



Waunakee Rotary Club

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The Madison Area Builders Association's Parade of Homes, with the cooperation of village officials and residents, had led the movement to make Waunakee one of the fastest growing and healthiest communities in Dane County and one of the hottest real estate markets.

That was one of many observations that Mike Vilstrup, president of the Madison Area Builders Association (MABA), shared with Waunakee Rotarians at their May 28 meeting.

Mike has been involved with MABA for over 30 years. The organization is proud to be third largest in the state. Home building has a huge economic impact on communities, Mike said. For every 100 homes built, \$15.8 million is generated for the local economy, including \$1.5 million in local taxes and revenue. The 100 homes built create over \$60 million in income for the community.

In 2004, there were 2,535 building permits issued for new homes in Dane County. That number shrank to 668 in 2008 to next to none this year so far.

This year, the MABA is celebrating its 59th Parade of Homes, and two of the Parade sites – the Kilkenney addition in Waunakee and Bristol Gardens in Sun Prairie – are local Rotarian Don Tierney's.

Mike said planning for the next year's Parade of Homes begins about two weeks after the Parade ends.

At the first meeting in 2008 for this year's Parade, seven sites were initially presented. The builders selected three of those. Of the 14 homes in the parade, seven will be in the Kilkenney addition with the remainder in the Middleton Misty Valley subdivision and Bristol

Gardens.

The Parade allows builders to showcase their homes, products, skills and technology, and to raise money for MABA.

Waunakee has been home to 16 consecutive Parade sites since 1994, Mike said. The Six Mile Creek subdivision was the first, and Southbridge and Savannah Village have followed since.

Mike estimated those Parade homes have brought \$78 million in appraised value and have been responsible for creating over 4,000 jobs, pumping \$126 million into the local Dane County economy throughout the years.

Throughout Dane County, Mike said the 357 Parade homes sold have pumped \$306 million into the economy.

The Savannah Village and Southbridge subdivisions have each had over 400 homes built out, contributing \$360 million to the tax base.

Waunakee's developments have enticed builders because of the parks, the recreation areas and play areas, Mike said.

This year's Parade of Homes will be held June 13-28.

Other items:

- The club inducted Dennis Miller as a new member. Dennis is a business banker at 1st National Bank on Montondon Avenue and is a transplant from Eagle River.

- Harriet Statz said we are up to the wire for getting the first host family for the exchange student from Thailand. An article in this week's Tribune tells more about the club's youth exchange program.

- Phil Willems said participants are sought for an exchange to Japan. Candidates can have no relation to Rotarians. A meeting will be held

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Calendar of Events:

- June 25 – Annual Steak Fry, cocktails at 6 p.m, dinner at 7 p.m. at Rex's.
- July 27-28 – Service Club Olympics.

June 27. Also, the position of District Governor Nominee is open.

- Dan Statz said he is trying to schedule a time for the four Rotary scholarship recipients to attend a meeting and speak briefly to the club. The club received a thank you note from Barb Fassbender, high school guidance counselor.

Guests: Andrea Donnatelle, guest of Rich Harris; Anne Peltey and Meora Nonethokomrn, guests of Gordy Meicher.

Birthdays: June 5, Ed Niebuhr.

Anniversaries: June 7, Craig and Judy Larson.

Prayers: June 4, Pat Durden; June 11, Susan Vergeront; June 18, Leonard Allen.

Programs: June 4, Club Assembly.

Greeters: June 4, Jonathon Jordan and Jim Jukes; June 11, Kevin Kearney and David Kennedy; June 18, Neil King and Ed Kruchten.

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.