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**Welcome
To
West Bend Noon
Rotary**



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Welcome Reception

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Why Join?

Dear Fellow Rotarian,

Welcome to the West Bend Noon Rotary Club! In this Welcome Packet, you will find information you need to feel comfortable as you begin your membership in our club. Rotary is an international organization with over 33,000 clubs around the world. Through this Fireside Chat, you will learn a great deal about the operation of our club and its various activities. Again, thank you for joining the West Bend Noon Rotary Club – we're glad you're here!

Why Join Your Local Rotary Club?

Professional Networking

A founding principle of Rotary was to meet periodically to enjoy camaraderie and enlarge one's circle of business and professional acquaintances. As the oldest service club in the world, Rotary club members represent a cross-section of the community's owners, executives, managers, political leaders, and professionals—people who make decisions and influence policy.

Service Opportunities

Club members have many opportunities for humanitarian service, both locally and internationally. Service programs address such concerns as health care, hunger, poverty, illiteracy, and the environment. Rotarians experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back to the community.

International Awareness

With more than 31,000 Rotary clubs in over 160 countries, Rotarians gain an understanding of humanitarian issues through international service projects and exchange programs. One of Rotary's highest objectives is to build goodwill and peace throughout the world.

Friendship

Rotary was founded on Fellowship, an ideal that remains a major attraction of membership today. Club members enjoy the camaraderie with like-minded professionals, and club projects offer additional opportunities to develop enduring friendships. Rotary club members who travel have friendly contacts in almost every city in the world.

Good Citizenship

Weekly club programs keep members informed about what is taking place in the community, nation, and world and keep them motivated to make a difference.

Family Foundations

Rotary sponsors some of the world's largest youth exchange, educational exchange, and scholarship programs. Rotary clubs provide innovative training opportunities and mentoring for young leaders and involve family members in a wide range of social and service activities.

Entertainment

Social activities give Rotarians a chance to let loose and have fun. Every Rotary club and district hosts parties and activities that offer diversions from today's demanding professional and personal schedules. Conferences, conventions, assemblies, and social events provide entertainment as well as Rotary information, education, and service.

Ethical Environment

Encouraging high ethical standards in one's profession and respect for all worthy vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earliest days. In their business and professional lives, Rotarians abide by the Four-Way Test listed on p.3.

Leadership Development

Rotary is an organization of successful professionals. Team building, fundraising, public speaking, planning, organization, and communication are just a sampling of the leadership skills that club members can exercise and enhance. Being a Rotary leader provides further experience in learning how to motivate, inspire, and guide others.

Diversity in Membership

Rotary's classification system ensures that a club's membership represents a variety of the community's professional men and women, including leaders in business, industry, the arts, government, sports, the military, and religion. Rotary clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.



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The Four Way Test

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say, or do:

First...

Is it the TRUTH?

Second...

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Third...

**Will it build GOOD WILL and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**

Fourth ...

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



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Weekly Meetings

The West Bend Noon Rotary Club meets at the Top-of-the-Ridge Restaurant at Cedar Ridge every Monday at 12:00 noon.

Cedar Ridge is located on the northwest side of West Bend, at the end of Cedar Ridge Drive off of Scenic Drive West. The Top-of-the-Ridge Restaurant is on the third floor of the main complex.

The meeting ends at 1:15 p.m.

Sample Meeting Agenda

- Greeting/Call Meeting to Order
- Prayer
- Patriotic Song
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Song
- Birthdays and Anniversary Announcements
- Secretary's Report
- Introduction of High School Students
- President's Report and Announcements
- General Announcements and Committee Updates
- Kitty Kettle

- Guest Speaker
- Adjournment



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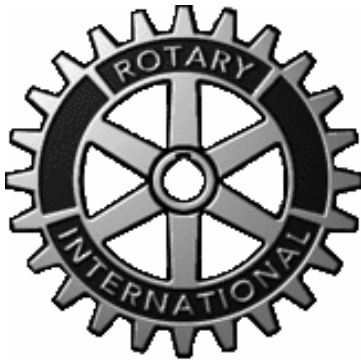
Your Privileges as a Rotarian

YOUR PRIVILEGES AS A ROTARIAN

- Fellowship with people of like ideals;
- Proposing new members of your club;
- Meaningful service to your community and your vocation;
- Unique opportunities to promote international friendship;
- Broad acquaintances with leaders of other businesses and professions;
- Participation in stimulating programs at weekly meetings;
- Meeting Rotarians when making up attendance at other Rotary clubs, both locally and around the globe; and
- Participation in the district conference and the Rotary International Convention.

