he raced motocross and worked at Tyrol Basin, where he helped build a ski lift.

"It's the one all the way on the east side of the hill, so stay away from that one," he told the club.

Other items:

- Bill Erickson was presented with a Paul Harris award at the District Conference for his work with the District.

- Bill announced that the international committee is meeting with 21 other clubs throughout Dane County to choose the next international project. It will either be a well in Nigeria

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or a cooperative program with the UW's Engineers Without Borders.

- The club's board of directors voted to provide \$500 contributions to With Wings and a Halo, Gilda's Club and the Neighborhood Connection.

Guests: Patrick O'Rourke, guest of Leonard Allen.

Visiting Rotarians: Gayle Langer, Downtown; Bruce Mohs, Madison West.

Birthdays: May 12, Ed Kruchten.

Anniversaries: May 9, Ed and Jan Niebuhr; May 12, Mike and Jenny Fehrenbach; May 12, Brent Ziegler and Angela Schwab.

Prayers: May 8, Kim Wilde; May 15, Pat Durden.

Programs: May 8, Sarah Justus, ATC; May 15, Genna Eaton, Neighborhood Connection; May 22, JB Van Hollen, Attorney General; May 29, Randy Sproule, Polio Plus Challenge; June 5, Club Assembly.

Greeters: May 8, Susan Vergeront and Mary Weber; May 15, Kim Wilde and Phil Willems; May 22, Rich Wipperfurth and Henry Zander; May 29, Peggy Acker-Farber and Leonard Allen.

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 Phil Willems, the club secretary.