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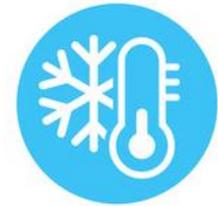
Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Week of January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026



## 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 #312: [Rotarians seek out solutions!](#)

### [Nanotechnology, and Rotary, bring safer water to the Ganges Delta](#)

On the edge of the Ganges Delta in eastern India, water comes in abundance from Himalayan snowmelt, monsoon rains, and tropical cyclones. But as the water flows to the sea, it picks up a dangerous payload of runoff, industrial pollution, poor sanitation and naturally occurring arsenic from the rock and soil. It's a desperate situation for residents, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink due to the toxic contamination.



**The Rotary Club of Calcutta stepped in to help.** They approached Tata Chemicals, who in turn introduced them to a filtration machine that employs a form of nanotechnology effective at destroying contaminants in water. The system uses gravity-fed water pressure (no electricity required) and is affordable and scalable (from serving individual households to entire communities). Tata Chemicals helped the club purchase purifiers.

After installing machines at four sites in 2022, the club subsequently received a \$30,000 [Rotary Foundation](#) global grant in 2024 to install 10 additional purifiers at schools and other public sites to allow community access. **The club's international partner on the project is the Rotary Club of Colleyville, Texas!** "We see what needs to be done, whether it is half a world away or in our own backyard, and we roll up our sleeves and do it."

### [Last Week: Jan 15<sup>th</sup> – Club Assembly – presentation of Vet Net check](#)

John Ash presented a check for \$6,000 to the Wisconsin Veterans Network, a group that works with veterans all over the state. The money came from the Beer Box fundraiser held in November. Quentin Hatfield of the Veterans Network noted that the money is especially welcome right now.

"As agencies of government, agencies and other agencies run low on funds or out of funds like our veteran's rental assistance program in Wisconsin," said Hatfield. "So having these kinds of funds come in to help us make up the difference in the loss of those funds to help veterans remain stable in their homes, critically important." **The grant money will go to veterans and their families who are coping with food insecurity and who need help paying rent and utility bills.** You can see the video and news story by clicking on this link: [Rotary Club of West Allis raises \\$6,000 for Wisconsin Veterans Network](#)



**Well done, West Allis Rotary Club!**

**This Week: Jan 22 - West Allis City Admin, Erin Hirn - Thanks, Dave**

P.S. **Funny thoughts for today** 😊: A shark could definitely swim faster than me, but I could probably outrun a shark. So if we did a triathlon, it would really come down to who's the better cyclist. ♦ Stopped by a roadside stand that said lobster tails \$2. I paid my \$2 and he says, once upon a time there was this lobster ... ♦ I took the shell off my racing snail, thinking it would make him faster. If anything, it made him more sluggish. ♦ If you were waiting until Hell froze over to do something, plan on doing it this week! 😊

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS

*January is Vocational Service Month!*

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



### December & January Birthdays

Nancy Rhodes (12/10) ♦ Jim Mechar (1/02) ♦ Marty Hedrich (1/11) ♦ Kent Waterbury (1/17) ♦ Kevin Haass (1/23) ♦ Harold Sloan (1/27) ♦ Kathleen Dagenhardt (1/27)

### December & January Anniversaries

Frank & Sue Ann Bevsek 61 yrs (12/26) ♦  
Richard & Isabel Muirhead 57 yrs (12/28) ♦

### December & January Rotary Anniversaries

Wayne Tillmann 32 yrs (12/09) ♦ Jim Mejchar 30 yrs (1/10)

### WEEKLY PROGRAMS

#### Jan 22 - West Allis City Admin, Erin Hirn

Jan 29 - District Foundation Chair, Mike Phillips PDG

Feb 5 - WI Lighthouses Part 1

Feb 12 - WWII Combat Veterans of Mexican Heritage, Maria Cruz

Feb 19 - WI Lighthouses Part 2

Register by February 13th to take advantage  
of **EARLY-BIRD TICKET PRICING!**

Kalahari Resort  
Wisconsin Dells  
April 17-18



Rotary  
Western  
Great Lakes  
Districts 6220, 6250 and 6270

Special Day!

Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

### National Hot Sauce Day



Special Names!

Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

### The three wining West Allis Snowplow Names:



- Ctrl-Salt-Delete
- Chicken Plow Mein
- Plowie McPlowface

### 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



### Practical Value for Members and Clubs

**Why is attending TriCon of value to you and our club?** It's simple: If you attend TriCon on April 17 and 18 at [Kalahari Resort](#) in Wisconsin Dells, you will return to our club better informed, equipped and inspired to help us do even more to serve our community and people around the world!

**Great opportunities to gather practical insights** through roundtables and workshops - Rotarians from across the district will share experiences and best practices with you. Topics include:

- **Making meetings fun and dynamic**
- **Thinking outside the box on member recruitment**
- **Simple and effective fundraisers**
- **Engaging members through service projects**
- **Engaging Youth: Developing Future Leaders through Rotary**

**At TriCon, you'll meet Rotarians just like you** who are trying to serve their communities and the world through Rotary. Just imagine what you can learn and bring back to our club! <https://rotarytricon.org>.

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

**Next Monthly Rotary Board Meeting** – Jan 21<sup>st</sup> ♦ 5:30PM VIRTUAL (Generally 3<sup>RD</sup> Wed of every month)

VIRTUAL BOARD Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71136546656?pwd=i7ylauSSFJ9P2Yp9uF7bEIJSMccka0.1>