Every privilege has a corresponding responsibility. For example, proposing new members is both a privilege and a responsibility.

In the same way, attendance at weekly meeting is both an opportunity to expand Rotary acquaintance and knowledge and an obligation.



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History

West Bend Noon Rotary's History

Courtesy of Joe Huber

The West Bend Rotary Club began in 1925, under the sponsorship of the Hartford Rotary Club. Twenty-one made up the charter group. Among them were B.C. Ziegler, Arthur H. Klumb, John W. Gehl and Joseph J. Huber, all fathers or relatives of recent Noon Rotarians. The first president was Attorney Frank W. Bucklin.

In common with all Rotary Clubs, West Bend Rotarians supported many charitable and community activities, both on an individual and a group basis. In the early 1930's, the club was involved, for example, with the West Bend Kiwanis and the Chamber of Commerce, in a successful effort to secure a larger and more suitable building for the city Post Office. In 1929, the club sponsored the Port Washington charter. During the early 1940's, West Bend Rotary was also instrumental in sponsoring a number of International Institutes of Understanding, during which speakers focused on the world outside West Bend.

In 1939, the Wisconsin American Legion started the Badger Boys and Girls State program, a one week experience in government for Wisconsin's high school boys. Since its inception, West Bend Rotary has sent boys to this valuable program each year and now also sends girls. Other youth outreach efforts over the years included: Career Days at the high school; World Affairs Seminars; Business World, a program of student-business interaction; weekly student guests from the high schools and University of Wisconsin-Washington County; and active involvement in student exchange programs through the RI and Group Study Exchange. West Bend Rotary also sponsored Boy Scout Troop 21, Sea Scout Ship 141 and currently is sponsoring a Boy Scout Troop at the Threshold.

In 1984, the club set up the Rotary Waterways Foundation to secure selected land parcels suitable for addition to the West Bend and Washington County park systems. To date, the Waterways Foundation has been instrumental in securing additions to Ridge Run Park and other park lands. The club underwrote the first Riverwalk Project from Regner Park to Washington Street. It now reaches beyond Highway G and recently expanded to Barton. These efforts were made using both private and government resources. In 2009, the Waterways Foundation donated money to create the “The Rotary Splash Pad” in Regner Park. The Waterways Foundation continues to research additional projects for the benefit of the community.

In 1972, the club began honoring fellow members with honorary Paul Harris Fellowships, named in honor of Rotary’s founder. The Fellowships are awarded to members in recognition of their contributions to the club and community. The funds are donated to the Rotary Foundation by the club itself. To date, 61 individuals have been so honored as Honorary Paul Harris Fellows. 1972 was also the year that the club began its annual Fish Boil fundraiser which were patterned after the famous Door County Fish Boils and was originally held at the Bernie Ziegler Farm. Times change and it was re-christened as the Shrimp Boil and is now held at Regner Park to accommodate larger crowds. Proceeds from this fundraiser are used to fund various Rotary projects on a district and international level.

International understanding continues to be a priority of Rotary, and the West Bend Club is active in this area through vigorous support of the Paul Harris Foundation and through cooperation with District 6270. Polioplus, a clean water system in El Salvador, wellness clinics, and a garden tractor plant in India are among the club’s most recent projects. In 2009, the West Bend Noon Rotary Club became highly involved with the vital role of Rotary’s Shelter Boxes that helped the earthquake victims in Haiti.

