

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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

*We made it through!*



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.**

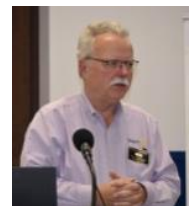
“Rotary is all about **jumping into action** as quick as we can,” said a member of the Rotary Club of Santa Monica whose 100+ group has kicked into service overdrive, even with close to 25% of their members are now without homes. All members of the Pacific Palisades Rotary Club have lost their homes, 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 16<sup>th</sup> - Harry Farchmin, Friendship groups in Rotary

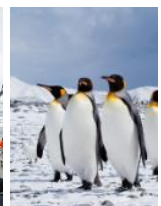
Harry Farchmin gave a talk on fellowships within Rotary International that encompass various interests and hobbies – where people from all over the world can get together to share their passions, from airplane flying to fly fishing to loving coffee!

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](http://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships)



### Last Week: Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> - 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 30<sup>th</sup> - 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. 😊

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS

**Rotary Club of West Allis  
2023-2024**

**Officers:**

- President**  
Steve Affeldt
- Vice President**
- Secretary**  
Brenda Merschorf
- Treasurer**  
Kathleen Dagenhardt
- Sergeant-at-Arms**  
Dave Owens
- Past President**  
Jeannette Bell

**Directors:**

- Steve Hook: 2026
- Tim Klare 2026
- Beth Leukam 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: 2025

**Directors:**

- Sherry Saiki: 2026
- Sue Zwitter: 2025
- : ex officio

**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 30<sup>th</sup> - Cory Weber, Update on the Boy Scouts**
- Feb 6<sup>th</sup> - Suzanne Singh, Planning & Zoning Services
- Feb 13<sup>th</sup> - Jodi Fabbri, Rogers Behavioral Health
- Feb 20<sup>th</sup> - Lisa Schiller, Part 2, Various Scams
- Feb 27<sup>th</sup> - TBD

**Lunar New Year 2025 – Year of the Snake**



**International Zebra Day**  
Today, Thurs. Jan 30<sup>th</sup>



**Ground Hog Day**  
Sunday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>



**Valentine's Day**  
Friday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>



**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 22<sup>nd</sup>  
from 4:00 to 6:00PM**



**Next Monthly Rotary Board Meeting – Feb 19<sup>th</sup> ♦ 5:30PM VIRTUAL (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**

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