



# 'pinion

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 December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023



Reasons to love Rotary right now ... Reason #263: Rotarians Celebrate!

### Rotary Projects around the Globe - December: Papua New Guinea

Protein deficiency is a leading cause of stunted growth, which affects about half of children under age 5 in Papua New Guinea. Working with the nonprofit Kyeema Foundation, members of the Rotary Club of Brisbane, Australia, donated about \$2,900 to construct a chicken shed and yard in the town of Wau. The aim is to conserve indigenous breeds of poultry that are better at resisting disease, require less supplemental food, and produce nutrient-dense eggs and leaner meat.



After training the villagers and stocking the farm with native breeding hens, the club created a similar facility in Gabagaba village. Celia Grenning, a club member and a director with Kyeema, says the project is a blessing for the community, which previously relied on the overfished and reef-damaged coast for most of its protein.

**Last Week:** Dec 14<sup>th</sup> – **Jerry Falk 50<sup>th</sup> Rotary Anniversary Celebration!** Lots of laughter and stories of Jerry. We really appreciate your service and being a part of our Rotary family. Thank you to everyone in attendance - including Interact students!



**This Week:** Dec 21<sup>st</sup> - "Who's on First" Skit-Judy and Dennis Shabman - Thanks, Mason

P.S. Funny stuff 😊 ♦ What is Santa's primary language? North Polish ♦ What did the English teach call Santa's helpers? Subordinate Clauses. ♦ What's Santa Claus's favorite type of potato chip? Crisp Pringles! ♦ How do elves respond when Santa takes attendance? Present! ♦ What is Santa's favorite kind of candy? Jolly ranchers ♦ What is every parent's favorite Christmas song? Silent Night! 🎵 Ho! Ho! Ho!

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

**Officers:**

**President**

Mason Pooler

**Vice President**

Lee Breese

**Secretary**

Brenda Merschdorf

**Treasurer**

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**Sergeant-at-Arms**

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Jeannette Bell

**Directors:**

Steve Hook: 2023

Larry Danner: 2023

Steve Affeldt 2024

Beth Leukam 2024

Jerry Falk: 2025

David Owens: 2025

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**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

**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 21<sup>st</sup> - "Who's on First" Skit-Judy and Dennis Shabman

Dec 28<sup>th</sup> - WI Trade and Consumer Affairs-Ben Merens

Jan 04<sup>th</sup> - Vision Forward - Susan Eggold

Jan 11<sup>th</sup> - West Allis Health Department, Carolyn Haass

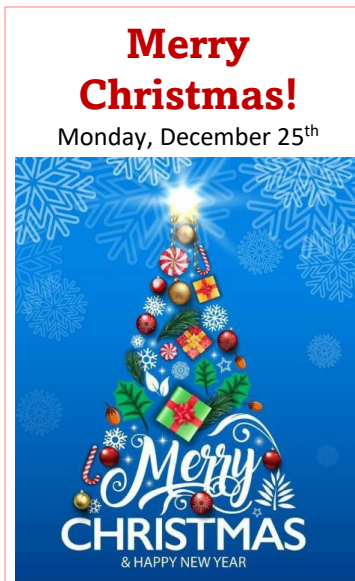
Jan 18<sup>th</sup> - Miss West Allis

Jan 25<sup>th</sup> -TBC

**UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS, NOTES & OTHER**



Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>



Part of **West Allis' Winter Week** is the **Fire & Ice @ Liberty Heights Event!**  
**Saturday, January 20th from 6:00-8:00 pm.**

Fun activities include: ice skating, off-ice broomball, a glow dance party, hot chocolate, fire pits & s'mores, crafts, and more. Kegels food truck on site serving food and beer!

Click here to Volunteer 😊  
<https://tinyurl.com/4u2kwkyv>



**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