Over the years, the club has published a bulletin – the earliest on record was the Rotary “Spokesman”, published in 1944 on a quarterly basis. The early bulletins listed names of guests, programs and make-ups as well as program and project plans for the future. The club bulletin was re-established in the late 1960’s as the monthly Rotary Key, changed to the weekly Rotary Update, and recently renamed “The Key.” Presently, West Bend Rotary is using a software program called ClubRunner that allows us to better communicate and keep records for our members.

Finding a “home” for club meetings became a moving experience. The West Bend Rotary’s first home was at the Washington House. The club subsequently located to the Masonic Temple, the Moose Hall on the third floor of the former Merten Building on Main Street, the VFW clubhouse on the corner of 6th and Walnut, the basement of the Masonic Temple, the Moraine Hotel and back to the Washington House. Just before it moved to its present location on the Cedar Ridge Campus, the club met at the West Bend Inn.

The Sunrise Rotary did not split off from the Noon Rotary, but was chartered as many individuals who wished to join Rotary could not attend at noon and so in 1991 the Sunrise Rotary was chartered, and we became the West Bend Noon Club.

Many of our members have served at the Rotary District level. Among these was D.J. Kenny who served as District Governor from 1940-1941.

Seafood Fest began in 1991 and is the club's largest annual fundraiser, held at Regner Park. The proceeds from this 3-day festival primarily fund the Waterways Foundation. In addition, the West Bend Noon Rotary, along with private donors and other service clubs in West Bend, completely restored and re-vitalized the Regner Park area in 2010.

In 2009, the four Rotary Clubs of Washington County decided to embark on a joint project and created a wonderful holiday light experience at the Washington County Fair Park called Enchantment in the Park. Through participants' donations of food and money, the Clubs will supply food pantries and contribute to other worthwhile community projects for years to come.

West Bend and Rotary have worked together for nearly 80 years of mutual growth and progress toward a better community and a better world. Throughout the years, our club and its members have striven to exemplify "Service Above Self" through individual, group, and financial support for a wide variety of local and international projects. Through our membership in the ever-growing fellowship of Rotary International, the opportunities for service also continue to grow.

Charter Members –1925

Thomas Bruhy – Herbert Fuge – J.W. Gehl – Arthur H. Klumb – Dr. Albion H. Heidner –
Matthew Regner – Henry Regner – G.B. Rusco – Harlan Clark – C.W. Walters – B.C. Ziegler –
D.E. McLane – Walter Kuehlthau – Louis Kuehlthau – F.W. Bucklin – H.B. Kaempfer –
J.J. Huber – Walter Gehl – O.P Klein – Edwin Pick – R.H. Rolfs



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Frequently Asked Questions

What is expected of membership?

Our lunch meetings offer an opportunity to enjoy social interactions with fellow members of the West Bend Community. These meetings are held weekly and members should make every effort to attend regularly. In consideration of the program speaker, please remain throughout the entire meeting.

Time & Location: Monday from 12:00 Noon until 1:15 PM at the Top of the Ridge, the restaurant on the 3rd floor of the Cedar Ridge Campus, 113 Cedar Ridge Drive (off Scenic Drive).

Attendance: One may be dropped from the club for excessive consecutive absences. Leaves of absence may be obtained for extenuating circumstances.

Fireside Chat attendance for new members and spouses is strongly recommended. This informal get together is to inform new members about club events and requirements.

Dues: Club dues are billed quarterly and are \$140 per quarter.

Never Say No: The Rotary Motto is "Service Above Self." When asked to participate on a committee or assist at a Rotary-sponsored event, fellow Rotarians "Never Say No."

What happens at a meeting?

The meeting begins after members have helped themselves to a buffet lunch. You are encouraged to sit with a different group of Rotarians each week to meet and get to know each member and learn his or her history with the club and the community. The meeting then follows an agenda which includes prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, singing, announcements, Kitty Kettle, and our featured speaker.

What is Kitty Kettle?

