



Waunakee Rotary Club

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Fourteen Madison-area Rotary Clubs are working on a project to provide clean water to about 700 residents in San Rafael, Guatemala.

Waunakee Rotarian Bill Erickson, along with Madison West Towne Rotarian John Olson, both past assistant district governors, updated the club about the clean water project in Guatemala.

The project was started about a year and a half ago when the then district governor encouraged the clubs to take on a project to fit the theme, "Make Dreams Come True." Part of the goal is to reduce child mortality.

A member of the Rotary West Towne club who is from Guatemala knew of a community there with contaminated wells. That Rotarian, Kico, has a ranch 6 kilometers away from San Rafael. A crew of five Rotarians visited and began the effort among the 14 Madison-area Rotary Clubs. The project was in line for a Rotary International grant until this spring when Rotary International decided to delay all grant requests until the next fiscal year.

San Rafael has 180 homes and an estimated 700 plus residents. The well site will be located on about a 1/4 acre to be leased on a nearby farm. A water committee will be set up there to administer the water-works.

Bill explained the project's \$52,000 budget, which includes line items for drilling and casing of the well, a pump, a storage system, treatment equipment, distribution and an equipment house and fence. The local clubs have set aside \$15,000 for the project, with matching grants from the district and Rotary International anticipated to cover the remainder.

The Wisconsin Water Association's World Committee has agreed to provide expertise on the project, and contracts with a well driller and the lease for the site are pending.

Assuming the Rotary International grant is forthcoming, the Rotary Clubs expect the work to be done this year. Rotarians will be needed to help put in the distribution piping in either October or November.

During their time there, they will stay on Kico's ranch, where he has constructed several cabañas. There's a swimming pool there, too. Bill estimated the cost of the trip at between \$500 and \$600 with airfare. The Waunakee club has allocated \$2,000 for the clean water project, Bill said.

Other items:

- The Waunakee Rotary Club said farewell to its outgoing board of directors and welcomed its incoming board members at the Steak Fry June 25. If you didn't make it, be sure to thank Dan Statz for his service as president over the last year and welcome Tom Reis as the incoming president. Tom said club assemblies will be a little different, with an "ask the expert" Q & A session.

- Paul Gilbertson announced that With Wings and a Halo-R.E.A.C.H. a Child kicked off its Kiss a Pig fund-raising contest. Ten contestants, including several Rotarians, are trying to raise enough funds to be the ones to kiss a pig on the Waunafest stage. You can nominate them by donating \$1.

- Phil Willems had a sign-up sheet to volunteer at Art Fair on the Square July 12. The shifts begin at 9:30 a.m. and again at 12:15 p.m.

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Calendar of Events:

- July 8 – Senior Citizen picnic, 11:30 a.m., Centennial Park
- July 23-26 – Waunafest.
- July 27-28 – Service Club Olympics.

- The Senior Citizen picnic is July 8, and a sign-up sheet was sent around.

- A sign up sheet also was circulated for Service Club Olympics.

Guests: None.

Visiting Rotarians: Wade Foster, Middleton; John Olson, Madison West Towne.

Birthdays: None.

Anniversaries: July 5, Joyce and Alan Maly; July 8, Tom and Rhonda Reis.

Prayers: July 2, Susan Vergeront, July 9, Leonard Allen; July 16, Pat Durden.

Programs: July 2, Club Assembly.

Greeters: July 2, Drew Lawrence and Michael Lawrence; July 9, Robert Lenz and Jim Leonard; July 16, Joyce Maly and Traci Mann; July 23, David May and Joy McMurty.

Make up meetings online

It's easy to make up a meeting on the Internet. The site is www.rotaryeclubone.org. Print out the form and give it to Phil Willems, the club secretary.