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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?



WELCOME TO ROTARY!

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

Week of January 11th, 2024



Reasons to love Rotary right now ... Reason #264: Rotarians dig snow 😊

Community Action for Fresh Water - Rotary and UNEP

Under a new strategic partnership, Rotary and the United Nations Environment Program ([UNEP](#)) are launching the 'Community Action for Fresh Water' initiative, **focusing on the protection of freshwater ecosystems.**

"Freshwater ecosystems are essential for the well-being of our planet, providing crucial services from biodiversity stability to water supply for communities," said Leticia Carvalho, Head of UNEP's Marine and Freshwater Branch. "This collaboration amplifies our efforts at the grassroots level, combining Rotary's community presence with our expertise to make a meaningful impact, and fostering respect for these vital resources."



Building on the success of the 'Adopt a River for Sustainable Development' pilot program with Rotary District 9212 in Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, and South Sudan, this strategic partnership showcases the potential of linking together community-based environmental efforts. Rotary's initial 3-year financial commitment to the partnership will fund a range of activities, emphasizing direct action and community involvement.

Last Week: Jan 4th - Vision Forward - Susan Eggold

Susan Eggold is Director of Philanthropy for Vision Forward, a non-profit serving people throughout the state of Wisconsin by **empowering, educating, and enhancing the lives of individuals impacted by vision loss**, including:

- 131 infants and toddlers who received early intervention services,
- 61 school-age youth who received a range of services to address their unique social, developmental, and emotional needs,
- 687 adults who received low vision, technology, orientation and mobility, support, daily living, and braille services, and
- 500 individuals who received education and training through TEC Connect Live!



This Week: Jan 11th - West Allis Health Department, Carolyn Haass - Thanks, Mason

P.S. Funny stuff 😊: My kids asked me: Do trees poop? I said, where do you think #2 pencils come from. ♦ A pizza's shape is round, it is delivered in a square box and you cut it into triangles. ♦ If you remove every other tooth ... we wouldn't have to floss. ♦ Why did the man fall down the well? Because he couldn't see that well. ♦ I was a Uber driver once ... I got fed up with people talking behind my back. ♦ I spent \$80 on a belt yesterday. My girlfriend said it was a huge waste. ♦ I used to be addicted to soap. But now I'm clean. ♦ I tried to give my friend an apple yesterday, but he said he only like pears ... so I gave him an extra apple. 😊

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Hale Interact

Wed., 7:10AM, Library –

Contacts: Lee Breese &

Jeannette Bell

Central Interact

Thurs, 8:45AM, Main Office

Contacts: Jerry Falk

Dottke Interact

Tues, 10:45AM

Contacts: Mason Pooler

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS

January is Vocational Service Month



January Birthdays

Jim Mejchar (1/02) ♦ Marty Hedrich (1/11) ♦ Kent Waterbury (1/17) ♦ Kevin Haass (1/23) ♦ Harold Sloan (1/27) ♦ Kathleen Dagenhardt (1/27)

January Anniversaries

January Rotary Anniversaries

Jim Mejchar – 28 yrs (1/10)



WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Jan 11th - West Allis Health Department, Carolyn Haass

Jan 18th - Miss West Allis

Jan 25th – KIVA, loans that change lives - Lisa Sullivan

Feb 1st - World Affairs, Francis Vogel

Feb 8th - West Allis Exchange student - Regina

Feb 15th - West Allis Dept Fire First responder - Jason Schaak

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS, NOTES & OTHER

**Rotary Club of West Allis
Martin Luther King Jr Day
Cozy Clothing & Food Collection**

	FOOD <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applesauce• Canned or Dried Meat• Canned or Dried Fruit• Canned Veggies• Meals in Box (dried soups, Suddenly Salad, Pasta Sides, etc.)• Peanut Butter• Cooking Oil	CLOTHING <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winter Coats• Knit Caps/ Beanies• Mittens/ Gloves• Scarves• Sweatshirts/pants• Boots• Pajamas• Socks (New Only)• Underwear (New Only)	
	Drop Of Location: Holy Assumption Parish-Office 1520 S 76th Street Monday, January 15, 2024 12 Noon-4 PM		
	<small>Adult and Child Size Items Appreciated</small>		

National Thesaurus Day

Thursday, January 18th



What do you call a dinosaur who knows a lot of words? A Thesaurus!



Part of **West Allis' Winter Week** is the **Fire & Ice @ Liberty Heights Event!**

Saturday, January 20th from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Fun activities include: ice skating, off-ice broomball, a glow dance party, hot chocolate, fire pits & s'mores, crafts, and more. Kegels food truck on site serving food and beer!

Click here to Volunteer 😊

<https://tinyurl.com/4u2kwkvy>

Next Monthly Rotary Board Meeting – Jan 17th ♦ 5:30PM VIRTUAL (3RD Wed of every month)

Weekly Club Meeting Time & Place ♦ 11:45AM ♦ VIRTUAL or IN-PERSON @ Apostle Presbyterian Church ♦ 1509 S 76th West Allis

For **VIRTUAL ZOOM** MEETINGS: URL = <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9828529809> ♦ PASSWORD = 024799 ♦ MEETING ID = 982-852-9809