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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 December 14th, 2023



Reasons to love Rotary right now ... Reason #262: Rotarians keeping spirits bright!

Notes from the District Governor - Don Griffing: December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month for Rotary. The Rotary Foundation recognizes Disease Prevention and Treatment as one of its Seven Areas of Focus. The ramifications of disease and illness extend beyond physical pain and injury. Prolonged, severe illness can lead to the loss of employment and income, impacting not only individuals but also their families. The ripple effect is felt in the overall quality of life.

Rotary Action Group for FAMILY HEALTH & AIDS PREVENTION

One of Don's favorite stories about Rotarians as people of action comes from the efforts of a member of his first Rotary Club in Atlanta, Georgia. Fueled by the personal loss of her son to AIDS, Marion Bunch pioneered the

Rotary Action Group for Family Health and AIDS Prevention Inc (RFHA). Central to RFHA's endeavors is the Rotary Family Health Days program, a monumental medical public/private partnership—one of the world's largest.

Prior Week: Nov 30th - Steen Sanderhoff - Punta Gorda, Belize - improving lives
Members of Racine Founder's Rotary Club, along with firefighters, technical college trainers, physical and occupational therapists, and a hospital director of medical imaging, traveled to Punta Gorda, Belize, this past April. They provided training and equipment to bolster medical services for the city and surrounding 42 Mayan villages in Central America.

"As an active club of Rotary International, Racine Founder's Rotary Club is pleased that we can participate in worldwide opportunities to make a difference," said Steen Sanderhoff, local Rotarian, and district grants committee chair. "Along with the Belize trip, we've also actively participated in Ukraine, Kurdistan and Guatemalan projects."



Last Week:

Dec 6th - Club
Christmas Party
at Kegels.



This Week: Dec 14th - Assembly - Thanks, Mason

P.S. Funny stuff 😊 ♦ I see people around my age mountain climbing ... and I feel good about getting my leg through my underwear without losing my balance! ♦ What do gingerbread men use when they break a leg? A candy cane. ♦ What do elves learn in kindergarten? The elfa-bet. ♦ Did you hear about Rudolph's roller coaster ride? He held on for deer life. ♦ What did Santa and Mrs. Claus name their daughter? Mary Christmas ♦ Where does Santa stay on vacation? At a ho-ho-ho-tel. ♦ What do you call festive ducks? Christmas quackers. 😊



Santa Sighting!
Dec 2nd
West Allis
Christmas
Parade.
Ho, Ho, Ho!

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2023-2024**

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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

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month!



December Birthdays

Nancy Rhodes (12/10) ♦



December Anniversaries

Frank & Sue Ann Bevsek, 59 years (12/26) ♦

Richard & Isabel Muirhead, 55 years (12/28)

December Rotary Anniversaries

Wayne Tillmann – 30 yrs (12/09)

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Dec 14th – Assembly

Dec 21st - "Who's on First" Skit-Judy and Dennis Shabman

Dec 28th - WI Trade and Consumer Affairs-Ben Merens

Jan 04th - Vision Forward - Susan Eggold

Jan 11th - West Allis Health Department, Carolyn Haass

Jan 18th - Miss West Allis

Jan 25th -TBC

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS, NOTES & OTHER

Happy Hanukkah

December 7th through 15th



**Answer The
Telephone Like
Buddy The Elf Day!**

Monday, December 18th

"Buddy the Elf, what's your
favorite color?"



A lot of happy kids received coats at the
distribution held on November 28th. Thank you!



More Santa Sightings! Dec 9th
West Allis Fire Department's
Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser



Next Monthly Rotary Board Meeting – Dec 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