

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 14, 2021

By John Edward Bauer

A Recitation of Events
From a Regular Meeting of
The Rotary Club of Wauwatosa
April 14, 2021

He ♦s ba-a-a-a-ck! Our erstwhile President dispelled all rumors of his non-existence by presiding over today ♦s meeting. Whew! Such a relief to know that we weren ♦t prey to ontological hallucination! Welcome back, Rick!

Robert Niedermann is celebrating a birthday this week, but alas, he was not present today, and we saw no reason to serenade him in his absence.

It was great to see John Sebald back in attendance. He shared his ♦near death ♦ experience with us and expressed profound gratitude to be still alive and mostly recovered.

President Rick again implored members to submit the names and contact information of at least two individuals to invite our Visitor ♦s Day in June.

There being no other business, Rick turned the meeting over to the Program Chair for the day, Rich Mannisto, who introduced Mike McGivern. Mike is a native Milwaukeean who attended Messmer High School and UW ♦ Milwaukee. He is a sports commentator on radio 1250, The Fan. He began by stating that ♦I am not the man I want to be, but thank God I am not the man I used to be. ♦ He described his life in sports with that introduction, beginning with a 30-year career as a high school basketball coach.

He was allowed to introduce high school basketball to radio and learned the hard way what works in radio and what does not. His show ran for four hours, and he quickly learned how to fill time.

Eight years ago, he proposed a new show entitled ♦Faith in the Zone. ♦ Not a religious show per se; it explored the role of spirituality and faith in the lives of coaches and athletes. The show proved to be immensely popular and was heard around the country.

Rev. Marlin Lock profoundly influenced Mike; a former police officer turned pastor, whose brother Michael ended up being sentenced to two life terms plus 26 years for murder and drug dealing. Marlin was a college basketball player who talked about



Club Programs Chair



John Edward Bauer
iPast President

Years of Service

William B. Bode
04-22-1998
23 Years

Craig Schmutzer
05-17-2000
21 Years

how faith makes the difference using his family as an example to show how two boys growing up in the same family with the same values could end up in such different places in life.

Mike also talked about his brother John McGivern, host of ♦Around the Corner,♦ one of the most popular shows on PBS. The show was canceled by the new CEO ♦ not for audience or finances, but because he wanted it to focus on current social and political issues. Mike, and John Gurda, were regular contributors to the show.

John is producing a new show entitled ♦Main Streets,♦ which will feature communities in a five-state area including Wisconsin, northern Illinois, and Iowa. It will not be aired on PBS but a network affiliate.

Finally, Mike described his involvement in a privately funded railroad project that will include stops in Wauwatosa. An announcement of the details should be forthcoming in the next 60 days, and Mike promised we would be among the first to be informed. This project has been ten years in the making and is intended to connect communities in a way not previously seen in Milwaukee.

Thanks, Mike, for an exciting and engaging talk.

The meeting concluded with a bidding war over whether our esteemed President should tell a joke or not. Our resident curmudgeon Rich Mannisto started the bidding, which Bob Nelson quickly countered. Let ♦s say that after some fierce bidding, Rick was able to tell his joke, and the Foundation was \$100 richer!

Respectfully submitted, your humble bulletin editor,

John E. Bauer, sesquipedalian, raconteur, and practitioner of *verbum vomite*.