



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!

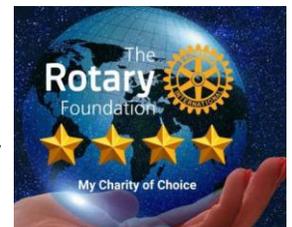
Week of Nov 13th, 2025



Reasons to love Rotary right now ... Reason #309: **Rotarians Welcome You**

17th consecutive year: the Rotary Foundation receives highest rating from Charity Navigator!

The Foundation earned this recognition for adhering to best practices and executing its mission in a financially efficient way, demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. The Four-Star Rating is the highest possible that an organization can achieve from Charity Navigator, the largest and most utilized independent charity evaluator in the United States.



The foundation was analyzed based on four key areas: Leadership & Adaptability to help donors understand the charity's clarity of purpose, Accountability & Finance for transparency and fiscal capability, Culture & Community for engagement, and Impact & Results to explain accomplishments.

Last Week: Nov 6th Thurs - Operation Yellow Ribbon, planes diverted to Canada on 9/11

Greg Jenks reminded us that on September 11, 2001, as the United States faced unprecedented terrorist attacks, Canada initiated **Operation Yellow Ribbon** to manage the diversion of civilian flights from U.S. airspace. This operation aimed to quickly remove potentially threatening air traffic from U.S. skies and safely ground the planes in Canada. Approximately 240 flights were diverted to 17 Canadian airports.



Gander International Airport in Newfoundland playing a pivotal role. Gander, once a critical refueling stop during World War II due to its strategic location as the most easterly point in North America, had seen reduced activity in subsequent years. However, its expansive runways and facilities remained capable of accommodating large aircraft. On 9/11, Gander handled 38 wide-body planes, bringing in over 6,500 passengers and crew—nearly doubling the town's population of around 10,000.

The residents of Gander and neighboring communities exemplified remarkable hospitality. They provided shelter, food, clothing, and emotional support to the stranded passengers, who were affectionately termed "come from aways." Schools, community centers, and homes were opened to accommodate the influx, showcasing a profound sense of compassion and unity.

This Week: Nov 13th Thurs – Operation Yellow Ribbon, Part 2, planes diverted to Canada on 9/11 - Thanks, Dave

P.S. Funny thoughts for today 😊: I miss the days when shouting "Not It" was an effective way of getting out of things you didn't want to do. ♦ Kids keep talking about 6-7 ... just wait till y'all learn about 9-5. ♦ The Louvre's surveillance system password was reportedly "Louvre," reveals museum employee. ♦ Props to people who can wake up, drink coffee, shower, and be ready in 30 minutes. Meanwhile, I spend those 30 minutes figuring out who and where I am. ♦ We keep tongs in the drawer because sometimes it's fun not to be able to open that drawer. ♦ Boss: Can you please tell our new hires why you've stayed with the company all these years? Me: Because I haven't won the lottery yet. ♦ I just know that a poorly timed two-factor authentication request will be the final straw for me. ♦ I informed my family that someone in our family was secretly an owl in disguise and our oldest daughter asked "Who?" honestly, I never suspected her. 😊



Rotarians are People of Action!

Mark Ellington having fun helping with our Club's "Reading to the Dogs" program.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS

Rotary Club of West Allis 2024-2025

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Dave Owens

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Steve Affeldt

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Judy Shabman

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Steve Hook: 2026

Tim Klare 2026

John Ash 2026

Jerry Falk: 2025

David Owens: 2025

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Sherry Saiki: 2026

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Hale Interact

Wednesday 7:10 AM

Auditorium

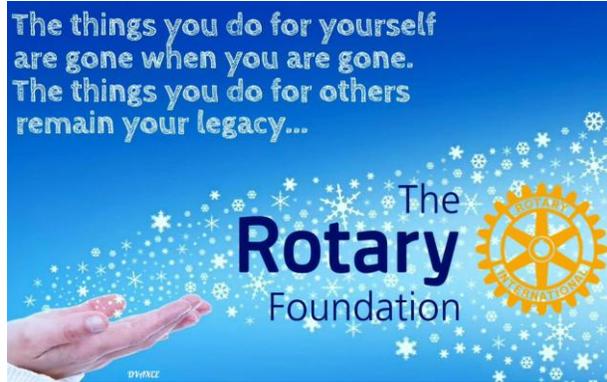
Contacts: Lee Breese

Central Interact

Thursday 8:45 AM

Meet in Main Office

Contacts: Jerry Falk



November is Rotary Foundation Month!

October & November Birthdays

Judy Shabman (10/24) ♦ Terry Brandenburg (11/03) ♦
Lee Breese (11/29)

October & November Anniversaries

Terese & John Beauchamp 38 yrs (10/17) ♦
Steve & Mary Hook 45 yrs (11/08) ♦
Jerry & Amy Falk (28 yrs (11/15)

October & November Rotary Anniversaries

Sue Zwitter 38 yrs (10/01) ♦ Richard Muirhead 29 yrs (10/09)
Jeannette Bell 25 yrs (10/19) ♦ Tim Klare 21 yrs (10/11) ♦
Joe Kempen 44 yrs (11/05) ♦ Nancy Rhodes 37 yrs (10/03) ♦
Frank Bevsek 33 yrs (11/18) ♦ Terry Brandenburg 33 yrs (11/18)
Sherry Saiki 23 yrs (11/01) ♦ Kent Waterbury 16 yrs (11/09) ♦
Cornell Weber 1 yr (11/14) ♦

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Nov 13th Thurs - Operation Yellow Ribbon, 9/11 Part 2

Nov 20th Thurs – Operation Yellow Ribbon, 9/11 Part 3

Nov 27th No Meeting -Thanksgiving ... Turkey Day!

Dec 2nd Tues - Club Christmas Party at Apostle Church
Let's Come Together & Celebrate!

\$37 per person / Wine, Hor D'Oeuvres, Buffet Style Entries of
Beef & Chicken, Vegetable Sides, Assorted Cheesecake & Coffee.
Please bring holiday wrapped white elephant gift.

**** Please RSVP by 11/26 to Lee Breese: leebreese41@gmail.com ****

Rotary Minute! Rotary e-Clubs

Rotary e-clubs use digital platforms for their statutory meetings. Their members, often geographically dispersed (sometimes across the globe), hold regular virtual meetings, allowing them to balance busy schedules or frequent travel with their Rotary commitments. This provides great flexibility – allowing busy professionals to attend. Beyond convenience, e-clubs also promote cultural diversity and global cooperation.

Next Monthly Rotary Board Meeting – Nov 19th ♦ 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>

😊 **Special Club Visitors!** 😊

Representatives of five countries that broke away from Russia (Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan) visited our club on October 24th as part of the "Open World" program sponsored by Rotary.

An interpreter and facilitator were also part of the team. John Ward, a former diplomat, led the group.

Dave Owens gave our club flag to one of the group members who was planning to start a Rotary club in his city when he got back.

