

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 31st, 2025



Reasons to love Rotary right now ... Reason #305: **Rotarians are compassionate!**

After the Texas floods, an outpouring of compassion and care - Rotary members lend their support to flood victims

In the days that followed the disastrous flood, as he stepped in to lend a hand in the recovery, Larry Agee met a survivor who was distraught and in shock. "He'd lost everything," Agee said. The man fixated on one loss in particular: The tall flagpole in front of his home had been swept away and he wanted it back.

Agee has run into this before. A member of the Rotary Club of Bonita Beach Sunset in Florida, Agee is the executive director and co-founder of Disaster Aid USA. The organization, which started as a Rotary club project, today has more than 90,000 volunteers nationwide and has responded — with expertise and essential equipment — to more than 90 domestic disasters.



"We are meeting these people at the most stressful moment in their lives," Agee said. "If they want to talk for 30 minutes, we stop and listen to their stories and show compassion. When I see that tension begin to ease from their face, I know my job is done. The hard work may be just beginning, but my job is done."

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

Story recently completed her year-long stay in Thailand. She returned in June and came to our Club to share her experiences.



It was quite an adventure - staying for a year in a foreign country and learning a new culture! Story took advantage of all the opportunities to travel as her Host family was willing to do. She treated us to her favorite Thailand hot dish and dessert. She said she feels she has certainly grown in maturity living abroad for a year. She also shared the culture shock that she felt when she returned home.



This Week: July 31st – Big Brothers & Big Sisters (off site due to State Fair) - Thanks, Dave

P.S. Funny thoughts for today 😊: All my fitness goals are within reach but, unfortunately, so are the snacks ♦ Sorry I'm late ... traffic is exactly how it's been every day for the past 5 years and I was not expecting that. ♦ These school supply lists are really getting out of hand. This year my kid has to bring in four new bus tires. ♦ You know it's time to declutter your purse when your car thinks there is a second passenger not wearing a seatbelt. ♦ Part of being married is asking the other person "where are you going" every time they stand up. 😊

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS

Rotary Club of West Allis
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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 Birthdays

Dave Owens (7/01) ♦ Tim Klare (7/06) ♦

Brenda Merschorf (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 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
- Sept 11th - Brenda Merschorf, Four Way Test Award

Rotary Minute

One of Rotary's most vibrant traditions is the exchange of club banners.

These decorative banners, often displayed at meetings and district events, are carried by Rotarians traveling abroad to exchange with other clubs.

Typically, the banners feature symbols or artistic elements that represent the club's town, region, or national culture, including handcrafted touches like embroidery, weaving, or painting.

The tradition continues today as a meaningful expression of goodwill and international friendship among Rotary members - a cherished symbol of unity and mutual respect. ☺



More Adventure Abroad!

Liam Pooler ☺



On July 19th, Liam departed from General Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee and embarked on his journey to Nagpur, India - a 25-hour travel day, with time zone changes causing him to lose two calendar days!

On behalf of Liam and our family, I want to extend heartfelt thanks to the Rotary Club of West Allis for your incredible support of his exchange.

With gratitude, Mason Pooler



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://us05web.zoom.us/j/89879630526?pwd=rSJFrflkFtLvXsYSsN6x9k7dickat5.1>