



## Waunakee Rotary Club

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Tom Wilson, the attorney, administrator and clerk-treasurer for the Town of Westport, discussed issues of concern to Westport and Waunakee at the Aug. 18 meeting of the Waunakee Rotary Club.

A top issue on Westport's agenda is construction on Hwy. M next spring, he said.

Road construction is inevitable, but it always comes with a certain level of discomfort, Tom said. It always carries a certain level of challenge to the town's budgeting and planning processes.

Last year, Hwy. M was reconstructed from Hwy. 113 to Willow Road. It was expanded to four lanes, and a bike path and a detention pond were added.

The plan for next spring is to continue Hwy. M reconstruction just about to Bishop's Bay, Tom said. It will be reconstruction of a two-lane road.

The plan is for two closures of Hwy. M, and that means that, for about three weeks, traffic will be detoured to Waunakee's Main Street. That carries a potential to add 40,000 vehicles per day to Main Street, but Tom anticipates that many drivers will opt for shorter routes on back roads.

Stop lights will be added at the intersection of Hwy. M and Woodland Drive. The lights at the intersection of Hwys. K and M will be made permanent. And there will be an underpass near Oncken Road and M for bikes and pedestrians to provide access to Gov. Nelson State Park.

And the plan is for Hwy. M to be reconstructed from Bishop's Bay to Middleton in 2008.

Westport's share of the Hwy. M project eats up the town's entire road budget for the year, and that means that other roads that need repairs just have to wait, Tom said.

Another major step forward for Westport will be construction of a Summit Credit Union facility at the corner of Hwy. M and Bluebill Park Drive. That corner has been vacant for a long time, and the credit union plans a

prairie style building with a lot of landscape that should be a nice addition to the town, Tom said.

Asked about prospects for consolidation of Waunakee and Westport, Tom said the two municipalities already cooperate on a number of fronts. They share a joint planning area and some staff efforts in addition to some services like fire, EMS and schools.

Tom also noted that state law doesn't allow for mass consolidation of the two municipalities.

The joint planning agreement between the village and the town keeps Madison from interfering in planning decisions in the area, Tom said.

#### Other items:

- Attention members of the Board of Directors: After the Aug. 25 meeting, there will be a short, special meeting of the board.

- Rotarians will sell concessions at the Art Show in the Park Aug. 27-28. A sign-up sheet circulated.

- There will be a golf outing in LaCrosse Aug. 31. A sign-up sheet was available.

- On Sept. 21, RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer of Sweden will speak at the Madison Downtown Rotary. A sign-up sheet is available. A reception will be held that morning.

- Waunakee Rotary is committing about \$12,000 for the holiday light project in the park. The Waunakee Village Board needs to approve this project, and Rotarian Larry Felsheim said club members should turn out to express their support at the Sept. 6 village board meeting.

Guests: Bill McDonough, guest of Greg Garton; Kent Straus, guest of Kevin Even; Allie Taylor, guest of Sandy Taylor.

Visiting Rotarians: Jim Rice, West Towne-Middleton; Ken Yuska, Downtown.

Birthdays: None.

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### Calendar of Events:

Aug. 27-28 Fine Art Show

Sept. 29, golf outing

Oct. 8-9, Octoberfest

Oct. 16, Rustic Road Rally

Anniversaries: Aug. 26, Lori and Peter Derauf; Aug. 26, John and Debbie Cullen; Aug. 27, Danny and Lori Miller; Aug. 28, Connie and Marjorie Blau; Aug. 28, John and Yen Cherf; Aug. 30, David and Mary Jean Kennedy; Aug. 31, Tammy and Jerry Reefe.

Prayers: Aug. 25, Jon Townley; Sept. 1, Msgr. Kramer; Sept. 8, Larry Felsheim; Sept. 15, Susan Vergeront; Sept. 22, Leonard Allen.

Programs: Aug. 25, Kathleen Falk, Dane County executive; Sept. 1, Club Assembly; Sept. 8, Rotary's Membership Committee; Sept. 15, Genetic Savings and Clone; Sept. 22, Sheriff Gary Hamblin; Sept. 29, Robbie Olson on youth mission trip to Mexico; Oct. 6, Club Assembly; Oct. 13??; Oct. 20, ???; Oct. 27, Rick Boss on Social Security Reform.

Greeters: Aug. 25, Ron Niesen and Linda Olson; Sept. 1, Kathy Palet and Danny Paul; Sept. 8, Ted Pertzborn and Lisa Pertzborn-Whiting; Sept. 15, Ken Pesik and Dick Pilsner; Sept. 22, Bob Pulvermacher and Tammy Reefe; Sept. 29, Tom Reis and Roman Ripp.

Do you know anybody who...

- doesn't have ulcers, but he's a carrier?

- has been working with glue too much?

- brings a lot of joy whenever he leaves the room?

- when his IQ reaches 50, he should sell?

- if you see two people talking and one looks bored, he's the other one?