



**Waunakee
Rotary
Club**

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Waunakee Rotarians had a chance to meet next year's outbound exchange students at the Dec. 31 meeting.

Harriet Statz of the youth exchange committee introduced Emma Hansen and Derek Fuerstenberg to the club.

Emma is a Waunakee High School graduate hoping to spend the next year abroad, either in Croatia, Turkey, Hungary, Denmark or the Czech Republic.

Derek is a junior and hopes to graduate at the end of his exchange. He really wants to go to Japan and has even taught himself Japanese. Harriet confirmed this when she introduced him to the Japanese teacher at Madison West High School, she said.

Harriet said the exchange students build strong connections with one another. A social weekend for the current inbound students in District 6250 is planned in Waunakee from Feb. 5-7, she said. The youth exchange committee is looking for homes to host the students over the weekend. People are also needed to help greet the students and teach them to ski and skate. There will also be a potluck supper and a breakfast, and volunteers are needed at those, as well.

Otherwise, the New Year's Eve day meeting was a social one, with no program scheduled. Members did have several announcements to make, as follows:

•Ray Statz arranged for a gift for the club in the form of a loaned crane to help take down Christmas decorations. Ray said Ideal Cranes lent the club the crane for the weekend to help take down the lights. So any time you're thinking of a crane, call Ideal Crane, Ray said.

•President Tom Reis reminded the club that the lights would come down Saturday, Jan. 2. It's important that as many volunteers as possible show up that day because Phil Willems and Bill Erickson – the two folks who know where the lights are stored and how to put them away – are out of town afterwards, Tom said. If you'd like to help out, show up around 8 a.m. Tom said he hopes the lights are down by about noon.

•The event generated about as much revenue as it had last year, Tom said. To date this year, contributions at the gate have totaled \$8,700.

•Bill Erickson said the well drilling project in Guatemala was going well. The drilling is finished and the water is being tested. The club donated \$2,000 for that project. There are several dates to go down and volunteer for a five- or six-day period, Bill said, including Jan. 10, Feb. 9 and Feb. 22. Bill plans to go Feb. 22. The airfare was \$325 round trip from Chicago, he said.

•Tom said he delivered 33 Christmas gifts to the Waunakee Neighborhood Connection's Adopt a Family program. He

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Calendar of Events:

- Jan. 2 – *Rotary Lights take-down*
- Feb. 5-7, *Winter weekend for Rotary Exchange students*
- Feb. 7, *Super Bowl*
- Feb. 20, *Hypnotist show benefit for Waunakee Community Foundation*

said it was fun to see all those presents stacked together.

•Bill Tygum reported that the Christmas party turned out well. Ray Kuehl volunteered his skills for the auction, which generated over \$700 for the Lake Melvin Yacht Club.

Guests: Rotary outbound exchange students.

Visiting Rotarians: None.

Birthdays: Jan. 9, Bob Pulvermacher; Jan. 11, Greg Garton.

Anniversaries: Jan. 12, Ken and Diane Ballweg.

Prayers: Jan. 7, Leonard Allen; Jan. 14, Patrick Durden; Jan. 21, Susan Vergeront.

Programs: Jan. 7, Club Assembly.

Greeters: Jan. 7, Jim Jukes and Kevin Kearney; Jan. 14, Dave Kennedy and Katie Kennedy-Shepherd; Jan. 21, Neil King and Ed Kruchten.