

# 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.



# **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 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,

### **Club Meeting**

Wauwatosa

Meets at St. Camillus - East Residence (Jelen Room)

10100 W Bluemound Rd Wauwatosa, WI 53226

Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

## **Events / Speakers**

February 26th

Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Wauwatosa West HS American Public Policy Special Emphasis

Subject: "We The People" Team

March 5th

Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting

March 12th

Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Lanre Abiola Subject: Prestige Law Office, LLC

"Estate Planning"

March 19th

Wauwatosa Weekly Club Meeting Speaker: Concert Planning Assembly

### **Club Leaders**



Aaron D. Sebald President



Kathryn Jones President-Elect Rotary Foundation Chair



Amber M Donovan Vice President



Jonathan Lorenzen Secretary



Dale A Yerkes Treasurer

Richard Frenn Sergeant-at-Arms please contact Tom Kirchen.

Minimum order of three (3) items.





# **Serving Our Community**

Make a donation to support the Wauwatosa Rotary Foundation









Robert Hugh Nelson Sergeant-at-Arms Past President



Peter M. Skanavis Sergeant-at-Arms



Rick David Steinberg Sergeant-at-Arms



<u>Paul Alan Vandeveld</u> Club Programs Chair



William Carl Makal iPast President

**Years of Service** 

Anne Ruttger Neafie 02-18-2009 16 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 St. Camillus - East Residence (Jelen Room). 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 <a href="www.rotary.org">www.rotary.org</a> for much more information.

# Newsletter - February 19, 2025

By Jonathan Lorenzen

Escape to the Emerald Isle A Travel Log from a Meeting of the Rotary Club of Wauwatosa

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Presiding "travel agent" Aaron Sebald began our weekly Rotary excursion by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. In need of a last-minute substitute invocator, we called upon Rich Mannisto to sanctify our sojourn. Thank you, Rich!

We had no member or partner birthdays to acknowledge, nor did we have the occasion to celebrate any wedding anniversaries. We did, however, recognize the 16-year Rotary anniversary of our friend and fellow Rotarian Anne Neafie! Congratulations, Anne!

We were delighted to welcome John DenBoer's guest, Harriet, who was checking out the club. Thanks for joining us, Harriet! We hope to see you again soon.

The following sad and happy news items appeared on today's travel itinerary:

- Rick Steinberg let us know that his girlfriend, Xiaorong, would soon be opening her massage business near the Corners of Brookfield.
  Congratulations, Xiaorong!
- Paul Vandeveld reported that he and Anne Neafie had met with Wauwatosa Woman's Club staff regarding our upcoming concert on May 16. The duo clarified that we would indeed be able to serve beer and wine during the event, as well as accept donations for the Foundation. Thanks for your diligent research!



- Roger Walsh shared that his oldest granddaughter was recently in town, from whom he learned he was going to become a great-great-grandfather! Congratulations, Roger!
- President Sebald reminded us about the TriCon District Conference coming up on April 25-26 at the Brookfield Conference Center. Aaron received a letter from the District Governor encouraging members to attend the conference and letting us know that registration discounts offered by clubs would be eligible to be rebated by the district by up to 50%.
  - Aaron confirmed that we were still planning to contribute a basket to the conference's silent auction.

With no other sad or happy news to report, we kept our attention on Aaron, who introduced program speaker Paul Ward, co-owner of G&W Irish Tours.

Click the thumbnail below to watch Mr. Ward's remarks – his speech with Q&A runs about 15 minutes. Due to technical difficulties, the last few minutes of the video were lost. My apologies!



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Respectfully Submitted, Itinerary Initiator and Travel Log Logistician Jonathan Lorenzen

#### **Upcoming Commitments**

### **Program**

**February 26:** Jonathan Lorenzen will present the Wauwatosa West HS American Public Policy Special Emphasis (APPSE) "We The People" Team

March 5: Anne Neafie

March 12: Richard Frenn will present fellow Rotarian Lanre Abiola for an estate planning seminar

March 19: Concert Planning Assembly

#### Invocator/Greeter

February 26: John Sebald March 5: Anne Neafie March 12: Alex Solanki March 19: Amber Donovan