

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.



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Newsletter - March 13, 2019

By James M Del Balso DDS on Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Meeting Notes 3-13-19 Capitol West Academy

Once again, the Radisson served us a wonderful lunch. We had a medium sized group this day. President Grall opened our meeting as usual and Anne Neafie gave our invocation about honesty and ethics.

Anne Neafie introduced a friend of 20 years, and fellow Rotarian from the Elmbrook club, Jack Nelson. He is involved with Capitol West academy, which is the topic of our program this day. Nelson spoke of his club's involvement which started with members tutoring kids, which progressed to financial support. He is now on the academy's board of directors. He and his fellow club members believe they are making differences in kid's lives.

A point Nelson stressed is that the kids and their families now know the difference between merely school, and education.

Jim Del Balso spoke about Jack Miller's obituary in this morning's paper. He gave a brief history of the club fishing

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

March 27th
[Club Assembly](#)

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

April 10th
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group from years ago, which consisted of Dave St. George, Ray Jahn, Art Wedemeyer, Jim Renner, John Markel, and Ken Elert. They annually came back with stories from Canada, many fish stories, most were a wee bit questionable, but there was no question that the group had fun.

Del Balso also reported that Arline Hayes was named the distinguished citizen of Wauwatosa for this year. The annual banquet honoring Arline will be at Bluemound Country Club on April 24th, at 5:30 PM. Tickets must be purchased at city hall and paid for by check or cash, \$50 per person. It would be nice to have a good turnout from our club, since our club has been honored numerous times in the past in naming several of our members as distinguished citizens. More info can be obtained on the Wauwatosa City web page.

We acknowledged Roger Walsh's birthday, which is 1 day prior to St. Patrick's Day, but Roger noted that his lucky brother, 5 years later, was born on St. Patrick's Day itself.

The flyer for our upcoming May fund raiser was debuted. They should be available this week at our next meeting.

On Wednesday March 27th, Naefie announced that our club has volunteered to serve dinner at Kathy's house, prep begins at 3:30 PM, and the serving crew will work from 5-6 PM with some additional time for cleanup. Kathy's house is on 103rd street, between Wisconsin Avenue and Bluemound Rd, on the St. Camillus campus.

Our club will be the presenting sponsor for the opening night of Tosa Tonight on June 12. We will need volunteers to help serve beer and man our Rotary tent.

Eddie Ward, as is club tradition, led us in singing *When Irish Eyes are Smiling*, and as we do annually, dedicated the song to our late member, Mike Rooney.

Anne Neafie was program chair this day, and introduced our speaker, Moira Anderson, who is Executive Director of Capitol West Academy. Capitol West is a charter school and affiliated with UW Milwaukee. It is in the St. A's building at 88th and Capitol Drive. Students come from 18 zip codes, so are a very diverse group.

Anderson has been in education for 25 years. She has worked at numerous school settings throughout the Milwaukee area and has a doctoral degree in education.

Anderson is the youngest of 8 children in her family. Her mother worked 3 jobs, and her father worked construction in the former AO Smith corporation. Due to the family's size, they lived below the poverty line.

Capitol West is part of the community meal program and serves students two meals per day because the majority of the students fall below the poverty level.

Anderson herself was part of Marquette University's upper bound program. She had her first experience teaching as an intern at St. Mary's in Elm Grove. She graduated from Washington High School in 1988, went to Whitewater, and finished her bachelor's in education at UWM. Feels like education is a tireless field but is an ever-rewarding job.

Anderson previously taught at Milwaukee School of the Arts in the MPS system, then at Nicolet High School, and has now been at Capitol West Academy for 3 years.

She has had to deal with anger and bullying, as well as drug abuse in the high school in which she worked.

She likes being at the elementary level, hoping to help kids earlier in their education careers. She spoke about the *A* score for the kids, a measure of traumatic experiences children have experienced during their developmental years, which has been found to have a profound effect on ability to learn.



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The school is growing a technology program and targeting skills, which will help their students, become successful later in life. The school is consistently showing growth in measures of success in education.

The school has Occupational Therapist specialists who come in to help with the more challenging kids. Anderson taught our group an exercise in regulating breathing and tracing on our hand, to relax the brain, and cool down, which seems to work well in getting kids who have anger issues to calm down.

They have the students participate in camps at the Sharon Lynne Wilson center in art education, with scholarships funded by Rotarians and others. All these activities help kids to learn to function in the community, which they often are not exposed to in their homes.

The school has been in existence for 15 years. 108 of their graduates have entered high school, and 102 have completed high school. This was an uplifting and informative program.

Thanks go to Anne Neafie and Moira Anderson.

Remember, this week our meeting will be at the new Kingdom Prep High School, which is located at Wauwatosa Avenue & Wright Street, in the former Pius X parish grade school building. We will be hosted by our member, Kevin Festerling.