



## 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.

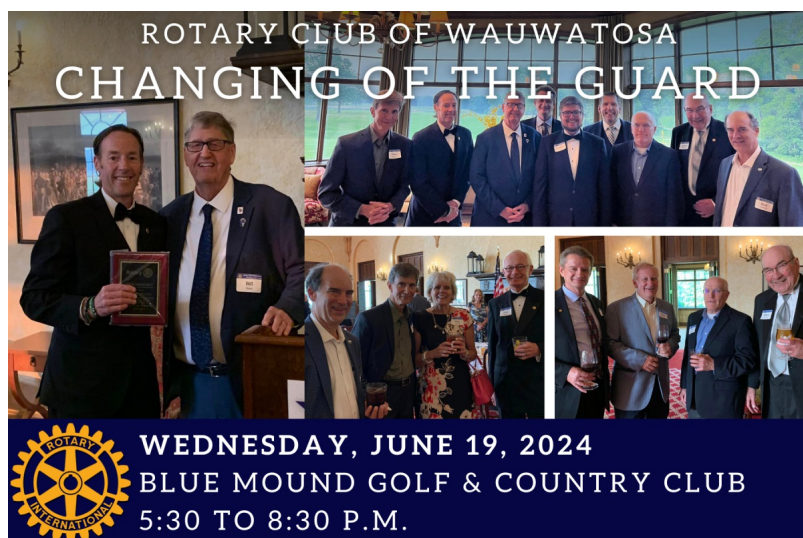
Rotary club membership represents a cross-section of the community's business and professional men and women. The world's Rotary clubs meet weekly and are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

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.

## Changing of the Guard

### Wednesday, June 19 - Blue Mound Golf & Country Club

Please join us for the annual Rotary Club of Wauwatosa Changing of the Guard Dinner and Ceremony at Blue Mound Golf & Country Club! This momentous event serves to install new club officers and recognize members who have made significant contributions to the club and the community. We hope to see you for this time-honored Rotary tradition!



## Schedule

**5:30 - Reception with cash bar**

**6:25 - Call to be seated**

**6:30 - Dinner and program**

[Click here](#) for more information and to register online.

**\*\*If you received an invitation email, please register using the personalized registration link in your email\*\***

**Please RSVP by Wednesday, June 12**

Registration questions? Contact [Jonathan Lorenzen](#)  
Event-specific questions? Contact [Tom Kirchen](#)

**Wauwatosa Rotary Proudly Presents**

## Tosa Tonight

### Club Meeting

Wauwatosa  
Meets at St. Camillus - East Residence  
10100 W Bluemound Rd  
Wauwatosa, WI 53226  
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

### Events / Speakers

June 12th  
**Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Brian Leahy  
**Subject:** Tosa Tonight  
June 19th  
**NO NOON MEETING - Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting**  
June 19th  
**Changing of the Guard**  
June 26th  
**Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting**

### Club Leaders



[William Carl Makal](#)  
President



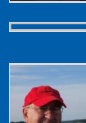
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Membership Chair



[Jonathan Lorenzen](#)  
Secretary



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Sergeant-at-Arms



[Rick David Steinberg](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Paul Alan Vandeveld](#)  
Club Programs Chair



[Robert Hugh Nelson](#)  
iPast President

**Wednesday, June 26, 2024 | 6:00 p.m.**

**Join us at the Rotary Performance Pavilion at Hart Park**



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



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**Serving Our Community**

### **Years of Service**

William Carl Makal

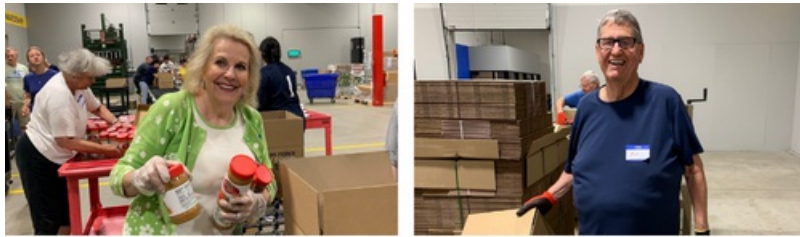
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10 Years

Shannon M Angell

06-08-2022

2 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](http://www.rotary.org) for much more information.

