

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 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](#)
Treasurer



[John Edward Bauer](#)
Bulletin Editor

Richard Frenn

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](#)



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

Peter M. Skanavis
11-21-2012
9 Years

John A Sebald
11-13-2019
2 Years

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 10 & 17, 2021

By John Edward Bauer

Publisher's Note: Based on the availability of meeting notes, this edition of the Rotary Club of Wauwatosa Bulletin includes the narrative account for the 11/10 and 11/17 club meetings.

Once upon a time, there was
The Rotary Club of Wauwatosa,
and it met every Wednesday at noon.
Some of its members showed up to enjoy a lunch and
to talk about all the interesting things that were happening in their lives.
Today, November 17, 2021, was no exception, and so
your humble story-teller will tell the tale of this amazing
group of Rotarians and try to recount all their mighty deeds.

Our guest bell-ringer, Bev Rose, ♦rose♦ to the occasion and connected mallet with metal to call the meeting to order. Aaron Sebald provided a homily, carefully laying out the entire counsel of God in one neatly constructed invocation.

This week we were able to note a number of celebrations: Bill Bode has a birthday on the 20th, Bill♦s wife, Rita, will also observe her birthday on the 20th, Peter Skanavis will note nine years as a Rotarian on the 21st, and finally, and most significantly, Gerv and Bev Rose will celebrate 59 years together on the 22nd. Your humble bulletin editor surmises that the crowd was so awed at this accomplishment that we forgot to sing ♦Happy Birthday♦ to Bill Bode. Perhaps in a future meeting.

Robert Niedermann reported that Paul Roller is absent from today♦s meeting and may be for the near future due to some health issues. Robert also reported that \$2,251 has been transferred from the Milwaukee Foundation to the club as the annual ROI on our investment.

Rich Mannisto reported that our long-held tradition of ♦Whiskey Wednesday♦ will be reintroduced on December 29th. The hotel will distribute a form to members to order the

beverage of their choice. The hotel will then construct said concoctions and deliver them to our members.

President Anne reminded everyone about a number of items which shall be here recounted:

- The Christmas Party will be held December 8th at Bluemound Country Club. There will be no noon meeting that day. The social hour will begin at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6:30. JJ will play piano before, during and after dinner, and will lead us in singing traditional Christmas carols.
- The Salvation Army bell ringing will take place December 4th at the Macy's entrance to the Mall. A signup sheet was passed around. Ringing will take place from noon to seven p.m.
- A few volunteers are needed to assist with the American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Radisson Hotel on December 7th.
- Jonathan Lorenzen informed us of an opportunity to join with the Milwaukee Rotary and other Rotary Clubs, along with the Milwaukee School of Engineering, in a clean water project in Guatemala. Paul Vandeveld will arrange a date to have a speaker address this issue with us in a future program.

Anne introduced our speaker for the day, Sarah Stackhouse, a former Rotary Exchange Student, international traveler, and children's book author. She spent her senior year of high school in Thailand and then later returned to the same school she attended in Thailand to teach English there. She grew up in Upper Michigan, earned a bachelor's degree in Aberdeen, Scotland and a master's degree in Bath, England. Her mother was a Rotarian and today, Sarah is the president of the Eau Claire, Wisconsin, morning Rotary Club. She works as the international student recruiter for the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire. She has visited over 30 countries and has a passion for all things international. She is married to a man from New Delhi, India.



Characterizing herself as a humanitarian individual who loves to inspire others to enjoy all of the beauty our world has to offer, she felt compelled to write a children's book in order to inspire future generations to get out and explore the world. In the process of writing her first book, *Opening Our Eyes*, she created her own publishing company, Lavender and Berries Publishing, LLC.

To bring home the message of her book, we engaged in popcorn reading with each Rotarian taking a turn at reading a page, as they were projected on the screen.

Following the reading, questions were asked and answered, and an opportunity to purchase a copy of the book was afforded. Those wishing to learn more can find information at Sarah's website: lavenderandberriespublishing.com.

And there's the tale, the moral of which is to go, spread good will, bring humanitarian care to those in need, and share the possibilities of adventure with future generations.

Respectfully submitted, world traveler and cultural connoisseur,
John E. Bauer

UPCOMING COMMITMENTS

Invocation

11-24 NO MEETING ♦ Robert Niedermann is off the hook!
12-1 Roger Walsh
12-8 Jonathan Lorenzen at the Christmas Party
12-15 John Bauer
12-22 Paul Roller
12-29 Bill Bode

Speaker/Program

11-24 NO MEETING ♦ Aaron Sebald is off the hook!
12-1 John Sebald
12-8 Christmas Party ♦ No noon meeting
12-15 Peter Skanavis
12-22 Rick Steinberg
12-29 Club Assembly ♦ WHISKEY WEDNESDAY

A Few ♦Senior Moments♦ from
The Rotary Club of Wauwatosa
November 10, 2021

Our meeting began today with a resounding gong, compliments of Bev Rose. Who says those seniors can♦t be strong and assertive!! After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, resident intergenerational prayer-boy, Jonathan Lorenzen, offered an invocation.

[NOTE: Because old-timer Tom Kirchen joined the meeting today via Zoom on your humble bulletin editor♦s laptop, notes of this meeting were hand transcribed and are subject to significant gaps in memory.]

It seems that there were no birthdays, partner birthdays, wedding anniversaries or club anniversaries to observe this past week. Therefore, we had no occasion to sing.

Tom Kirchen reported that nut orders are ready to be picked up and delivered.

President Anne reminded everyone of the Christmas Party which will take place on December 8 at Bluemound Country Club. JJ will play the piano and accompany caroling after dinner. The social hour will begin at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6:30. Anne encouraged us to invite friends. Invitations have been sent to past Rotarians. The link to the registration site has been sent out.

Our club has committed to ringing bells for the Salvation Army on December 4th from noon to 7:00 p.m. A signup sheet was circulated.

Anne reminded everyone that there will be no noon meeting on November 24, the day before Thanksgiving.

We have also been invited to join the Mayfair Rotary Club and the Radisson Hotel in hosting a blood drive on December 2nd at the Radisson.

Anne turned the meeting over to our program chair for the day, Gerv Rose, who introduced the new CEO of St. Camillus, Shannon Angell who spoke to us about the services provided by St. Camillus ♦ A Life Plan Community. Shannon has been the CEO of St. Camillus for only two months, although she has been with the organization for over two years.



The tag line is significant in that it represents a shift in thinking about the traditional continuum of care offered to seniors. A Life Plan Community ♦should offer more than one level of care on a single campus, have a focus on an active lifestyle and wellness, be integrated into the community with an emphasis on giving back and being socially responsible.♦

St. Camillus offers the full continuum of care: independent living, assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing and short-term rehabilitation. They also have a home health and hospice division which offers in-home supports.

The new 18-story resident tower, currently under construction, includes 144 apartments and will offer many enhanced amenities including: a fitness center with swimming pool and yoga studio, on-site medical center, educational and volunteer opportunities, four dining venues, an on-site bank, library and convenience store.

The memory care unit includes 65 apartments in 3 neighborhoods and offers medication management, 24-hour staff, all meals and snacks, housekeeping, laundry, recreation therapy and a medical director. These services address those areas of daily living that have become difficult or impossible for individuals on their own. Similarly, the 76 apartments designated for assisted living include all the same services but without the concerns around memory loss.

We thank Shannon for a very informative presentation. Wauwatosa is very fortunate to have such highly rated services and facilities for seniors.

Respectfully submitted, your humble septuagenarian bulletin editor