Kitty Kettle is a fun fundraiser in which various members are recognized for appearing in the local papers or in some other ingenious, usually humorous, manner by the person responsible for the Kitty Kettle that week. Those recognized are expected to contribute a dollar to the Kitty Kettle. At the end of Kitty Kettle, those members with “brag or guilt money” can make their announcements. Usually these announcements have nothing to be ashamed of!! Members will be randomly assigned a month of responsibility to the Kitty Kettle (Members of the Kitty Kettle Committee). If asked by the person responsible for that month’s Kitty Kettle, gather your courage and say “yes”.

What are Noon Rotary’s main events?

Seafood Fest: Normally held in the first weekend of June in Regner Park, this three day festival is the major fundraiser for the Noon Rotary’s Waterways Foundation. There are many functions to be accomplished in this event and members are expected to contribute their time and effort, and we will greatly appreciate the time and effort of family members. The major functions are headed by a “tent captain” who is responsible for getting supporting help. If you do not volunteer for a function, you will be assigned duties on an “as needed” basis. Seek out a tent captain and volunteer early in order to get the duty and shift you desire. You are responsible to sell 8 tickets or donate a stated amount of money back to the club along with each unsold ticket. Meetings of the Seafood Fest Committee are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 11:00 AM in the 2nd floor conference room of the Cedar Ridge Campus before the regular meeting and attendance counts as a make-up.

Enchantment in the Park: This is a joint effort by the 4 Rotary Clubs of Washington County (West Bend Noon, West Bend Sunrise, Hartford, Slinger/Allenton). Its purpose is to collect food items to supply the four food pantries located in Washington County. Monies raised are used to maintain Enchantment and to support various projects and/or organizations supported by the four clubs.

Shrimp Boil: Held on the 3rd Wednesday in August, this 1-day event takes place in Regner Park and has a loyal following of attendees who look forward to this annual event. Duty assignments are similar to those for Seafood Fest. You are responsible for selling 8 tickets.

Football Raffle: This is an annual raffle to win 2 Pro-Bowl Football tickets, 2 Super Bowl tickets as well as a variety of other football-related items.

What is the Rotary Foundation?

The mission of the Rotary Foundation is to support the efforts of Rotary International in the fulfillment of the Object of Rotary, Rotary Mission and the achievement of world understanding and peace through local, national and international humanitarian, educational and cultural programs. Members are encouraged to donate to the Foundation. Members who give \$1,000 become Paul Harris Fellows, named after the founder of Rotary. Each year an outstanding Rotarian or member of the community is recognized for their outstanding contributions to West Bend and a \$1,000 donation in their name is donated to the Rotary Foundation by the Noon Chapter. One can contribute \$100 per year and the club will match the first \$100 contribution. November is Rotary Foundation Month. Michael Laird is our local club chairperson.

What is the Waterways Foundation?

Our chapter has been a leader in developing parks in West Bend. The primary focus for the Waterways Foundation is improving and maintaining the West Bend Riverwalk. The Waterways Committee meets as needed. Attendance at this meeting constitutes a make-up.

How are committee members selected?

Membership to a committee is decided by the Board of Directors. The “never say no” doctrine is essential here. If any member wishes to be on a committee, please make it know to the board or the president.

What is a make-up?

Members may make-up missed regular meetings by visiting other Rotary clubs and also attending other Noon Rotary meetings such as a Board of Director Meeting (1st Monday of the month at 11 AM), Seafood Fest Committee Meeting (2nd Monday of the month at 11 AM), and Waterways Foundation Meeting (4th Monday of the month as needed). Members need to tell the committee secretary of their attendance. If one is visiting another club’s meeting, one needs their secretary to execute a visitor form and turn it into our secretary for credit.

What do I do as a visitor to another club?

Visiting Rotarians are always welcome as a guest at other clubs and one does not need to make arrangements ahead of time. As mentioned above, one needs to check in with the secretary who will execute a visitor's form for you to turn in to our secretary so you will receive credit for a make-up. You are also responsible for paying for your meal. If you are visiting a far flung or international club, check with our secretary and obtain a West Bend Noon Rotary banner to give to the club you are visiting, and they will give you one in return.

