

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 28th
[Pete Loeffel - Director, Wauwatosa Public Library](#)

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Newsletter - September 30, 2020

By John Edward Bauer

The Rotary Club of Wauwatosa

BULLETIN

September 30, 2020

El Presidente Ricardo opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Rabbi Mannisto (Shevitz) provided an invocation. Today, we saw 20 in attendance for lunch with two additional members joining via Zoom. Pat Meylor left a message for your humble bulletin editor before the meeting saying he had hurt his shoulder and was ordered to stay home.

We were all prepared to sing ♦Happy Birthday♦ to Gordie Bills, but alas, he was not present. *Ergo*, no song.

Among notes of happy news, Bill Makal reported that he was able to visit the family farm for the first time in two years. His wife♦s uncles have gutted the old farmhouse and are completely remodeling it for them.

Tom Kirchen announced that nut sales have exceeded \$3800. The earlier orders are placed, the greater the opportunity for a discount and for the plant to process and organize our order for pick up.

Bob Nelson reminded those on Medicare (which, by the way, includes about 75% of the membership!) that the open enrollment period begins October 15 and runs through November 7. He, of course, is more than happy to provide advice and counsel.

Last, some sad news. Paul Vandeveld reported that former Wauwatosa Rotarian Tom Rowe has been relocated into hospice care.

We had one special guest today. President of the Mayfair Rotary Club, Robert Marszelkowski, joined us for lunch and shared his interest in finding ways that our two clubs can get to know each others♦ members better in hopes that over time we can find ways to collaborate and be of mutual benefit.

President Rick informed the club of the outcomes of a special board meeting held this morning to consider several Bylaw changes. These proposed changes had been distributed to all members previously and were approved for recommendation to the club by the board. Taken one at a time, four recommendations were passed by unanimous voice vote to accomplish the following:

1. Create a new virtual membership class;
2. Eliminate the attendance requirement;
3. Include virtual members in the process of election of members;
4. Remove all references to specific meeting locations.

The program for the day consisted of Jonathan Thomas Fries Lorenzen♦s classification talk. Using a pretty slick PowerPoint presentation to support his comments, Jonathan shared his personal and professional background with the members.

Born in Cary, Illinois, a far northwestern suburb of Chicago, he is the oldest son of Tom and Sally Lorenzen. He has one younger brother, Andrew. Claiming to have the ♦greatest family♦ on the planet, he described growing up in church and community with a strong sense of family history.

Our club♦s newest resident ♦Prayer Boy,♦ Jonathan talked about the four major influences that shaped who he is today: Family and country, music, servant leadership, and his Christian



Craig Schmutzer
Club Programs Chair



John Edward Bauer
iPast President



Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

faith.

Jonathan's ancestors go back to the very early history of our country. On his mother's side, his ancestors were among the Pilgrims to escape England for religious freedom. His father's ancestors were German immigrants who valued hard work. While some of his family were bankers and community leaders, others were circus performers, which could explain some of Jonathan's quirks of personality.

Jonathan loves to sing and began singing in his Methodist church's cherub choir as a kindergartener. In elementary school, he took up the clarinet and still plays in a community band. He continues to sing and play in community groups in Illinois. He received a vocal music scholarship from Wisconsin Lutheran College in 2007, which along with its Christian atmosphere and emphasis on raising up servant leaders led him to Milwaukee to attend college. He sang in the WLC Choir all four years and served as choir president as a senior.

Seizing opportunities to serve has always been a part of Jonathan's life, first through his church and later in college. He also claimed that years of karate study helped develop leadership skills, although your humble bulletin editor suspects that few members would be willing to test this claim.

Finally, Jonathan's Christian faith directs all that he does. The opportunity to serve his alma mater in the development office is a great gift. He is responsible for the annual fund campaign which is conducted largely by direct mail. He also plans and coordinates events such as donor luncheons, choir tours, and anything else Rich Mannisto throws his way. He also has a small portfolio of donors that he cultivates and invites to support the College.

Thanks, Jonathan, for a very interesting classification talk. Our club is richly blessed to have you as its newest member. Appropriately, President Rick formally inducted him into the club, presenting him with his very own badge and lapel pin.

Much to the delight of Mr. Mannisto, there was no joke to be told today. Consequently, all attendees left in a dour mood, unable to lift their heads with a smile and instead remained emotionally encumbered with the bleakness of the day. The meeting adjourned with a thud! Thanks a lot, Rich!

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Bauer, your humble bulletin editor *extraordinaire*,
apprentice parliamentarian, and sesquipedalianist.