

# 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.



## BE THE INSPIRATION

### Newsletter - February 27, 2019

By James M Del Balso DDS on Monday, February 27, 2019

#### Meeting Notes 2-27-19, Academic Medicine at MCW, Kurt Janavitz

President Grall opened our meeting by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Reverend Barry Szymanski filled in to lead our invocation about ♦the potholes of life♦ with references to the roads too.

Pat Meylor informed us that former member, Skip Muench, passed away recently.

Presidente Grall apologized that she forgot to check on birthdays this week, so asked folks to self-report, and hearing none, it was decided that there were no birthdays or anniversaries.

Rick Steinberg is going to PETS this weekend, in place of John Bauer, who is in Hawaii, suffering our cold and snow vicariously with a Mai Tai in his sweaty hand on a beach. Rick is not required to attend this year, but is going 1 year early, and promising to attend again next year so he will be adequately, in

### Club Meeting

Wauwatosa  
Meets at Radisson Hotel Milwaukee West  
2300 N. Mayfair Road  
Wauwatosa, WI 53226  
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

### Events / Speakers

March 6th  
[Chad Mateske & Co., Wauwatosa West High School, ♦We the People♦](#)

March 13th  
[Dr. Mora Anderson, Executive Director, Capitol West Academy](#)

March 20th  
[Kingdom Prep Lutheran High School](#)

March 27th  
[Club Assembly](#)

April 3rd  
[Carl Baehr, author](#)

### Club Leaders



[Michele Grall](#)  
President



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fact, preeminently prepared, to be president in another year.

Craig Schmutzer was nominated by a committee of one (Ms. Grall) to be chair of the nominating committee for executive positions, putting service above self as his top priority. The nominees, to be voted upon next week, are as follows: John (beachboy) Bauer, president, Rick (legal beagle) Steinburg, president elect, Anne (habitat) Neafie vice president (or president of vice at her discretion), Secretary John (computer geek) Ericson, Treasurer, and Bob (numbers racket) Niedermann, treasurer.

Anne Neafie noted that we have previously made a 3-year commitment (with 2 years to go) to be a major sponsor of Tosa Tonight at \$4000 per year. The consensus of members was to honor our commitment. There was discussion, and input from Jim Del Balso, newly elected Tosa Tonight board member, about the event and the great upcoming entertainment schedule for this season, etc. Del Balso (TBE) will keep us updated on the progress of stage repairs, the schedule and more.

Rick Steinberg reported on our upcoming May 11 fundraiser. We have the entertainment arranged, and at this point, he estimates each member will be responsible for 10 tix, and we can promote it with social media etc on the part of each member. He noted however that we need silent auction items as well.

John Bauer reported in absentia through President Grall, about the Kids from Wisconsin concert fundraiser, which will be on Thursday, June 20.

Craig Schmutzer introduced Kurt Janavitz, who is the senior vice president of fellowship at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW). Janavitz is also a Member of the Milwaukee Downtown Rotary Club.

He began by stating that academic medicine has done more to improve society in last 100 years than anything else has. He attempted to show a video about MCW and academic medicine, but our club's video demons were back in force and the video unfortunately did not work.

MCW celebrated its 125th anniversary last summer. It merged with a predecessor medical school in 1913. It was Marquette University Medical School, but incorporated in 1967, later becoming MCW. It moved to the medical center campus in 1978.

100 percent of the doctors at Froedtert and the Blood Center are MCW employees, and 90% of the doctors at Children's Hospital are as well. Froedtert hospital is 90% full, Children's even more full. Both need more capacity, and Children's is currently building another tower.

There are over 20,000 total employees, and the complex generates \$3.5 billion total combined revenue, with \$234 million in annual research expenditures.

MCW is the second largest National Institute of Health (NIH) funding recipient in Wisconsin. They generate 2.6 million patient visits annually and employ 1800 doctors.

MCW is one of the largest medical schools in the nation.

Their missions include elevating the level of care, driving medical and scientific advancements, and enhancing community vibrancy and economic vitality.

The majority of trauma care in US is provided by academic medical centers. 50% of clinical trials are done nationally in academic centers, and only 5% of hospitals in the US are academic medical centers.

Translational research, i.e. bench to bedside, is done here, and is an important aspect of academic medical centers mission.

MCW had the first patient treated based on DNA research.

Spoke of several new forms of treatment first done here.

European countries spend more on social determinants of health care and less on care delivery and spend substantially less than



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Sergeant-at-Arms



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Club Programs Chair



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## Years of Service

Glenn Jacobson  
03-01-1985  
34 Years

Tom Simon  
02-18-1998  
21 Years

Barry Weber  
03-01-2000  
19 Years

Anne Ruttger Neafie  
02-18-2009  
10 Years

Sallie Meyer  
02-01-2012  
7 Years

Christine Lynn Merritt  
02-15-2017  
2 Years

does the US on care delivery.

Funding from the federal government and Medicare supports residency programs, but funding has been frozen for over 25 years, so there is more demand, but less funding. This program funds the final stage of physician training, but in some cases students after completing the rigors of 4 years of medical school do not have a place to continue training.

Janavitz ran out of time but provided a very interesting program to all present. Thanks to Craig Schumtzer and Kurt Janavitz for a program of great interest to our community and members.

