

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.

MCW Orchestra Presents

Back to the Stage

Enjoy a delightful evening of music with the MCW Orchestra as the ensemble presents their **Back to the Stage** Concert on Sunday, September 19 at the Rotary Performance Pavilion Stage at Hart Park! A freewill offering benefiting the Wauwatosa Rotary Foundation, Wauwatosa West High School Orchestra, and the MCW Orchestra will be collected. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair or blanket!



The MCW Orchestra presents



BACK TO THE STAGE



OUTDOOR CONCERT - HART PARK

Sunday SEP 19 at 5:30pm - Rain or Shine

Music at the Rotary Pavilion Stage - Bring a Lawn Chair and Picnic Basket
Enjoy a Fun & Family-Friendly POPS & AMERICANA Orchestra Concert
Featuring favorites like Stars & Stripes Forever ■ West Side Story ■ And More!

When: Sunday, September 19, 2021 | 5:30 p.m.

Where: Rotary Performance Pavilion Stage at Hart Park | 68th St & State St | Wauwatosa, WI

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

September 15th
[Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting](#)

September 19th
[MCW Orchestra Concert at Hart Park](#)

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



[Jonathan Lorenzen](#)
Secretary



[Robert Hugh Nelson](#)
Vice President



[Robert P. Niedermann](#)
CPA
Treasurer



[John Edward Bauer](#)
Bulletin Editor

Cost: Free (a freewill offering will be collected)

Hunger Task Force Event



Wauwatosa Rotary
at the

Hunger Task Force

Saturday, October 16
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

5000 W Electric Ave
West Milwaukee, WI 53219

Please join us!
Questions? Contact Roger Walsh
rwalsh76@wi.rr.com



You are invited to join the Rotary Club of Wauwatosa as we help to feed families in partnership with the Hunger Task Force!

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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 - September 1, 2021

By Jonathan Lorenzen

An Attempt at Notetaking by a Substitute Scribe



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

Years of Service

Gervase Rose
09-01-1981
41 Years

To Account for the Happenings at a Meeting of
The Rotary Club of Wauwatosa
September 1, 2021

Our weekly assembly began with polite tolling of the shiny brass Rotary bell by President Anne Neafie who then, as is custom, led us in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. It would seem that a new precedent has been set, as Madam President once again directed the club in the speaking of the Four-Way Test.

Mr. Gerv Rose delivered an eloquent and stirring invocation calling upon the guidance and protection of God's holy angels. Thank you Gerv.

President Neafie announced that John Bauer will be celebrating a birthday on September 6. No anniversaries were reported. We then welcomed returning visitors and soon-to-be members Gregg Sperling and Jerry Broitzman, who both submitted membership applications this week. We are delighted to welcome both gentlemen to the club.

Ms. Neafie reported that Gordy Bills and John Ericson have submitted letters of resignation from the club by email. We are hoping Gordy and John will consider joining meetings by Zoom, and continue to visit in person whenever they able. These two longtime, stalwart club members will be dearly missed. We thank them for their many years of dedicated and capable service to the Rotary Club of Wauwatosa. Gordy and John, please accept our sincere gratitude and best wishes.

Bill Bode was pleased to inform the group of his recent trip to San Diego to visit the cutest child on the planet, his new grandson, Remy. Bill enjoyed superb weather throughout the duration of his stay with son and family. He was keen to advise us there were no bugs to contend with in San Diego and that they only encountered one or two cloudy days. We're not at all jealous, Bill not one bit!

Pat Meylor then queried our group to inquire if we remembered the club picnics of yesteryear that had been plagued by flies. Several other members also recalled this nuisance. Anne posited that the city must spray to mitigate bugs nowadays.

Paul Vandeveld heralded an upcoming concert by the MCW Orchestra on September 19 at the Rotary Performance Pavilion Stage at Hart Park. The outdoor concert will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will feature a selection of show tune favorites. He noted that a freewill offering will be collected with half of donations going to the Wauwatosa Rotary Foundation. Paul said that he or Peter Skanavis will have the opportunity to say a few words about Rotary from stage.

Paul continued his report with news that his tennis team had won their competition at the Western Racket Club. He was rewarded with a nifty cheeseboard prize. He only wishes Peter could have been in attendance to hear about his big win.

Tom Kirchen took the floor to let us know that nut sales have officially begun. He explained that prices are a tad higher this year due to an overall increase in cost. The increase won't be too steep, however only about \$1.00 more per item. Tom highlighted the exceptional value of ordering nuts through our fundraiser. As an example, an empty Wexford jar can be purchased on Amazon for approximately \$25. For just \$10 more, however, one can purchase such a jar filled with premium, gourmet nuts while benefiting the Foundation. A great deal for a great cause. Order forms were distributed at the tables, and an online form is being worked on by your humble substitute bulletin editor and club secretary. Tom encouraged us to get orders in as soon as possible to ensure delivery in time for the holidays.

President Anne stated that community service opportunities will be coming. To start with, there will be a Hunger Task Force event on Saturday, October 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event is at a new location this year (see information at the beginning of this bulletin). Questions can be directed to Roger Walsh. Paul Vandeveld commented that this event would be ideal for prospective members who are particularly interested in service opportunities.

Programs Chair Paul Vandeveld retained control of the floor to inform us that a new speaker schedule would be soon forthcoming. He also reminded us that the September 8 meeting will be held at Wisconsin Lutheran College in Generac Hall. A change in the speaker schedule for September 22 was noted President Anne will now be hosting Cindy Thorne. Pat Meylor will be introducing the new Wauwatosa Chief of Police, James MacGillis, as our speaker on October 13.

There being no speaker today, prospective member Gregg Sperling volunteered to briefly introduce himself to the club and tell us about his new job with Tech Lab, Inc. Gregg jested that he came to Rotary with the goal of networking and finding a job, only to secure employment almost immediately upon attending club meetings. While volunteering for Irish Fest, Gregg connected with Roger from Tech Lab, Inc., an IT company in Wauwatosa founded in 2009. The company engineers solutions and solves IT problems by making systems talk to each other. Roger was impressed with Gregg's IT background and solutions oriented mindset, and didn't have to ponder long to recognize that he would be a tremendous asset to the company.

Gregg now serves as Tech Lab's operations manager where he helps to streamline the firm's systems and processes. While he has an IT background, the company wants him focusing on operations.

Gregg shared that he is also a state and nationally licensed sign language interpreter, a

certification which brought him to Wauwatosa from Illinois for his previous job. He is passionate about communication and pursuing truth in all circumstances. For this reason, the Four-Way Test very much resonates with him. Thank you, Gregg, for providing us a glimpse into your personal and professional background. We're thrilled to have you in the club!

Our meeting was brought to a close with a knee-slapper joke provided by our friend Gerv much too clever to attempt to regale in the bulletin. If you weren't at today's meeting, be sure to ask him about the one with the old man and his kids inheritance. You'll be glad you did! Thanks, Gerv, for providing our blessing and our smiles today.

The meeting adjourned with a dignified whack of the bell and friendly chatter among Rotarians.

Respectfully Submitted,
Your shaky substitute scrivener, Jonathan Lorenzen

UPCOMING COMMITMENTS

Invocation

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

Speaker/Program

9-8 Richard Mannisto
9-15 Christine Merritt
9-22 Anne Neafie & Cindy Thorne
9-29 CLUB ASSEMBLY