

**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 February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025



Reasons to love Rotary right now ... Reason #294: **Rotarians**

### Prior Week: Feb 13th – Wild Carrot Creations, Colleen Bell



Colleen Bell shared her story how she started the Wild Carrot Creations Catering business. She recently started serving meals at our Noon meetings after our previous caterer left the business. She loves to cook and is happy that we aren't fussy eaters! Contact Colleen if you want to have a dinner party or give someone the gift of a great meal. Wild Carrot is more than food. Coming soon: Crafted Items! Find out more at: [wildcarrotcreationsllc@gmail.com](mailto:wildcarrotcreationsllc@gmail.com). Fun fact: Colleen's mother is Jeanette Bell.



Wild Carrot is more than custom catering. They sell artisan pasta, fresh breads, bakery, etc. online and at markets.

### Last Week: - Feb 20th - Lisa Schiller, Part 2, Various Scams BBB



Lisa Schiller, Senior Director of Investigations and Media Relations of the Better Business Bureau (BBB) serving Wisconsin, spoke on 'How to hire a reliable and trustworthy general contractor'. Lisa is responsible for all investigations at BBB. She refers cases on a regular basis and work closely with law enforcement and state and federal agencies to bring cases to justice. Lisa writes press releases and "alerts" as well as blogs and news articles for publications around the state.

Lisa also covered the latest scam calls and emails that are occurring. For example, scammers are impersonating the IRS to trick taxpayers

into sharing personal information, claiming they're eligible for a \$1,400 stimulus check. Fraudulent text messages often look official, but they're part of a phishing scheme designed to steal sensitive data by having you click on links. The real IRS announced that automatic payments are being issued to eligible taxpayers who didn't claim the Recovery Rebate Credit on their 2021 tax returns. The real payments do not require any action from taxpayers.



### Origami Crane Workshops

Join ENGAGE West Allis for an exciting community art project!

**Free to attend & no experience necessary**

**Saturday, Mar 1<sup>st</sup>**  
11:00AM – 1:00PM  
West Allis Public Library

**Thursday, Mar 6<sup>th</sup>**  
11:30AM – 1:30PM  
West Allis Senior Center

Together, you can help fold 1,000 origami cranes—symbols of health, longevity, and happiness—uniting West Allis.

### This Week: - Feb 27th - Richard Muirhead, Seeding prairies of land

- Thanks, Steve

P.S. Funny thoughts for today 😊: There exists a quantity of artificial butter flavor beyond which people begin to believe it's not butter. This is known as the margarine of error. ♦ I'm glad that I learned about Parallelograms in High School instead of how to do my taxes. It comes in so handy during Parallelogram season. ♦ What happens when a microscope crashes into a telescope? They kaleidoscope. ♦ I went to the bookstore yesterday and saw a book that said "How to solve 50% of your problems." So I bought two. ♦ What do you call an accountant without a spreadsheet? Lost. ♦ A hacker got into my bank account and left me a note: "Please save more money, this was a complete waste of my time." 😊



#### WELCOME!

New member applicant 😊  
Daniel Jones  
of Edward Jones visited our club.

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS

Rotary Club of West Allis  
2023-2024

## Officers:

### President

Steve Affeldt

### Vice President

### Secretary

Brenda Merschdorf

### 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

## February is Peace Building & Conflict Resolution Month



### February Birthdays

Frank Bevsek (02/04) ♦ Mark Ellington (02/07) ♦

### February Anniversaries

### February Rotary Anniversaries

Jerry Falk, 51 yrs (02/12) ♦ Marty Hedrich, 36 yrs (02/16)

Mark Ellington, 36 yrs (02/16) ♦ Harold Sloan, 34 yrs, (02/28)

Lee Breese, 18 yrs (02/15)

## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

### Feb 27<sup>th</sup> - Richard Muirhead, Seeding prairies of land

Mar 6<sup>th</sup> – Assembly + check presentation to REC Dept

Mar 13<sup>th</sup> - Jodi Fabbi, Rogers Behavioral Health

Mar 20<sup>th</sup> - Cory Weber, Three Harbors Council-District Director

Mar 27<sup>th</sup> - Ben Merens, Identity Theft: Protect and Prevent

April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Steve Hook, trip to South Africa

April 10<sup>th</sup> - Dawn Fiedler, Human Trafficking in Rural areas

Apr 17<sup>th</sup> - Rod Bassett, End Polio Now chairman

Apr 24<sup>th</sup> - Nick Sgarlat, Bridge to Brighter-  
aging out of Foster Care

### National Toast Day

Today, February 27<sup>th</sup>



### Paczki Day

Day before Ash Wednesday

Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>



## We Have Great Interactors

from West Allis Hale and Central!



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## Empty Bowl Fundraiser '25

Fun group + delicious soup!

Thank you 😊



Next Monthly Rotary Board Meeting – March 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>