

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

November 11th
[David Crowley, Milwaukee County Executive](#)

Club Leaders



[Rick David Steinberg](#)
President



[Anne Ruttger Neafie](#)
President - Elect



[John A Sebald](#)
Vice President



[Robert P. Niedermann CPA](#)
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Sergeant-at-Arms



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

Newsletter - October 28, 2020

By John Edward Bauer

The Rotary Club of Wauwatosa

October 28, 2020

BULLETIN

Our meeting was called to order by President-Elect Anne Neafie who was filling in for our absent president. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by an invocation by Peter Skanavis, who expressed the heartfelt hope that at next week's meeting, we will be able to rejoice over the conclusion of a contentious national election, and to which several members loudly intoned, AMEN!

We had very slim attendance today with only 11 hearty souls venturing out into COVID-land. Due to a variety of business and personal conflicts, we had several no shows today.

Although we had no birthdays to celebrate, we were pleased to hear of two wedding anniversaries being observed this week: Paul and Kathleen Roller are celebrating 40 years on November 1, and Robert and Mary Niedermann are celebrating 13 years on October 27. Congratulations!

Among items of sad and/or happy news, we continue to mourn with Craig Schmutzer and his family over the murder of their son John. Bill Bode attended the on-line funeral service. Bob Nelson will see to it that a card is circulated among the members and sent to the family expressing our condolences.

Pat Meylor, dutifully keeping us abreast of family comings and goings expressed great pleasure that his daughter and family moved out of the state of California and away from all the wildfires.

Paul Vandeveld provided the other side of the eviction issue in Milwaukee as he recounted his months-long effort to have a drug-dealing tenant removed from his building. Bill Bode shared a similar story about a con-man tenant who knew how to work the system. As usual, there is always another side to the Eviction story.

There being no speaker obtained for today, Prez-elect Anne used the occasion to conduct an open discussion of a variety of club matters, including the apparent need for a new Program Committee chairperson. Although the assignments have been made for the entire Rotary year, there has been no follow-up other than a few reminders by your humble bulletin editor. John Bauer agreed to take on this role and manage the speaker schedule for the rest of the year.

It was suggested that when members are considering a speaker, they should consider asking someone who might have an interest in becoming a member of the club. Several of our current members came to become members after having been asked to speak. This pointed out the need for having guidelines to assist members as they work to fulfill their program duties. Your humble bulletin editor will take a stab at developing such a document for members to review.

Finally, Anne reminded everyone that our speaker on November 11 will be our new Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley. An invitation will be extended to the other Milwaukee County Rotary clubs to attend either in person or via Zoom.

The invocation schedule shows that John Sebald is responsible for next Wednesday and Pat Meylor is up for November 11. Peter Skanavis will generate the invocation schedule for the rest of the Rotary year and make sure it is distributed to members. Your humble bulletin editor will include reminders in the weekly bulletin.

The speaker assignments have been made through the end of the year. An updated schedule will be sent along with the proposed



Craig Schmutzer
Club Programs Chair



John Edward Bauer
iPast President

Years of Service

Peter M. Skanavis
11-21-2012
8 Years

John A Sebald
11-13-2019
1 Year

guidelines.

Bob Nelson will introduce next week's speaker. Upcoming programs include:

November 11 ♦ Anne Neafie will introduce Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley
November 18 ♦ Pat Meylor
November 25 ♦ Gordon Bills
December 2 ♦ Robert Niedermann (who swapped with John Bauer for September 16)

Once members have made speaker arrangements, they are to email John Ericson (jericsen1@gmail.com) and John Bauer (john.bauer@johnbauerconsulting.com) so the weekly calendar can be maintained.

There being no other items of shared interest to discuss, the meeting adjourned with the recitation/reading of Rotary's 4-Way Test.

Respectfully submitted, John Bauer, your humble bulletin editor, insecure narcissist, and under-employed nonprofit consultant.

