

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 yellow banner at the bottom. On the left is the Rotary International logo. The text is centered and reads: "Rotary Club of Wauwatosa", "Club Picnic", "Wednesday, August 18, 2021", "5:00 p.m.", "at", "Elm Grove Village Park", and "YOU'RE INVITED!" in a yellow banner.

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 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](#)
September 8th
[Weekly Meeting at Wisconsin Lutheran College](#)

Club Leaders



[Anne Ruttger Neafie](#)
President



[John A Sebald](#)
President - Elect



[Jonathan Lorenzen](#)
Secretary



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Bulletin Editor

[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 - August 11, 2021

By John Edward Bauer

The Play-By-Play of a Meeting of
The Rotary Club of Wauwatosa
August 11, 2021

President Anne Neafie timidly tapped the bell to begin the first inning of our meeting and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was bunted by Bill Makal to our resident prayer boy, Jonathan Lorenzen, who pulled one out of his glove. Thanks Jonathan.

There were no birthdays, partner birthdays or club anniversaries to celebrate. However, there are three wedding anniversaries THIS WEEK. Rich and Michelle Mannisto observed 13 years on Monday, Richard and Cathy Frenn marked 36 years yesterday, and Craig and Lynn Schmutzer will have had 32 years on Thursday. Congratulations!

Paul Vandeveld introduced a guest, Jerry Breitzman, who is a friend of Rick Steinberg and a prospective member. Richard Frenn introduced Erik Thorne, the son of today's speaker and also a prospective member.

Among items of happy news and sad news, the following were noted:

- Bill Bode announced that after 9 months of negotiations, he recently signed a lease with Bullwinkle's Restaurant which will move into the space previously occupied by Mama Mia.
- Bill also shared with us a survival story from last weekend in which six brothers and sisters and their spouses, twelve people in all, stayed with him and Jeannie at their lake home in Waupaca. Fortunately, they all get along well together. Unfortunately, they were all big eaters.
- Tom Kirchen announced that today had special significance for his family. On this day in 1921 his grandfather started selling nuts on the streets of Chicago. His wife roasted the nuts in their kitchen. Eventually he moved his business to Milwaukee, and today the successor companies of A. L. Schutzman have sales of over \$200 million per year. They will be observing the centennial of this fine company tonight at a festive gala.
- Your humble bulletin editor informed the members that his wife, Sarayu, has decided it would be a good idea to take a four-day, 1100 mile motorcycle trip around Lake Michigan. They will leave Sunday morning and should be back in time to rumble up to the club picnic next Wednesday.



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



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Sergeant-at-Arms



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Club Programs Chair



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

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

A few announcements were made for the edification and lapsed memories of our aging members.

- The club picnic will be held next week. There will be no noon meeting. Beer, wine, soda, and water will be provided. However, only wine will be served in cups. Festivities begin at 5:00 p.m. at the Elm Grove Village Park. Food will be delivered at 5:30. So far, 22 people will be coming, including our new District Governor, Lisa Werner from the Neenah Rotary.
- We will meet at Wisconsin Lutheran College on September 8. Lunch will be served a bit early at 11:45 to allow sufficient time for a tour of the remodeled Generac Science Building.

Richard Frenn introduced our speaker for the day, Mr. J.D. Thorne who spoke to us about his passion for baseball and about two books he has written on the subject. He played baseball in high school and at the University of Wisconsin. After law school he began to practice employment law in Milwaukee and played amateur baseball until age 42.

In addition to a textbook on employment law, he has written two books about baseball: *Baseball's Winning Ways* and *The Ten Commandments of Baseball*.

Baseball has a long tradition in the Thorne family. When he and his wife were married, it was determined at their reception that his and his wife's grandfathers had actually pitched against each other on several occasions in 1910. J.D.'s brother coached high school baseball for many years in the Chicago suburbs and was J.D.'s American Legion coach. They were able to build a very successful team, two players from which made the big leagues.



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BASEBALL'S WINNING WAYS

J. D. Thorne



The book, *Baseball's Winning Ways* is published by Sporting Chance Press in Crystal Lake, IL. His first book, *The Ten Commandments of Baseball* was published by them in 2009. It was inspired by an ad card for an Iowa restaurant that his father had kept for decades in his top dresser drawer and which they discovered after his death. Bud Selig provided the forward to the book and it was sold in Cooperstown's Baseball Hall of Fame bookstore.

Baseball's Winning Ways came out of the desire of his publisher to print something positive to counteract what they felt were overwhelming negative influences in society. Their desire to bring back a sense of normalcy, a positive harmonious note, combined with good storytelling led to J. D. writing the book.

Baseball in America had its roots established as early as 1830 in something called *town ball*. It was played on village greens by children while their parents attended town meetings. However, its rules were considerably different than what we would call baseball today. Modern baseball was born in New York on a diamond with 90 foot baselines and a pitcher's mound 60 feet, six inches away from home plate. The first official

game under modern rules was played in New Jersey in 1845.

During the Civil War, soldiers on both sides would play baseball between marches and battles. After the Civil War as soldiers returned home, they took the game with them. The first paid professional baseball players played for the Cincinnati Red Stockings. They won 139 straight games. Eventually their manager moved to Boston to lead a team, also called the Red Stockings, that would later become the Red Sox. The National League was formed in 1876, the American League in 1901 in Milwaukee.

J. D. shared many additional stories including the *dead ball* and *live ball* eras, the formation of the Negro League, baseball superstitions and more.

Thanks, J.D. for a very entertaining program.

The dugouts emptied out and mass confusion ensued until Bill Makal bravely hit the bell signaling that the game was over.

Respectfully submitted,
John E. Bauer, humble bulletin editor and resident batboy.

UPCOMING COMMITMENTS

Invocation

8-18 John Ericson
8-25 Gordy Bills
9-1 Gerv Rose
9-8 Pat Meylor

Speaker/Program

8-18 Tom Kirchen (No noon meeting; Club Picnic)
8-25 Jonathan Lorenzen
9-1 Bill Makal
9-8 Rich Mannisto (at WLC)

