

# 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.

### 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.

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### Club Meeting

Wauwatosa  
Meets at Radisson Hotel Milwaukee West  
2303 N. Mayfair Road  
Wauwatosa, WI 53226  
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

### Events / Speakers

September 1st  
[Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
September 8th  
[Weekly Meeting at Wisconsin Lutheran College](#)  
September 15th  
[Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
September 22nd  
[Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
September 29th  
[Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting - Club Assembly](#)

### Club Leaders



[Anne Ruttger Neafie](#)  
President



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



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Secretary



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Sergeant-at-Arms

By John Edward Bauer

Fuzzy Recollections of a Meeting of  
The Rotary Club of Wauwatosa  
August 25, 2021

With a laudable effort to impress, President Anne Neafie called the meeting to order with a resounding gong of the Rotary bell and led our group in the Pledge of Allegiance. An added item to the day's liturgy was a recitation of the Four-Way Test. In the absence of our assigned invocator, Pat Meylor pulled out a time-tested prayer from his wallet and invoked the divine to bless our club and our work as Rotarians.

Gerv Rose celebrated a birthday on August 20. Peter Skanavis announced that he has attained Medicare eligibility. Welcome to senior-hood, Peter.

Guests included Josh Mokwa, who is checking us out for a 3rd time. We also welcomed Greg Sperling, another prospective member, who has just taken a new job in Wauwatosa. We hope to see more of both of them.

Anne reminded everyone that our September 8 meeting will take place in Generac Hall, the science building at Wisconsin Lutheran College.

Your humble bulletin editor informed members of the passing of former Rotarian, Dr. Glen Meyer.

Roger Walsh informed the club that he would be attending his last meeting after 39 years as a commissioner on the Big Cedar Lake Protection and Rehabilitation Commission.

Tom Kirchen thanked everyone for attending and helping out with our annual picnic. In turn, the club collectively thanked him for planning and executing this event.

President Anne introduced Lisa Werner, our District 6270 Governor for 2021-2022. She was born in raised in Stevens Point, but eventually settled in Neenah. She is married and has a son and a daughter. She works in the finance field and joined Rotary in 2011, serving as her Neenah club's membership chair, club president in 2017. She is a Plus One Paul Harris Award recipient.

Lisa provided a brief background about our district. It extends from Neenah in the North to Two Rivers on the East and South to Kenosha and Racine. There are 54 clubs plus two satellite clubs, as well as three RotorAct clubs.

There are 38 different committees at the District level. Some are mandated by Rotary International. Others, however, are unique to the District. Some of the committees Lisa mentioned include:

- Young Professionals Council
- Service
- Foundation
- Visioning
- Public image

She noted that the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Task Force is now a permanent committee. All committees are constantly looking for help and additional members.

There are a number of individuals, mostly past presidents, who are helping Lisa by serving as Assistant District Governors. Robert Marszalkowski, past president of the Mayfair Rotary Club, has been assigned to our club and was able to attend our picnic.

Rotary International has different areas of priority for service. These include peace, fighting disease, clean water hygiene, growing children and families. District efforts will parallel these priorities.

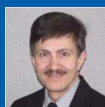
As of July, protecting the environment has also become an international priority. Our District will be having a week of focus along with Districts 6250 and 6220. We were encouraged to do something focused on the environment. A Facebook group has



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[Aaron D. Sebald](#)  
Membership Chair



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[Paul Alan Vandeveld](#)  
Club Programs Chair



[Rick David Steinberg](#)  
iPast President

## Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

been created around environmental days of service. The week of activity has been scheduled for October 4-10.

Next year's District Conference is being planned in collaboration with Districts 6220 and 6250. It will be held at the Osthoff in Elkhart Lake. They are expecting about 500 members to attend. The dates for the Conference are April 28-30, 2022. It will conclude on that Saturday with a pub crawl for polio.

District grants of up to \$3,000 are available for new service opportunities. In addition, RI Global Grants, funded by Rotary Foundation, are available.

All the clubs in the District are now meeting in person. Several are still doing hybrid meetings. Our club was commended for being ahead of the curve in holding online and hybrid meetings.

Lisa was asked about membership trends in the District. The District lost about 140 members coming into 2021-22. However, some clubs just didn't meet during the pandemic and a number of others ceased operating.

Today, there are numerous alternatives to the traditional club model: Satellite clubs, e-clubs, cause-based clubs (e.g., environment, human trafficking).

District leaders are working to make the district more technology-based and supported.

She also discussed the monthly leadership development program which will begin in January using an Evergreen format. A regular calendar of programs will be sent out.

Finally, Lisa discussed Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio and the challenges that remain in two countries.

Thanks, Lisa for your leadership and for your presence with us today.

Respectfully submitted, your humble bulletin editor,  
John E. Bauer, doctor of dementia, fabulous fabulist, and broker of banality

## **UPCOMING COMMITMENTS**

### **Invocation**

9-1 Gerv Rose  
9-8 Pat Meylor  
9-15 Bob Nelson  
9-22 Craig Schmutzer  
9-28 John Sebald

### **Speaker/Program**

9-1 Bill Makal  
9-8 Richard Mannisto  
9-15 Christine Merritt  
9-22 Pat Meylor  
9-29 CLUB ASSEMBLY