

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 Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 14 | 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. | Blue Mound Golf & Country Club



Please join us for the annual Rotary Club of Wauwatosa Christmas Party at Blue Mound Golf & Country Club! 'Tis the season to enjoy an elegant evening of fine food and excellent entertainment alongside fellow Rotarians. We hope to see you for this time-honored Rotary tradition!

Schedule

- 5:30 p.m. - Reception with entertainment and cash bar
- 6:30 p.m. - Call to be seated
- 6:35 p.m. - Dinner and program

[Click here](#) for more information and to register online.

****If you received an invitation email, please register using the personalized**

Club Meeting

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

Events / Speakers

- November 16th
[Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting](#)
- November 23rd
[NO NOON MEETING - Thanksgiving Holiday](#)
- November 30th
[Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting - Club Assembly](#)
- December 7th
[Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Joseph Brooks
Subject: Greater Milwaukee Foundation

Club Leaders



[Robert Hugh Nelson](#)
President



[William Carl Makal](#)
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Sergeant-at-Arms



[Jonathan Lorenzen](#)
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Sergeant-at-Arms

[Richard Todd Mannisto](#)
Rotary Foundation Chair

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Wauwatosa Rotary Foundation Gourmet Nuts Fundraiser



It is that nutty time of the year! Please consider supporting the Wauwatosa Rotary Foundation by placing an order for delicious gourmet nuts from the A.L. Schutzman Co. These sweet and savory treats are perfect for holiday gifts or any special occasion. Most of all, your participation in this fundraiser supports the service and outreach efforts of our club and Rotary International.

Orders may be placed [online](#) or by [printing and submitting](#) an order form. For questions, please contact [Tom Kirchen](#).

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Sergeant-at-Arms



[Paul Alan Vandeveld](#)
Club Programs Chair



[Anne Ruttger Neafie](#)
iPast President



Years of Service

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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

Newsletter - November 2, 2022

By Jonathan Lorenzen

Take the Stage A Summary of the Songs and Sayings from a Meeting of the Rotary Club of Wauwatosa

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

President Bob Nelson took center stage to direct our trusty troupe of Rotarians in the chanting of the Pledge of Allegiance. At the absence of an invocator, Secretary Lorenzen offered a prayer to bless our bunch. There were no birthdays or wedding anniversaries to celebrate, nor were there any Rotary milestones to observe – alas, we had to save our balloons and confetti for another day.

We were delighted to welcome visiting Elmbrook Rotarian Bill Selzer, who delivered a brief but thorough update on the ongoing activities of that club. So glad to have you, Bill!

Several sad and happy “songs” were added to the “playlist,” namely:

- Richard Frenn reported that he had gone to San Diego to visit his daughter and grandchildren. He noted that his daughter had a kidney removed, but was already back at work! Our best wishes for your daughter’s continued healing, Richard.
- Anne Neafie reminded us to bring our non-perishable food items to the meeting on November 16 for collection and delivery to the Tosa Community Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued hard work and coordination of this initiative, Anne!
- The assembly of members present voted unanimously to cancel the club meeting on Wednesday, November 23 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Treasurer Niedermann informed us that he had sent out our quarterly dues invoices. He also said that all nut orders should be delivered to him personally or mailed to his home address (or to the club P.O. Box).
- Tom Kirchen announced that nut sales had set a record at \$11,000 in gross orders.
- Secretary Lorenzen delivered an announcement on behalf of Alex Solanki, inviting members to attend her mother’s academic lecture at UWM that evening.
- President Nelson reported that Macy’s is no longer allowing Salvation Army bell ringing to occur in their stores – nationwide. We are investigating other potential ringing locations.

With no additional melodies to serenade our symposium, Programs Chair Paul Vandeveld introduced our program speakers, Mr. Pete Holtz and Ms. Jenny Hauser from Tosa Tonight. Holtz serves on the organization’s board of directors, while Hauser is the newly-hired executive director.



Pete explained that Tosa Tonight’s mission is to provide family-friendly entertainment to the Wauwatosa community. Now in its 23rd season, the group presents a broad variety of performing artists during an outdoor summer concert series. Since 2009, the Rotary Performance Pavilion Stage at Hart Park has served as the performance venue for Tosa Tonight’s concerts. Holtz recognized the efforts of our club in making the stage become a reality, specifically thanking Paul Roller and several other individuals.

Looking back at the humble beginnings of Tosa Tonight, Pete explained that it all began with backyard concerts at the homes of current board members Brian Leahy and Chris Leffler. Word spread and attendance exploded, necessitating a larger venue. The series moved to the grounds of the Kneeland-Walker House, but trampled gardens signaled that even more space was needed.

Concerts were then moved to various county parks, around which time the caliber of artists being presented began to get “big.” “We had Gaelic Storm (the band from Titanic), and a crowd of four to five thousand people. We were saying, ‘We have something here, we really need to do something (more permanent). Around the same time, Rotary was thinking *they* needed to do something. We were put together, and the rest is history!’”

After initially managing and maintaining the Rotary Stage, Tosa Tonight eventually turned over the keys to the City of Wauwatosa. Now, the city handles outside rentals and facility

maintenance. "We used to run the stage, but realized we weren't making any money (through rentals)." Tosa Tonight now focuses entirely on curating, promoting, and executing their very popular summer concert series.

As the series expanded, it went from presenting four to six concerts a summer, all the way up to eight. The season now consists of a concert every Wednesday from June until Irish Fest takes place in mid-to-late August.

Planning for the 2023 season is already underway with the entertainment committee looking at prospective artists.

Executive Director Jenny Hauser and her family have lived in Wauwatosa since 2002, and have attended Tosa Tonight since its very beginning. When she was approached to serve on the board, she had only been volunteering at her daughters' school. "Joining the board has been a delight!" Now as its director, Jenny is in charge of procuring sponsors to support the series. She said that 50-60 such benefactors are needed to fund a typical season: "It takes a large amount of money to put on the series ... it's a challenge! People don't think about how much money it takes." Hauser is now in the process of securing sponsors for next year's season.

Tosa Tonight offers flexible sponsorship options to meet any budget or interest level. Local families often purchase sponsorships at the \$250 level, while a number of businesses and organizations pledge their support at \$5,000 or more. Jenny will gladly work with sponsors to create a custom sponsorship that works for them. "We want to work with anyone who believes in Tosa Tonight. Join us!"

Pete and Jenny opened the floor to questions from inquisitive Rotarians, the following of which were offered forth:

- President Nelson wanted to know if the stage is available for concerts in colder months.
 - Pete wasn't sure, but he postulated that the city might rent it out for cheap in such times.
 - Jenny rejoined that, while Tosa Tonight is a summer series, an off-season performance could be a good idea.
- Paul Vandeveld asked if a Wauwatosa Rotary-sponsored Kids From Wisconsin concert would be a good fit for a Tosa Tonight performance slot.
 - Pete said that they generally don't repeat artists, however he would propose the idea to the entertainment committee.
 - He added that Tosa Tonight receives constant requests from new artists to perform in the series. "There are tons of local and regional bands seeking to be a part of Tosa Tonight."

As we leaned into the one o'clock hour, our time together had come to an end. A bop of the bell adjourned this musical-themed meeting of the Rotary Club of Wauwatosa. Many thanks to Pete and Jenny for a very interesting and informative presentation!

Respectfully Submitted,

Your Bulletin Bandleader and Secretary of Sonority
Jonathan Lorenzen