



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 January 16th, 2025



Reasons to love Rotary right now ... Reason #290: [Rotarians gather for good](#)

Remembering Jimmy Carter's work for peace (excerpts from a February 2018 issue of Rotary magazine)

One of Jimmy's Carter's greatest awards was the Nobel Peace Prize, which he received in 2002 in recognition of his decades of work advancing peace and human rights. Carter redefined what it means to be a retired president – and the country's longest-lived one at that, having surpassed Herbert Hoover (who lived 31 years after leaving the White House). During his presidency, Carter made a commitment to human rights the cornerstone of his foreign policy; he and his wife, Rosalynn, continued that emphasis when they founded the Carter Center in 1982. **The center's programs revolve around two main themes: peace and health.**



Jimmy Carter's Nobel Peace Prize in 2002.

"We feel that there's a human right of people to live in peace," Carter told The Rotarian, in 2018. "We feel it's a human right to have a modicum of health care, to have a decent place in which to live, to have a chance to have an education, to have freedom of speech and freedom of religion and the right to elect your own leaders."

In addition to the pursuit of peace, the Carter Center also had a task force on disease eradication. The only one of its kind in the world, it analyzes data to ascertain which diseases could be eradicated from the entire world. The center is focusing on eradicating Guinea worm disease and regionally eliminating five other diseases: river blindness, trachoma, schistosomiasis, lymphatic filariasis, and malaria. "I might say if Rotary wasn't leading that **fight to eradicate polio** now, the Carter Center would – it's the kind of thing that would be very exciting for us," Carter says. **"We're very proud to see the progress that Rotary has had with that."**

Last Week: Jan 9th - West Allis Health Department new crib program – Share a room, not a bed.

"Bed-sharing" refers to an infant who is sleeping in the same bed, couch, or other surface where parents or others are sleeping) vs. "room-sharing" refers to an infant who is sleeping in the parents' room, but in their own crib or bassinet. Pediatricians strongly advises parents to "room share" and not bed share with an infant. This is based on studies about the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) being reduced when the infant sleeps in the same room as the mother, but the risk is increased when infants share a bed with parents or anyone else.



If parents are unable to provide their baby with a safe, separate bed to sleep in, they may qualify for a Pack N' Play at no cost. Pack 'n Plays® help reduce deaths due to SIDS and unsafe sleep - they are portable and can be taken wherever the baby needs to be cared for. For more information, call the Southwest Suburban Health Department at 414-302-8600.

This Week: Jan 16th - Harry Farchmin, Friendship groups in Rotary - Thanks, Steve

P.S. Funny thoughts for today 😊: When you are young, you sneak out of your house to go to parties. When you are old, you sneak out of parties to go home. ♦ The only blizzard conditions I'm interested in are from Dairy Queen. ♦ Dear Summer: I'm sorry for the things I said when it was hot. I miss you. Please come back. ♦ Alexa – please take down the Christmas decorations and clean the house. ♦ My goal for 2025: To accomplish the goals of 2024 which I should have come in 2023 because I promised them in 2022 & planned them in 2021. 😊

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS

Rotary Club of West Allis
2023-2024

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- President**
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- Vice President**
- Secretary**
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- Treasurer**
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- Steve Hook: 2026
- Steve Affeldt 2026
- Beth Leukam 2026
- Jerry Falk: 2025
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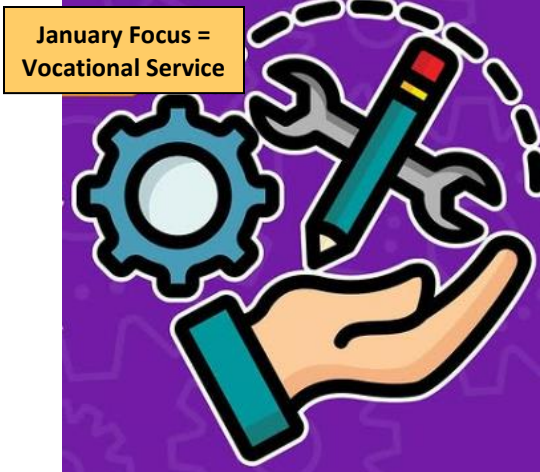
- Sherry Saiki: 2026
- Sue Zwitter: 2025
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Hale Interact

- Wednesday 7:10 AM
Auditorium
- Contacts: Lee Breese

Central Interact

- Thursday 8:45 AM
Meet in the Main Office
- Contacts: Jerry Falk



January Birthdays

- Jim Mejchar (01/02) ♦ Marty Hedrich (01/11) ♦
- Kent Waterbury (01/17) ♦ Kevin Haass (01/23)
- Harold Sloan (01/27) ♦ Kathleen Dagenhardt (01/27)

January Anniversaries

January Rotary Anniversaries

- Jim Mejchar, 29 yrs (01/10) ♦

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

- Jan 16th - Harry Farchmin, Friendship groups in Rotary
- Jan 23rd - Steve Affeldt, Trip to the Antarctic
- Jan 30th - Cory Weber, Update on the Boy Scouts
- Feb 6th - Suzanne Singh, Planning & Zoning Services
- Feb 13th - Jodi Fabbri, Rogers Behavioral Health
- Feb 20th - Lisa Schiller, Part 2, Various Scams
- Feb 27th - TBD

Rotarians Will Be Here!

Don't miss out on Early Bird Pricing



Plenary Speakers



Click on link below:

[TriCon 2025 | TriCon District Conference](#)

Hot & Spicy Food Day
Today, Thurs. Jan 16th



National Popcorn Day
Sunday, Jan 19th



Martin Luther King Day
Monday, Jan 20th



Next Monthly Rotary Board Meeting – Feb 19th ♦ 5:30PM **VIRTUAL** (3RD Wed of every month)

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

For **VIRTUAL ZOOM** BOARD MEETINGS: URL <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88072525966>