

# 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.



### 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

### Club Meeting

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

### Events / Speakers

No Events found

### Club Leaders



[Rick David Steinberg](#)  
President



[Anne Ruttger Neafie](#)  
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Sergeant -at -Arms



[Aaron D. Sebald](#)  
Sergeant -at -Arms



[John C. Ericson](#)  
Club Executive Secretary  
Webmaster

[Craig Schmutzer](#)

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 - March 24, 2021

By John Edward Bauer  
The Rotary Club of Wauwatosa  
Recollections of a Meeting  
March 24, 2021

Having taken no notes during our meeting, your humble bulletin editor offers the following reconstructed record of proceedings, begging the club's indulgence for any unintended lapses of memory or judgment or any fictionalized recounting of events.

Our **Numero Dos**, Anne Neafie, opened the meeting by leading our group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Our Buddhist Episcopalian, John Bauer, shared a prayer written by an Indian Bodhisattva in about 700 A.D. and purportedly performed by the Dalai Lama every morning. Namaste!!

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

We welcomed Peter Holtz, chairman of the Tosa Tonight board of directors, and former member Jim Del Balso via Zoom and the Tosa Tonight board.

John Bauer reported on a telephone conversation he had with Paul Roller, who asked that the club be updated on his status. A week or so after receiving his first COVID immunization shot, Paul developed a fever and tested positive for the virus. After a two-day hospital stay and a couple of weeks in quarantine, he was allowed to return home last weekend. He has received his second shot and is doing much better with hopes to return to our in-person meetings. Good news!

Senora Neafie also provided a short update on John Sebald's health, noting his continued improvement at home. We hope to see both Paul and John soon.

There being no other business that your humble bulletin editor can recall, Paul Vandeveld introduced our speaker for the day. Laura Stephens joined us via Zoom from the Wauwatosa Health Department, where she is the interim Director of Public Health for Wauwatosa. She shared with us a broad overview of the services provided by the Health Department, which include:

- Investigate infectious and contagious diseases
- Promote health by providing select immunizations
- Investigate nuisances and human health hazards



Club Programs Chair



John Edward Bauer  
iPast President

### Years of Service

Robert Hugh Nelson  
04-07-2010  
11 Years

Paul Alan Vandeveld  
04-02-2014  
7 Years

Rick David Steinberg  
04-05-2017  
4 Years

- Prepare for public health emergencies
- Educate on how to reduce or eliminate health risks
- Prevent lead poisoning and rabies exposure
- Inspect all food establishments in Wauwatosa
- Assess and mitigate our community's health needs
- Conduct presentations about health topics

The remainder of her presentation consisted of sharing some of the statistics which show how the City has fared during the COVID-19 pandemic. It should be no surprise that the most significant number of COVID infections have come in the younger age cohorts, while the highest number of fatalities from the disease have come from the oldest age cohorts.

Ms. Stephens described the efforts to get the population vaccinated, pointing out that there are many options available to qualified citizens. Vaccinations are provided by the City's Health Department, CVS and Walgreens, Froedtert Hospital, and numerous clinics.

She reviewed the revised guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the State of Wisconsin's mask mandate and how Milwaukee and its suburbs have been responding. With the significantly reduced number of cases and deaths recorded in Wisconsin, numerous questions were posed regarding when current restrictions might be lifted. It was evident to all, including Ms. Stephens, that COVID fatigue is accurate and that people are eager to get back to normal.

Of particular interest to members of our Rotary club is whether we will host the premiere performance of Kids from Wisconsin on July 4. Tosa Tonight plans a concert series with the caveat that events might be canceled if the City determines public health is at risk. While Ms. Stephens understandably must represent current policies and guidelines, it is safe to say that we all share the same desire to return to safe public gatherings for the community's enjoyment and well-being.

We thanked Ms. Stephens for her presentation and her leadership during these challenging times.

Respectfully fabricated by your faithful fiction writer and sage who wishes all peace and serenity,

John E. Bauer, secretary *pro tempore ad nauseum*