

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 March 13th, 2025



Reasons to love Rotary right now ... Reason #295: **Rotarians are the magic!**

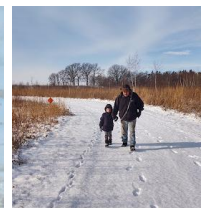
Prior Week: - Feb 27th - Richard Muirhead, Seeding prairies of land

Richard Muirhead shared his experiences of deciding to seed their family farmland into prairie grass, instead of allowing it to be developed. The Muirhead family migrated to Northern IL from Scotland in the 1800s. The 757-acre Muirhead Springs Forest Preserve, situated in central Kane County, was originally full of prairie flowers and wetlands before being converted to farmland for 140+ years. Extensive restoration efforts have returned the land back to its original settings. Countless birds love the newly improved habitat. An amazing array of nature can be enjoyed at this site. Multi-use trails are shared by walkers, runners, bicyclists, and horse riders.



Last Week: - Mar 6th – Assembly + check presentation to REC Dept

Our Rotary Club of West Allis proudly presented two checks of \$3,500 each to the West Allis REC Dept (below, left) in support of programming that helps community members with cognitive disabilities and the Make A Wish program (below, right).



Happy 119th
Birthday
Rotary!!



This Week: - Mar 13th - Jodi Fabb, Rogers Behavioral Health

- Thanks, Steve

A Rotary cake made by Colleen (our caterer) to celebrate Rotary's 119th Birthday. Jeanette Bell did the cutting of the cake. It was enjoyed by all!

P.S. Funny thoughts for today 😊: Marriage is sometimes like when one person handles the flights, passports, bags, hotel bookings & the other person asks "Where are we going again?" ♦ I feel like I'm in a good place. Not mentally. I'm just at the donut shop. ♦ Get out there and be the surprise onion ring in somebody's French fries today! ♦ Strange new trend at work: people are putting names on food. Today I had a tuna sandwich named Linda." ♦ If you ever get locked out of your house, talk to your lock calmly. Because communication is key. 😊

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS

March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

Rotary Club of West Allis
2023-2024

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: 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



March Birthdays

David Leukam (03/05) ♦ Sue Zwitter (03/09) ♦

Terese Beauchamp (03/15)

March Anniversaries

March Rotary Anniversaries

Dave Laske, 34 yrs (03/07) ♦ Kevin Haass, 16 yrs (03/06)

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Mar 13th - Jodi Fabbi, Rogers Behavioral Health

Mar 20th - Cory Weber, Three Harbors Council-District Director

Mar 27th - Ben Merens, Identity Theft: Protect and Prevent

April 3rd - Steve Hook, trip to South Africa

April 10th - Dawn Fiedler, Human Trafficking in Rural areas

Apr 17th - Rod Bassett, End Polio Now chairman

Apr 24th - Nick Sgarlat, Bridge to Brighter-
aging out of Foster Care

Rotary Minute

Rotary's Work to End Human Trafficking

Did you know that **nearly 50 million people worldwide** are victims of human trafficking? It's a hidden crisis—one that Rotary is working to stop. Rotary clubs worldwide are fighting human trafficking by:

- **Raising awareness** and educating communities on how to recognize and report trafficking.
- **Supporting survivors** with housing, counseling, and job training.
- **Partnering with law enforcement** and advocacy groups to strengthen anti-trafficking efforts.

One example is **Rotary's partnership with the Global Freedom Network**, which is working to end modern slavery through policy change and survivor support programs. In the U.S., clubs in places like Houston and Atlanta—both major trafficking hubs—have launched initiatives to protect at-risk youth, train hotel staff to spot trafficking, and provide direct aid to victims. Rotary's mission is **service above self**, and that means standing up for the most vulnerable. Ending human trafficking is a big challenge, but together, we can make a difference. **And that's your Rotary Minute!**

Next Monthly Rotary Board Meeting – March 19th ♦ 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>

We Have Great Interactors

from West Allis Hale and Central!



March Madness!



Games begin March 18th



<https://www.walkfree.org/projects/global-freedom-network/>