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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 November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 #261: Rotarians are Thankful AND Giving!

**November is Rotary Foundation Month!** Giving Tuesday (11/28) happens once a year, but your gift of Rotary will make a difference for a lifetime. This Giving Tuesday, consider making a special gift to [The Rotary Foundation](https://my.rotary.org/en/giving-tuesday) and together we can continue Doing Good in the World. <https://my.rotary.org/en/giving-tuesday>

**Prior Week:** Nov 9<sup>th</sup> - Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Robinson

Dr. Tarrynce G. Robinson is honored to lead the West Allis–West Milwaukee school district as their new superintendent. His primary focus is the success and well-being of every student. Dr. Robinson strongly believes that education is a transformative force that has the power to shape lives and build a brighter future. Over the course of his career, he has witnessed the remarkable impact that strong partnerships between schools, families, and the community can have on student achievement. Collaboration is key! Dr. Robinson and two members of his staff are pictured below:



**Last Week:** Nov 16<sup>th</sup> - Addiction Prevention, Dr Kenneth J. Kurt

Dr. Kenneth Kurt is Chair of the Rotary Action Group, Addiction Prevention. He is a retired Osteopathic Physician and Surgeon. Dr Kurt has traveled on Rotary mission trips to Ghana, Kenya, Zambia & Guatemala and has been a Rotarian since 1965. His message: Rotarians need to step up to the challenges of addiction, which include alcohol, marijuana, and fentanyl. This problem is worldwide and inflicts great harm to our communities.



**This Week:** Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> – Happy Thanksgiving! - No Meeting  
- Thanks, Mason

**P.S. Funny stuff** 😊: ♦ It has been 14 days without chocolate. I think I'm going deaf in my left eye. ♦ It's no coincidence that beer rhymes with cheer. ♦ Trust me, you can dance – Beer. ♦ I'm not saying I'm Batman...but have you ever seen me and Batman in the same room? ♦ My dentist said I needed a crown, and I was like I know, right! ♦ This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat and it was obvious that she thought her cat understood her... I went back home and told my dog... we laughed a lot. ♦ Patience: What you have when there are too many witnesses. ♦ I could use an extra day between Saturday and Sunday. ♦ Happy Thanksgiving! 😊

### You Make Our Meetings Rock – Thank you for Attending!

Rotarian Lee Breeze with two Interact students from West Allis Central.



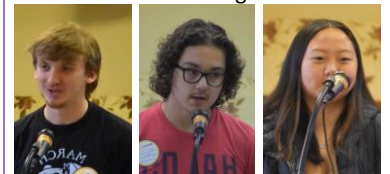
Rotarian Steve Hook serves on our Club's International Service committee.



Rotarians Terry, Mark & Kent!



Three visiting Interact students at our November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.



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

**Officers:**

**President**

Mason Pooler

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Lee Breese

**Secretary**

Brenda Merschdorf

**Treasurer**

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Steve Hook: 2023

Larry Danner: 2023

Steve Affeldt 2024

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Jerry Falk: 2025

David Owens: 2025

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Sue Zwitter: 2025

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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

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

*November is Rotary Foundation Month!*

Rotary Foundation: **Commitment to stewardship and excellence, supporting Rotary's objectives, and promoting sustainability.**



**November Birthdays**

Terry Brandenburg (11/03) ♦ Lee Breese (11/29) ♦

**November Anniversaries**

**November Rotary Anniversaries**

Nancy Rhodes – 35 yrs (11/03) ♦ Frank Bevsek – 31 yrs (11/18) ♦  
Terry Brandenburg – 31 yrs (11/18) ♦ Sherry Saiki – 21 yrs (11/01)  
♦ Kent Waterbury – 14 yrs (11/09) ♦ Mason Pooler – 6 yrs (11/22)



**WEEKLY PROGRAMS**

**Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> - No meeting – Happy Thanksgiving!!**

Nov 30<sup>th</sup> - Steen Sanderhoff - Punta Gorda, Belize -improving lives.

**Dec 6<sup>th</sup> - WEDNESDAY NIGHT, Club Christmas Party at Kegels – no meeting Thursday**

Times: 5:00p to 5:55p --Cocktails-first drink free with a ticket

6:00p-dinner --order from menu

Cost: \$52.00 per person (\$12.00 club member meal discount applied)

(Please RSVP to Nancy Rhodes, [nancyrhodes1@outlook.com](mailto:nancyrhodes1@outlook.com) or 414-412-2691)

Dec 14<sup>th</sup> - Assembly

**UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS, NOTES & OTHER**

**National  
Gingerbread  
Cookie Day**

Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

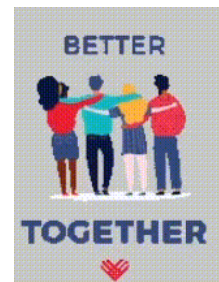


**Happy Thanksgiving**  
Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>



**GIVING  
TUESDAY**

Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>



The Rotary Foundation raised over \$1,111,000 during 2022 Giving Tuesday!

**Next Monthly Rotary Board Meeting – Dec 20<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