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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 February 22nd, 2024

Winter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fool's Spring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Second Winter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Spring of Deception	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Third Winter	
Mud Season	
Actual Spring	
Summer	
False Fall	
Second Summer (one week)	
Actual Fall	

Reasons to love Rotary right now ... Reason #268: Rotarians Support Peace

Peace is more than the absence of violence - it's creating and sustaining societies that allow all people to flourish.



Rotary International and Bahçeşehir University (BAU) announced their partnership agreement to establish the Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Center, offering a professional certificate program for peace and development professionals in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. The center is located at the university's Future Campus outside of Istanbul, Turkey.

The new center will train regional peacebuilders through a one-year Rotary Peace Fellowship. **With a strong focus on Positive Peace** – as defined by attitudes, institutions and structures that create and sustain peaceful societies - students will engage in a comprehensive curriculum in peacebuilding and conflict resolution.

Last Week: Feb 15th - West Allis Fire Assistant Chief, Community Risk Reduction/Support Services, Jason Schaak



Jason Schaak has been in the fire service for two decades. In that time, he's seen the rise of the opioid epidemic. "It's a challenge. It's a challenge to be a provider and to continuously see this happen to a community and not have the tools or resources to combat it." Schaak said. New as of last year, he and his team have another resource. In addition to being able to administer Narcan, the department can now administer buprenorphine. "This is something provided to people that are experiencing opioid withdrawals," Schaak explained.

In responding to a 911 overdose call, Narcan is administered to stop the effects of the illicit substance. However, that also puts the patient into an immediate and painful withdrawal situation. To counter the negative withdrawal symptoms, Buprenorphine is administered in the form of a pill that dissolves in the mouth. After giving this first dose of buprenorphine, the West Allis Fire Department then works to create a long-term plan for the patients' recovery.

This Week: Feb 22nd - Laser Cut Creations, Virginia Baughman

- Thanks, Mason

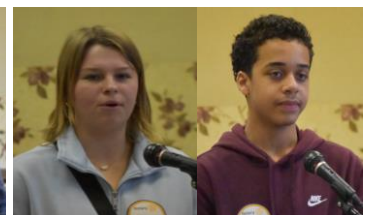
P.S. Funny stuff 😄: Five ants rented an apartment with another five ants. Now they're tenants. ♦ I like to change the "m" and the "n" on people's keyboards in the office. Some say I'm a monster. But I say I'm a nomster. ♦ An apple a day keeps the doctors away. At least if you throw it hard enough. ♦ Fun fact: before the crowbar was invented, crows just drank at home. ♦ I saw a microbiologist today. He was much bigger than I expected. ♦ Does every sentence need to include a vegetable? Not nececelary. ♦ I have a step ladder. My real ladder left when I was a kid. ♦ Did you know that insurance companies are warning campers ... if your tent is stolen at night, you won't be covered. 😊

Celebrating!

Don Falk - 50 years
of Rotarian strong.

Welcome!

Visting Interact students from
Hale (L) and Central (R)



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2023-2024**

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Hale Interact

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Wed., 7:10am, library -

Contacts: **Open**

Central Interact

Thu., 8:45am, main office

Contacts: **Jerry Falk**

Dottke Interact

Tues, 10:45AM

Contacts: Mason Pooler

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 22nd - Laser Cut Creations, Virginia Baughman

Feb 29th - Sandwich making, Interact clubs & Noon Club

Mar 7th - Assembly, Mason Pooler

Mar 14th - BRAVE program, Matt Seidl

Mar 21st - World Affairs Seminar, sharing 2023 experiences - Emma & Jailia

Mar 28th - Beekeeping -Mike Clavette

Apr 4th - Robotics and Biomechanics, Peter Adamczyk

Apr 11th - Part 1-History & Evolution of Brewing-Greg Jenks

Apr 18th - City of West Allis Update-Kevin Haass

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS, NOTES & OTHER

**National Tooth
Fairy Day**

Wednesday, February 28th



Leap Day/Year!

Thursday, February 29th



**West Allis Fire
Fighter's Charity**

Saturday, March 9th



**Help the West Allis-West
Milwaukee Rec Department
stuff Easter Eggs**

Wednesday, March 13th
6:00PM to 7:00PM

The Easter Bunny, along with the rec department, will hide the eggs at homes in the community – delivering joy to about 80 families with this event.

If interested, please sign up with the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084AA8AD29ABF-E3-47802339-recdepartment>

Next Monthly Rotary Board Meeting – Mar 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 BOARD MEETINGS**: URL <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88072525966>