

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!

The graphic is a blue rectangle with a white border. On the left is the Rotary International logo. The text is centered and uses a mix of white and yellow colors. A yellow banner at the bottom left says "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

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](#)

September 1st
[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 for much more information.

Newsletter - August 4, 2021

By John Edward Bauer

An Account of a Meeting of
The Rotary Club of Wauwatosa
August 4, 2021

President Anne Neafie signaled the beginning of our meeting with a resounding ringing of the Rotary bell. She then attempted to lead us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance amid a chaotic cacophony of discordant voices coming from the back of the room. Once things settled down, Rich Mannisto provided a thoughtful invocation that reflected the Rotary Four-Way Test.

Depending upon one's definition of a week, we acknowledged a number of milestones. There were no birthdays to observe, but several wedding anniversaries were noted. Rich and Michelle Mannisto will celebrate 13 years of marriage on the 9th (next calendar week, but in the current Rotary week), Richard and Cathy Frenn will mark 36 years on the 10th (see previous clarification), and Anne and Terry Neafie will celebrate 22 years on the 6th (which is this calendar week, last week's upcoming Rotary week, or the current Rotary week, depending on your calendric orientation!)

We welcomed Jack Nelson, a visitor from the Elmbrook Rotary Club who spoke to us about a volunteer opportunity at St. A's, the largest social service agency in Wisconsin, serving 5000 kids per day. One commonality seems to pervade this urban population and that is trauma. Research is clear that when children have experienced trauma, they don't learn well. St. A's is a national leader in trauma centered learning. Next week, about 100 teachers to be trained in how to teach from a trauma informed perspective. On Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon, volunteers are needed to assemble materials. On Thursday, help is needed to guide, direct and support the program in various ways. Two shifts are available: From 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m..

Rich Mannisto announced that on Wednesday, September 8th we will have our noon meeting at Wisconsin Lutheran College and receive a tour of the new spaces in the remodeled Generac Hall.

Robert Niedermann informed the club that today is National Chocolate Chip Day and in recognition of this significant holiday, his wife Mary baked chocolate chip cookies for us to enjoy.

Program chair, Paul Vandeveld reminded everyone that there will be no noon meeting on August 18th because we will be meeting that evening at the Elm Grove Village Park for our



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Sergeant-at-Arms



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[Paul Alan Vandeveld](#)
Club Programs Chair



[Rick David Steinberg](#)
iPast President



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

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

annual picnic. This is a great opportunity to bring guests and family members. Our District 6270 Governor, Lisa Werner, will attend.

President Anne announced that the Board of Directors will meet at 11:00 a.m. on August 25 and that our District Governor will join the meeting via ZOOM.

Your humble bulletin editor provided an update from the Kids From Wisconsin concert. As of today we are showing a net profit of about \$5,700, although there remain two possible additional sources of revenue that may add to the balance. [NOTE: A subsequent update from our treasurer indicated a current net profit of \$6,480.72.] He also indicated that Kids from Wisconsin has expressed a strong desire to have our Rotary Club host their concert at Hart Park on the 4th of July in future years. This will have to be coordinated with the Civic Celebration Commission and the Tosa Tonight board of directors but could become an annual event for our club.

Paul Vandeveld introduced Mr. Shaun Luehring, President of LUMIN Schools, to share information about this private, religious network of Lutheran schools. LUMIN consists of seven campuses throughout Milwaukee and Racine. They have a school at 68th and Center Streets that adjoins Wauwatosa and educates some students from Wauwatosa.

As a network, LUMIN has centralized all business and facility management functions to free up school administrators to focus on teaching and learning and to develop teacher acumen through coaching. The schools are grounded in four essential values: they are Christian, support rigorous academics, support an intentional values-based culture, and focus on career development. These network schools all participate in the Milwaukee School Choice voucher program and serve primarily minority and underserved students.

LUMIN was created in 2002 and opened its first school in 2005. Today there are a total 1,400 students on seven campuses. Typically, LUMIN enters into a partnership with parishes of the Lutheran Church ♦ Missouri Synod to take over failing or closing schools. In lieu of rent paid to the congregation, LUMIN assumes all expenses for maintenance and utilities. The parish benefits by taking the school building off its budget and by supporting families who are seeking a church home. The benefit to LUMIN is in being able to utilize excellent school buildings without have to buy or lease.

Pilgrim Lutheran Church and School, located at 68th and Center is a good example. The congregation decided to close its school due to declining enrollment. The building had a capacity for 250 students. LUMIN opened its school there in 2008 and reached its capacity of 250 in two years. It is now a 5-star school.

Mr. Luehring focused his comments on the career development aspect of their curriculum and instruction. Children who have experienced trauma in their lives are facing futures with many doors of opportunity already closed to them. Lacking experience and opportunity, the cycles of trauma, unemployment, abuse and crime are to likely to continue. To break these cycles, different educational experiences are required. To this end, the career development emphasis opens additional doors of possibility and opportunity in two primary ways:

1. Provides access to opportunity by building skills and character while addressing the human hierarchy of needs (families, physical, psychological, self-fulfillment). The schools support a very intentional and restorative culture.
2. The Opportunity Academy provides integrated career development by bringing practicing professionals from all industries to build skills, confidence and social capital. Shadowing visits to organizations and institutions provide tangible examples of career opportunities.

Lemons 2 Lemonade is a leadership talk series which bring guests on-line to students every Friday to talk about how they (primarily people of color) were able to find success in the pursuit of their goals.

The biggest challenge for this network is finding highly qualified and experienced teachers.

Thank you, Shaun, for a most interesting and inspiring presentation. Volunteer opportunities for Rotarians to support this effort are abundant and would be welcomed.

There being no other business, President Anne tapped the bell bringing our meeting to a close.

Respectfully submitted,
John E. Bauer, former educator, academic administrator, and general know-it-all.

UPCOMING COMMITMENTS

Invocation

8-11 Bill Makal
8-18 John Ericson
8-25 Gordy Bills
9-1 Gerv Rose

Speaker/Program

8-11 Richard Frenn

8-18 Tom Kirchen (No noon meeting; Club Picnic)

8-25 Jonathan Lorenzen

9-1 Bill Makal

