



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?



Week of January 30th, 2025

We made it through!



WELCOME TO ROTARY!

We are neighbors, community leaders, & global citizens uniting for the common good. With you, we can accomplish more!

Reasons to love Rotary right now ... Reason #291: **Rotarians, resourceful and resilient!**

Rotary members jump into action to help Los Angeles wildfire victims

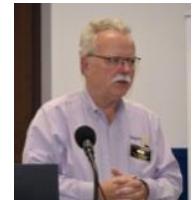
Massive California wildfires have destroyed buildings, razed neighborhoods, and displaced tens of thousands of people. **Rotary members have raced to help** and have experienced both “profound distress” of seeing their neighborhoods burning as well as **heartwarming awe of being both giver and receiver in community service.**

“Rotary is all about **jumping into action** as quick as we can,” said a member of the Rotary Club of Santa Monica whose 100+ group has kicked into service overdrive, even with close to 25% of their members are now without homes. **All members** of the Pacific Palisades Rotary Club have lost their homes, as well as the business where they met.

Rotarians have been helping displaced people in their communities with paperwork for insurance and FEMA, lending spare bedrooms and providing money, clothes, food, and listening ears. But there’s a bigger, longer-term picture – clubs are banding together with other leaders from crucial organizations like the YMCA, Salvation Army, Boys & Girls Clubs, and Meals on Wheels, to focus on fire relief and “what families are going to actually need when they are given access to their properties.”

Jan 16th - Harry Farchmin, Friendship groups in Rotary

Harry Farchmin gave a talk on fellowships within Rotary International that encompass various interests and hobbies – where people from all over the world can get together to share their passions, from airplane flying to fly fishing to loving coffee! Almost 100 different Fellowships to choose from and have fun. As a reminder: membership is open to any interested individual (you don’t have to be a Rotarian!). www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships



Last Week: Jan 23rd - Steve Affeldt, Trip to the Antarctic

Red coats, boot car wash, penguins, letters mailed from the south pole mailbox – these are part of the exciting adventure that Steve and his wife, Ann, had when traveling to the Antarctic about a year ago. The letters they mailed took 2 months to arrive. Steve and Ann have traveled to all six continents. What an experience!



This Week: Jan 30th - Cory Weber, Update on the Boy Scouts - Thanks, Steve

P.S. Funny thoughts for today : Important notes to myself: 1) Stop spending more money to get free shipping; 2) Don't throw away the box with instructions until you are 100%, completely done; 3) Don't use the flashlight on your phone to look for your phone; and 4) You are never going to remember to do that thing later – do it now. ♦ If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving is not for you. ♦ Never blame others for the road you are on. It's your own asphalt. ♦ My patience is basically like a gift card. Not sure how much is left on it, but we can give it a try.

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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



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 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

Lunar New Year 2025 – Year of the Snake



International Zebra Day

Today, Thurs. Jan 30th



Ground Hog Day

Sunday, Feb 2nd



We Have Great Rotarians!

Paul Harris Awards were presented to Sue Zwitter and Richard Muirhead for their generous giving to Rotary International. We thank you!



Stay tuned for more information ...

Empty Bowls event, Saturday, February 22nd from 4:00 to 6:00PM



Valentine's Day

Friday, Feb 14th



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>