

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.

Serving Our Community



Club Meeting

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

Events / Speakers

September 14th
[Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting](#)
September 21st
[Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Alex Kustermann
Subject: Tosa Community Food Pantry
September 28th
[Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Jacob Kirchen
Subject: Wisconsin Retail Account
Manager for Western Spirits Beverage
Company
October 5th
[Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Club Leaders



[Robert Hugh Nelson](#)
President



[William Carl Makal](#)
President - Elect
Rotary Foundation Chair
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Jonathan Lorenzen](#)
Secretary



[Aaron D. Sebald](#)
Vice President
Membership Chair



[Robert P. Niedermann CPA](#)
Treasurer



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

[Peter M. Skanavis](#)



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!

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 - August 31, 2022

By Jonathan Lorenzen

Whiskey Wednesday Wisdom
An Open Tab of Tales and Takeaways from a Meeting of the
Rotary Club of Wauwatosa

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

We truly rolled out the barrel to kick off this week's "Whiskey Wednesday" club assembly! Ice cubes continued to clink inside cocktail glasses as Vice President Sebald called our meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Four Way Test. Chaplain de jour Rich Mannisto brought our gin-soaked gathering onto a more dignified plane with a gracious invocation.

We raised our glasses to one birthday, that of Peter Skanavis, which occurred on August 27. Happy Birthday, Peter! There were no partner birthdays or wedding anniversaries to salute, however Gerv Rose celebrated a BIG Rotary Anniversary on September 1 – 41 years! Congratulations, Gerv!

*Secretary's note: We seemed to miss congratulating Jerry Broitzman on his one-year Rotary Anniversary which also occurred on September 1! Please accept our apologies, Jerry. Congratulations!



Sergeant-at-Arms



Paul Alan Vandeveld
Club Programs Chair



Anne Ruttger Neafie
iPast President

Years of Service

Gervase Rose
09-01-1981
41 Years

Jerry Broitzman
09-01-2021
1 Year

No guests were visiting today, however Paul Roller was back with us in person! So wonderful to see you, Paul!

Among the tavern tarradiddle, the following topics were tendered:

- Tom Kirchen reported that the club picnic was a great success. Bunzel's catering was delicious, we had a wide selection of beverages from Richard Frenn, and Rotarians enjoyed an evening of fellowship at Elm Grove Village Park. Thank you for putting on another perfect picnic, Tom!
- Rich Mannisto shared that Wisconsin Lutheran College welcomed its largest freshman class and is blessed with the largest undergraduate enrollment in its 50 year history!
- Bill Bode was in search of a program speaker for September 7, which resulted in Dale Yerkes agreeing to deliver his classification speech that week.
- Gerv told us about a fellow St. Camillus resident that took a spill on the pickle ball court resulting in a broken hip. Yikes! Fortunately, the gentleman is on the mend.
- Peter Skanavis was amused when his doctor recommended that he exercises a little more after seeing elevated blood sugar levels on recent bloodwork results. Apparently this doctor didn't realize that Peter is a world-famous tennis legend ... in peak physical condition!
- Jerry Broitzman announced that he is now serving as one of our Sergeants at Arms. Thank you, Jerry!
- Tom Kirchen stated that it's getting to be the "nuttiest time of the year" but is still waiting on updated pricing from our vendor. He'll let us know once he hears back.
- Secretary Lorenzen explained that Rotarian Pat Cronin of the Milwaukee Club recently reached out to notify us of that club's new service project in Guatemala which involves bringing safe drinking water to the village of Pachilip. Pat told us that they will once again be seeking our support.
- Anne Neafie thanked club members for their generous contributions to the collection baskets for the Tosa Cares food pantry. September will mark the beginning of our collection for the Wauwatosa Community Food Pantry at St. Bernard's Parish (they want donations in odd-numbered months).

After running out of noteworthy news, we broke up into our respective club committees: membership, community service, and fundraising. The following discussion summaries were delivered by a spokesman from each group:

- Membership talked about the continued importance of personally inviting prospective members to attend a meeting, and following through with the individual. They also discussed the possibility of sponsoring a club membership for the City of Wauwatosa, such that a rotating City employee could join the club meeting each week. Membership costs would be absorbed by the club.
- Community service discussed the ongoing food drive success and the future restart of the Interact Club at Kingdom Prep Lutheran High School. They are listening for other ideas.
- Fundraising discussed revisiting our partnership with Kids from Wisconsin as well as looking at alternate sponsorship options.

After the three committees had the opportunity to present to the whole assembly, Vice President Sebald gaveled out the meeting. Until next week!

Respectfully Submitted,
Sommelier, Secretary, and Scandal Sheet Scrivener
Jonathan Lorenzen