

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 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 21st
[Wauwatosa Weekly
Club Meeting](#)

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

August 4th
[Wauwatosa Weekly
Club Meeting](#)

August 11th
[Wauwatosa Weekly
Club Meeting](#)

August 18th
[No Noon Meeting -
Club Picnic](#)

August 18th
[Club Picnic at Elm
Grove Village Park](#)

Club Leaders




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Newsletter - July 14, 2021

By John Edward Bauer

Memorable Musings from a Meeting of The Rotary Club of Wauwatosa July 14, 2021

President Anne opened her second official meeting of our club with a timid tinkling of the Rotary bell and by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill Bode provided an ex corde (that's Latin for off the cuff) invocation in which he acknowledged the passing of a long-time friend of our Rotary Club, Brigid Rooney.

Anne pointed out that Tom Kirchen will be celebrating a birthday on Friday and Bill and Rita Makal are celebrating their twentieth wedding anniversary today. Congratulations, all.

We were very pleased to welcome a prospective member, Josh Mowka. He and his father attended our membership event. He expressed interest in joining our club and in learning more about Rotary and what we do in the community. Welcome, Josh!

Bill Bode informed us that son Taylor and his wife had a baby boy on July 7. The new grandson's name is Remy (sp?) Michael Bode. Bill and Jeannie plan to visit them in San Diego the last week in August.

Bev and Gerv Rose announced the arrival of their first great grandchild, Eleanor Louise.

In other news, President Anne provided an update on her husband, Terry, who is still hospitalized. He had surgery to perform a cervical fusion last week. He is slowly recuperating, but is having trouble talking, and although he is doing some walking will probably be transferred to a rehab facility within a few days.

Tom Kirchen indicated that a sign-up sheet and/or online reservation notice needs to be sent out to the membership for our club picnic. The picnic is schedule for August 18 and will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Paul Vandeveld introduced Brian Leahy from Tosa Tonight. Brian is a long time Wauwatosa resident, musician, and event organizer. He has his own group, Leahy's Luck, and is a member of the Differentials. He has been involved for many years with Tosa Tonight and is on their board of directors.

In off the cuff remarks, Brian first gave kudos to the leadership of Paul Roller, Tom Rowe and Ed Ward, who in their own ways contributed to the development and funding of the Rotary Performance Pavilion at Hart Park and the creation of Tosa Tonight. The effort of our Rotary Club to raise the money and construct this entertainment venue, in Brian's opinion, reflects the cultural values of both the City and Rotary.

The concert series began in 1998 when the Wauwatosa Historical Society planned a three-concert series. The following year, another series was provided, but the Mayor at the time, Maricolette Walsh, and other community leaders recognized the lack of infrastructure and the need for a permanent family oriented entertainment venue.

With the need for such a facility generally recognized, former alderman and Rotarian Tom Rowe took up the cause and began doing research around community entertainment facilities. He shared his dream with Paul Roller who led fund raising efforts.

Construction began in 2008 after many delays and political hurdles to overcome. Because our country was in a recession and because Rotarian Bill Bode was a brutal negotiator and manager of the bidding process, the actual cost was in the range of \$800,000, well below the projected cost of \$1.2 million.

While Brian acknowledged the Performance Pavilion as a lasting legacy of our club, he also challenged us to think about Rotary's future and its need to sustain its mission and service to the community.

Thanks, Brian, for an interesting presentation, reminding us that Rotary service never ends.

Brian closed by singing an Irish song in honor of Ed Ward. (Lyrics copied below)

*Of all the money that e'er I had
I spent it in good company
And all the harm I've ever done
Alas, it was to none but me
And all I've done for want of wit
To memory now I can't recall*

*So fill to me the parting glass
Good night and joy be to you all
So fill to me the parting glass
And drink a health whate'er befalls
Then gently rise and softly call
Good night and joy be to you all*

To bring a conclusion to our meeting and to demonstrate that our club hasn't totally lost its pipes, we gustily sang Happy Birthday to Tom Kirchen.

There being nothing else to sing or celebrate, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, your mystic minister of musical mayhem,
John E. Bauer

UPCOMING COMMITMENTS

Invocation

7-21 Peter Skanavis

7-28 Paul Vandeveld



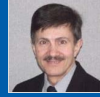
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Years of Service

No Years Of Service
Found

8-4 Rich Mannisto
8-11 Bill Makal
8-18 John Ericson

Speaker/Program

7-21 Bill Bode
7-28 John Ericson
8-4 Kevin Festerling
8-11 Richard Frenn
8-18 Tom Kirchen (No noon meeting; Club Picnic)

