

**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 December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Reasons to love Rotary right now ... Reason #288: [Rotarians gather for good!](#)

### Rotary Healthy Communities Challenge will strengthen health systems in four countries

The Rotary Healthy Communities Challenge, a three-year, \$30 million program to combat disease in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mozambique, Nigeria, and Zambia, has officially launched. Rotary International is partnering with the Gates Foundation and World Vision to target pneumonia, malaria, and diarrheal diseases, leading causes of death for vulnerable populations.

### Prior Week: Nov 21st - Lisa Schiller of Better Business Bureau of WI

Lisa Schiller is a Senior Director of Investigations and Media Relations. She addressed scams that we face every day. The BBB Scam Tracker is a free tool anyone can use to report suspected scams. Your reports help warn others.



Scam studies



Business scams



Social media scams



Romance scams



### Past Week: Dec 12<sup>th</sup> - Greg Jenks, Part 1, Rarely heard Christmas songs

Greg Jenks fun program on Forgotten Christmas songs (far left).

See additional notes re: Dave, Nancy and Jerry \*\*



\*\* Other meeting items: Dave Owens collected Happy Bucks which goes to the account of our Interact Clubs of West Allis Hale and Central. Nancy Rhodes gave a wrap up of the Beer box fundraiser held on November 9<sup>th</sup>. It looks like we have raised over \$10,000 dollars! Jerry Falk reported on the status of a sign to be erected in a West Allis City Park naming both Rotary and the Knights of Columbus for donation of monies. *Please see next page for additional information – farewell to Mason.*

### This Week: Dec 19<sup>th</sup> - Jon Ward, Rotary and Positive Peace

- Thanks, Mason

P.S. Funny thoughts for today 😊: I have been on Facebook for 14 years ... I remember when all this was farmland. ♦ What do gingerbread men use when they break their legs? Candy canes. ♦ How do gingerbread men keep their jackets closed? With ginger snaps. ♦ What did the gingerbread man put on his bed? A cookie sheet. ♦ What happened to the man who stole an Advent Calendar? He got 25 days!

Welcome Interact Students! 😊

from West Allis Central

from West Allis Hale



## THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS

December is Disease Prevention & Treatment Month!



### 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

#### December Birthdays

Nancy Rhodes (12/10) ♦ Dave Laske (12/30) ♦

#### December Anniversaries

Frank & Sue Ann Bevsek, 60 yrs (12/26) ♦

Richard & Isabel Muirhead, 56 yrs (12/28)

#### December Rotary Anniversaries

Wayne Tillmann, 31 yrs (12/09) ♦

#### WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Dec 19<sup>th</sup> - Jon Ward-- Rotary and Positive Peace

Please click on link below to see information

[Rotary Positive Peace Academy](#)

#### **Dec 26<sup>th</sup> – Day after Christmas - NO MEETING**

Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> - Greg Jenks, Part 2, Christmas songs we haven't heard

Jan 9<sup>th</sup> - Richard Muirhead, Farmland to prairie grass

Jan 16<sup>th</sup> - Steve Affeldt, Trip to the Antarctic

Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> - Harry Farchmin, Friendship groups in Rotary

Jan 30<sup>th</sup> - Cory Weber, Update on the Boy Scouts

### Rotarians Were Here!

Christmas Party 12/03



\*\* Mason Pooler accepted a new job in Minnesota. Steve Affeldt will be filling in for him as Club President. Steve awarded Mason a Paul Harris Plus for his contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

**From Mason Pooler: *You're Invited to My Farewell Party!*** After 22 unforgettable years with the West Allis Fire Department, I'm embarking on a new journey as the fire chief in Rochester, Minnesota. While I'm excited for what's ahead, it's hard to say goodbye to the incredible people and community I've had the privilege to serve. I'd love for you to join me for a night of good company, great stories, and a few beers as we celebrate the past two decades together!

**Date:** Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup> \* **Time:** 7:00 PM \* **Location:** The Drunk Uncle Tavern, 1902 S 68th St, West Allis

**What to Know:** All tap beer is on me – come thirsty! No food served - please eat before you arrive.

**Next Monthly Rotary Board Meeting** – Dec 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>