



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 April 9th, 2026



Reasons to love Rotary right now ... Reason #315: [Rotarians are Cool](#) 🤙

Rotary shares an interest in protecting our common legacy: the environment.

We work with communities to implement service projects that improve the environment and transform lives. Thriving ecosystems can support people's health, create economic opportunities, and help build peace.

Through Rotary and the United Nations Environment Programme Community Action for Fresh Water initiative, Rotary clubs can protect, restore, and sustain their local freshwater ecosystems. Interested in getting involved? Visit communityactionforfreshwater.org to find out what other clubs are doing and learn how your club can act today.

Rotary members and their community partners can **take action** through programs designed to:

- **Protect and restore** land, coastal, marine, and freshwater resources
- **Support** sustainable agriculture, fishing, and aquaculture practices
- **Support** education initiatives that promote behavior that protects the environment
- **Advocate** for sustainable consumption to build an economy that uses resources more efficiently



Last Week: April 2nd – Marquette 'Engineers without Borders' – Guatemala Water Project

Marquette University's Engineers Without Borders is building a better world through engineering projects to help communities in Guatemala meet basic human needs. Las Cruces Pachilip is a community of around 500 people, with a total of 116 families. Eleven years ago, the community attempted to buy a water source for a drinking water system. Due to political issues, it was never fully realized, and the community currently spends large amounts of time retrieving well and river water.

However, the river used poses a health risk as it is also used as a drainage outlet. Few buy water from a local tanker truck that also takes water from the same contaminated river. Marquette students are currently helping this community determine how best to collect water from different sources, create a conduction line and distribution tank, as well as connecting water lines to the houses. They are working on a proposed treatment and distribution system that would supply clean water to the entire community!



This Week: April 9th – Club Assembly - Thanks, Dave

P.S. **Funny thoughts about Spring** 😊: Why was the bee mad? You'd be mad too if someone stole your honey! ♦ How excited was the gardener about spring? So excited that he wet his plants. ♦ What is the shortest month of the year? M-A-Y ♦ What did the dirt say to the rain? If this keeps up my name will be mud. ♦ What goes up when the rain comes down? Umbrellas ♦ Why couldn't the flower ride its bike? It lost its petals. 😊

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS

Rotary Club of West Allis
2024-2025

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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

APRIL IS Environment MONTH



April Birthdays

Steve Hook (4/17) ♦

April Anniversaries

April Rotary Anniversaries

Brenda Merschorf 15 yrs (4/14) ♦

Terese Beauchamp 12 yrs (4/09) ♦

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Apr 9th - Assembly

Apr 16th - PDG Tamie Koop - 'One Summit'

Apr 23rd -Greg Jenks - 1968 -Part One

Apr 30th - Greg Jenks - 1968 Part Two

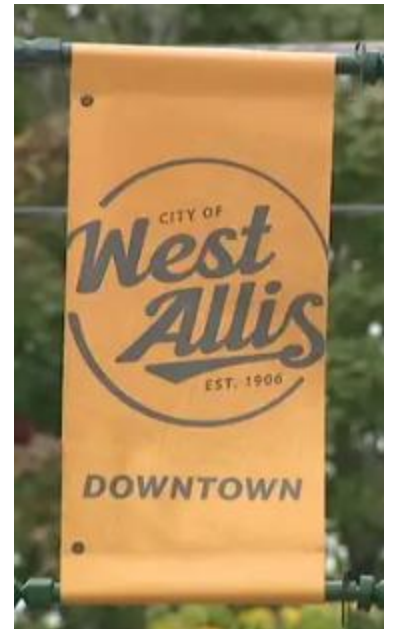


Rotary is committed to supporting actions that strengthen the protection and conservation of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and promote harmony between humans and the environment, such as the preservation of bees.

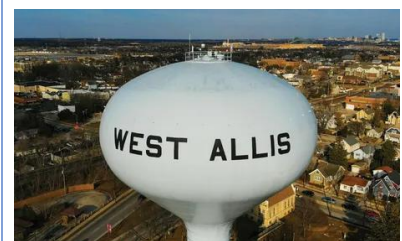
A third of the world's food production depends on bees. Like any pollinator, they contribute directly to food security. Nearly three-quarters of the plants that produce 90% of the world's food need this outside help.

Threatened with extinction due to air pollution, intensive agriculture and pesticides, it is crucial to act to save them. In recent years, more Rotary clubs, particularly in France and Germany, have been mobilizing to help protect bees!

West Allis Won!!!



- **West Allis was named the winner** of the 10th annual **Strongest Town Contest** after **defeating Madison and 14 other North American cities.**
- West Allis defeated Spokane, Washington in the Elite Eight and Chicago in the Final Four during March voting.
- As part of being named the 2026 Strongest Town, West Allis will receive a trophy, a mini-documentary about the community, a screening event, a visit from Strong Towns founder Chuck Marohn, tickets to the Strong Town National Gathering and other promotional items.



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

Next Monthly Rotary Board Meeting – March 18th ♦ 5:30PM **VIRTUAL** (Generally 3RD Wed of every month)

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