

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.

Western Great Lakes Rotary District Conference

"Tricon"



April 18 - 20, 2024

Learn more and register: <https://www.rotarywglconf.org/>

Wauwatosa Rotary Foundation Gourmet Nuts Fundraiser



It's still that nutty time of the year! That's right, nuts continue to be available for purchase

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 3rd
Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Ron and Ronni Pruhs
Subject: "Family in Mission"
April 10th
Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting
April 17th
Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting
April 24th
Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting

Club Leaders



William Carl Makal
President



Aaron D. Sebald
President-Elect
Membership Chair



Jerry Broitzman
Sergeant-at-Arms
Vice President



Jonathan Lorenzen
Secretary



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Treasurer-Elect



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Richard Todd Mannisto
Rotary Foundation Chair



Peter M. Skanavis
Sergeant-at-Arms



Rick David Steinberg
Sergeant-at-Arms

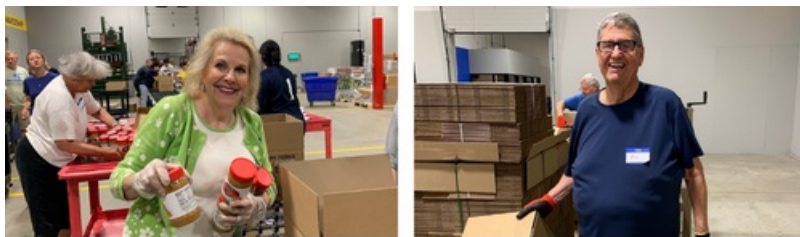
into the holiday season! Please consider supporting the Wauwatosa Rotary Foundation by placing an order for delicious gourmet nuts from the A.L. Schutzman Co. These sweet and savory treats are perfect for holiday gifts or any special occasion. Most of all, your participation in this fundraiser supports 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](#).

Minimum order of three (3) items.



Serving Our Community



[Paul Alan Vandeveld](#)
Club Programs Chair



[Robert Hugh Nelson](#)
Past President

Years of Service

Paul Alan Vandeveld
04-02-2014
10 Years

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 information.

Newsletter - March 27, 2024

By Craig Schmutzer

Putting Polio Permanently in the Past
Highlights from a Meeting of the
Rotary Club of Wauwatosa

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

In a week when many folks were off on spring break, we wound up having very good attendance with 16 Rotarians present, our guest speaker, and two guests of Kate Jones: Wauwatosa Mayor Dennis McBride and Kate's son-in-law. Also gracing us with her presence was former club member, Mary Kay Murray (thanks for paying us a visit Mary Kay, it was great to see you once again!).

President Bill commenced the proceedings at 12:25pm by leading all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance and recitation of the Four Way Test. Completing the trifecta, Bill also provided the Holy Week invocation. Whew! Thank you, Bill!

Celebrating her 49th Birthday today was Rose Murack. To commemorate this milestone birthday, Rose was serenaded with a stirring rendition of "Happy Birthday" by all assembled. Don't worry, Rose, it is said that life begins at 50 and that 50 is the new 40!!

Paul Roller shared the news that his caregiver, Kristina, recently suffered a ruptured appendix. Fortunately, a substitute caregiver was promptly placed with Paul while Kristina recovers. Club member prayers are with Kristina for a full and complete recovery.

In the category of "there is no rest for the weary," President Bill assumed responsibilities for introducing today's guest speaker Rob Bassett - a familiar face to Wauwatosa Rotarians as he has visited our club a couple of times in the past year. Today's presentation focused on Polio and Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio on a worldwide basis.

Some notable facts surrounding Rotary's involvement in fighting polio include:

1979 - A club in the Philippines works to eliminate polio in their service area. Their project was expanded to their District, and then the entire country, with 6 million children vaccinated.

1985 - Rotary International pledges to the Children of the World that we would eliminate polio as a threat to children everywhere.

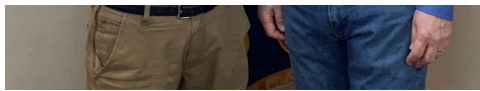
1988 - Global Polio Eradication Initiative started ... partnership between RI, WHO, CDC, UNICEF, Governments around the world, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. There were an estimated 350,000 cases across more than 125 countries that year.

2020 - Africa was declared Polio Free. Only remaining cases of wild polio were in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

There are 20,000,000 persons



walking on Earth today thanks to the Rotary effort to eradicate polio.



- We have gone from 125 endemic countries to two.
- We have gone from 350,000 cases of paralytic polio per year to 12 wild polio cases in 2023.
- Rotarians have given \$1.4 billion to Polio Eradication. With matches from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation of \$1.258 billion, we have allocated nearly \$2.7 billion to polio eradication. Rotarians in 2023 funded the entire operations cost of a national immunization day in Pakistan and as a consequence, only two children this year have been stricken with polio in the country. 40 million children received polio drops.
- Polio vaccine protects children by preparing their bodies to fight the poliovirus. Almost all children (more than 99 percent) who get all the recommended doses of the inactivated polio vaccine will be protected from polio.

There are two types of vaccine that can prevent polio:

- Inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) given as an injection in the leg or arm, depending on the patient's age. Only IPV has been used in the United States since 2000.
- Oral poliovirus vaccine (OPV) is still used throughout much of the world because it is easier to administer.

Rotarians can continue to make a difference by:

- Becoming a Polio Champion by donating annually to the PolioPlus Fund at The Rotary Foundation.
- Becoming a PolioPlus Society Member by donating a minimum of \$100 annually until such time as polio has been declared eliminated worldwide (this could happen as early as 2026 based on current immunization and spread patterns according to the GPEI (Global Polio Eradication Initiative).
- Join the District 6270 PolioPlus Committee and work with clubs in the district to get the word out, develop projects and raise funds.

Next week's greeter and invocator is Robert Niedermann, and our program speakers are Ron and Ronni Pruhs. The Pruhses will speak on "A Family in Mission" with an update on the situation in Haiti.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Schmutzer
Substitute Bulletin Editor

Upcoming Commitments

Program

April 3: Paul Vandeveld will present Ron and Ronni Pruhs

April 10: John Sebald

April 17: Kevin Festerling

April 24: Craig Schmutzer

Invocator/Greeter

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