

# 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.



## Best Coffee In Town!

By John C Ericson on Saturday, August 29, 2020



### Club Meeting

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

### Events / Speakers

September 30th  
[Jonathan Lorenzen - Classification Talk](#)  
October 21st  
[Pete Loeffel - Director, Wauwatosa Public Library](#)

### Club Leaders



[Rick David Steinberg](#)  
President



[Anne Ruttger Neafie](#)  
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[Jonathan Lorenzen](#)  
Sergeant - at - Arms



[Aaron D. Sebald](#)  
Sergeant - at - Arms

[John C. Ericson](#)  
Club Executive Secretary  
Webmaster

## Newsletter - September 23, 2020

By John Edward Bauer

It wasn't St. Patrick's Day, but members were served a very delicious lunch of corned beef and cabbage. Unfortunately, we were unable to transmit this epicurean delight via the internet to our Zoom attendees, Roger Walsh and Robert Niedermann.

President Rick Steinberg called the meeting to order with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rookie Prayer Boy Jonathan Lorenzen shared with the members the words of the 46<sup>th</sup> Psalm a most appropriate reminder in these troubled and divisive times.

There being no birthdays or anniversaries, there also was no singing.

Among items of sad news and happy news, the following were noted:

- Tom Kirchen was stung by a bee while playing golf. Although his finger swelled up, the incident happened on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole, so he was able to finish the round. Way to tough it out, Tom!
- Tom also reported that we have exceeded the \$3,000 mark in holiday nut sales. Members were exhorted to buy more nuts and to coerce, beg, threaten, blackmail, and otherwise extort others to purchase. Wauwatosa Morning Brew coffee is always available for purchase as well.
- Speaking of bee stings, lest anyone dismiss the potential seriousness of such an occurrence, President Rick related how an acquaintance of a friend of an acquaintance of a relative was stung and died within hours!

Among sundry aspects of Club operations, schedules and other minutiae details, invocation, and speaker assignments were clarified with several on the fly adjustments made. Regarding invocation duties, we need someone to provide an invocation next week. Absent a willing volunteer, President Rick will recruit a not-so-willing volunteer to perform this task. Gerv Rose is scheduled for October 7 and Tom Kirchen for October 14.

The program schedule has been a bit discombobulated recently with some substitutions and exchanges taking place. Next week, Jonathan Lorenzen will give his classification talk. When he asked about the suggested content of his talk, he was told to share his personal and professional life to date. Since he is only 31, we expect his talk to be under 5 minutes! At the same time, he did inquire about being able to use PowerPoint, so members might wish to pour an extra cup of coffee!

Bill Bode is responsible for the program on October 7, having traded with Roger Walsh. However, Roger's speaker had to cancel for October 21, so he exchanged with Paul Vandeveld for October 28. Rich Mannisto has the program on October 14. And if members have all that straight in their minds, they are far more astute than your humble bulletin editor who had circles and arrows all over his note pad trying to keep things straight.

One thing is certain, however. The Wauwatosa Rotary Christmas Party will be held on December 16 at Bluemound Country Club. There being no program for the day, Prexy Rick called upon your humble bulletin editor to share his proposal to the Membership Committee about the creation of a new virtual membership category. John went over his proposal, his description of the benefits and expectations of such a membership category, and the draft of an email invitation letter he intends to send to former members of the club. A similar invitation would be posted on the club's Facebook page. Individuals would be invited to participate as Zoom attendees through October at no charge, after which



Craig Schmutzer  
Club Programs Chair



John Edward Bauer  
iPast President



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time the Zoom meeting would become password protected. Numerous good suggestions were made and incorporated. A quick poll of the Membership Committee members recommended that John continues in his effort to launch this membership campaign, cognizant of several bylaw issues that would have to be addressed.

Rather than explicate the details, the documents John shared have been appended to this bulletin.

The meeting adjourned with a fairly decent and funny lawyer joke. With Rich Mannisto absent, there was no opportunity for the Foundation to accrue financial benefit by not telling the joke.

Respectfully submitted, John E. Bauer, Ph.D., bulletin scribe *pro tempore*, entrepreneur, shameless self-promoter, and all-around rascalion

