

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?

Week of April 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 #272: Rotarians love to learn!

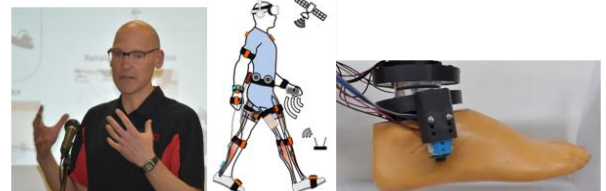
### **Prior Week: April 4<sup>th</sup> – Badger Talk, Peter Adamczyk**

Dr. Peter Adamczyk, Associate Professor in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Madison, directs the Biomechatronics, Assistive Devices, Gait Engineering & Rehab Lab. His research aims to enhance physical and functional recovery from impairments affecting walking, running, and standing.



**UW BADGER Lab**

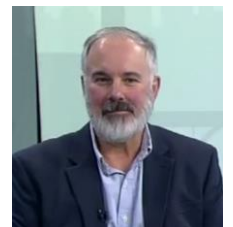
Biomechatronics, Assistive Devices, Gait Engineering & Rehabilitation



Badger Talks is a Speakers Bureau that is committed to extending the resources of the university to citizens of our state. These talks showcase the faculty and staff who have expertise in a variety of disciplines, such as: agriculture, arts, biotechnology, business, education, energy, health, music, and more! <https://badgertalks.wisc.edu/topics-speakers/>

### **Last Week: Apr 11<sup>th</sup> - Part Two, History & Evolution of Brewing-Greg Jenks**

Greg Jenks spoke on the History and Evolution of Wine – starting with ancient times and then taking us on a historical journey of winemaking in the United States. In Wisconsin, popular California wines like Pinot Noir or Chardonnay can't survive here. To make it through even a "mild" Wisconsin winter, it takes a cold-hardy grape like La Crescent or Marquette.



Greg is a retired school psychologist, homebrewer, amateur actor and singer, **and current president of the board for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UWM**. The opportunity to research and present on historical topics has become one of Greg's most enjoyable hobbies in retirement. Osher's learning community began in Milwaukee in 1982 and is specifically for adults 50 years of age and older. The program at UWM has three major concentrations consisting of in-person and hybrid classes, the "Go Explore" community destination learning opportunities, and out-of-state travel trips! Find out more at:

[https://uwm.edu/sce/program\\_area/osher-lifelong-learning-institute/](https://uwm.edu/sce/program_area/osher-lifelong-learning-institute/)

### **This Week: Apr 18<sup>th</sup> - City of West Allis Update-Kevin Haass**

Thanks, Mason

### **P.S. Funny stuff 😊:**

Why is Yoda such a good gardener? He has a green thumb. ♦ Where do bunnies like to eat? At IHOP. ♦ Why are frogs so happy? They eat whatever bugs them. ♦ What type of flower do you plant in the dark? A light bulb. ♦ Did you hear the one about the gardener who couldn't wait for spring? He was so excited, he wet his plants! ♦ How do sheep celebrate Memorial Day? With a baa-baa cue. ♦ What makes some plants better at math than others? Square roots! ♦ There are 5 seasons: Winter, Summer, Autumn, Spring and Tax! 😊



Our visiting  
Interact Students!



### **West Allis Rotarians!**

We are thrilled to announce - our Club has achieved ShelterBox HERO recognition again for Rotary Year 2023-2024!



This achievement is a testament to our support of providing aid to those in need. Your contributions are deeply appreciated.

~ Mason Pooler

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

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS**

*April is Environmental Month*



**Officers:**

- President**  
Mason Pooler
- Vice President**  
Lee Breese
- Secretary**  
Brenda Merschdorf
- Treasurer**  
Kathleen Dagenhardt
- Sergeant-at-Arms**  
Dave Owens
- Past President**  
Jeannette Bell

**Directors:**

- Steve Hook: 2026
- Larry Danner: 2026
- Steve Affeldt 2024
- Beth Leukam 2024
- Jerry Falk: 2025
- David Owens: 2025

**Rotary Club of West Allis  
Foundation, Inc.**

**Officers:**

- President**  
Steve Affeldt: 2024
- Vice President**  
Wayne Tillmann: 2026
- Secretary**  
Judy Shabman: 2024
- Treasurer**  
Tim Klare: 2025

**Directors:**

- Sherry Saiki: 2026
- 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

**April Birthdays**

Steve Hook (4/07)

**April Anniversaries**

**April Rotary Anniversaries**

- Brenda Merschdorf – 13 yrs (4/14) ♦
- Terese Beauchamp – 10 yrs (4/09) ♦

**WEEKLY PROGRAMS**

- Apr 18<sup>th</sup> - City of West Allis Update-Kevin Haass**
- Apr 25<sup>th</sup> -Mason Pooler, Shipwreck -1715 Spanish ship
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Rick Czaplewski, Cancer survivor "Better Dirty Than Done"
- May 9<sup>th</sup> - Jessica Luebbering, Father Gene's
- May 16<sup>th</sup> -Tim Arno GM, Got Junk
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> - Greg Jenks, Entertainers with WI ties, Part One
- May 30<sup>th</sup> - TBC
- June 6<sup>th</sup> - Lee Breese, Interact Scholarships awarded



**UPCOMING**

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Date	Time	Event	Location	Address	Contact
April 30, 2024	9:15 - 11:15 AM	Hannah's Haven	Irving School	10230 W. Grant St	Lee Breese
May 1, 2024	1:00 - 2:00 PM	Food Bank	Aposotle Presbyterian	1509 S 76 St	Lee Breese
May 7, 2024	9:15 - 11:15 AM	Hannah's Haven	Irving School	10230 W. Grant St	Lee Breese
May 8, 2024	1:00 - 2:00 PM	Food Bank	Aposotle Presbyterian	1509 S 76 St	Lee Breese
May 14, 2024	9:15 - 11:15 AM	Hannah's Haven	Irving School	10230 W. Grant St	Lee Breese
May 15, 2024	1:00 - 2:00 PM	Food Bank	Aposotle Presbyterian	1509 S 76 St	Lee Breese
May 18, 2024	9:00-11:00 AM	West Allis Community Clean Up	West Allis Police Sub Station	6900 W. National Ave	Mason Pooler

**Next Monthly Rotary Board Meeting – May 15<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** BOARD MEETINGS: URL <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88072525966>



A sincere "Thank You" to all who contributed to the MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary Summer Toy Drive. With your help we were able to deliver a full carload of fun for the kids!

~ Mark & Jackie Ellington

**Another Volunteer Opportunity**



May 31<sup>st</sup> Festa Italiana!



**6 already signed up -  
Looking for 4 more to join  
4 hours of time, May 31st**

Our club receives a donation.  
Please consider signing up via  
link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084AA8AD29ABFE3-48576949-festa>

Volunteer Contact: Nancy Rhodes