

# 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

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!

### Club Meeting

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

### Events / Speakers

- 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](#)
- December 15th  
[Wauwatosa Club Annual Business Meeting](#)
- December 15th  
[Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
**Speaker:** Patrick Cronin  
**Subject:** Guatemala Water Project
- December 22nd  
[Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting](#)
- December 29th  
[Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting](#)

### 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

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 - Registration Closed

**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

Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 1

Registration questions? Contact [Jonathan Lorenzen](#)

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



[Richard Frenn](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms



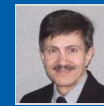
[William Carl Makal](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
Rotary Foundation Chair



[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

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.**

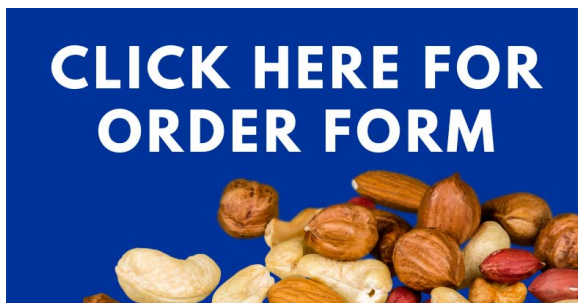
# Wauwatosa Rotary Foundation Gourmet Nuts Fundraiser



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 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 - December 1, 2021

By John Edward Bauer

A Missive to Memorialize a Meeting of  
The Rotary Club of Wauwatosa  
December 1, 2021

Bill Bode acted as carillonneur today, tonally announcing the beginning of our meeting. Substitute invocator, Rich Mannisto, offered a seasonally appropriate prayer.

There were no birthdays, wedding anniversaries or club anniversaries to celebrate this week. However, Christine Merritt's husband Steve is observing a birthday.

Among items of Happy News and/or Sad News:

- Tom Kirchen dutifully attended his Florida property owners association meeting and was promptly elected its treasurer. His first task is to fire the management company. We can't think of a better guy for the job!
- Bill and Jeannie Bode had dinner recently with Craig and Lynn Schmutzer. Craig has a new job at Westbury Bank in Brookfield. Their family is doing well and Craig extends his greetings to all.
- Mary Lou Del Balso, wife of former member Jim Del Balso passed away on November 19.
- It was also noted that former member Chuck Rushman passed away.

A plethora of announcements were shared by President Anne and various other members:

- We will hold our annual Christmas Party at Bluemound Golf & Country Club next Wednesday. There will be NO NOON MEETING. Jonathan Lorenzen reported that so far, 26 have registered. The social hour will begin at 5:30 with dinner being served at 6:30. JJ will provide Christmas music on the piano and then accompany us for carol singing after dinner.
- Members were reminded that the Salvation Army bell ringing will be held this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Macy's Mall entrance.
- Tom Kirchen again thanked those members who picked up their nuts and delivered them.
- President Anne announced that an annual meeting of the Club to elect officers for next year will be held December 15th beginning at 11:15 at the Hotel. All members should be in attendance!!
- Support for the victims and families of the Waukesha Christmas Parade tragedy was raised. Robert Niedermann informed the Club that our Foundation has already contributed \$1,000 to the United Way Waukesha Community Fund.
- Robert also distributed the annual appeal letter under the theme: "Every Rotarian. Every Year!" Last year our members contributed \$6,200 to the Wauwatosa Rotary Foundation and the Rotary International Foundation. Robert also shared thank you notes from Habitat for Humanity, the Tosa Cares food pantry, and Tosa Food Pantry for our Foundation's support of their efforts.



Program chair for the day John Sebald introduced his super fabulous wife Kristi Sebald who provided an update on the activities of Habitat for Humanity. She pointed out that our club has supported Habitat for Humanity since 1996.

Besides building new homes for low income people in targeted communities, Habitat has added a Critical Home Repair service line to assist homeowners with low interest loans to remediate the challenges often encountered in older homes, including electrical wiring and lead pipes.

Habitat had established a goal to build 100 homes in Milwaukee's Midtown. The 100th home will be dedicated this spring. They are now shifting focus to the Harambee neighborhood bounded by North Avenue

on the South, Capital Drive on the North and from I-43 to West 7th Street. Their goal is to build 90 new homes in the area.

Pre-pandemic they built about 25 homes per year. During and immediately after the pandemic, they have only managed to build 11 in 2020 and 15 in 2021. Still, the goal remains the same to build block by block until the goal is achieved.

She provided a printed handout which contained some interesting nuggets of information. For example:

- The average annual income in the Harambee neighborhood is only \$19,000.
- Only 22% of the homes in that area are owner occupied. Generally, when 60% of homes are owner occupied, neighborhoods are deemed stable.
- On average, crime decreased 46% on the blocks in Washington Park where Habitat for Humanity built homes.
- 87% of children of Habitat homeowners graduate from high school 30% higher than MPS.
- Not only do Habitat homes save Milwaukee taxpayers money from vacant or foreclosed homes, but Habitat homeowners pay close to \$1 million in property taxes each year.

Thanks for a most interesting presentation, Kristi. It is great to know that our Club's investment in Habitat for Humanity is having a positive impact on the community.

Respectfully submitted, your malopropic mime,  
John E. Bauer, humble bulletin editor extraordinaire

**UPCOMING COMMITMENTS**

**Invocation**

- 12-8 Jonathan Lorenzen at the Christmas Party
- 12-15 John Bauer
- 12-22 Paul Roller
- 12-29 Bill Bode

**Speaker/Program**

- 12-8 Christmas Party No noon meeting
- 12-15 Peter Skanavis Patrick Cronin from the Milwaukee Rotary Club will discuss the Guatemala Water Project
- 12-22 Rick Steinberg
- 12-29 Club Assembly WHISKEY WEDNESDAY

