

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 28th
[Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Jacob Kirchen
Subject: Wisconsin Retail Account Manager for Western Spirits Beverage Company

October 5th
[Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting](#)

October 12th
[Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Shannon Trzebiatowski
Subject: St. Charles Youth and Family Services

October 19th
[Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting](#)

October 26th
[Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting - Wisconsin Lutheran College](#)
Speaker: Computer Science Dept - Wisconsin Lutheran College

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



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 - September 14, 2022

By Jonathan Lorenzen

Dramatic Rescue Radio Chatter Related to a Meeting of the Rotary Club of Wauwatosa

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

President Nelson resumed command of the Rotary Podium at today's meeting after being AWOL (not really!) for a couple of weeks. We're glad to have you back, Mr. President! Nelson led us in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a soul-stirring invocation by Tom Kirchen.

We celebrated a bevy of birthdays, namely that of Kevin Festerling (9/9), Jerry Broitzman (9/11), and Mary Pat Kirchen (9/11). Happy Birthday all! No wedding or Rotary anniversaries appeared on today's roll call.

We were joined by an honored guest from the Rotary Club of Milwaukee, Mr. Kurt Mueller. Mueller delivered an update on the Milwaukee club's ongoing project to



Sergeant-at-Arms



Peter M. Skanavis
Sergeant-at-Arms



Paul Alan Vandeveld
Club Programs Chair



Anne Ruttger Neafie
iPast President

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

provide safe and reliable drinking water in El Manantial, Guatemala. Our club has proudly supported these efforts along with several other Rotary clubs and districts. The project in El Manatial is nearing completion, with water service expected to come online in November 2022. Thank you for the wonderful news, Kurt!



Among happy and sad news, the following topics were tendered:

- Richard Frenn announced that Jacob Kirchen, grandson of Tom Kirchen, would be our program speaker on September 28. Jacob is the Wisconsin Retail Account Manager for Western Spirits Beverage Company, and beverage samples **will** be provided! Come thirsty!
- Paul Vandeveld noted that Jerry Broitzman was out sick. Feel better soon Jerry!
- Tom Kirchen updated us with the latest on the nut ordering situation. We expect a 6% cost increase which means each product will go up by one to two dollars. Unfortunately, our biggest seller, the 15 oz. Gourmet Mix, has been discontinued. A similar, but somewhat inferior, replacement is available. Tom hopes to have finalized prices from the nut vendor soon.
- Bob Nelson reported that the club Christmas Party will be on Wednesday, December 14.

No other notable news was offered up, thus ushering in the program for the day. Invocator Tom Kirchen “pinch hit” for us by showing a video he had saved for a “rainy day” such as this. The video is a recording of presentation by Brig. Gen. Steve Ritchie to the Rotary Club of Eustis, Florida, detailing the dramatic rescue of downed pilot Roger Locher in Vietnam in 1972.

Tom Kirchen’s Florida friend, Tom Harding, shared the link to the video with Kirchen. Harding is the president of the Silver Osprey Squadron of the Association of Naval Aviation. You can watch the video by clicking the thumbnail below – it’s just under nine minutes.



After the video concluded, we adjourned this meaningful military-minded meeting of the Rotary Club of Wauwatosa.

Until next time,
Jonathan Lorenzen
Dispatcher of Details and Squawking Secretary
Rotary Club of Wauwatosa