

# 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.

## Rotary Club of Wauwatosa Sponsors Kids From Wisconsin Season Premier Concert



The Rotary Club of Wauwatosa was pleased to sponsor the [Kids From Wisconsin](#) for their season premier concert on Sunday, July 4. The Kids presented a spectacular show in front of a tremendous audience. Many thanks to our partners, the Kids From Wisconsin, and the Wauwatosa community for a wonderful Independence Day evening!

### 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.

### Club Meeting

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

### Events / Speakers

July 14th  
[Wauwatosa Weekly  
Club Meeting](#)

July 21st  
[Wauwatosa Weekly  
Club Meeting](#)

July 28th  
[Wauwatosa Weekly  
Club Meeting](#)

### Club Leaders



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# Newsletter - July 7, 2021

By John Edward Bauer

Digital Scribblings from a Meeting of  
The Rotary Club of Wauwatosa  
Held at Kingdom Prep Lutheran High School

Our meeting today was moved to Kingdom Prep Lutheran High School in order to take advantage of the very large pan of lasagna left over from the catered dinner for the Kids from Wisconsin. Thanks to Jonathan Lorenzen for heating it up and transporting it, Anne Neafie for providing all the paper goods, and your humble bulletin editor for providing the salad and bread.

Once we had sated our appetites, President Anne opened the meeting by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Paul Roller provided the invocation.

In addition to our guest speaker, Anne introduced her guest, Jeff Williams, from the Wauwatosa United Methodist Church.

We had no milestones to observe today. However, in items of note, the following were reported:

- Anne informed the group that her husband Terry had a fall last week while they were in Door County. While at urgent care a CT scan revealed that he had cracked a vertebra in his neck. He was taken to Froedtert Hospital Sunday afternoon where another CT and an MRI confirmed his injury. He had surgery on Monday. We wish him a speedy recovery.
- Your humble bulletin editor and event planner reported on the Kids From Wisconsin concert held on July 4th. The police estimated that there were about 4,000 people in attendance at Hart Park. Their performance was outstanding and the executive director expressed the desire to have our club regularly host the July 4th performance at the Rotary Performance Pavilion in the future. The free will offering netted \$500. Our club's share of the beverage sales has yet to be determined. We are also awaiting any determination regarding the usual contribution from the Civic Celebration Commission for entertainment.
- Bill Makal reported that he and Bob Nelson did have a vehicle in the July 4th parade representing the Rotary Club of Wauwatosa.



Anne Neafie introduced our speaker for the day, Tina Koch, who is the innovation specialist for the Wauwatosa School District. She has 14 years of experience as an educator, assistant principal and principal. She earned her bachelor's degree in education from Cardinal Stritch University and a master's degree in educational leadership from Carroll University. In her capacity she supports the LAUNCH program in collaboration with the Elmbrook School District and Pathways Academy. This program was created to bridge the gap between traditional high school learning and future career and educational paths by providing experience through internships with partner organizations and businesses.

The program began five years ago in Elm Grove and was started by integrating curricular strands such as business and teaching with real world internship experiences. The second year they added engineering, IT and media. Wauwatosa added medicine, biomedical solutions, advanced manufacturing and hospitality. This year they will be adding skilled building trades, data science, foundations of body systems and law.

To illustrate the success of this program, Tina shared the story of Sam, a student who was placed at Milwaukee Tool. He and three other students worked in an 8-10 week time frame, meeting with a mentor once per week, to work on solving a very real and practical problem for the company.

Tina described the features/pillars of the program:

1. Community impact
2. Diversity, equity and inclusion
3. Talent
4. Project outcomes

Volunteers from the business and professional community are always needed. In some cases, occasional contact is provided to conduct mock interviews or to serve as project critics. Members of the Elmbrook Rotary Club have provided such services.

Other occasional roles include:


- Guest speaker
- Career speaker
- Content speaker
- Job shadow host
- Visit at your work


In conclusion, Ms. Koch posed several questions intended to open possibilities for project development and internships:


1. What is number 7, 8, or 9 on your list of priorities that you just can't get to?
2. Do you have an idea that you don't have time to work on?
3. Is there an area that could use some process improvement?
4. Do you have data to analyze and interpret?
5. Would you like to research your consumers' experience, or conduct a market analysis?
6. Is there an aspect of your job that needs research, development or improvement?
7. Is there an area of the community you'd like to impact?


Thank you Ms. Koch for a most interesting presentation. Your humble bulletin editor suggests that high school education has come a long way from what it was decades ago when most of our club members were there.


Respectfully submitted, your septuagenarian scribe and sciolistic scrivener,  
John E. Bauer

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## Years of Service

Roger Walsh  
07-01-1996  
26 Years

Robert P. Niedermann  
CPA  
07-05-2000  
22 Years

## **UPCOMING COMMITMENTS**

### **Invocations**

July 14 Bill Bode  
July 21 Peter Skanavis

### **Programs**

July 14 Gordon Bills  
July 21 Bill Bode  
July 28 John Ericson  
August 4 Kevin Festerling

