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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 28<sup>th</sup> 2023



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!



Reasons to love Rotary right now ... Reason #257: Rotarians Read!

**Our impact on education** - The Rotary Foundation supports education through scholarships, donations, and service projects around the world.

Rotary members make amazing things happen, like:

- **Opening schools:** In Afghanistan, Rotarians opened a girls' school to break the poverty cycle and social imbalance.
- **Teaching adults to read:** Rotary members in the United States partnered with ProLiteracy Detroit to recruit and train tutors after a study showed that more than half of the local adult population was functionally illiterate.
- **New teaching methods:** The SOUNS program in South Africa, Puerto Rico and the United States teaches educators how to improve literacy by teaching children to recognize letters by sounds instead of names.
- **Making schools healthy:** Rotarians are providing clean, fresh water to every public school in Lebanon so students can be healthier and get a better education.
- **Enhancing educational systems:** In Kenya, Rotary clubs are working with the Global Partnership for Education and local and national governments to advance life-long learning opportunities for poor and marginalized children.

### Prior Week: Sept 14<sup>th</sup> - Guatemala/Common Hope-Eric Moeser

Where there is hope, there is a way forward. In partnership with Guatemalan families, Common Hope strives to provide the means and opportunities essential for a better life. Just as every student has goals, they have goals for every student:

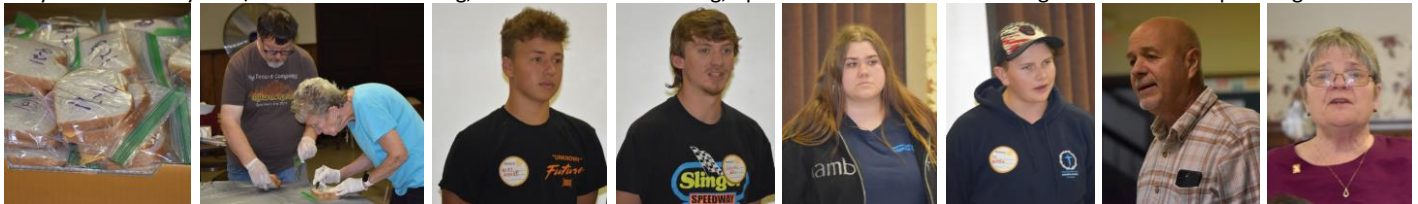
- Graduate from high school or a vocational equivalent
- Develop critical-thinking skills
- Become a multiplier of work and an agent of change in their community

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### Last Week:

Busy Club Assembly on 9/21! Sandwich making, Interact students sharing, updates on Beer Box fundraising & reminder for upcoming car show!



### This Week: Sept 28<sup>th</sup> -Life of Ben Franklin-Part One-Mary Zarse - Thanks, Mason

P.S. Funny stuff 😊: Counting to Ten Only Makes It Premeditated ♦ I'm a multi-tasker. I can listen, ignore and forget all at the same time. ♦ I don't want to party like it's 1999. I want to grocery shop like it's 1999. ♦ It was me. I let the dogs out. ♦ Right now, I'm in a galaxy far, far away ... ♦ Don't rush me. I am waiting for the last minute. ♦ I made a huge to-do list for today. I just can't figure out who is going to do it. 😊

**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

**Directors:**

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

**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

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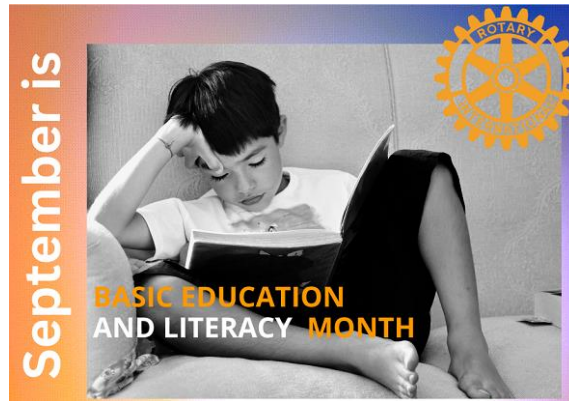
Wed., 7:10AM, Library –  
Contacts: Lee Breese & Jeannette Bell

Central Interact

Thurs, 8:45AM, Main Office  
Contacts: Jerry Falk

Dottke Interact

Tues, 10:45AM  
Contacts: Mason Pooler



**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**

**WEEKLY PROGRAMS**

Sept 28<sup>th</sup> -Life of Ben Franklin-Part One-Mary Zarse  
Oct 5<sup>th</sup> - Life of Ben Franklin--Part Two-Mary Zarse  
Oct 12<sup>th</sup> - Shelter Box-Fran Wargolet-Ambassador  
Oct 19<sup>th</sup> - Innovator of the Submarine-Part One-John Lindstedt  
Oct 26<sup>th</sup> - Innovator of the Submarine-Part Two-John Lindstedt

**UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS, NOTES & OTHER**

**Harvest Fair at  
Wisconsin State  
Fair Park**

September 29<sup>th</sup> thru  
October 1<sup>st</sup>



**Downtown  
West Allis Classic  
Car Show**

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>  
10 am - 3 pm  
Greenfield Avenue



**Last minute  
reminder: Bake  
Sale at Car Show  
this Sunday.**

Drop off your  
baked goods,  
stop by to lend a  
hand or visit and  
enjoy the show!



Beer Box Fundraiser

A West Allis Community Event - sponsored by The Rotary Club of West Allis

**Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:ptfirst@milwpc.com)

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

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**Next Monthly Rotary Board Meeting – Oct 18<sup>th</sup> ♦ 5:30PM VIRTUAL (3<sup>RD</sup> Wed of every month)**

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

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