



# 'pinion

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS  
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THE FOUR WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Week of April 16<sup>th</sup> 2020



## WELCOME TO ROTARY!

We are neighbors, community leaders, & global citizens uniting for the common good. With you, we can accomplish more.



Reasons to love Rotary right now .... Reason #153: **Rotarians stand together!**

**We have joined the fight!** The **Rotary Club of West Allis** paid for **2,000 masks** that club member, **Mason Pooler**, identified as needed for the Milwaukee County Emergency Operations Center. Mason is serving as the logistics section chief for this center. Although supplies are tight, **Nancy Rhodes** was able to secure an **emergency grant** offered by the district for \$750 and also order **200 face shields** for the center. If any club members are aware of places to get items and find a way to pay for them, please let Nancy know. She has contacts mask distributors.



**United in Service!** Woven through the fabric of virtually every community on earth, service clubs of Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, Optimist International, and Rotary International are **working safely and diligently to maintain connections with each other and our neighbors so that we can cope with and overcome the effects of COVID-19.**



We are leveraging the strength of our combined networks of 3.2 million members to **provide comfort and hope** to those feeling the effects of isolation and fear. And we **are focusing our collective skills, resources and ideas to support** frontline health workers and first responders as they battle this disease and save lives.



In these times of uncertainty, **let's remain committed** to meeting the challenge of finding innovative ways to **take action together to help communities** around the globe heal and thrive – **and become more united than ever.**

**Fighting disease:** Before the world succumbed to the stopping of activities due to COVID-19, **polio eradication efforts** were at their peak in various countries, one of them being Somalia. Women in Somalia play a lead role ensuring every child is reached in the fight against polio.



Noora Awakar Mohammad was only sixteen years old when she started working as a volunteer for the Polio Programme in Somalia. Noora faces many challenges in her fight against polio. Many areas in Somalia are unreachable because of the presence of non-state groups who oppose vaccination and have been responsible for creating fear among parents by spreading misinformation.



**Weekly Meetings:** **No meetings / temporarily suspended** - Thanks, Judy & Don

**P.S. Funny Tweets** 😊: These last two weeks have been a long ten years. ♦ If you had to sacrifice one NFL team to end coronavirus right now .... who would it be, and why the Bears? ♦ 2019: Fear of Missing Out (FOMO) vs. 2020: Fear of Going Out (FOGO) ♦ Anyone else getting 2 to 3 weeks to the gallon for gas? ♦ Social Distancing Pickup Lines: Since all the public libraries are closed, I'm checking you out instead; You can't spell virus without U and I; I saw you from across the bar - stay there. ♦ Never in my whole life would I have imagined that my hands would consume more alcohol than my mouth! ♦ 😊

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**Hale Interact**

Wed., 7:10am, library -

Contacts:

**Terese Dressel**

**Central Interact**

Thu., 8:45am, main office

Contacts: **Jerry Falk**

**Dotke Interact**

Tuesday 10:45am -

Contacts: **Lee Breese &**

**Sue Zwitter**

**FUN FACTS ABOUT THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS**

**April is Maternal & Child Health Month**



*We can help end  
preventable deaths  
and greatly improve  
health and well-being.*

*Our investments last  
a lifetime!*

**April Birthdays**

Brent Halfwassen (4/01) ♦ Steve Hook (4/17)



**April Anniversaries**

Terese & Tal Dressel - 30 years (4/25)

**April Rotary Anniversaries**

Terese Beauchamp – 6 years (4/09)

♦ Brenda Merschorf – 9 years (4/14)

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM & all UPCOMING PROGRAMS  
ARE **TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED / TBD**

**Thank Coronavirus Helpers**

#HelpingTheHelpers

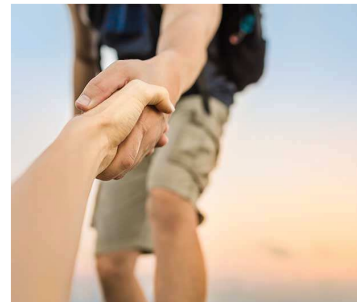


Who are the Coronavirus Helpers?

During this pandemic, selfless individuals and essential workers are putting themselves on the line to help save other people's lives and improve the overall health of community members.

Some of these groups of people include but are not limited to: health care professionals, researchers, volunteers, teachers, workers of restaurants and supermarkets, and sanitation workers.

Say **thank you** to friends & family members working the frontlines AND behind-the-scenes!



**Next Rotary Board Meeting – SUSPENDED / TBD**

**Club Meeting Time & Place ♦ Antigua ♦ 6207 W National Ave ♦ West Allis, WI 53214 ♦ SUSPENDED / TBD**