

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

May 19th

[Pat Meylor - Music of the 1950's and 1960's](#)

May 21st

[Blood Drive @ Radisson](#)

May 26th

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

June 2nd

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

June 16th

[Mike Mitchell to talk about Irish Fest 2021](#)

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](#)

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 12, 2021

By John Edward Bauer

Flotsam and Jetsam from a Meeting of
The Rotary Club of Wauwatosa
May 12, 2021

President Rick Steinberg put in a rare appearance today and called our proceedings to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Aaron Sebald added solemnity to the occasion by intoning an invocation.

Jonathan Lorenzen celebrated a birthday yesterday, but having acknowledged his big day a week ago, we ignored his milestone. There were no other anniversaries, birthdays, or other reasons to break into song, so the club remained musically morose.

Bill Bode regaled us with a story of his travel adventures. It appears that post-pandemic trips are fraught with challenges such as missed connections, a scarcity of rental cars, and general mayhem and chaos. We hope some semblance of normality will soon return for those who desire a break.

Members were reminded again of the blood drive that we will participate in on May 21nd, along with the Mayfair Rotary and the Radisson Hotel at the hotel. Volunteers will be needed. Anne Neafie will recruit. The drive itself is scheduled to last from noon to 5 p.m.

Your humble reporter of trivia and other club trash provided a brief update on planning for the premiere performance of the Kids From Wisconsin. Advertisers and sponsors are still needed.

Our master of ceremonies and occasional president reported on the outcomes of the Membership Committee, which met at Gerv Rose's home this morning to plan for the Visitors Day. More than 250 invitation letters have been sent out. Food and beverage decisions have been made. A speaker from the 128th Airborne Division is lined up.

Bill Makal announced that a Foundation Board meeting will be held AFTER our regular meeting next week.

Our speaker for the day was Mr. David Simpson, Director of Public Works for the City of Wauwatosa. He has held this position for four years, previously working for the cities of Muskego, Brookfield, and White Fish Bay. Joining us by Zoom, he shared a few PowerPoint slides which described the many and varied



Sergeant-at-Arms



John C. Ericson
Club Executive Secretary
Webmaster



Craig Schmutzer
Club Programs Chair



John Edward Bauer
iPast President

Years of Service

William B. Bode
04-22-1998
24 Years

Michael Mitchell
04-16-2018
4 Years

services provided by the Department of Public Works. These include: refuse collection, maintaining the sanitary sewer system, providing city water, maintaining streets and roadways, tending to forestry and landscaping needs, overseeing the parks system, maintaining the City's fleet of vehicles, and maintaining traffic signals, street signs, and street lights.

He shared statistics on key benchmarks for the City and used this to discuss the impact the COVID pandemic has had on the use of services, the revenues and expenses for those services, and the amount of energy used. The latter statistics pointed out the reduction in cost that has been obtained from a number of energy-saving measures such as the installation of solar panels on the City Garage and City Hall and Library, as well as replacing sodium vapor street lights with LED bulbs.

Although the DPW had to rearrange work schedules in response to the pandemic, such as assigning staff to smaller teams in order to avoid having to quarantine the entire staff should someone become ill, services to the public remained consistent. However, the department did face challenges in maintaining its fleet due to delays in vehicle and parts orders.

Mr. Simpson showed considerable enthusiasm and excitement when talking about changes in how garbage is collected. The DPW has replaced its fleet of garbage trucks with six much larger, dual axle vehicles, which now transport trash directly to the landfill instead of having to deposit the garbage at the outdated refuse transfer station. [Who knew that garbage could be so exciting?]

The DPW has also developed an online Waste Wizard, which provides citizens with information about how and where to recycle materials and dispose of hazardous waste. There is also an energy dashboard online that measures energy usage by the City in real-time.

It appears evident to your humble scribe that services such as garbage collection, road repairs, and parks maintenance have also entered the digital age and that big data rules to world of enterprise asset management as well.

Questions about the 15-year payback from solar investments and what the City is doing about lead laterals received thoughtful responses.

There being no other business, our fearless leader shared a trashy joke that elicited many groans.

Respectfully submitted,

Your humble reteller of recycled ribald Rotary refuse,
John E. Bauer

UPCOMING COMMITMENTS:

Invocations

May 19 Richard Frenn
May 26 Christine Merritt
June 2 Anne Neafie

Programs

May 19 Pat Meylor will introduce himself and share stories and music from the 1950s and 1960s
May 26 Paul Roller will introduce Joel Brennan, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration
June 2 John Bauer will introduce someone yet to be named.