



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 May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025



Reasons to love Rotary right now ... Reason #299: **Rotarians keep up the good work!**

### **Prior Week: Apr 17<sup>th</sup> - Rob Bassett, End Polio Now chairman**

Rob Bassett provided our club with an update of the Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus. He reviewed the seven areas of focus of the foundation, highlighted several Programs of Scale (\$2 million or more in annual grants) and noted the various Rotary Peace Centers throughout the world.

**\*\* Congratulations to Robert Bassett!!! He received the prestigious Regional Service Award for Polio-Free World this past weekend at the Rotary TriCon conference. Rob was one of only 60 in the world to receive this annual award! \*\***



### **Last Week: Apr 24<sup>th</sup> - Nick Sgarlata, Bridge to Brighter - aging out of Foster Care**

Nick Sgarlata, Executive Director/President of Bridge to Brighter, shared how his non-profit organization works with young men who have aged out of foster care in Milwaukee County. Their mission is guided by faith and strives to meet the physical and emotional needs of youth impacted by foster care. Bridge to Brighter's efforts are anchored in providing critical, safe and stable housing. They then provide support and mentoring through resources and programming that assist with employment and job training, building healthy relationships, healing from trauma, and moving forward towards sustained independence.

One out of 184 children in the US are in foster care (over 400,000), with an average stay of 22 months. 20% of foster youth will become homeless the day they age out. 50% of children in foster care will never graduate high school or obtain a GED. Nick and the team at Bridge to Brighter is looking to help change the outcomes. Nick and his wife are currently fostering two boys, Raphael (7) and Joseph (5). <https://bridgetobrighter.org/>



"History will judge us by the difference we make in the everyday lives of children"

Nelson Mandela

### **This Week: May 1<sup>st</sup> - Kevin Haass, Update on developments in West Allis**

– Thank you, Steve

P.S. Funny thoughts for today 😊: I just finished writing a book on penguins. It probably would have been easier to write it on paper. ♦ Turns out the answer to my problems wasn't at the bottom of this pint of ice cream ... but the important thing is I tried. ♦ I do all my own stunts. But not intentionally. ♦ Life is too short to argue. Sometimes, you just need to blame your brother for everything and move on. ♦ You got to hand it to short people. Because they can't reach it on their own. ♦ Snaccident: Eating an entire bag/box of something by mistake. 😊

## Rotary Club of West Allis 2023-2024

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Steve Affeldt

#### Vice President

#### Secretary

Brenda Merschorf

#### Treasurer

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Jeannette Bell

### Directors:

Steve Hook: 2026

Tim Klare 2026

Beth Leukam 2026

Jerry Falk: 2025

David Owens: 2025

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Tim Klare: 2025

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Sherry Saiki: 2026

Sue Zwitter: 2025

: 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

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS



### May Birthdays

Jerry Falk (05/23) ♦

### May Anniversaries

Jeannette & Chet Bell, 63 yrs (5/19) ♦

### May Rotary Anniversaries

### WEEKLY PROGRAMS

**May 1<sup>st</sup> - Kevin Haass, Update on developments in West Allis**

May 8<sup>th</sup> - Yuriy Ksenidi, Allis Chalmers Toastmasters Club

May 15<sup>th</sup> - Assembly & Brenda with nominations for Four Way Test

May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Greg Jenks, Baseball history in Milwaukee- Part ONE

May 29<sup>th</sup> - Greg Jenks, Baseball History in Milwaukee-Part TWO

June 5<sup>th</sup> - Lee Breese, Interact Scholarships

June 12<sup>th</sup> - Colleen Bell, Cooking with Herbs

June 19<sup>th</sup> - Judy Shabman & Kathy Hart (best friend) - funny story about how Judy met Jeff

June 26<sup>th</sup> - **Offsite luncheon** at Carroll University, World Affairs, learn from delegates attending

## We Have Great Interactors

from West Allis Hale!



## Rotary Minute

### The Power of Interact!

In 1962 Rotary International launched a youth program, Interact, for young people aged 12 to 18. It is aimed to develop leadership and a spirit of service among high school students.

Interact has broadened Rotary's influence and introduced new ideas and energies. It has enabled Rotary to remain relevant in a context of rapid change. Interact has contributed to the sustainability of Rotary by attracting future members and driving the creation of new programs.

These new programs are rejuvenating Rotary's image, encouraging young people to engage in community service and international projects. **Thanks for keeping us young, Interactors!**

*And that's your Rotary Minute!*

**Next Monthly Rotary Board Meeting – May 21<sup>st</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**

**VIRTUAL BOARD Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88169942469?pwd=Cv4r9dPmKjdlrDJ6eHltUklnBqmJld.1>

**Rotary**  
District 6270



Brought to you by: **Peter Bosch** District Governor, 2024-2025