

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.



BE THE INSPIRATION

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!

Club Meeting

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

Events / Speakers

May 5th

[Dr. Steven Hauser - Professor of History](#)

May 21st

[Blood Drive @ Radisson](#)

May 26th

[Joel Brennan, Secretary WI Department of Administration](#)

Club Leaders



[Rick David Steinberg](#)
President



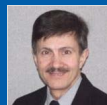
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[Aaron D. Sebald](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms

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

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 28, 2021

By John Edward Bauer

Mystical Musings and Meditations
about a meeting of
The Rotary Club of Wauwatosa
April 28, 2021

The Grand Poohbah of Rotarianism and President, Rick Steinberg, marshaled the assembled troops to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a meditative moment of prayer by John Sebald.

We had no birthdays to celebrate today, but we were pleased to observe that May 1 is both Pat Meylor's wedding anniversary (67 years to the same saint of a woman) and the 25th anniversary of his membership in the Rotary Club of Wauwatosa. Your minister of the musings wonders if there is a pattern here. Born on the 1st, married on the 1st, became a Rotarian on the 1st. We might surmise that this is nothing but a clever plan, so Pat doesn't forget important dates!

Anne Neafie reminded members that we would be hosting a blood drive along with the Radisson Hotel. Date and details to follow.

Your magnanimous maven of military minutiae informed the members of an imminent crisis in Afghanistan and the work of one of his clients to bring former interpreters to safety in the U.S. With the Biden Administration's announcement of complete troop withdrawal by September 11, 2021, those interpreters and their families remaining in Afghanistan are highly vulnerable to Taliban reprisals. No One Left Behind is a nonprofit that is doing everything it can to help honor America's promise to those interpreters to bring them to the U.S.

Your humble mumbler also reported on the advertising and sponsorship campaigns to support the premiere performance of Kids From Wisconsin on July 4.

His Eminence announced that the Membership Committee would meet Tuesday, May 11, at 8:00 a.m. at the home of Gerv Rose to continue planning for the upcoming Visitor's Day event.

Incoming President, Anne Neafie, informed us that the slate of officers for next year is now complete with Paul Vandeveld to assume the duties of Program Chair and Jonathan Lorenzen as Secretary.

There being no other business of any consequence, our masterful maestro turned the meeting over to Roger Walsh to introduce our speakers for the day. Mr. Bill Andrae is the current President of the Board of Directors of the Wauwatosa Public Library, and Mr. Peter Loeffel is the Director of the Wauwatosa Public Library.

Bill spoke briefly about the Board, its composition, terms of office, and general duties. Pete proceeded to share with the membership a high-energy, densely packed, and informative presentation on all the services and resources that are available to residents of the area through the Wauwatosa Library.

The Library Board is a statutorily defined entity that has control over all Library spending and the building it occupies. The City of Wauwatosa funds the Library, but the Board has the authority to raise funds for its Foundation and capital and program expansion.



Webmaster



Craig Schmutzer
Club Programs Chair



John Edward Bauer
iPast President

Years of Service

Patrick W. Meylor
05-01-1996
25 Years

John C Ericson
05-21-1997
24 Years

Craig Schmutzer
05-17-2000
21 Years

The Wauwatosa Library is part of the Milwaukee County Federated Library System which means that anyone residing in the area with a library card in any member libraries has access to the collections, resources, and services of any of the other members. Pete described the five main areas of service:

1. Collections are consisting of books (of course), reference materials, and the digital collection.
2. Reference assistance from professional librarians.
3. Programs of various types hosted for multiple audiences.
4. Places to work, relax, and meet.
5. Access to technology and computers.

Pete focused a bit of attention on the history and mainly local history. The Library houses city directories from many years past, newspapers, microfilm, and many other artifacts of Wauwatosa history. Future goals include the development of a local history room in which all these materials can be accessed.

Among the spaces available for public use, Pete described the Student Commons, study areas, conference rooms of various sizes up to the Firefly Room with a capacity of over 100. Future improvements will include upgrades in seating throughout.

Online resources require access to the internet, and the Public Library offers access through public computers and provides wifi access throughout the facility to those who bring their computers. Laptops are also available for checkout.

The Children's Library is organized and programmed to believe that reading is a year-round activity, and activities have moved away from the traditional summer reading program.

The Library also makes checkout instruments like microscopes and ozobots, scales and weights, and snap circuits.

The Young Adults collection is located in its area, having been included among all the adult holdings.

Finally, Mr. Loeffel presented an aerial view of the facility, which showed a vast solar array that has become recently operational and should produce 40% savings in energy consumption. Sliding doors for convenience, curbside pickup, and restroom upgrades are a few more recent improvements. The following steps include a study to determine which other areas of the municipal complex can be repurposed for Library use.

Thanks, Pete, for a very informative presentation.

There being no other business, our munificent monarch ended the meeting with another joke which, at best, was mediocre. (Where was Rich Mannisto when we needed him?)

Irrepressibly submitted, Your multitalented mummer of the mundane,
John E. Bauer

UPCOMING COMMITMENTS

Invocations

May 5 Tom Kirchen
May 12 Aaron Sebald
May 19 Richard Frenn

Programs

May 5 Bob Nelson will introduce Dr. Steven Hauser, Professor of History at Marquette University, who will speak on our nation's founding.
May 12 Anne Neafie will introduce David Simpson, Wauwatosa Director of Public Works
May 19 Pat Meylor - TBA