

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
Club Picnic**

Wednesday, August 18, 2021
5:00 p.m.
at
Elm Grove Village Park

YOU'RE INVITED!

Please join us for the annual Rotary Club of Wauwatosa picnic at Elm Grove Village Park! Enjoy an evening of fun, fellowship, and fantastic food from Bunzel's Catering. We hope to see you there!

When?

August 18, 2021
5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Where?

Elm Grove Village Park
13600 Juneau Blvd
Elm Grove, WI 53122

Menu

- Bratwurst
- BBQ Pulled Pork
- Baby Back Ribs
- German Potato Salad
- Italian Pasta Salad
- Dessert
- Beer and soda

[Please RSVP by August 15](#)

[Click here to RSVP](#)

***If you are an active Rotary Club of Wauwatosa member, please RSVP using the*

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 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



[Anne Ruttger Neafie](#)
President



[John A Sebald](#)
President -Elect



[Jonathan Lorenzen](#)
Secretary



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[Richard Frenn](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms

personalized link in your invitation email. **

Questions about the picnic? Contact [Tom Kirchen](#).
Questions about registration? Contact [Jonathan Lorenzen](#).

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.

Newsletter - July 21, 2021

By John Edward Bauer

An Anthropological Anachronism of The Rotary Club of Wauwatosa

July 21, 2021

Our meeting was called to order by President Anne Neafie with the ringing of our bell. While still not what one might call **robust**, her effort was certainly stronger than last week's tepid tinkling. She led us in the customary Pledge of Allegiance and an extemporaneous invocation was offered by Peter Skanavis who expressed gratitude for the Greek Freak and the positive attention Milwaukee has gained from winning the NBA Championship. (We noted

his T-shirt which, in Greek proclaimed, **Φοβού τον Έλαφον**, or **fear the deer**.)

We observed one birthday this week. Bill Makal turned 56 yesterday. We also noted that Peter and Mary Skanavis are celebrating their 32nd wedding anniversary this week on the 22nd.

We had a guest Rotarian, Brian Preiss, from the West Allis Rotary Club. In the absence of a speaker for the day, Brian filled in by talking about the satellite club concept.

Before he waxed grandiloquent, however, various bits of news, mostly happy, were shared by members.

- Over the past two weeks (Calendar weeks, that is, and not Rotary weeks) past president Rick Steinberg has considered himself to be very lucky. He is a huge fan of the Tampa Bay Lightning Hockey team and was able to attend the game in which they won the Stanley Cup. Last night, he was in attendance as the Milwaukee Bucks won the NBA Championship.
- Anne Neafie reported that Terry is out of hospital and while he is moving around more, still has quite a ways to go toward complete recovery. Nurse Anne has to feed him through a feeding tube. The current prognosis is that it will be a couple of weeks before he can resume some normal activities.
- Bill Bode reflected on the Deer District phenomenon and how the NBA championship series reflected positively on Milwaukee. Considering the fact that there were about 65,000 people downtown last night, there was no significant violence and only two arrests.
- Pat Meylor reported that his granddaughter is coming home with her new husband



[William Carl Makal](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms
Rotary Foundation Chair



[Aaron D. Sebald](#)
Membership Chair



[Peter M. Skanavis](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Paul Alan Vandeveld](#)
Club Programs Chair



[Rick David Steinberg](#)
iPast President



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

Years of Service

John Edward Bauer
06-24-2015
7 Years

and baby. Apparently, Rose is cooking up a storm.

- Tom Kirchen sought clarification of the date for the Christmas Party at Bluemound Country Club. It is on the schedule for December 8th, but will depend on availability.
- While news was being shared, Rich Mannisto received a text from his teenage son reporting that he had earned all 4♦s and 5♦s on his AP exams. Excellent!
- Rick Steinberg attempted to reintroduce our visiting Rotarian, somehow missing the fact that President Anne had already performed that duty. [Earth, calling Rick!] We suspect he is still recovering from celebrating the Bucks win last night.

Brian Preiss is a member of the West Allis Rotary Club. He was the head of the Wauwatosa Business District and had spoken to our club a number of years ago. He has been a Rotarian for 20+ years. Having served in various club offices, he took a leave of absence from Rotary. When he heard about the satellite club concept he got very interested. Among questions people have about Rotary membership, time, cost, and what do Rotarians do are issues typically raised as concerns. The satellite club answers all those questions.

The West Allis Rotary started its satellite club last year in April. It is officially chartered as the After Hours Rotary club of West Allis. Its mission is to assist in all kinds of projects that other clubs are doing. Brian is the West Allis Club♦s liaison to the After Hours Club to keep in connected and to provide direction.

The club meets at Vet♦s Net. It was chartered with 10 members to start. Membership now stands at 14, of whom eleven are brand new Rotarians. It will be holding its first fundraiser, PawToberFest, this fall ♦ a mix of dogs, beer and food.

The satellite club meets once per month. There is no meal and meetings are very informal. They have set up committees which meet whenever they need to. Flexibility is the key. They are not required to mess with around with forms or following ordinary rules. Because it is sponsored by the West Allis Rotary, and all satellite club members are de facto members of the West Allis club, the mother club takes care of such administrative functions, leaving the satellite free to function with very few restraints. At present, the only dues are for Rotary membership.

Thanks, Brian, for sharing your experience and for your willingness to assist our club with either starting a satellite club or a Rotaract club at a local college or university.

There being no other business, Anne rang the bell to dismiss us. It was apparent, however, that considerable coaching in how to ring the Rotary bell is needed. Granting her a do-over after her first timid attempt, she hammered it solidly to remove any doubt that we were adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Your humble bulletin editor and cranky carillon coach,
John E. Bauer

UPCOMING COMMITMENTS

Invocation

7-28 Paul Vandeveld
8-4 Rich Mannisto
8-11 Bill Makal
8-18 John Ericson

Speaker/Program

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