

Rotary



Club of Wauwatosa

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Wauwatosa

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Rotary club membership represents a cross-section of the community's business and professional men and women. The world's Rotary clubs meet weekly and are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

Rotary membership provides the opportunity to: Become connected to your community. Work with others in addressing community needs. Interact with other professionals in your community; assist with RI's international humanitarian service efforts. Establish contacts with an international network of professionals. Develop leadership skills. Involve family in promoting service efforts.



Newsletter - August 12, 2020

By John Edward Bauer

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Steinberg who led the nineteen in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Paul Roller provided a thoughtful and relevant invocation. Besides our two usual chauffeur guests, we were privileged to have a visiting Rotarian, a Peorian who has just moved to Germantown.

We had hoped to acknowledge Craig and Lynn Schmutzer's 31st wedding anniversary (August 12), but alas, Craig was AWOL today. Probably busy shopping for just the right gift, hey?

Among items under the category of happy/sad news:

- We were saddened to hear about the resignation of long-time member, Jim Del Balso. His 44 years of service to our club, along with his mental archive of club history

Club Meeting

Wauwatosa
Meets at Radisson Hotel Milwaukee West
2303 N. Mayfair Road
Wauwatosa, WI 53226
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

Events / Speakers

August 21st
[Club Picnic at Elm Grove Village Park](#)

Club Leaders



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Club Executive Secretary

- will be missed.
- Mary Pat Kirchen is recuperating rapidly after surgery and will soon be chasing Tom around the house with her cane.
 - Pat Meylor regaled us with a story about yet another phone call from his ♦grandson♦ Eric wanting money. Scammers beware! Pat has your number!
 - It will be Mary Steinberg♦s birthday on the 18th. However, Rick will have to wish her a Happy Birthday through the window since she is still in rehab at the Lutheran Home.

Several announcements were shared.

- The Foundation met last week and elected officers. They are Bill Makal, President; Paul Roller, Vice President; Peter Skanavis, Secretary; Robert Niedermann, Treasurer; and Paul Vandeveld, Member-at-Large.
- John Bauer announced that the Fundraising Committee will meet at 1:00 p.m. on August 26th.
- John also announced that our club will have a foursome participating in the Mayfair Rotary Club golf outing on August 28. Our Foundation will sponsor a hole.
- Roger Walsh described a service project, assisting the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in cleaning historic tombstones in the Wauwatosa Cemetery on Saturday, September 12 from 9:30 to 11:00.

John Sebald introduced our speaker for the day, the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Fisher, President of Wisconsin Lutheran High School (WISCO) who shared information about their international program. Although WISCO has had a few international students over the years, it made a significant commitment to meeting the demand by foreign students for private Christian high school education by constructing a residence hall dedicated to housing and supporting international students. The complex consists of two towers, one a dormitory for the students and the other an apartment complex for the public. Net revenues from the apartment building help offset the operating expense of the residence hall.

Enrollment in the program was projected to be 74 students this fall, representing 14 foreign countries. Because of visa issues and travel restrictions, that number has shrunk to 64. Many previously enrolled students stayed with host families over the summer rather than return to their homes and then not be able to return.

Various forms of support are provided to ensure success. Mentors are assigned to each student. Three levels of English as a Second Language (ESL) are provided depending upon need. Special ESL religion classes are offered, recognizing that many students know nothing about Christianity. A three-week English Excellence Camp helps to build friendships and orientation to American high school education and culture.

As a pastor, Dr. Fisher gets especially jazzed up when some of these students, after their experience learning about the Christian faith, desire to be baptized.

The curriculum sought by these students is a college preparatory to leverage their American private high school education as a springboard for admission to prestigious U.S. universities. The success rate speaks for itself.

Thanks, Dr. Fisher for a very interesting and informative presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Bauer, scribe *pro tempore*.



Webmaster



Craig Schmutzer
Club Programs Chair



John Edward Bauer
iPast President

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