

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 25th
[Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting](#)

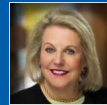
December 2nd
[Dan Schober](#)

December 16th
[Annual Club Christmas Party at Bluemound Golf & Country Club](#)

Club Leaders



[Rick David Steinberg](#)
President



[Anne Ruttger Neafie](#)
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[John A Sebald](#)
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Newsletter - November 18, 2020

By John Edward Bauer

The Rotary Club of Wauwatosa

November 18, 2020

NEWSLETTER/NOTES/BULLETIN/WHATEVER

Fourteen souls (plus two ethereal visages via ZOOM) attended today's meeting. It was great to see our President, Rick Steinberg, back at the helm. After thanking members for their expressions of love and condolence over the passing of his wife, he led our assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Monsignor Patrick Meylor provided the invocation.

[As a side note, it was great to have Gordon Bills join us on the big screen after an eight-month hiatus!]

We were able to note (but not celebrate with a song in their absence) the birthdays of member Bill Bode (November 20) and Rita Makal, wife of member Bill Makal, also on November 20.

We also noted two wedding anniversaries: Mike and Roberta Mitchell observed 42 years on November 16 and Gerv and Bev Rose will mark 58 years on November 22! A combined century of wedded bliss!!

Two Rotary anniversaries were called out: John Sebald, who now has one year under his belt, and Peter Skanavis, who expressed surprise that we have tolerated him for 8 years!

Your humble bulletin editor was asked to share the results of the recent survey he conducted to determine interest in attending this year's Christmas party. 21 surveys were completed with an almost even 50/50 split between those who plan to attend versus those who can't or won't. It was estimated that between 22 and 25 people will attend which is sufficient to go ahead with the event. While a sing-along is discouraged, Tom Kirchen will arrange for musical entertainment of the keyboard variety.

There was one bit of happy/sad news today. On the bad side of things, Paul Vandeveld informed us that he was tested positive for the COVID-19 virus several weeks ago. Fortunately, he experienced only very mild symptoms. The very good news is that he now has sufficiently strong antibody resistance to make him immune from both getting or transmitting the virus at least for the next several months.

Our program chair for the day, Pat Meylor, introduced our speaker, Mr. Dave Swanson, former Assistant Director of Admissions at Northwestern University.

As a public speaker for more than 40 years, Dave owed much of his success to Elizabeth Gibson, his Wauwatosa East speech teacher. He was awarded a scholarship to attend Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. After a three-year stint in the Navy, he went to work for Manpower, eventually becoming a manager working with the New York Stock Exchange.

Eventually, Dave went to work in the admissions department of his *alma mater*. He found many highly qualified highschool students in Wauwatosa, Brookfield, and Oconomowoc. With tuition, room, and board today set between \$60 and \$70 thousand per year, higher education at Northwestern is big business, and helping students to be successful means that they will persist and graduate. Every student who drops out represents a significant loss in revenue to the University.

As part of his work with students, Dave used Richard Bolles' best-selling book, *What Color is Your Parachute?* With over 10,000,000 copies sold, it was judged by the New York Times as one of the top 25 most influential self-help books ever written. Using the book as a guide, Mr. Swanson has given over 1,500 talks on college and university campuses as he strives to impart the message: Know who you are, know your skills, know what you want to do.



Club Executive Secretary
Webmaster



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

Thanks, Dave, for a very interesting talk.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned, with the reminder that we WILL NOT MEET next Wednesday, November 25. President Rick wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Respectfully submitted, your humble bulletin editor, stentorian sesquipedalian, and all-around cynical curmudgeon,

John E. Bauer

Invocation Schedule:

December 2 Aaron Sebald

December 9 Richard Frenn

December 30 Anne Neafie

Program Schedule/Speaker Assignments:

November 25 NO MEETING

December 2 Robert Niedermann will introduce Mr. Dan Schober

December 9 Jonathan Lorenzen

December 16 NO NOON MEETING: CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 23 NO MEETING

December 30 Club Assembly