

# 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.

## Wauwatosa Rotary Foundation Gourmet Nuts Fundraiser



It is that nutty time of the year! Please consider supporting the Wauwatosa Rotary Foundation by placing an order for delicious gourmet nuts from the A.L. Schutzman Co. These sweet and savory treats are perfect for holiday gifts or any special occasion. Most of all, your participation in this fundraiser supports the service and outreach efforts of our club and Rotary International.

To place your order, please [access and complete the online order form](#). The form is fillable on your computer, meaning you can type your responses instead of completing them by hand. **Your dollar amount totals will be calculated for you; simply enter the quantity desired for each product.** (Please note that order forms may not be fillable on a mobile device or unsupported browser). Once you have completed the form, you may submit it one of two ways:

- Save and email the completed form to [tkirchen1@wi.rr.com](mailto:tkirchen1@wi.rr.com)
- **OR** print the completed form and deliver it to Tom in person, or by mail at the address provided on the form

### Club Meeting

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

### Events / Speakers

October 27th

[Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting](#)

**Speaker:** Chaz Hastings

**Subject:** Bringing Big Boy Restaurants back to Wisconsin

November 3rd

[Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting](#)

November 10th

[Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting](#)

November 17th

[Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting](#)

### Club Leaders



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

## Newsletter - October 20, 2021

By John Edward Bauer

Musings on a Meeting of  
The Rotary Club of Wauwatosa  
October 20, 2021

According to Eckhart Tolle, our sense of being comes from consciousness in the Now. In the spirit of such awareness, your humble bulletin editor will attempt to provide musings and reflections which, while mere verbal and symbolic abstractions of the reality of our meeting, will hopefully evoke greater enlightenment.

President Anne signaled the beginning of our meeting by asking yours truly to authoritatively ring the Rotary bell. This auditory expression should have been sufficient notice that the meeting had begun.

The invocation was pulled from the sleeve of your humble bulletin editor in the absence of the assigned intercessor for the day.

We were able to sing ♦Happy Birthday♦ to President Anne. She will turn [censored] years old on the 24th.

There were no partner birthdays, wedding anniversaries, or club anniversaries to celebrate this week.

Among various recollections and recounting of happy, sad, or indifferent news, the following were shared:

- Your humble bulletin editor related the damage one dead moth can do. Having suffered the consequences of encountering the air conditioning compressor, said moth♦s remains descended into the condensate drain hole, causing flooding into a



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iPast President

## Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

closet and contributing to the development of mold and mildew in the walls. The good news is that all has been remediated and new carpeting will be installed throughout the entire apartment. The bad news is that furniture will have to be moved at least twice each day over three days to accommodate the installers.

- Not to be outdone by this tale, Tom Kirchen told of how, five days before his son's wedding in Florida, they discovered the air conditioning condensate tube to be clogged. Fortunately, their discovering allowed them to avoid any damage.
- And to support the contention that this is a fairly common situation, Bill Bode told of how, in his days of apartment ownership and management with over 100 split systems, such a situation was almost a daily occurrence.
- Paul Vandeveld reported on the successful Hunger Task Force box stuffing event this past Saturday. Eightmembers and/or spouses showed up. Our group plus a couple of other

groups fielded a total of 20 people who stuffed about 350 boxes. Long-time member and veteran box stuffer Jim Del Balso was there. He shared with fellow Rotarians that his wife MaryLou is now in home hospice.



- It was reported that our club's video projector is missing. The hotel is looking for it.
- Tom Kirchen announced that nut orders have been placed. We have achieved \$6600 in sales. He thanked those who have volunteered to deliver the nuts. Tom will scan and send the order forms to those who have been assigned. Delivery will likely take place the second week in November.

A few announcements were forthcoming:

- Our club will participate in the Salvation Army bell ringing on December 4th from noon to 7: pm. This is two hours later than the customary 10 to 5 shift.
- The Radisson Hotel will be sponsoring another blood drive along with the Mayfair Rotary on Tuesday, December 7. More information will follow.



There being no other representations of supposed happenings in the lives of our members, the program was turned over to Robert Nelson who introduced Emily Levine, Executive Director of the Autism Society of Southeast Wisconsin. The ASSEW is the largest such agency in Wisconsin. Bob's family is closely connected with his wife serving on its board and the family receiving services and supports for their daughter. Emily is the mother of a 33 year-old son with autism and came into her role when she discovered that there were very limited resources available to families.

The organization's largest program is called New to Autism which consists of a resource kit for families and caregivers. ASSEW is typically approached in transition periods, usually when children are entering school, transitioning out of high school, or facing life challenges.

It's one thing to gain information from professionals but nothing can compare with learning from other

parents who have children with autism. In seeking help, Emily had to go to Chicago to get a

medical diagnosis. This is different than an educational diagnosis which is made by school staff. When her son graduated from high school, she took the executive director position and will be retiring after this year.

In attempt to avoid the expense of print media, ASSEW went away from printed materials to virtual. However, with everything on website, they had unintentionally created a barrier to those who don't have a computer or internet access. Thanks to generous support from the Daniel Bader Foundation, they now provide materials again in print form.

Many families don't have a medical diagnosis because it is quite costly. Children will usually receive an educational diagnosis to obtain special education but may never have had a medical diagnosis. Working with the Racine School District, they developed a New to Autism resource kit for families. In addition to Racine, ASSEW now has programs with the Kenosha, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Wauwatosa, and West Allis school districts. They also mail the kits to those who seek information. The materials have been translated into Spanish. Follow up calls and free classes provide information and orientation to available services and resources.

The Next Steps booklet, along with Finding Your Way, a resource guide published by the Waisman Center at the University of Wisconsin form the core of the resource kit.

The ASSEW supports an ongoing helpline staffed by a bilingual social worker. They point people to resources and to others. Since the pandemic all support groups are virtual, contributing to a huge increase in participation through Facebook groups.

Thanks, Emily for a very interesting presentation. A 120-decibel clang of the bell signaled that the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Your phenomenological bulletin editor  
John E. Bauer, mystical meme mimer

## **UPCOMING COMMITMENTS**

### **Invocation**

10-27 John Bauer for Tom Kirchen  
11-3 Richard Frenn  
11-10 Bill Makal  
11-17 Aaron Sebald

### **Speaker/Program**

10-27 Robert Niedermann  
11-3 Paul Roller will introduce Dr. Tracey Sparrow, CEO of the Next Door Foundation  
11-10 Gerv Rose  
11-17 Craig Schmutzer (?)