What do I do if I bring a guest?

Guests are always welcome to a Rotary meeting. Check in with our secretary and execute a guest form. You are responsible for paying for your guest which may be billed on your next quarterly statement. You will be asked to introduce your guest during the secretary's report.

Who is responsible for the weekly programs?

If you are lucky enough to be selected to the Program Committee, you will be responsible for coming up with several programs throughout the year or if you have an idea for a program please contact someone on the committee.

The Program Guidelines are as follows:

1. Limit non-profit organizations to one per month. If booked, make sure they don't ask for money directly. There are proper ways to apply for financial assistance through the board.
2. Look for an entertaining, interesting topic.
3. No political agendas. Should you invite a politician make sure that both sides are presented.
4. Time allotted is 15 to 20 minutes.
5. For power point, a speaker must bring his/her own laptop. Cedar Ridge will provide us with the screen and the projector. Contact Steve Jaberg at sjaberg@cedarcommunity.org or 262-306-2112.
6. Invite speakers for lunch (free) and sit with them at the head table.
7. Prepare a short intro. It is your responsibility to introduce the speaker at the meeting.

What is a Classification Speech?

Rotary classifies their members generally by their occupation. This is your “classification”. As a new member, in order for the membership to get to know you better, you will be asked to give a brief “classification speech”. The speech should emphasize your occupation, but also give a brief background of yourself and your interests and hobbies. This speech should be informal, 3-5 minutes in length, and include a description of your present career, your education and/or training, and a brief personal history (family, etc.) as well as current community activities. In addition, feel free to mention any hobbies/unique experiences or anything else you think would be of interest to the group.

Who are the Rotary Students?

Outstanding students at West Bend High School are asked by the school to be our guests at lunch. They do not need to have any Rotary connection to be so honored. They visit for two consecutive meetings and give a short talk about themselves on the second meeting. Each year the chapter also sponsors an international exchange student and the student visits frequently during the year.

What is The Key?

The Key is the Noon Rotary weekly newsletter. It announces the programs and other information such as greeters, prayer leaders, Kitty Kettle and song leaders up to 3 weeks in advance. It announces weekly birthdays, anniversaries and celebrations (anniversary of membership). It contains other announcements as needed and if you have an announcement, please submit it by Wednesday afternoon to the thekey@westbendnoonrotary.org. After you join, you will be asked for some biographic information to run in the “Meet Your New Noon Rotarian” feature.

Does Noon Rotary have a Website?

You can find the Noon Rotary Website at www.westbendnoonrotary.org.

The West Bend Noon Rotary also uses ClubRunner to inform members of events and volunteer schedules.

This website is <http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrG/home/homeD.asp?cid=6134>. Your login is the first letter of your first name and your entire last name followed by the numbers 6134. Your password is the same minus the numbers 6134.

Example:

Login: pgerman6134
Password: pgerman



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Leadership

Leadership of the West Bend Noon Rotary *2010-2011*

Officers

President -Mike Miller
President Elect - Betsy Guild
Executive Vice-President - Tom Bozewicz
Past President - Chris Chlupp
Treasurer - Joel Herriges
Secretary - Ray Roskopf

Other Board of Directors Members

VP of Club Administration - Peter German
VP of Membership - Janet Hubbell
VP of Service Projects - Karen Rice
VP of the Rotary Foundation - Michael Laird
VP of Public Relations - Tom Meisenheimer



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Local Clubs

These are the local club meetings:

West Bend Sunrise: Tuesday – 7:15 a.m. – Top of the Ridge, West Bend

Slinger/Allenton: Tuesday – 12:10 p.m. – M.J. Stevens, Addison

Menomonee Falls: Wednesday – Noon – North Hills Country Club

Thiensville/Mequon: Tuesday – Noon – Ozaukee Country Club

Thiensville/Mequon Sunrise: Friday – 7:00 a.m. – Concordia University

Hartford: Thursday – Noon – Hartford Bistro