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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?

Week of September 14th 2023



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 #256: Rotarians Read!

Notes from the Governor, District 6270, Don Griffing

Unlocking the Power of Education and Literacy: Rotary's Global Mission to Transform Lives

Over 775 million individuals aged 15 and above, 17% of the global adult population, grapple with illiteracy. Our mission is to fortify communities' ability to promote fundamental education and literacy, diminish gender disparities in education and elevate adult literacy. We champion education for all children & literacy for both children & adults.



September marks Rotary's dedication to Basic Education and Literacy, one of our seven Areas of Focus. Literacy and proficiency in reading and writing are critical in every aspect of life, from acquiring knowledge to effective communication and fostering agreements. Strengthening these fundamental skills in Basic Education and Literacy plays a pivotal role in alleviating poverty, enhancing health, stimulating community and economic growth, and nurturing peace. These advancements hold the potential to diminish maternal mortality rates, boost child survival rates, and alleviate poverty, while also paving the way for success in the realms of business and professions.

Last Week: Sept 7th - Gigi's Playhouse - Down Syndrome
Sara Van Deurzen is Operations Director for GiGi's Playhouse Milwaukee - a Down Syndrome Achievement Center located in Fox Point. The center opened on World Down Syndrome Day in 2015 following a grassroots fundraising campaign led by interested local parents and community members.



The Playhouse is an inspirational and dedicated place for families to celebrate Down syndrome. As one of 50+ brick and mortar locations across the United States and Mexico, they are working to change the way the world views Down syndrome and spread a global message of acceptance for all. GiGis makes a lifetime commitment with families for free education and career development programming. Speech Therapy is done by Marquette Professors once a week. They are always looking for volunteers. <https://gigisplayhouse.org/milwaukee/>

This Week: Sept 14th - Guatemala/Common Hope-Eric Moeser
- Thanks, Mason

P.S. Funny stuff 😄: My teen was eating a brownie for breakfast. First of all, he shouldn't be eating that for breakfast. Second of all, I was going to have that brownie for lunch. ♦ If you hear me telling the same story twice just let it go. I only have like six memories and they all take turns. ♦ The weather just went from 90 to 55 like it saw a State Trooper. ♦ Boss: What are you doing? Me: I'm watching a video on how to effectively deal with co-workers. Boss: That's kick-boxing. Me: Exactly 😊

Raising funds for the West Allis Rotary Club – one slice at a time! Fun selling pizza at the Italian Fiesta (9/08)

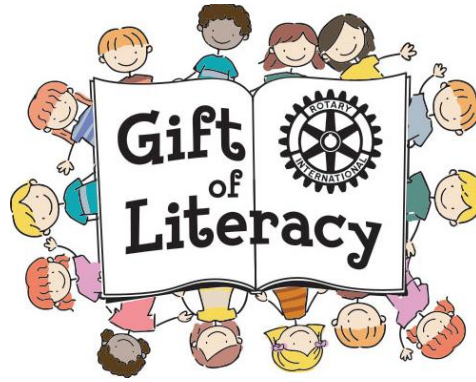


**Rotary Club of West Allis
2023-2024**

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS

Officers:

- President**
Mason Pooler
- Vice President**
Lee Breese
- Secretary**
Brenda Merschorf
- Treasurer**
Kathleen Dagenhardt
- Sergeant-at-Arms**
Dave Owens
- Past President**
Jeannette Bell



**September
is Basic
Education
and
Literacy
Month**

Directors:

- Steve Hook: 2023
- Larry Danner: 2023
- Steve Affeldt 2024
- Beth Leukam 2024
- Jerry Falk: 2025
- David Owens: 2025

September Birthdays

Jeannette Bell (9/02) ♦ Jason Soloninka (9/14) ♦
Don Drecktrah (9/23) ♦

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



**Rotary Club of West Allis
Foundation, Inc.**

Officers:

- President**
Steve Affeldt: 2024
- Vice President**
Wayne Tillmann: 2023
- Secretary**
Judy Shabman: 2024
- Treasurer**
Sue Zwitter: 2025

Directors:

- Sherry Saiki: 2023
- Tim Klare: 2025
- Mason Pooler: ex officio

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

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

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

Sept 21st - Assembly & Sandwich Making -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

Pawtoberfest

Sunday, September 24th
West Allis Farmer's Market
12:00 to 4PM



**Downtown
West Allis Classic
Car Show**

Sunday, October 1st



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

\$50 Beer Box | \$40 Root Beer Box
Limited supply, so order early!

Questions? Contact John Ash ptfirst@milwpc.com

★ **Scan to: Order & Pay for Beer Boxes and/or Donate Funds for Food Pantries**

@Rotary-West-Allis

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