## Newsletter - June 05, 2024

By Jonathan Lorenzen

Wolfpack Wednesday  
A Report Card for a Meeting of the  
Rotary Club of Wauwatosa

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

With the olâ€™™ brass bell apparently squirreled away in the storage closet, we arose â€œ with little fanfare â€œ at the direction of President Bill Makal. (Those stately sonorities seem to command a special kind of â€œattentionâ€œ that the human voice is unable to replicate.



But, I digress).

Mr. Makal proudly led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, after which yours truly provided an improv invocation.

We were pleased to recognize the birthday of Programs Chair Paul Vandeveld, the official date of celebration being June 10. Happy birthday, Paul.

Skunked for the second week in a row on wedding anniversaries, we at least had the occasion to cheer for two Rotary anniversaries. Shannon Angell passed the two-year milestone on June 8, while President Makal marked a decade with the club on June 11. Congratulations to both of these fine Rotarians!

Among sad and happy news, the following items were added to the "œsyllabus":

- Jonathan Lorenzen asked for clarification on whether we would have our regular noon meeting on June 26 "œ the day of our Tosa Tonight concert. The consensus of the group was in the affirmative; we *will* have a regular noon meeting on June 26.
- We also learned that Bill Bode will be staying on the Tosa Tonight board despite his permanent relocation to Waupaca.
- Secretary Lorenzen reminded members to submit their RSVP for the upcoming Changing of the Guard dinner on June 19. Responses are due by noon on Wednesday, June 12.
- President Makal reported that Kate Jones and Amber Donovan have accepted the nomination for president-elect and vice president, respectively. The club will officially vote on these two nominations at the June 12 meeting. Thanks to Kate and Amber for your willingness to serve!
- Mr. Makal also announced the upcoming Tosa Community Fair on Saturday, June 15 at Wauwatosa West High School. He is looking for volunteers to staff a Rotary table at the event. [Contact Bill](#) if you are interested.



With no further feedback for our sad and happy "œparent-teacher conference," we turned our attention to President-Elect Aaron Sebald, who introduced today's program speaker, Tom Keppeler. Mr. Keppeler is the Director of Partnerships at Kingdom Prep Lutheran High School, and serves as the Wolfpack's assistant basketball coach. When he is not busy building partnerships for the school, Keppeler enjoys cycling, downhill skiing, exploring the Carpathian Mountains in Romania, and spending time with his family. We were honored to welcome him back after he had previously addressed the club in April 2022 about the war and refugee crisis in Ukraine (as it related to our joint fish fry fundraiser with Kingdom Prep's Interact Club).

Keppeler reported on our "œlong-lost" fellow Rotarian, Kevin Festerling, who is tremendously busy wearing many hats at KP. At the moment, Principal Festerling is teaching three summer courses,

and, according to Keppeler, "œgets about four hours of sleep a week." We miss you, Kevin, and hope that you can take a well-deserved break to come and visit us soon!

Kingdom Prep just finished its sixth year in ministry, and saw its third full class of graduates walk across the commencement stage. There are 200 boys enrolled at KP, each of whom are discovering and developing their unique gifts and plans for after high school. Of the recent graduating class, some will be going on to college, while others plan to enroll in trade school or enter the workforce.

KP is located in the former school at St. Pius X Parish in Wauwatosa, and currently rents the classroom space from the congregation. Keppeler shared the foundational principles upon which Kingdom Prep is built, as articulated in their mission and vision statements:

- **Mission:** Building a brotherhood in Christ for lives of purpose.
- **Vision:** Lead in the home. Serve in the Church. Engage in meaningful work. Transform community.

These aims and values set the tone of every day through a "œpack talk" which involves honest conversation, Bible study, and encouragement for difficult life issues. Students are expected to take ownership of their actions, which is a key factor in building character and fostering successful outcomes. Keppeler stressed KP's focus on peer leadership, an example being their Student Leadership Council, which seeks to empower students by giving them "œvoice and choice" in their own affairs.

Kingdom Prep students have been invested in their future from the very beginning; the first few cohorts were instrumental in transforming the St. Pius School into the academic and co-curricular spaces that exist today.

Leadership privileges are not, however, granted indiscriminately or by default. Rather, students must prove they are ready to take on the responsibilities of being in the Wolfpack. At first, everyone wears a plain white T-shirt; students may only don the Wolfpack colors after earning the right to do so. This "œinitiation phase" culminates in a group survival trip that is designed to build camaraderie and social connection. The walk in the wilderness helps

students answer the common question of “where do I fit in in this school?” “We start strong and finish well.”

The ideals of teamwork, responsibility, and belonging are complimented by a commitment to academic excellence. Keppeler shared the key elements of the program:

- Kingdom-First Objectives
- ACT Aligned Curriculum
- Academic Interventions “SOI and increasing learning capacities
- Required structured “flex” study hall for anyone below a 2.6 GPA

The latter element can be a powerful motivator, too; the flex study hall takes place after school at the same time as many team sports. Students must first show academic improvement before they are allowed to participate in Wolfpack athletics.

At KP, the classroom is “brought to life” by immersing students in a myriad of co-curricular experiences and activities. Some examples include:

- A required paid internship for juniors and seniors
- Career fairs
- Field trips to local businesses
- International trips
- Unique outings, such as a flying airplanes, making a meal, and visiting a seminary

By expanding the classroom outside its walls, students are being better prepared for life after high school.

Kingdom Prep’s “whole child focus” also includes an emphasis on mental health and problem-solving. The Nehemiah Hour program invites students to design a solution to a need or problem of their choosing. Keppeler gave the example of a student whose desire to build a bicycle led to his creation of KP’s driver’s education program. Nehemiah Hour challenges students to be attentive to the needs of the world around them. Keppeler is hopeful to expand the program to all four years, instead of being just for freshmen.

KP’s educational experience is rounded out by Wolfpack athletics. Students may participate in football, basketball, rugby, track, and several other team sports. Mr. Keppeler highlighted an exciting partnership with Waukesha North High School whereby the two schools’ rugby teams train and play together.

Looking ahead, Kingdom Prep seeks to find a permanent campus for its growing student body. The school recently finished the sixth year of its seven-year lease at St. Pius X, and Keppeler feels that making rent payments is not the best stewardship of KP’s resources. On the other hand, the Wolfpack likes being in Wauwatosa, and appreciates the good neighbor relations and amenities in and around Pius. Additionally, the school is looking to fill several strategic staff positions to bolster its internship program and alumni relations.

As he was reaching the end of his slide deck, Keppeler said (much in the fashion of TV detective Lt. Columbo), “I have one more thing.” He invited us to imagine “a group of students learning to downhill ski, who then learned how to teach adaptive downhill skiing to individuals with disabilities.” This scenario was vividly brought to life with a slideshow of incredible pictures from a Kingdom Prep outing that did that very thing. After learning the slopes for themselves, several students opted to be trained to instruct adaptive skiing.

Mr. Keppeler then welcomed questions from the floor:

- Mark Spiegelhoff asked which positions and programs are needed to grow enrollment from 200 to 300 students.
  - Expansion of Nehemiah Hour
  - Assistant director of partnerships
  - Alumni and guidance counseling positions
- Craig Schmutzer wanted to know if there were particular schools from which Kingdom Prep drew incoming students.
  - Many incoming freshmen come from area feeders such as local Missouri and Wisconsin Synod parochial schools.
  - Transfer students, however, come from a variety of schools “public, charter, and private.
- One member asked how much Kingdom Prep needs to fundraise (on top of tuition revenue) to support its operations.
  - \$1,010,000 this year. Next year, it’s \$1.3 million.
- Anne Neafie inquired if students were involved in any fundraising initiatives.
  - Students sell concessions at Packers home games; the arrangement provides KP with 10% of their sales and all of the gratuity. They raised \$5,000 at their first game.
  - The Kingdom Prep Barbecue fundraiser
  - Impromptu student bake sales

Having reached the end of our time together, we thanked Tom Keppeler with a hearty round of applause and adjourned the meeting “sans the chime of a bell.

Respectfully Submitted,  
School Secretary and Newsletter Natterer  
Jonathan Lorenzen

#### Upcoming Commitments

##### Program

**June 12:** Paul Vandeveld will present Brian Leahy of Tosa Tonight

**June 19:** No Noon Meeting Due to Changing of the Guard Dinner

**June 26:** TBD

##### Invocator/Greeter

**June 12:** Aaron Sebald

**June 19:** No Noon Meeting Due to Changing of the Guard Dinner

**June 26:** Rick Steinberg

