

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.

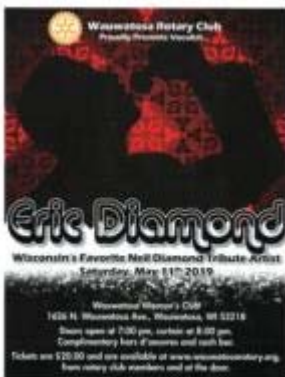
Rotary club membership represents a cross-section of the community's business and professional men and women. The world's Rotary clubs meet weekly and are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

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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Eric Diamond Concert



Rotary Club of Wauwatosa Proudly Presents

ERIC DIAMOND, WISCONSIN'S FAVORITE NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE

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Experience the music of Neil Diamond as well as the nostalgic tunes of the 60s, 70s & 80s you thought you forgot...

Club Meeting

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

Events / Speakers

March 27th

Club Assembly

April 3rd

Carl Baehr, author

April 10th

Cristina Crogan, VP of Development & Communication, Next Door Fo

April 24th

Edumakono Zetho, Zetho Foundation Chairman

Club Leaders



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May 11, 2019
Wauwatosa Woman's Club
1626 N. Wauwatosa Avenue
Doors open at 7:00 pm, curtain at 8:00 pm.
Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cash bar available.
Tickets are \$20.00

[Click Here to Purchase Tickets](#)

Newsletter - March 20, 2019

By James M Del Balso DDS

Meeting Notes 3-20-19, Site visit to Kingdom Prep Boys High School

Kingdom Prep Boys High School is in its first year of operation, and is located at Wauwatosa Avenue and Wright Street, in the former Pius X Parish Grade School building. As we entered, we were greeted by Principle and founder, Kevin Festerling and some of his students. We had a bit of time to socialize and meet several of the students before our lunch, and each greeted us with a healthy handshake and looked us in the eye and introduced themselves. We were seated and formally welcomed again by Mr. Festerling and began with an opening prayer of grace led by Reverend Barry Szymanski. Then we were served a nice lunch by chef Alfonso.

The staff at the school consists of 14 full time faculty and staff. The students (realize they only have freshmen) were instrumental in rehabbing the lunchroom in which we met. Mr. Festerling reminded us and thanked us for the fact that our club was the first group which donated to the school when he had first proposed the school.

We sat among the kids, who were well trained in getting to know us and in introducing themselves.

As President Grall opened our formal meeting, she had us recite the 4-Way Test to enlighten the students about Rotary ideals. She also led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rick Steinberg and Paul Vandeveld spoke about the upcoming May 11 fundraiser, when we will feature Eric Diamond, who does a Neil Diamond tribute. It will be held at the Wauwatosa Women's Club, and each member will be responsible for four tickets, but all are encouraged to sell more, or pay for more for guests. Four tickets were distributed to all present. Vandeveld also distributed Posters for all to display at their workplaces or other places where we can get the word out. Peter Skanavis oversees the silent auction, and requests all to secure silent auction items.

This week, March 27th, we will be doing a service project at Kathy's House. Anne Neafie is in charge. Members will prepare and serve dinner and clean up afterward. Kathy's house is a community for families who have other family members in treatment at Froedtert or at Children's. She is planning on doing a Lasagna dinner.

Neafie also suggested our club might consider sponsoring a Rotary Interact club here at Kingdom Prep in the future when the school is up to full strength.

John Bauer gave an update on the Kids From Wisconsin concert which our club is sponsoring on June 20th. There is a capacity of 835 at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, where it is being held.

At this time however, we need members to secure sponsors and advertisers.

Bauer also reported on our club's Foundation. The board has made the decision to end our sponsorship of the 8th grade recognition luncheon, which was costing us \$1800 annually.



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Years of Service

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Mr. Festerling spoke about the program at Kingdom Prep, where he is working on making the school a success.

He spoke about the student's backgrounds and had some of them tell us about their experiences coming here and what affects their enrollment here has had on them. Many spoke of the new life experiences they have had, including camping, fishing, and how they participated working with our club members on the River Keeper project last fall.

She school only has a freshman class at this time and expects to add one class each year going forward. They have a program called Exploration Thursdays, where students have gone to places like Milwaukee Tool, ice skating, and have learned how to speak to others, and are encouraged to speak up so folks can hear them.

Two students recounted how they took a trip to St. Benedict's school in NJ, with a goal of helping to model this school after that successful program, and to take a leadership-training seminar there.

Several of the students spoke about their enthusiasm for the Nehemiah Project and how they love it. Festerling introduced several of the faculty and spoke of their talents and backgrounds. They have found this experience challenging but are glad they chose to make the leap to participate here. They spoke about the schools they left, to come here for the challenges they have faced.

Festerling also spoke about the Ace test of life challenges, which predicts how kids' outcomes will turn out. It stresses the importance of one nurturing adult during the most critical years of their lives, showing that it has a profound effect on lives.

This was a rewarding and enlightening meeting experience. Our club's initial support contribution has reaped rewards which we could not have imagined. Thanks Kevin Festerling for your passion, for hosting us, and for Jim Johnson who brought you to our club in the first place.