

# 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.

**WAUWATOSA ROTARY**  
**VISITOR'S DAY**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 17**  
**5:00 TO 7:00 P.M.**

**Radisson Hotel - Milwaukee West**  
(Mayfair & North - Wauwatosa)  
Heritage Ballroom

**Keynote Speaker**  
**MSgt. Leah Baker**  
128th Air Refueling Wing

- Learn about Rotary International
- Network with members and visitors
- Hear an amazing keynote speaker
- Enjoy hors d'oeuvres & beverages

*Free - No RSVP Required*

### Rotary Club of Wauwatosa ♦ Visitor's Day Open House

You are invited to join the Rotary Club of Wauwatosa for a visitor's day open house on Thursday, June 17 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.! Learn about Rotary International, network with Rotary members and other guests, hear an amazing keynote speaker, and enjoy food and fellowship!

#### Keynote Speaker

Master Sergeant Leah Baker of the 128<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing

**Where:** Radisson Hotel Milwaukee-West, 2303 N Mayfair Rd, Wauwatosa, WI 53226

**When:** Thursday, June 17, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. (program begins at 6:00 p.m.)

**Cost:** Free! No RSVP required.

#### Schedule of Events

5:00 p.m. ♦ Check in and reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages

6:00 p.m. ♦ Welcome and introduction

6:05 p.m. ♦ Keynote address from Master Sergeant Leah Baker from the 128<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing

6:30 p.m. ♦ Reception continues

Questions? Please contact club president Rick Steinberg at (414) 774-3414.

### Club Meeting

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

### Events / Speakers

June 23rd  
**Club Assembly**

June 30th  
**No Noon Meeting -  
Changing of the  
Guard**

June 30th  
**Rotary Changing of  
the Guard - 2021**

### Club Leaders



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## SEASON PREMIERE

Sunday, July 4, 7:00 ♦ 9:00 PM

The Rotary Stage at Hart Park in Wauwatosa

Sponsored by The Rotary Club of Wauwatosa

A free will offering will be gathered. Attendees are encouraged to adhere to CDC guidelines regarding masks and physical distancing protocols.

## Club History

### The History of the Wauwatosa Rotary Club

Our club was chartered in 1952 and is one of the oldest in the area. We meet every Wednesday noon at the Radisson Hotel Milwaukee West. This is a very good time to join our club as we are striving to reinvent ourselves. You would be able to play an exciting and significant role in defining the club's objectives. We recently went through a very intense strategic planning process and are committed to serving the Wauwatosa community.

On a global level Rotary International is very proud to have virtually eradicated Polio through our Polio Plus program. Through its foundation and large international membership base, Rotary offers a great deal of help to the disadvantaged throughout the world.

Our social committee arranges a number of very nice events throughout the year. Each event presents an opportune time to get to know members and spouses, all of which can be invaluable networking opportunities!

Rotary membership does require a member's dedicated participation in club meetings and functions. You need to know that Rotary is a commitment and we are looking for dedicated members who can be away from work for approximately two hours each Wednesday. In other words, your boss needs to understand your devotion to community service.

Take a look at Rotary International's website at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) for much more information.

## Newsletter -June 23, 2021

By John Edward Bauer

Vague Recollections of a Meeting of  
THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAUWATOSA  
June 23, 2021

The last official meeting of the year was called to order by outgoing President Rick Steinberg, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. An invocation was provided by resident ♦prayer boy♦ Jonathan Lorenzen.

We were happy to remind Bill Bode that he will celebrate his marriage to Jeannie on the 26<sup>th</sup>. We hope he has something nice planned! We also noted that your humble bulletin editor will mark 25 years as a Rotarian on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Among various tidbits of news, the following were noted:

- Tom Kirchen shared with us that he is in agony with back pain. <whimper> We hope he finds relief very soon! <whine>
- Anne Neafie reported that the Wauwatosa Ave United Methodist Church is building its 20<sup>th</sup> Habitat for Humanity home. This time, the construction is being handled entirely by women.
- And our last news factotum of the day: Rick Steinberg is taking his niece to the Bucks game tonight. What a great uncle!

Your humble bulletin editor provided an update on our plans to host the premiere performance of Kids From Wisconsin on July 4.

- Volunteers are still needed in many areas. The signup sheet was again passed around
- We were informed by Tosa Tonight that in anticipation of very large crowds, we will have to staff a second beverage tent.
- Part of our contract with Kids From Wisconsin is that we must provide dinner for the troupe on the day of the performance. That ♦s



John  
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President

## Years of Service

John Edward Bauer  
06-24-2015  
6 Years

- Amore has been contracted to cater lasagna, salad, and bread.
- Official setup will begin around 4:00 p.m., but your humble bulletin editor will likely be around all afternoon.
- We are in need of a couple of cash boxes, and Anne Neafie came to the rescue, informing us that she has two of them and will bring them to the event.
- Donation buckets have been ordered and will be passed around at intermission.

President Rick provided a debrief on our Visitors ♦ Day event, concluding that it was a large success. Our guests felt very welcomed, the speaker was outstanding, the food was phenomenal, and best of all, we may have connected with several prospective members. There was some conversation around the application process with a suggestion that the form itself is too long and detailed. There also seemed to be uncertainty about who receives applications once they are completed. [Your humble bulletin editor notes that it has historically been the secretary who receives applications and distributes them for member consideration.]

Members were reminded that there will be no noon meeting next week because of the Changing of the Guard Party that evening. There was an absence of clarity about when the festivities actually begin. Your humble bulletin editor did some sleuthing and can state with certainty the following:

**5:30 p.m. Cocktails**

**6:30 p.m. Dinner**

Rick turned the podium over to President-Elect Anne Neafie, who shared with the group her thoughts about next year ♦s committee structure, asking the members present for their thoughts and ideas. After a brief exchange, there appeared to be a consensus that we will retain the same committee structure we had this year with the same individuals serving on each committee. There did not seem to be an urgency to create additional committees.

The committees will be:

Membership  
Community Service  
Fundraising

A list of committee chairs and committee members will be forthcoming from our new president.

There being no other business to attend to, President Rick was able to wheedle \$50 from Bill Bode to tell a joke. Bill picked one out and read it himself. Mercifully Rick rang the bell to dismiss us (and rang it and rang it and rang it!). One would think he is happy that his Rotary year has come to an end.

Respectfully Submitted, Your Humble Bulletin Editor  
John E. Bauer, event coordinator, HOG Member, and lousy all-around golfer

#### UPCOMING COMMITMENTS

##### Invocations

June 30 John Bauer  
July 7 Paul Roller  
July 14 Bill Bode  
July 21 Peter Skanavis

##### Programs

June 30 Changing of the Guard Party ♦ No noon meeting.  
July 7 John Bauer  
July 14 Gordie Bills  
July 21 Bill Bode