

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.

Upcoming Events Save the Date

Please mark your calendar for these upcoming Wauwatosa Rotary events.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Saturday, December 4 | Noon to 7:00 p.m. | Mayfair Mall - Macy's Entrance

Contact [Bob Nelson](#) to sign up for a volunteer time slot and for additional information



Community Blood Drive

Tuesday, December 7 | 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. | Radisson Hotel - Milwaukee West

Club Meeting

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

Events / Speakers

November 10th
Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Shannon Angell, CEO of St. Camillus
Subject: Update on the development of the St. Camillus campus at 102nd St & Bluemound Rd.

November 17th
Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Sarah Stackhouse
Subject: Children's author

November 24th
NO MEETING - Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting

December 1st
Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting

December 4th
Salvation Army Bell Ringing

December 7th
Wauwatosa Community Blood Drive

December 8th
NO NOON MEETING - Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting

December 8th
Club Christmas Party

Club Leaders



[Anne Ruttger Neafie](#)
President



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



[Jonathan Lorenzen](#)
Secretary



[Robert Hugh Nelson](#)
Vice President

[Robert P. Niedermann CPA](#)

Did you know that every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood? We invite you to help us save lives as we partner with the Wauwatosa Mayfair Rotary Club and the Radisson Hotel - Milwaukee West for the Wauwatosa Community Blood Drive!

Volunteers and blood donors will be needed for this critical community service activity. More details and signup information will be posted soon. Contact [Anne Ruttger Neafie](#) for more information



**Wauwatosa
Community
Blood Drive**
**Radisson Milwaukee
West**

Lower Level
2303 North Mayfair Road

**Tuesday, December 7, 2021
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Annual Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 8 | 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. | Bluemound Golf & Country Club

Please join us for the annual Rotary Club of Wauwatosa Christmas Party at Bluemound Golf & Country Club! 'Tis the season to enjoy an elegant evening of fine food and excellent entertainment alongside fellow Rotarians. We hope to see you for this time-honored Rotary tradition!

Schedule

5:30 - Reception with entertainment and cash bar

6:30 - Call to be seated

6:35 - Dinner and program

[Click here](#) for more information and to register online.

****If you received an invitation email, please register using the personalized registration link in your email****

Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 1

Registration questions? Contact [Jonathan Lorenzen](#)

Event-specific questions? Contact [Tom Kirchen](#)



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Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

ROTARY CLUB OF WAUWATOSA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021
BLUEMOUND GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
5:30 TO 9:00 P.M.

Wauwatosa Rotary Foundation Gourmet Nuts Fundraiser



WAUWATOSA ROTARY FOUNDATION

2021 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
- **OR** print the completed form and deliver it to Tom in person, or by mail at the address provided on the form

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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 - November 3, 2021

By John Edward Bauer

A Literacy Log for a Meeting of
The Rotary Club of Wauwatosa
November 3, 2021

This recounting of the proceedings of a meeting of the Rotary Club of Wauwatosa presumes sufficient reading proficiency on the part of its audience to comprehend its contents. However, the vocabulary and writing style contained herein reflect only the literacy level of your humble bulletin editor and are not intended to represent the members of the club.

After calling the meeting to order, President Anne led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the Rotary 4-Way Test. The invocation was offered by Richard Frenn and consisted of sharing the 23rd Psalm, with a short addendum calling for mercy on the Packers.

Mike Mitchell is celebrating a birthday this Saturday and Paul and Kathleen Roller are observing their 41st wedding anniversary.

Happy, sad, and meh news:

- We were saddened to hear from Tom Kirchen that he has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He will be having a bone scan on Friday after which a treatment plan will be developed. He and MaryPat will be leaving for Florida on Sunday. Our thoughts and prayers go with him.
- Your humble bulletin editor was recently informed that the Civic Celebration Commission will be forwarding \$3,500 as their annual contribution toward the July 4th Kids From Wisconsin entertainment. Our treasurer will give an updated report when he returns.
- We will again be supporting high school students to attend Badger Boys and Girls State. We will be able to carry over the check from two years ago for the boy but a

check will have to be sent for the girl.

