

**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 Sept 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Reasons to love Rotary right now ... Reason #284: [Rotarians Support Education](#)

More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17 percent of the world's adult population. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults.

### **Rotary members make amazing things happen, like:**

- **Opening schools:** In Afghanistan, Rotary members opened a girls' school to help break the cycle of poverty.
- **Teaching adults to read:** Rotary members in the US partnered with ProLiteracy Detroit to recruit and train tutors.
- **New teaching methods:** The SOUNS program in South Africa, Puerto Rico and the US teaches educators how to improve literacy by teaching children to recognize letters by sounds instead of names.
- **Making schools healthy:** Rotarians are providing clean, fresh water to public schools in Lebanon so students can be healthier and get a better education.

### **Prior Week: Aug 22nd - Reading to the dogs - Lee Breese**



This innovative program encourages children to increase their reading skills and self-confidence by reading aloud to dogs.

Learning to read is often less about intellectual limitation than about overcoming fears. Animals are ideal reading companions because they: help increase relaxation and lower blood pressure; listen attentively; do not laugh, judge, or criticize; allow children to proceed at their own pace; and are less intimidating than peers.

### **Past Week: Aug 29th – Santiago, sharing experiences in Germany**



Santiago, Richard Muirhead's grandson, recently returned to the US after spending a school year in Germany. He spent time in both Northern Germany and Southern Germany – and discovered that they have very different dialects! During his stay, Santiago made life-long friends. The experience opened his perspective on the world and of himself.

### **This Week: Sept 5th - Edward Jones, Brenda Merschorf - Thanks, Mason**

P.S. Funny thought for today 😊: This year: Jaaaaaaanuarryyyy; Februaaaaaarrryyyy; Maaaaaaarchhhhh; Aprilmayjunejulyaugust; September!

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS

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

**Officers:**

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

**Directors:**

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

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

**Officers:**

- President**  
Steve Affeldt: 2027
- Vice President**  
Wayne Tillmann: 2026
- Secretary**  
Judy Shabman: 2027
- 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

### September is Education & Literacy Month



**September Birthdays**

Jeannette Bell (9/02) ♦ Joe Kempen (9/06) ♦ Jason Solonika (9/14)  
♦ Don Drecktrah (9/23)

**September Anniversaries**

John & Cathy Ash, 37 yrs (9/26) ♦ Steve & Ann Affeldt, 34 yrs (9/15)  
Mason & Dana Pooler, 20 yrs (9/11) ♦

**September Rotary Anniversaries**

**WEEKLY PROGRAMS**

- Sept 5<sup>th</sup> - Edward Jones, Brenda Merschdorf
- Sept 12<sup>th</sup> - DG visit, Pete Bosch
- Sept 19<sup>th</sup> -Assembly, Mason Pooler
- Sept 26<sup>th</sup> - Girl Scouts, Kayla Suarez
- Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> – Chosen, Karen Schindwein

**Rotarians Were Here:** After much deliberation, 5 beers were picked for our upcoming Beer Box fundraiser! 😊



**UPCOMING Volunteer Opportunities**

Date	Time	Event	Location	Address	Contact
September 29, 2024	12:00-4:00 PM	Pawtober Fest 	Farmers' Market	6501 W. National Ave	Robert Barwick
October 6, 2024	10:00-3:00	Car Show 	Downtown West Allis		Judy Shabman
October 25, 2024	5:00-9:00 PM	Haunted Honey Creek 	Honey Creek Park	84th and National	Beth Leukam

**Next Monthly Rotary Board Meeting – Sept 18<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>