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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?



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

WELCOME TO ROTARY!

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



Week of September 7th 2023

Reasons to love Rotary right now ... Reason #257: Rotarians make it happen!

Classrooms wired for success - It began, in Panama, with a simple backpack drive.

The Rotary Club of Panamá Norte loaded the packs with essential supplies and distributed them to grade schools throughout the country, a classic Rotary service project repeated in communities around the world. In this case, though, it led to something extraordinary — momentous changes in Panama’s education system.

The spark that ignited it came from what the Rotary members witnessed while delivering those backpacks about 10 years ago. They often found computers destroyed, discarded, or teachers who didn’t know how to use them. Fast forward to today, where a multiple grants, rotary clubs and local teachers have all teamed up to build a positive, comprehensive system. Read more about it at <https://www.rotary.org/en/classrooms-wired-success>



Last Week: Aug 31st - Foreign Service, Jon Ward

Nancy introduced our speaker last week, Jon Ward. Jon, a fellow Rotarian from the Milwaukee Rotary Club, shared stories about his experiences as a US Diplomat serving all over the World. Jon received numerous recognitions and awards for his services, including commendations from the Army, US Department of State, and the Joint Staff. He has varying levels of proficiency speaking Arabic, French and Portuguese. Jon is also an Eagle Scout!

John Ash (L) and Dave Owens (R) received a \$3,000 check from Jerry Falk (Center, representing the Knights of Columbus) for the Beer box fundraiser - to help buy food for selected, local pantries.



This Week: Sept 7th--Gigi's Playhouse--Sara Van Deurzen--Down Syndrome - Thanks, Mason

P.S. Funny stuff 😊: Having a teenager is like living in a haunted house. Every now and then you’ll see a figure in the corner of your eye, followed by a moaning sound and then a door will slam. ♦ I don’t know who needs to know this but even if a bear wears socks and shoes, he still has bear feet. ♦ Did I “kill” the plant? Or, did the plant not have what it takes to thrive in this fast-paced environment? ♦ What is a snake’s favorite subject in school? Hisssssstory! 😊

Beer for Bread
Beer Box Fundraiser
A West Allis Community Event - sponsored by The Rotary Club of West Allis
Saturday, October 28th, 2023
Ope Brewing Co. | 1 to 7PM

**Rotary Club of West Allis
2023-2024**

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS

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Wed., 7:10AM, Library –

Contacts: Lee Breese &
Jeannette Bell

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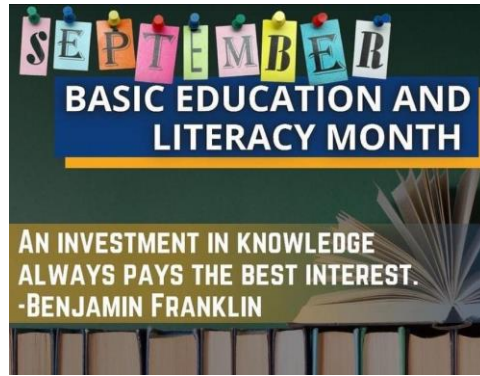
Thurs, 8:45AM, Main Office

Contacts: Jerry Falk

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Tues, 10:45AM

Contacts: Mason Pooler



September Birthdays

Jeannette Bell (9/02) ♦ Jason Soloninka (9/14) ♦

Don Drecktrah (8/08) ♦

September Anniversaries

Mason & Dana Pooler, 19 yrs (9/11) ♦

Steve & Ann Affeldt, 33 yrs (9/15) ♦

John & Cathy Ash, 36 yrs (9/26) ♦



September Rotary Anniversaries

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Sept 7th--Gigi's Playhouse-Sara Van Deurzen-Down Syndrome

Sept 14th--Guatemala/Common Hope-Eric Moeser- Int'l Committee

Sept 21st--Assembly-Mason Pooler

Sept 28th--Life of Ben Franklin-Part One-Mary Zarse

Oct 5th--Life of Ben Franklin--Part Two-Mary Zarse

Oct 12th--Shelter Box-Fran Wargolet-Ambassador

Oct 19th--Innovator of the Submarine-Part One-John Lindstedt

Oct 26th--Innovator of the Submarine-Part Two-John Lindstedt

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS, NOTES & OTHER

Buy a Book Day

Thursday, September 7th



**International
Literacy Day**

Friday, September 8th



West Allis Rotary Picnic 😊
Great weather, delicious food,
good auction!!!

- Money raised for Club foundation.
- Root Beer floats with Judy's chocolate chip cookies & Nancy's nut goodie bars.
- John Ash auctioneer skills, along with able assistant Steve Affeldt



**International
Sudoku Day**

Saturday, September 9th



Next Monthly Rotary Board Meeting – Sept 20th ♦ 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