

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.

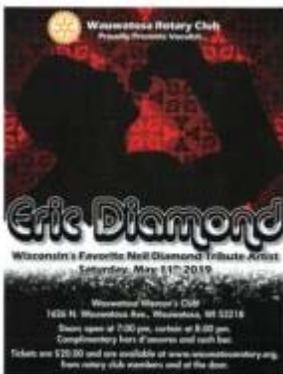
Rotary club membership represents a cross-section of the community's business and professional men and women. The world's Rotary clubs meet weekly and are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

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

Eric Diamond Concert



Rotary Club of Wauwatosa Proudly
Presents

ERIC DIAMOND, WISCONSIN'S FAVORITE NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE

ARTIST

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

April 17th
[Scott Glidden - Soft Tissue Specialist](#)

April 24th
[Club Assembly](#)

April 24th
[Edumakono Zetho, Zetho Foundation Chairman](#)

May 8th
[Pete Holtz - Tosa Tonight](#)

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 - April 10, 2019

By John Edward Bauer

Rotary Bulletin

April 10, 2019

President Grall called our group to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, our default prayer-boy, Barry Szymanski, offered an invocation.

We welcomed one visiting Rotarian from the Milwaukee Northshore club.

The first order of business was to note the following celebrations and observances:

- Birthdays ♦ Robert Niedermann will observe his birthday with a house full of family.
- Rotary Anniversaries ♦ Mike Mitchell, Robert Niedermann, and Rick Steinberg
- Wedding Anniversaries ♦ None

Under the heading of ♦ Good News/Bad News, ♦ the following incidents and circumstances were cited:

- John Bauer ran into Bill Makal and his daughter in the Greenfield Walmart parking lot. He indicated the cancer is almost gone and he is hoping to return soon.
- John Ericson is missing the attendance sheet from last week. I guess everyone but John was in attendance!

In other bits of informational jetsam and flotsam, the following were noted:

- Anne Neafie is continuing in her efforts to sponsor an Interact group at Kingdom Prep and will meet with the regional Interact chair to discuss next steps.
- Roger Walsh reminded the group that we will be stuffing boxes for the Hunger Task force on April 27th. A sign-up sheet was passed around.
- Tickets have been distributed for the Neil Diamond tribute event to be held at the Wauwatosa Women's Club on May 11. Those who need tickets should see Rick Steinberg or Paul Vandeveld. Peter Skanavis talked about the need for additional silent auction items. John Ericson will send an e-poster today to club members via email. The capacity of the venue is 250 and exactly 250 tickets were printed.
- John Bauer updated the Club on plans for hosting the premiere performance of Kids from Wisconsin on June 20 at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. The online ticketing system has been set up and will be available by the end of the week. Publicity posters and cards have been ordered. The greatest need right now is for every single Rotarian to review their business contacts and identify potential event sponsors. Information and application materials have been distributed. John will be happy to accompany any member on a visit to ask for support.

The program for the day was introduced by Paul Roller. Cristina Crogan, Vice President for Development at Next Door,



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Club Programs Chair



[Paul Alan Vandeveld](#)
iPast President

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

Milwaukee's premiere early childhood education and Head Start provider. As such she is responsible for volunteer and donor relations. She has 20 years of experience in development communications, previously working at Columbia St. Luke's Hospital. She earned a B.S. at Marquette, and an MA in nonprofit management at UWM.

2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the Next Door Foundation. Its mission is to help pre-school aged children to get ready for school by addressing educational, social and emotional developmental issues. It carries out its work at two primary locations but also has partnerships with eleven other nonprofit organizations. It currently serves over 1700 children and families.

The Next Door Foundation was organized in 1969 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church on Wisconsin Avenue in Milwaukee to serve youth in the neighborhood. The program was moved into a large house "next door" to the church, hence, its name. It offered programs in alcohol and drug abuse counseling, served homeless and a variety of other high-need programs for young people.

In 1990 the Helwig Carbon Products Company donated its plant at 29th and Clarke and Next Door took over the building to focus on early childhood education.

In 2005 Next Door qualified as an Educare site, receiving a major grant from the Buffett Early Childhood Fund to become only the 3rd Educare site in the country. A best practice model, Educare is a curriculum and instruction model whose principles have been infused into the rest of Next Door's programs, even though the program itself serves about 170 students.

In 2013 Next Door expanded the number of students it served from 300 to 1300 and purchased the former Northwestern Hospital at 53rd and capital.

Research has clearly shown that early childhood education is essential to breaking cycles of illiteracy among minority populations. 85% of a human's brain architecture is developed during first three years of life. Achievement gaps start at birth and widen as time goes on unless there is some intentional intervention. To illustrate the gap, the cumulative vocabulary of a 3-year old from an educated professional family is about 1100 words, whereas the vocabulary of a typical child growing up in poverty is about 500.

In addition to the direct educational services offered by Next Door, providing low income families with high quality childcare results in reduced social costs and stronger families, yielding a 7-10% return on investment. Based on the research of Dr. James Hackman, Nobel laureate in economics, the economic benefits of early childhood education far outweigh the costs.

Next Door also supports literacy through its Books for Kids program through which over 100,000 books per year are given away to children from low income families. A mobile library travels to numerous poor neighborhoods to give away books. Volunteers to read to children are always welcomed.

Because mental health issues contribute to addiction, violence, crime and trauma, children are provided with learning experiences to deal with emotional and social behaviors. Medical, dental, and hygiene services are also provided.

Family engagement is a significant component to Next Door's programs. Parents need to be involved at school and at home to help reinforce learning.

Next Door will be celebrating its 50th anniversary with a number of activities. A major gift fundraising campaign has been launched to raise between four and five million dollars to support its operations and to fund renovations at the 29th Street campus to accommodate children from birth to age three. Volunteer opportunities to read to children are always available. An annual community walk on May 18th will visibly connect Next Door with the surrounding neighborhoods, and a gala celebration on October 3rd at Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance

Community will complete the anniversary year.

Thanks, Cristina, for a very informative talk.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Bauer, Ph.D., president-elect, secretary *pro tempore*,
and early candidate for second childhood.

