



Waunakee Rotary Club

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The Waunakee Rotary Club learned a little bit about some of its newest members July 30 when Rob Wolfe and Craig Urso delivered their classification talks.

Rob's name is really A. Robert Wolfe. The first initial stands for Alan, his father's name, and it has been kept in the family as a way to preserve the right to season Packers tickets, he said.

Rob was born and raised in Madison and has lived his whole within five miles of the home he grew up in. He is married with four children, two twins attending Northern Michigan University and two sons at Edgewood High School.

Rob works in the wealth management division at the State Bank of Cross Plains Waunakee branch, and his career has come full circle. He started out with Paine Webber and became involved with nonprofits. After serving as president of two nonprofit organizations, he began his own business. He opened a bakery called the Bread Barn. After 10 years, he sold the business and spent a year as a stay-at-home dad.

After that year, Rob did business development for general contractors, and one of the customers was the State Bank of Cross Plains. He joined that company two years ago as a trust and investment officer, setting up retirement plans and working with clients at the end of life.

Craig Urso also grew up in Madison and lived his first 15 years on Randall Avenue, across from Vilas Park. He remembered buying end zone tickets to Badger football games for \$1. (Other Rotarians admitted to just sneaking in.)

His parents then moved to Monona, and Craig graduated from Monona Grove High School. After earning his degree in sociology, he worked as a clerk with Wisconsin Power and Light. At 28, Craig returned to school and earned his master's degree in accounting from UW-Whitewater. He then returned to Wisconsin Power and Light and that company merged with two other utilities in Iowa, forming Alliant Energy.

Craig retired at 55 years old and started a remodeling business. He then decided to become a realtor and is now with First Weber.

Craig's wife is a talented crafts person and artist, and the Ursos have two sons, 26 and 24. The couple has lived in Waunakee for six years now, and they really like the community. Craig also enjoys being in Rotary and having the opportunity to do different things, such as hide Easter eggs for the hunt.

Other items:

- John Cullen said the club enjoyed the Service Club Olympics, and the golf team tied for 1st place. The highlight was the bocce ball, and Waunakee was voted the most improved club in Dane County.

- Phil Willems said WaunaFest was almost a disaster. Sales were down 40 percent with the rain. The club is negotiating with the pizza supplier for a fresher product and better delivery times.

- Ray Statz reported that the bridge and landscaping in the conservancy is done.

- President Tom Reis thanked the club members for their volunteerism over WaunaFest weekend at the WaunaFest run water station, as they prepared the float and in

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the parade and at the concession stand. All told, the club members put in 135 hours during the weekend, pretty good for its 87 members, Tom said.

Guests: Meera Nanthakumaron, guests of Gordon Meicher; Travis Heiser, guest of Brent Z (that stands for Ziegler); Sean Wayne, guest of Bill Tygum; Allie Taylor, guest of Sandy Taylor; Sarah and James Chancellor, guest of Tom Reis (Is it the truth?).

Visiting Rotarians: None.

Birthdays: Aug. 12, Scott Cochems.

Anniversaries: Aug. 10, Bob and Nancy Arntz; Aug. 12, Art and Jan Drake.

Prayers: Aug. 6, Pat Durden; Aug. 13, Susan Vergeront; Aug. 20, Leonard Allen.

Programs: Aug. 6, club assembly.

Greeters: Aug. 6, Danny Miller and Shelley Moffatt; Aug. 13, Richard Murphy and Dan Muxfeld; Aug. 20, Ed Niebuhr and Linda Olson.

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.