

# 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, wine, 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](#)

August 25th

[Club Board Meeting](#)

August 25th

[Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting](#)

## Club Leaders



[Anne Ruttger Neafie](#)  
President



[John A. Sebald](#)  
President - Elect



[Jonathan Lorenzen](#)  
Secretary



[Robert Hugh Nelson](#)  
Vice President



[Robert P. Niedermann CPA](#)  
Treasurer



[John Edward Bauer](#)  
Bulletin Editor

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](http://www.rotary.org) for much more information.

## Newsletter - July 28, 2021

By John Edward Bauer

Reflections on a Meeting of  
The Rotary Club of Wauwatosa

July 28, 2021

As is our custom, we were led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance by our President, Anne Neafie. Paul Vandeveld was able to pull an invocation out of his sleeve for the spiritual edification of all who were present.

We were pleased to greet our returning guest, Joshua Mokwa, who we hope will be led to soon join our ranks.

Sadly, there were no birthdays, partner birthdays, wedding anniversaries, or club anniversaries to celebrate during the current Rotary week, the current calendar week, last week or next week ♦ all depending upon how one chooses to demark the passage of time.

Among items of happy and/or sad news:

- Pat Meylor got a call from granddaughter in Idaho claiming to be in a holding cell following an automobile accident. Of course, she needed \$90,000 to cover her attorney's fee and he would only accept cash. Your humble bulletin editor wonders how it is that Pat is such a frequent target of such scams. One suspects that there be highway billboards with Pat's picture and phone number scattered across the western states.
- Gerv Rose related an incident in which he was informed that if he didn't pay Roman Electric's electric bill using a Walmart Gift Card that his power would be cut off. Now that's ironic!
- Anne reported that her husband Terry is out of hospital. For now, it is necessary to feed him using a gravity bag through a G-tube. He is able to drink water and eat some soft foods. They will see the neurosurgeon August 9 to determine their future course of treatment.

Announcements



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



[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

No Years Of Service Found

Anne provided an Interact club update. Kingdom Prep will be returning to classes in a few weeks and our club representatives will discuss its future with the principal. With their interest in joining the Wauwatosa schools Launch program, there may be community service opportunities for our club to partner with the school.

- Anne attended a town hall meeting with the District 6270 district governor yesterday. There is no longer just one assistant governor. Instead, the district is divided into ten areas, each with its own assistant district governor. Robert Marzelkowski from the Mayfair Rotary will be working with our club. District Governor Lisa Warner will join us for our club picnic on August 18. She will ZOOM in to our board meeting on August 25.
- Members were reminded to register as soon as possible on-line for the club picnic which will be held at the Elm Grove Village Park on August 18th. There will be no noon meeting.
- Tom Kirchen announced that the Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, December 8th, at Bluemound Country Club.



Our program for the day consisted of our program chair, Paul Vandeveld, who initially indicated that he was going to talk about the recently adopted ♦Speaker Guidelines.♦ One of the Rotary principles we adhere to is that we strive to avoid controversial issues. However, Paul declared that he was going to charge ahead and dive into a very controversial issue, namely, rhubarb. It seems that rhubarb is an all or nothing topic. There are leaf and stalk. For most people it is either love or hate. There appears to be no in between.

Relying on his well-thumbed cookbook, *The Joy of Rhubarb*, Paul shared a lot of hitherto unknown facts about rhubarb. For example, not many people know that rhubarb is a vegetable. It is one of only 20 perennial vegetables grown in temperate climates. It was first discovered around 1000 B.C. in China but was never eaten until recently. Instead, its root was used for medicinal purposes and was a known treatment for urinary tract infections.

It is guessed that the name came from the 14th Century Old French word *rubarbe*, which was derived from the Latin *rheubarbarum* and the earlier Greek *rha barbaron*, presumably named after the Greek name, *rha*, for the Volga River, and *barbarian* or from foreign lands.

It wasn't determined to be edible until the 1700s. Some say that Benjamin Franklin discovered it as an edible vegetable in 1742 when he sent back seeds from Europe to John Bartram in the colonies.

Among other facts about rhubarb shared by Paul:

- Rhubarb leaves are so acidic they are poisonous.
- It is usually the first plant out of ground in spring and grows naturally only in colder climates because its roots need to freeze in the winter.
- If you have a burnt pan, boil water with rhubarb to remove the char.
- Rhubarb is so sour, it needs sugar (although a few purists in the club chewed it ♦straight up♦).
- In World War I, soldiers would grab rhubarb out of French gardens to eat.
- Joseph Stalin is reputed to have used the extract from rhubarb leaves to poison enemies.
- And finally, 1947 was a year of infamy as far as rhubarb was concerned. Congress exhibited that they can make mistakes by passing legislation classifying rhubarb as a fruit!

Thanks, Paul, for tackling this explosive and controversial issue with tact and aplomb!

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned with several members enjoying the crisp and very tart taste of rhubarb, cut from the stalk that Paul brought. For those who require something more sweet to the palate, Paul also brought a very delicious rhubarb dessert! Double thanks!

Respectfully submitted, your humble curator of culinary curiosities,  
John E. Bauer, editor extraordinaire

**UPCOMING COMMITMENTS**

**Invocation**

8-4 Rich Mannisto  
8-11 Bill Makal  
8-18 John Ericson  
8-25 Gordy Bills

**Speaker/Program**

8-4 Kevin Festerling  
8-11 Richard Frenn  
8-18 Tom Kirchen (No noon meeting; Club Picnic)  
8-25 Jonathan Lorenzen

