

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](#)
President - Elect



[John A. Sebald](#)
Vice President



[Robert P. Niedermann CPA](#)
Treasurer



[Peter M. Skanavis](#)
Public Relations Chair



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



[Jonathan Lorenzen](#)
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 for much more information.

Newsletter - April 7, 2021

By John Edward Bauer

The Unofficial Record of a Meeting of
The Rotary Club of Wauwatosa
April 7, 2021

One wonders what has happened to our Club's President as President-Elect Anne Neafie again had to step into the traces to lead our meeting. Was there ever someone named Rick Steinberg, or was it our imagination? Were we victims of mass hypnosis to think that we had a president by that name? Your humble bulletin editor suggests that only time will tell if someone by that name shows up next week; only then will we be able to resolve this metaphysical dilemma!

Anne capably opened the meeting and led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Pat Meylor provided an invocation that reminded us of our obligations for service.

It was terrific to see Paul Roller back in attendance and Christina, his caregiver. He shared with us his exciting travels through COVID-land. He is getting back to his former fit self and hopes to return to a level of normalcy.

There were no member birthdays, partner birthdays, or wedding anniversaries to observe. Anne did point out that Bob Nelson is marking eleven years as a Wauwatosa Rotarian today. There is also some rumor that a person named Rick Steinberg has been a member for four years, but nobody has seen such a person to verify if that is true.

Your humble bulletin editor passed out information related to our club's hosting the Kids' premiere performance from Wisconsin on July 4. The contract has been signed, and our down payment has been made. An information meeting of hosts is being held tomorrow, Thursday, and John will attend. Members were urged to begin thinking about possible advertisers and sponsors for the event. Additional information and forms will be distributed next week.

There being no other business, our program chair for the day, Tom Kirchen, introduced Mr. Dan Beihoff. The latter is the Eagle River Roasters owner, the supplier of our very own Rotary Morning Blend coffee. He is a Wauwatosa native, graduating from Marquette University High School and the University of Wisconsin ♦ Whitewater with a business degree. Initially, he worked in the family business, well-known Beihoff Music. In 1993 he and his family moved to Eagle River, where he bought the Cranberry Gift



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

Shop. He began roasting and selling coffee in a small kiosk at the store in 2002 and 2007 permanently closed the Cranberry Gift Shop and moved the coffee operation into that facility.

Coffee was discovered in Ethiopia in the 1300s and eventually was cultivated in countries between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn. The only coffee grown in the United States is Kona coffee which is produced in Hawaii. Eagle River Roasters uses only hand-picked Arabica coffee beans, which come from the top 5% in the world's quality. Robusta beans are generally commercially grown and harvested, are less flavorful, have about twice the caffeine, and are what one would find in most restaurants.

Different regions of the world produce coffee beans with other qualities. Central America grows beans that are "bright," that is, are higher in acidity. South American coffee, most notably Brazilian, tends to be more "nutty." Our Rotary blend is Brazilian and makes a great morning cuppa.

African coffees are spicier. Kenyan AA coffee is recognized as the gold standard for coffee quality. Indonesian coffee trees are grown in rich volcanic soil, and their beans lend themselves best to being dark roasted. Eagle River Roasters' Buck Snort coffee is Indonesian, is very dark, heavy, and has lower acidity. A personal favorite of your humble bulletin editor, Buck Snort is growing in popularity with other coffee snobs in our Rotary Club.

Dan described the processes of picking, sorting, separating beans from cherry, and roasting. They do not decaffeinate coffee because of the scale and complexity of that process, instead of purchasing beans that have already had the caffeine removed. They use decaf beans that have been through the "Mountain Water" process.

Roasting is done in small batches at about 400 degrees for between 12 and 16 minutes, depending on how dark the roast is.

Best practices in brewing include: fresh grinding your beans right before brewing, using water close to boiling to extract the best and most flavor, and keeping freshly brewed coffee in a thermal carafe instead of leaving it on the heating pad (which burns it).

And of course, in the interest of Club sustainability and every coffee-drinking members' quality of life, the best suggestion is to purchase only Wauwatosa Rotary Morning Blend coffee. It should be pointed out that if members' tastes run toward the darker and heavier side, Tom Kirchen will be happy to place orders for Buck Snort through the club, with a percentage of the sale going to our Foundation.

[Your humble bulletin editor also makes a note of the fact that the Golden Percolator Award still resides on his desk and will continue to stay there until another team can outsell the Bauer's Baristas team!]

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Bauer, coffee connoisseur, and humble bulletin editor

UPCOMING COMMITMENTS

Invocations

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

Programs

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

