

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

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

Club Leaders



[Rick David Steinberg](#)
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[Anne Ruttger Neafie](#)
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Club Executive Secretary
Webmaster

Newsletter - October 7, 2020

By John Edward Bauer

The Rotary Club of Wauwatosa
October 7, 2020
BULLETIN

President Rick opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Gerv Rose offered an eloquent invocation.

No members were celebrating birthdays this week, but Rich Mannisto trumpeted the fact that his wife, Michelle, will be observing her birthday this coming Sunday.

Although he did not mention it, Roger and Maricolette are celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary TODAY! Your intrepid bulletin editor, having sleuthed out his failure to disclose, sure hopes Roger remembered!

There were numerous items of happy and/or sad news today. In the order in which they were reported:

- Aaron Sebald announced the passing of his father, Don, this past Saturday. He was 93. Our condolences, Aaron.
- Paul Roller reported that his grandniece, with two years still to go in her undergraduate program, has already been accepted into a master's degree program in education and mathematics.
- Despite the alarming number of COVID cases at larger universities, Rich Mannisto reported that they have had only five total cases at WLC and that the number currently quarantined is two.
- Along those same lines, Bill Bode noted that St. Anne's senior living has had no confirmed cases (only one false positive) among its residents. Similarly, San Camillo has had no cases of COVID infection.
- Roger Walsh updated the members on the impending announcement at 3:00 p.m. today from the District Attorney's office regarding the Joseph Mensah case. Many Wauwatosa businesses are boarding up along North Avenue in anticipation of possible demonstrations.
- Anne Neafie informed the members about the status of our Interact Club at Kingdom Prep. About 60% of the students are meeting in person at the school and the remaining 40% have opted for virtual learning at home. It is expected that the club will restart soon.
- Bob Nelson is our point person for Salvation Army Bell ringing at Mayfair Mall and will be recruiting volunteers for one or two dates in December.
- Tom Kirchen reported that nut sales have topped \$4200. The deadline for ordering nuts is next Wednesday, October 14. Nut orders can be received after that date, but filling the order and having it delivered might become problematic.

President Rick announced that the Membership Committee will be meeting at Gerv Rose's home this coming Friday, October 9, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

He also floated a service project idea for the club to consider. The Blood Center of Wisconsin would be very interested in having the Wauwatosa Rotary host a blood drive and the Radisson management is willing to accommodate it. The Service Project Committee will consider it.

Our program chair for the day, Bill Bode, pleaded *mea culpa, mea culpa*, for not obtaining a speaker for the day. Bill originally had October 21 but traded with Roger Walsh who had October 7th. Roger must have traded with Paul Vandeveld who had October 28, and now has the 21st, but it turns out Roger's speaker can't make it on the 28th either. Anne Neafie has a speaker and will connect her to Roger. So, to achieve some measure of clarity out of this quagmire of confusion, your humble bulletin editor offers the following schedule:



Craig Schmutzer
Club Programs Chair



John Edward Bauer
iPast President

Years of Service

John A Sebald
11-13-2019
1 Year

October 14 Rich Mannisto
October 21 Paul Vandeveld
October 28 Roger Walsh.

After doing a fair bit of groveling, scraping, and self-flagellation, Bill contributed \$100 to the Foundation to make up for his forgetfulness. Thanks, Bill.

To kill the remaining five minutes of our meeting, Rich Mannisto offered, for our edification, information from the RI website regarding the history of the Four-Way Test and the Vocational Service ideal. Members were riveted to their seats in rapt attention as Rich informed them that the Four-Way Test was crafted in 1932 by Herbert J. Taylor in Chicago. Taylor eventually became the RI President for the 1954-55 Rotary Year. The Four-Way Test was officially adopted by RI in 1934 and forms the foundation of ethical business practice and the underlying tenet of Rotary's commitment to Vocational Service. With the idea that Rotarians should share their skills and knowledge with others, we promote vocational training by advancing the ethical ideals inherent in the Four-Way Test. Thanks, Rich, for an exhilarating presentation!

Because President Rick left his joke book in his car, your humble bulletin editor offered a relevant bit of guidance from the Bible about how to behave in a pandemic. How do we know this? Because in Acts 9, we hear about how Jesus showed himself to Saul on the way to De-Mask-Us!

Respectfully Submitted,

John E. Bauer, *pro tempore* bulletin scribe, *provocateur*, culinary snob, and lousy golfer.

NOTE: Invocation Assignments for the rest of October:

14th ♦ Tom Kirchen,
21st ♦ Rich Mannisto,
28th ♦ Peter Skanavis.