



# Delavan-Darien Rotary Club

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Rotary District 6270

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## Club Officers and Directors

*President- Mike Costoff*  
*VP/President Elect – Jim Conroy*  
*Secretary- Wayne Osborn*  
*Treasurer- Joe Mulder*

*Club Service Director - Shirley Kastein*  
*Community Service Director- Marilyn Cayo*  
*International Service Director.- Prakash Chadha*  
*Vocational Service Director – Donna Adams*  
*Past-President- John Scherer*

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**Rotary theme for 2008-09 year: *MAKE DREAMS REAL***

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## **Capsule Notes on Recent Meetings**

**February 2** – Dr. Bob Schram, Director of the UW-Whitewater online MBA program, talked about how the internet has changed higher education with on-line courses and degree programs.

**February 9** – Chris Stebnitz, President of the Lakeland Builders Association, spoke on the changing aspects of building construction. There is a much greater emphasis on “being green.”

**February 15** – Jeff Adams from Beloit discussed the current movement toward renewable energy sources, including wind power.

**February 23** – Former Delavan-Darien Rotarian Royce DeBow, Governmental Affairs Director for the Wisconsin Realtors Association, told us about how lobbying serves an important purpose in our democratic system.

**March 2** – Club member Mike Ettner spoke about the construction demolition recycling industry and his company’s role as asphalt shingle recyclers.

**March 9** – John Scherer, the Alder Group, described the part his company plays in the milk industry as a distributor for Dean’s Foods, the largest dairy product company in the U.S.

**March 16** – Elton Feffer, CEO of Continental Plastics, gave an overview of his firm. They manufacture products used in artificial insemination (mainly for cattle, turkeys and pigs) and do business in 48 countries.

**March 23** – A Club Assembly, with the main focus on membership

**March 30** – Mike Murphy of Community Bank spoke on the history of his bank and then briefly discussed the current problems in the banking industry.

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## March and April Birthdays and Anniversaries

No one in the Club had a birthday in March and only one has an April birthday: Dick Gifford – April 30<sup>th</sup>. These members have their anniversaries of joining Rotary in April: Donna Adams – April 14, 2008, Bob Leff – April 21, 1995 and Betty Wassel – April 21, 2003.

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### Items from Board of Directors Meetings

#### February 12 Meeting

1. Kastein is arranging for a speaker on the “Wells in India” project that the Club supported.
2. Bauer gave a report on the Zone meeting which included helpful suggestions for retention of members and planning for Club officer succession.
3. Two service projects that the Club might support were discussed: Wings and a Halo (furnishing kid backpacks to be carried in police and emergency vehicles) and Orphan Act (supporting Russian and other orphanages).
4. A list of Club donation over the past few years will be prepared.
5. Fundraising : The Fundraising Committee has continued to meet. Planning continues for being the food and beverage vendor for the Town of Delavan’s Independence Day celebration on July 3. Brat-Fry’s at Wal Mart are confirmed for May 23<sup>rd</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup>.
5. Community Service: The next highway cleanup is tentatively scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>. A meeting and work session at Rotary Gardens will be scheduled for June.
6. Vocational Service: Schere will be working DDHS and WSD to pick this year’s scholarship recipients.

#### March 2 Special Meeting

1. It was agreed to again have an ad in the *Community Guide*.
2. Gerry Pelishek has resigned from the Club. Travis Egan will be invited to join.

#### March 12 Meeting

1. The Club’s web page was discussed and it was decided the John Scherer will be in charge of keeping it current.
2. It was agreed to spend \$200 for a sandwich board sign that can be used for fundraising events.
3. The Club will provide some support for a Rotary Foundation project dealing with water in Africa.
4. April 27<sup>th</sup> has tentatively been scheduled as a highway clean up work day. Plans are being made to have a Rotary Gardens work day on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Secretary’s corner:** Let me take this opportunity to commend those that have been arranging our weekly programs. In my opinion, we have had an excellent set of speakers on a wide variety of topics.

- Final reminder that the 2009 District Conference will be April 24-26 at the Osterhof in Elkhart Lake. See <http://www.rotary6270.org/conference.html> to register.
- Tell President-elect Jim Conroy if you want to be on the Board or on a particular committee for the 2009-2010 year.