

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



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President



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Sergeant -at -Arms



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Club Executive Secretary
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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 - March 31, 2021

By John Edward Bauer

Hazy Recollections of a Meeting of
The Rotary Club of Wauwatosa
March 31, 2021

The meeting was called to order by immediate Past-President John Bauer, who was substituting for our President-Elect who should have been covering for our current President whose whereabouts are unknown but are suspected to be somewhere considerably warmer than Milwaukee. We began in our customary fashion of rising to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Gerv Rose offered an invocation appropriate for the Christian Holy Week.

We were pleased to sing "Happy Birthday" to Pat Meylor, who will turn 88 tomorrow. Congrats, Pat, and many more (April Fools!). We also acknowledged the club anniversary of Paul Vandeveld, whose club anniversary is this Friday. It is hard to believe that Paul has graced us with his presence for eight years!

There were no partner birthdays or wedding anniversaries to celebrate. Your humble scribe noted a paucity of information in this regard in the club's database. As a public service, he urged members to provide missing information for two reasons: first, we can appropriately honor our partners. Second, members can be reminded of birthdays and anniversaries, so they don't forget!!

Your newsletter note-taker also informed those present that we had received the contract for the Kids from Wisconsin premiere performance on July 4. Materials related to advertising and sponsorship will be distributed next week. Because the performance will take place on the Rotary Stage at Hart Park, the event's nature will differ from in previous years. There will be no advanced ticket sales or food provided. Food vendors will sell beverages and food items. A free-will offering will be gathered. All of this will require more volunteers than in the past.

Members were also reminded that they are to each provide at least two individuals' names to be invited to the Visitor Event scheduled for June. Names and contact information should be forwarded to our President.

There being no other business, Herr Bauer introduced Francesca Johnson, Agency Liaison, from the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Division of Trade & Consumer Protection in the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. Ms. Johnson provided a high-level overview of all the various ways "bad guys" try to steal our identities for financial gain.



Club Programs Chair



John Edward Bauer
iPast President

Years of Service

William B. Bode
04-22-1998
23 Years

Michael Mitchell
04-16-2018
3 Years

Rather than reiterate everything she said in her fast-paced and informative presentation, and because a good percentage of our members were absent, your humble bulletin editor has made the executive decision to attach her PowerPoint slide deck. It contains all the information she presented and her contact information at the Bureau of Consumer Protection. Also, Ms. Johnson provided handouts that were printed and are available from the Bureau. Your humbleness also has two printed copies which he will gladly hand to the first individuals to ask.

Thank you, Francesca, for the most interesting and relevant topic.

There was no other business; the substitute substitute called the meeting to a close, and having seen Rich Mannisto leave early, he wrapped things up with two Ole and Lena jokes that seemed to produce the desired level of mirth laughter.

Respectfully submitted, your memory-challenged, non-Norwegian scribe,
John E. Bauer, secretary *ad nauseum, ad infinitum*

UPCOMING COMMITMENTS

Invocations

April 7 ♦ Pat Meylor
April 14 ♦ Rich Mannisto
April 21 - Peter Skanavis
April 28 - John Sebald

Programs

April 7 ♦ Tom Kirchen will introduce Dan Beihoff from Eagle River Roasters
April 14 ♦ Rich Mannisto will introduce Mike McGivern ♦
SportsTalk Host with AM1250
April 21 - Bill Bode (TBA)
April 28 ♦ Roger Walsh will introduce Pete Loeffel, Director of the Wauwatosa Public Library