

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 July 24th, 2025



Reasons to love Rotary right now ... Reason #304: **Rotarians are adventurous!**

District Rotary meeting at the EAA

On Monday, July 21st, Nancy Rhodes, Don Drecktrah, several Past District governors, Liz Nesvitt (current District governor) and Harry Farchmin (incoming District Governor) attended the Flying Rotarians Picnic. The event was also attended by Rotarians from around the state and the world! (UK, Denmark, and Australia)

The highlight was a presentation from the two Iowa pilots who flew around the World last year. They raised over 2 million dollars to END POLIO NOW. Because they had engine troubles on parts of the trip, they will be flying out again to cover the areas missed. They are leaving this August on the "Circle the Atlantic" tour.

An additional speaker was from Operation Airdrop of Lewisville, Texas. He shared his experiences of airlifting supplies to drop in the areas devastated by recent floods. They are looking for volunteer pilots to help continue their mission.



Past Week: July 17th -Suzanne Singh, Peace Corp experience in Romania

Suzanne Singh shared with us her experiences as a Peace Corp volunteer during the early 1990s. She was 22 years old, teaching English and traveling with a group of volunteers to Romania.

Three questions she was often asked: Are you Married? Do you have a boyfriend? Are you a Spy?

Suzanne became interested in the Peace Corp after hearing a speaker at her high school. The Romanian people were very friendly. This was during the time when their country had just separated from the Russian Federation.



This Week: July 24th -Story - Returning Thailand Exchange student

Thanks, Dave

P.S. Funny thoughts for today 😊: A hacker just called me and said he has all my passwords ... I jumped up, grabbed a pen and paper, and said, "thank goodness, what are they?" ♦ My grandkids ask me what games I used to play on the computer as a kid. I told them I use to speak into a fan to sound like a robot. ♦ Problem for my generation: getting lost in the Bermuda triangle. Problem now: arguing with a robot over an "unexpected item" in the bagging area. 😊



Brian Mangold (right), new applicant for membership, was introduced by Rob Bassett (left), Rotary Int'l Foundation Chair.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS

Rotary Club of West Allis
2024-2025

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Steve Hook: 2026
Tim Klare 2026
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David Owens: 2025

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Sherry Saiki: 2026
: 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



July is New Leadership Month

July Birthdays

Dave Owens (7/01) ♦ Tim Klare (7/06) ♦
Brenda Merschdorf (7/07) ♦ Pat Wolfe (7/29)

July Anniversaries

July Rotary Anniversaries

Kathleen Dagenhardt, 30 yrs (7/02) ♦ Steve Hook, 27 yrs (7/23)

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

- **July 24th -Story - Returning Thailand Exchange student**
- July 31st – Big Brothers & Big Sisters (off site due to State Fair)
At Activity & Fitness Center 2nd floor at 1200 So. 109th St
- Aug 7th - Club Picnic at West Allis Historical Society grounds
Please bring an item to be auctioned off
- Aug 14th - Lucy Torres, Mgr. of Aroma Cafe (Puerto Rico)
- Aug 21st - John Linstedt, History of US Sub Force, WWII Part 1
- Aug 28th - Drew Burgoyne, Weatherman of Channel 58
- Sept 4th - John Lindstedt, History of US Sub Force, WWII Part 2

Rotary Minute

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program, although formally recognized in 1975, has its origins dating back to the 1920s.

For over fifty years, local clubs organized exchanges, particularly in Europe, fostering international ties. Finally, in 1975, the program became a recognized activity of Rotary International, while still being managed by districts and local clubs.

The program's primary objective is to foster peace, goodwill, and international understanding through youth exchanges. Today, approximately 7,500 participants participate each year! 😊



Summer Fun!

Enjoy local events 😊

July 31 to August 10



August 8 to August 9



Friday: July 25, Aug 15, Aug 29, Sept 12, Sept 26



Next Monthly Rotary Board Meeting – August 20th ♦ 5:30PM **VIRTUAL** (Generally 3RD Wed of every month)

Weekly Club Meeting Time & Place ♦ **11:45AM** ♦ **VIRTUAL** or **IN-PERSON** @ Apostle Presbyterian Church ♦ 1509 S 76th West Allis

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