



**Waunakee
Rotary
Club**

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Bill Erickson brought the members of the Rotary Group Study Exchange to the May 7 Rotary meeting.

The professionals from India are from Rotary District 3131. Dr. Girish Grine and his colleagues are vocational ambassadors on an exchange with the Madison Downtown Club. Members from the Madison Rotary Club visited India in January, and the professionals from India were spending another week in Wisconsin.

Professionals involved with a Group Study exchange are between the ages of 27-40 and travel with a leader. They stay with families in countries they visit for a true cultural exchange.

Dr. Grine, a surgeon, has observed surgeries in the United States since he's been here. He is the Rotary District 3131 director for the reduction of child mortality. Rotary District 3131 has 6 million people.

He and his fellow exchange members offered a glimpse into India through a PowerPoint presentation.

India is the largest democracy, with 1.13 billion people. Hindi and English are the main languages. Its purchasing power is growing rapidly, and 65 percent of the people are working age. It has the second largest pool of English speakers in the world.

India current has the fastest free market growth and is driven by the services sector. Many companies are expanding overseas in India.

India has a number of traditional and folk dances, and each dance form has its own unique form of textiles associated with it.

There are several festivals, such as the festival of lights, Ganesh and the festival of colors at the beginning of summer.

The modern India today has great connectivity with aviation, railways, city trains, buses and roads to transport citizens. It also has a great deal of

energy reserve and is ranked seventh in the world for solar power and fourth for wind energy.

Mobile phones have added to the telecommunications in the country, and WiFi provides Internet accessibility.

Cities such as Mumbai also showcase modern architecture.

Other items:

•Jon Jordan reported that 120 golfers had signed up for the outing to benefit Sturge-Weber. His son, Jachin, will be featured on NBC 15 news on May 19.

•Ellen Schaaf reported that several Waunakee business had been burglarized in the past week. Business owners should be watchful and take precautions. Police are investigating the burglaries.

•Bill Tygum told the club that the Waunakee Public Library's Forever Fund is kicking off its campaign. The library has received a \$50,000 challenge grant from the Madison Community Foundation. The library's challenge now is to raise \$100,000 in order to receive the funds. Business owners will soon receive letters seeking donations.

•Dan Statz reminded the club of the safety seat check from 4-7 p.m. May 12 at the Waunakee Fire Station.

•Dan also reported on the recent Rotary Board meeting. The board voted to donate the following: \$500 for the Schumacher Farm Park barn restoration; \$200 to the St. John's School Safety Patrol trip; \$150 to the Waunakee Girls' Traveling Softball team.

Guests: None.

Visiting Rotarians: None.

Birthdays: None.

Anniversaries: May 17, Leonard

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Calendar of Events:

- May 1-3, District Conference in Wis. Rapids
- May 12, Safety Seat Check

and Becky Allen; May 17, Craig and Anne Urso; May 21, Joy and Marc McMerty.

Prayers: May 14, Pat Duren; May 21, Susan Vergeront; May 28, Leonard Allen.

Programs: May 14, Greg Garton, foreign exchange student; May 21, Jim Wittinger, Whitetails; May 28, Mike Vilstrip, Parade of Homes; June 4, Club Assembly.

Greeters: May 14, Amy Fluke and Greg Garton; May 21, Jeremiah Gollon and Rich Harris.

On the lighter side:

A carpenter was giving evidence about an accident he had witnessed. The lawyer for the defendant was trying to discredit him and asked him how far away he was from the accident.

The carpenter replied, "Twenty-seven feet, six and one-half inches."

"What? How are so sure of that distance?" asked the lawyer.

"Well, I knew sooner or later some idiot would ask me, so I measured it!"

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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.