

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 - May 5, 2021

By John Edward Bauer

A Meeting of the Rotary Club of Wauwatosa
May 5, 2021

Our meeting convened again in the bowels of the Radisson with Anne Neafie, our faithful President-Elect, presiding in place of our AWOL leader. Rick Steinberg, it would seem, prefers the redolent humidity of Florida to our bright and crisp spring Wisconsin weather.

Pledging Allegiance to the Flag of the United States launched our agenda, and a detailed intercessory invocation provided by Tom Kirchen lifted our petitions to the Heavenly Throne. Unfortunately, our guest speaker experienced a nasal hemorrhage during Tom's recitation, bringing our opening liturgy back to earth.

President Rick, it was observed, will be celebrating his 62nd birthday on May 8, and we were sorely vexed that we could not vocalize our congratulations to him in song.

However, we were able to congratulate our two stalwart Sergeants-at-Arms, Aaron Sebald and Jonathan Lorenzen, on the occasion of their one-year anniversaries as Rotarians.

Bill Bode shared that his wife Jeannie is celebrating a milestone this Saturday with the expectation that the accompanying festivities take place on the warm sand. Bill's suggestion of Bradford Beach received a chilly response.

We welcomed Anne's husband, Terry, a great admirer of Dr. Stephen Hauser, our erstwhile stricken speaker. We also were glad to see Tom Kirchen de-digitalized and in person after his wintering in Florida.

A few items of happy, sad, and "who cares" news were offered:

- John Sebald shared that a graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran High School and Concordia University St. Paul was drafted into the National Football League by the Los Angeles Rams.
- Your humble scribe shared the sad news that his 29-year old sister-in-law, the youngest sister of his wife Sarayu, was recently diagnosed with stage four colon cancer and will begin chemotherapy today.
- Bob Nelson happily reported that his 17-year old daughter has found her passion in running track, has



Club Programs Chair



John Edward Bauer
iPast President

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won all three of her 400-meter races this year, recording the fastest time in the State! Whooosh!

- Peter Skanavis proudly reported that his son has a new job with GE Medical Systems as a marketing analyst at their corporate offices in Chicago.
- Tom Kirchen reported the final, official, inspected, sliced, diced, selected, spindled, and audited financial records for the nut sales fundraising campaign. Gross sales topped \$7,600 with net revenue to the Wauwatosa Rotary Foundation of \$2,400 ♦records. Woohoo! Thanks, Tom!
- Interim, substitute, fill-in, anxious-to-take-over President-Elect Anne reported that the Radisson Hotel, the Mayfair Rotary, and the Wauwatosa Rotary would host a Red Cross blood drive at the Hotel on Friday, May 21. Volunteers will be needed for various tasks.
- Your minutes' meister shared a bit of a scare he experienced around a false bit of information related to the Fourth of July Fireworks extravaganza, scheduled to follow the Kids From Wisconsin performance. All was sorted out. Arrhythmical palpitations eventually subsided, and plans will proceed accordingly.
- Paul Vandeveld reported he had convinced Pat Meylor to serve as our speaker on May 19. Pat will share stories about the music scene in Milwaukee in the 1950s and 1960s and talk about some of the musicians he played with. Hopefully, Pat will bring his guitar and interject a modicum of delight to our dour lot.

At this point in our proceedings, it is evident that our guest speaker would be unable to address our group. He expressed his sincere regrets and promised that he would return. Before dashing off to see a doctor, he posed this question to the audience: "If you had one chance to talk to someone before you died, what advice would you give?" He suggested that the responses to such a question might provide the content for a more exciting presentation when he returns. We wished him well as he donned his hat and departed for medical attention.

Without a program to fill out our hourly time slot, various members began sharing stories, including motorcycle gangs, Wall, South Dakota, flight delays, and something about a chalice.

Having reached the tolerance level of most in attendance, Anne mercifully rang the bell, bringing today's unusual meeting to an end.

Respectfully submitted, Your bumbling bard of bloviation
John E. Bauer, Scribe, Scratcher, and Scribbler

UPCOMING COMMITMENTS

Invocations

May 12 Aaron Sebald

May 19 Richard Frenn

May 26 Christine Merritt

Programs

May 12 Anne Neafie will introduce David Simpson, Director of Wauwatosa's Department of Public Works

May 19 Pat Meylor will introduce Pat Meylor to talk about Milwaukee's music scene in the 1950's and 1960's

May 26 Paul Roller will introduce Joel Brennan, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration