

# 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

### Newsletter - May 15, 2019

By James M Del Balso DDS

#### Meeting Notes 5-15-18 Zetho Foundation

President Grall opened our meeting as usual, and Rich Mannisto, who reintroduced himself (since he was not recognizable) gave our invocation. A Rotary Board of Directors meeting was held prior to our meeting, and due to the number of items which need discussion at our next club assembly on May 29, note that the meeting will be extended till 1:30 PM, please mark your calendars appropriately. Also, members are asked to sit with your assigned committees.

In club news this week, Bill Bode proudly announced the good news that his son Taylor received his MA of Architecture from the Taliesin School of Architecture in Scottsdale, AZ over the weekend.

Tom Kirchen announced that it was national chocolate chip cookie day this day, but let us down and did not bring cookies for desert today.

#### Club Meeting

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

#### Events / Speakers

May 22nd  
Tosa East - We the People  
May 29th  
Club Assembly

#### Club Leaders



Michele Grall  
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Sergeant-at-Arms

Pat Meylor  
Sergeant-at-Arms

In the unfortunate news category, President Grall read a letter from Jim Johnson who has resigned from our club effective May 1.

Rick Steinberg and Paul Vandeveld spoke about the fundraiser last weekend. They thanked all who sold tix, who attended, and those who volunteered, as well as those who contributed silent auction items. Attendance was a bit down, and as of now, our proceeds netted about \$3500. Job well done by all.

John Bauer then reported on our next event, which will be **all consuming**. The **Kids from Wisconsin fundraiser** event on June 20<sup>th</sup>. He asked us to take posters and flyers and distribute them all over town. Tickets can be ordered online, from brown paper tickets, at <https://wauwatosarotarykidsfromwisconsin.bpt.me>. Sell tickets, sell ads, distribute posters and do wherever else you can do to get the word out and promote our event. Get sponsors! If you identify businesses who might be a potential sponsor, John Bauer will be willing to contact them and make the sale. Eventually we will also need volunteers on the evening itself. John will continue to pester us.

Tom Kirchen announced that our annual summer picnic event will be held on August 14<sup>th</sup> at Elm Grove Park. Next week our program will be the **We the People** student team from Tosa East.

Anne Neafie introduced her guests today, Tim Berlew and Domnik Isreal, both from Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church (WAUMC).

Neafie, also the program chair this day, introduced our speaker, Edmakono Zetho. Neafie noted that her parish, WAUMC, has helped build Habitat for Humanity homes for 18 families over several years. Zetho is one of those whom they have built a home for, and now has 3 children. He came to tell his story.

He is from Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), sadly a place of repeated civil wars and corrupt government. He emigrated to the US through Catholic Charities in 2012. He has a brother who attends Beloit College, and a sister in Des Moines. He was housed in the Nyarigusu refugee camp in Tanzania for children, through which he came to the US. His family all escaped persecution and torture by paddling a small boat from DRC to Tanzania to the camp. He got all of his education in the refugee camp, where the only thing they had was hope, no water, no electricity, and little food. The camp is run by the UNHRC, i.e. UN High Commission for Refugees.

7 million people have been murdered in DRC since 1996. While the nation has vast mineral resources, which are exported for vast sums of money, the corrupt government keeps their citizenry in poverty. There are over 1.7 million people in the DRC today who have disabilities, either mental, physical or both.

His mother was one of the many women who were sexually abused, and sadly which he witnessed. In the Nyarigusu refugee camp, there were 150,000 refugees living in tents and makeshift huts, where there was no electricity, and they shared the little impure water they could gather with animals.

Worldwide, less than 1% of refugees are resettled.

Today Mr. Zetho works for Catholic Charities in Milwaukee. He became citizen of the US on 3/22/18, his wife and mother became citizens 1 year earlier.

He established the Zetho Foundation in Wisconsin in 2018. He began the foundation to help make the world a better place. Their goal is to help every child and abused woman to live in a loving environment. 20% of those in the Nyarigusu camp are illiterate. Girls are usually married between the ages of 14-16. The program provides mental health services, including counselling to help prevent suicides, which is a prevalent problem in the hopelessness which the refugees live in. He questions why



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Club Programs Chair



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## Years of Service

Pat Meylor  
05-01-1996  
23 Years

John C Ericson  
05-21-1997  
22 Years

Craig Schmutzer  
05-17-2000  
19 Years

Barry W Szymanski  
05-13-2015  
4 Years

today the perpetrators of abuse in DRC have not been brought to justice?

The foundation also provides computer skills classes and has provided some computers to the schools in the camp. Those who wish to help can contact Anne Neafie directly for more information. This was a very difficult program to hear, but very important to digest. Thanks Anne and Edmakono Zetho.

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