

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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025



Reasons to love Rotary right now ... Reason #310: **Rotarians are generous!**

### Donors to The Rotary Foundation accomplished big achievement

Over this past year, donors stepped up and showed their support for the wide array of programs that Rotary sponsors all over the world. A multiyear campaign to increase the Endowment to \$2.025 billion by 2025 exceeded its goal by \$25 million!

“The goal was an inspiration, but the objective was to do good in the world,” says Mark Daniel Maloney, the 2024-25 Rotary Foundation trustee chair. “We are making sure that Rotary will always be able to carry out that mission.”



### Last Week: Operation Yellow Ribbon, Part 2, planes diverted to Canada on 9/11

Greg Jenks used Part 2 of his conversation about Operation Yellow Ribbon to focus on the perspective of the towns involved. Overall, the experience was one of immense compassion, generosity, and community mobilization to host tens of thousands of stranded passengers with food, shelter, and support.

The town of Gander is the most famous example, hosting 38 passenger planes & over 6,700 people—nearly doubling its population at the time. **Here's what happened:**

- **Immense Generosity:** Residents of Gander and surrounding towns opened their homes, community centers, schools, and churches to the "plane people".
- **Community Mobilization:** Volunteers of all ages came together. Schools and non-essential businesses closed to allow people to volunteer.
- **Essential Services:** Locals provided meals, clean bedding, hot showers, toiletries & clothing. Pharmacies filled prescriptions for free and public telephones were free.
- **Entertainment and Support:** Beyond basic needs, residents organized tours, bowling matches, and local concerts to entertain their unexpected guests and ease the emotional stress of the situation.
- **Lasting Connections:** Many locals and passengers (or "Come From Aways," as the musical inspired by the events calls them) formed lasting friendships. The visitors even established a scholarship fund for local students.



### This Week: Nov 20<sup>th</sup> Thurs – Operation Yellow Ribbon, Part 3, planes diverted to Canada on 9/11

- Thanks, Dave

P.S. Funny thoughts for today 😊: My brain: You can't do stuff when it's cold and dark outside. Me: I think it's probably find to still do stuff. My Brain: No, get your sweatpants on and hunker down – eat carbs to stay warm. Me: I'm not a bear. Brain: CARBS AND SWEATPANTS NOW! ♦ I'm at the age where I don't correct my autocorrect any more. If I text you "Let's meef fo lunvh", that's your puzzle to solve now. ♦ Translating a word through multiple generations: Fishy (Boomer); Sketchy (Gen X); Shady (Millennial); Sus (Gen Z). ♦ What did the mashed potatoes say to the sweet potatoes? I Yam what I Yam! 😊

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS

Rotary Club of West Allis  
2024-2025

### Officers:

**President**  
Dave Owens  
**Vice President**  
Steve Affeldt  
**Secretary**  
Jeannette Bell  
**Treasurer**  
Judy Shabman  
**Sergeant-at-Arms**  
Don Drecktrah  
**Past President**  
Steve Affeldt

### Directors:

Steve Hook: 2026  
Tim Klare 2026  
John Ash 2026  
Jerry Falk: 2025  
David Owens: 2025

### Rotary Club of West Allis Foundation, Inc.

#### Officers:

**President**  
Steve Affeldt: 2027  
**Vice President**  
Wayne Tillmann: 2026  
**Secretary**  
Judy Shabman: 2027  
**Treasurer**  
Tim Klare: 2028

#### Directors:

Sherry Saiki: 2026  
: ex officio

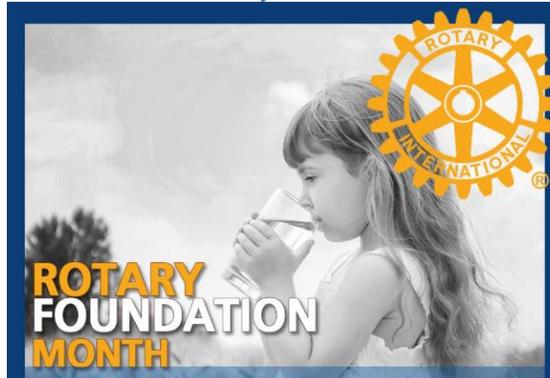
#### Hale Interact

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 20<sup>th</sup> Thurs – Operation Yellow Ribbon, 9/11 Part 3**  
**Nov 27<sup>th</sup> No Meeting -Thanksgiving ... Happy Turkey Day!**

**Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:leebreese41@gmail.com) \*\***

### 😊 Special Days! 😊

11/20  
National Peanut Butter Day



11/21  
National Ginger Bread Cookie Day



11/27  
Happy Thanksgiving!



## Rotary Minute! Good management of the Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation operates through a network of Rotary volunteers, which limits administrative costs. In addition, it relies on partnerships with international organizations such as WHO, UNICEF and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. 91% of donations to The Rotary Foundation go directly to fund programs: grants for local & international projects, scholarships, public health initiatives (such as polio eradication), peace programs, access to water, etc. Less than 9% is allocated to administrative costs (internal management, personnel, audits, infrastructure) and fundraising costs (donation campaigns, communications).

*Rotary is both effective and financially transparent - an exemplary model of responsible philanthropy!*

**Next Monthly Rotary Board Meeting – Dec 17<sup>th</sup> ♦ 5:30PM VIRTUAL** (Generally 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://us05web.zoom.us/j/89879630526?pwd=rSJFr1kFtLvXsYSsN6x9k7dickat5.1>**