There being no other news to share, our program chair for the day, Paul Roller, introduced Dr. Tracey Sparrow, president of Next Door Milwaukee. She has worked in education for over three decades, holding leadership positions in Milwaukee and Chicago. Her expertise is in leadership, team building, and building community partnerships. Next Door is committed to high quality early childhood education and family support and serves over 1,400 children from birth to age five.



Dr. Sparrow describes Next Door as performing the most important work in Milwaukee. They have two centers: their Metcalfe Park campus at 29th and Clarke, and the Midtown facility at 53rd and Capitol. They also provide in-home services in seven different languages. Their Books for Kids program distributes about 80,000 books per year.

Dr. Sparrow shared the results of a study that examined the volume of children's brains and especially the frontal cortex. There is a noted disparity in the size of children's brains when correlated with income and parent education. The poorer and less educated the parents, the smaller the frontal cortex. This has an immediate impact on vocabulary development.

The third grade reading scores of children in the Milwaukee Public Schools has shown continued decline from 2016 to 2021. This score is the leading predictor of high school graduation rates. Only about 6% of MPS students are reading proficient in the third grade. In contrast, Next Door language scores demonstrate their incredible success with proficiency levels of 85% in 2019 and 81% in 2020 when much of the instruction was done virtually.

Next Door's programs are grounded in the following principles:

- Intensive family engagement
- Data utilization
- High quality teaching practices
- Embedded professional development

Dr. Sparrow described the steps taken during the COVID pandemic to make sure that their children were served and that their staff was supported:

- Closed March 17 through June 1, 2020
- Installed air purifiers; temperature monitors, water fountains, drop off procedures,
- Parent educators did virtual home visits,
- Modified PTO plan,
- No layoffs or furloughs
- Reopened June 1 and stayed open
- Quickly developed and implemented a plan for virtual learning for that period all staff worked remotely
- All staff and children over 3 must wear masks
- All staff are tested weekly
- Provided home testing kits to families with a child that tests positive
- Followed MKE Health Department quarantine protocol
- Vaccine clinics were established on site
- Implemented mandatory vaccination, per federal requirements

Turning the challenge of the pandemic into an opportunity for excellence, Next Door developed a focus on Accelerating Equity.

- Because many children had no formal instruction during the pandemic, accelerators were developed, including tutors for every one to two children.
- Additional reading specialists were hired
- Next Door accelerated partnerships. For example, the Next Step Clinic is located on campus to provide mental health services.
- Speech and language services were advanced
- Family ambassadors were employed to connect families for mutual support
- They developed a focus on staff and staff wellness and hired a success coach to work with them.
- They funded innovation projects, one of which is a virtual reality project to provide real world experiences for children

They created a guided play project and remodeled areas of the building to create activity spaces around themes such as the ocean and outer space

- A Nutrition and sleep project is aimed at building healthy habits for good health
- A robotics project enables students to develop critical thinking skills
- A classroom baby project involved volunteer young mothers bringing their infants to school to demonstrate good nurturing behavior

Next Door recently celebrated its 50th anniversary and raised sufficient funds for remodeling spaces for student activity and reading. Dr. Sparrow concluded by sharing a short video which visually took us into the facilities to experience what the children see every day.

Thanks, Tracey for a very informative presentation.

Respectfully submitted, your humble sesquipedalian,
Dr. John E. Bauer

UPCOMING COMMITMENTS

Invocation

- 11-10 Bill Makal (Jonathan Lorenzen substituting)
- 11-17 Aaron Sebald
- 11-24 NO MEETING ♦ Happy Thanksgiving!
- 12-1 Roger Walsh
- 12-8 Jonathan Lorenzen - Christmas Party at Bluemound Country Club

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