



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 March 21st, 2024



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!



Reasons to love Rotary right now ... Reason #270: Rotarians are on the go!

The **WASH Rotary Action Group** was formed in 2007 by a group of Rotarians, recognized by Rotary International, and focused on WASH projects. Since then, it has facilitated hundreds of projects – helping clubs find partners, ensuring sustainability, stressing the importance of a needs-driven approach, and developing best practices.



They encourage a holistic, integrated approach in which water is not the end but is rather the means to a better life and livelihood in the community. Most importantly, WASH Rotary Action Group links water and sanitation to improved hygiene, better health, and empowerment of the community – especially women, irrigation and agriculture, education, and literacy and, ultimately, child mortality.

Prior Week: Mar 14th - BRAVE program

BRAVE is a program designed specifically for treating mild Traumatic Brain Injury (mTBI) in military veterans and first responders. The program is a collaboration of Avalon Action Alliance, a national organization focused on the cognitive health and mental wellness of veterans and first responders, and the Wisconsin Institute of NeuroScience (WINS). Dr Gregory Burek, Marine (ret), is the Medical Director that oversees the day-to-day operation of the clinical staff and treatment program. Chad Kine, Army (ret), who was also in attendance, is a recent hire who will work on the mental health treatment team as a mental health therapist.



Froedtert and the Medical College of Wisconsin helped launch the \$12.5 million program in 2023, the first of its kind in the Midwest. The BRAVE Program (Building Resilience through Action in Veterans and First Responders) provides patients with a one-stop shop for the treatment of what are often invisible, yet pervasive, mental wounds. Through partnerships with public safety agencies and Veterans Affairs health providers, the center leverages a holistic approach in helping patients get better using art therapy, speech therapy, neurologic evaluation, physical therapy and more.

This Week: Mar 21st - World Affairs Seminar, 2023 - Emma & Jailia - Thanks, Mason

Hooray for Helping!! Our Rotary members (aka Easter Bunnies) helped the West Allis REC Department stuff candy and a small toy in 6,000 plus plastic eggs. 😊



P.S. Funny stuff 😄: What would you get if you crossed the Easter Bunny with a famous French general? Napoleon Bunnyparte! ♦ Why do people paint eggs for Easter? It's easier than trying to wallpaper them! ♦ What do you get when you cross a rabbit with shellfish? An oyster bunny! ♦ What do you get if you cross a frog with a rabbit? A bunny ribbit. ♦ What's the best way to make Easter easier? Put an "i" where the "t" is. ♦ Knock, knock! Who's there? Alma. Alma who? Alma Easter candy is gone. Can I have some more? ♦ Easter egg hunts: Proof your child can find things when they really want to. ♦ Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket. 🐣 🐤 🐥 🐦

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2023-2024**

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Lee Breese

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Sue Zwitter: 2025

Mason Pooler: ex officio

Hale Interact

Wednesday 7:10 AM

Auditorium

Contacts: Lee Breese

Central Interact

Thursday 8:45 AM

Meet in the Main Office

Contacts: Jerry Falk

Dottke Interact

Tuesday 8:00 am

Contacts: Mason Pooler

West Milwaukee EarlyAct

Thursday 1:30 PM

Contacts: Steve Affeldt

& Brenda Merschdorf

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS

March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month



March Birthdays

Sue Zwitter (3/05) ♦ Terese Beauchamp (3/15)

March Anniversaries

March Rotary Anniversaries

Dave Laske – 33 yrs (3/07) ♦ Kevin Haass – 15 yrs (3/06) ♦

Jason Soloninka – 8 yrs (3/31)

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

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

Mar 28th - Beekeeping -Mike Clavette

Apr 4th - Robotics and Biomechanics, Peter Adamczyk

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

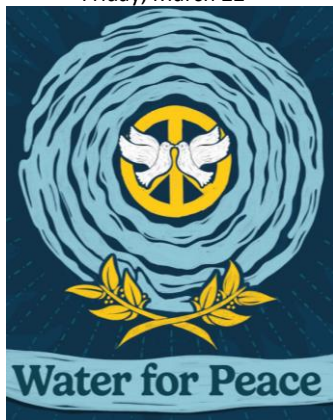
Apr 18th - City of West Allis Update-Kevin Haass

Apr 25th - Part 2-History & Evolution of Brewing-Greg Jenks

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS, NOTES & OTHER

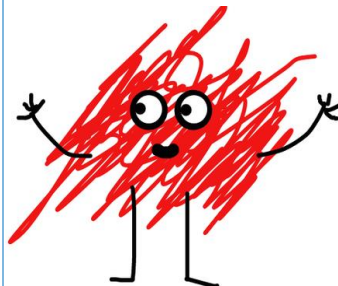
World Water Day

Friday, March 22nd



National Scribble Day

Wednesday, March 27th



**Hank Aaron Trail -
Spring Clean Up**



* Meet at Colder's parking lot
(Hwy 100, just south of I94) at
10:00 AM on Saturday, March 23rd

* All cleanup supplies will be
provided – along with coffee and
donuts!

* You just need to show up and
dress for the weather. 😊 Please
feel free to invite others as well.

Please use link below to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084AA8AD29ABFE3-48541420-hank>



Visting Interact students!

Easter

Sunday, March 31st



Next Monthly Rotary Board Meeting – April 17th ♦ 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>