



# '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?



## WELCOME TO ROTARY!

We are neighbors, community leaders, & global citizens uniting for the common good. With you, we can accomplish more!

Week of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024



Reasons to love Rotary right now ... Reason #267: Rotarians for Peace!

### Global citizens: Club centers on peacebuilding

**Global Partners in Peace** is a 2-year-old Rotary club whose international membership meets online and specializes in developing thought leadership on issues ranging from refugee advocacy and human rights to youth empowerment and anti-poverty initiatives. Club members live in about a dozen countries and include peace fellow alumni, global development professionals, and others with an interest in peacebuilding.



Members choose guest speakers from their networks, careful to select diverse voices and perspectives. Topics have included rural poverty in Pakistan, human trafficking in Chile, and peace initiatives in Somalia.

**Last Week:** Jan 25th – KIVA, loans that change lives - Lisa Sullivan

**WWBIC** (Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation) is a leading innovative statewide economic development corporation that's been "Putting Dreams to Work" since 1987. **Kiva** is an international nonprofit, founded in 2005 in San Francisco, with a mission to expand financial access to help underserved communities thrive.

Our speaker, Lisa Sullivan, helped WWBIC develop a partnership with KIVA in 2014 - to bring more resources to the table to help support Wisconsin entrepreneurs with access to quality business and financial training and responsible capital. She oversees and works directly with Kiva borrowers and partners through Wisconsin. KIVA is in 77 countries having supplied over 2 million loans.



kiva



**This Week:** Feb 1st - World Affairs Seminar, Francis Vogel - Thanks, Mason

### Welcome Guests!

Interact students from West Allis Hale and West Allis Central and Mark, new to the area.



**P.S. Funny stuff** 😄: In filling out an application, where it says "In case of emergency, notify," I put "Doctor" ♦ I didn't say it was your fault. I said I was blaming you. ♦ Where there is a will, I want to be in it. ♦ What did the French groundhog see when he woke up? His château. ♦ What brand of syrup do groundhogs use on pancakes? Hog Cabin. ♦ Why are woodchucks such bad drivers? Because they hog the road! 🐻

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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**

*February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month*



**February Birthdays**

Frank Bevsek (2/04) ♦ Mark Ellington (2/07)

**February Anniversaries**

**February Rotary Anniversaries**

Jerry Falk – **50 yrs** (2/12) ♦ Marty Hedrich – 35 yrs (2/16) ♦  
Mark Ellington – 35 yrs (2/16) ♦ Joyce Rowell – 34 yrs (2/22)  
Harold Sloan – 33 yrs (2/28) ♦ Lee Breese – 17 yrs (2/15) ♦  
Larry Danner – 9 yrs (2/20)

**WEEKLY PROGRAMS**

**Feb 1<sup>st</sup> - World Affairs Seminar, Francis Vogel**

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> - West Allis Exchange student, Regina

Feb 15<sup>th</sup> - West Allis Fire First responder, Jason Schaak

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> - Laser Cut Creations, Virginia Baughman

Feb 29<sup>th</sup> - Sandwich making, Interact clubs & Noon Club

Mar 7<sup>th</sup> – Assembly, Mason Pooler

Mar 14<sup>th</sup> - BRAVE program, Matt Seidl

**UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS, NOTES & OTHER**

**Groundhog Day**

Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>



**National Giving  
Hearts Day**

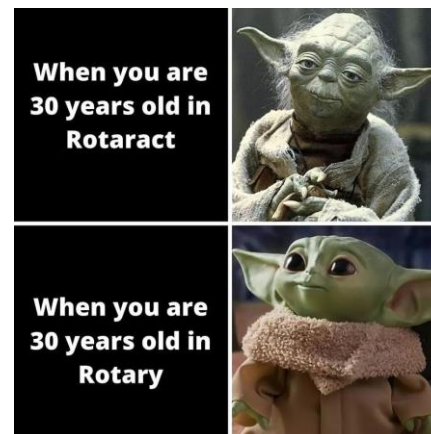
Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>



Donate to your favorite charity

**Valentine's Day**

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>




**JOIN THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS FOR OUR**  
**2024 Empty Bowl Fundraiser**

**Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> | 4-6 PM**  
Apostle Presbyterian Church Parish Hall  
1509 South 76<sup>th</sup> Street West Allis, WI

Enjoy a friendly, informal dinner with friends and neighbors to benefit and put food on the tables of those in need. Nutritious soups, bread, and other tasty treats will be served.  
All proceeds are used to help local food pantries.

Tickets: \$7  
Free for kids 3 and under!  
Please bring a non-perishable food donation

Scan to use Venmo to pre-order soup and make a donation

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**Rotary**  
Rotary Club of West Allis  
District 6270

**Next Monthly Rotary Board Meeting – Feb 21<sup>st</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