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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS

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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 18th, 2024



Reasons to love Rotary right now ... Reason #265: Rotarians stay warm!

Stephanie Urchick celebrates the magic of Rotary

Rotary International President-elect Stephanie Urchick announced that the 2024-25 presidential theme is *The Magic of Rotary* and called on members to recognize and amplify the organization's power to save lives.

"Don't misunderstand me – we are not going to end polio or bring peace to the world by waving a wand and saying some funny words," Urchick told incoming district governors at the Rotary International Assembly on 8 January. **"It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member."** Urchick, a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, said she saw the magic of Rotary on display when she was helping install water filters in the Dominican Republic. Two boys were watching as dirty water entered the filter, then ran out clean at the other end. "One of the boys grabbed my sleeve and said, 'Show me the magic again,'" she said. "Obviously, the water filter wasn't magic. We worked hard to transport those filters, install them, and work with community leaders in the area to maintain them. But those boys knew that easy access to clean water would change their lives. Knowing that I played a small part in that certainly changed my life."



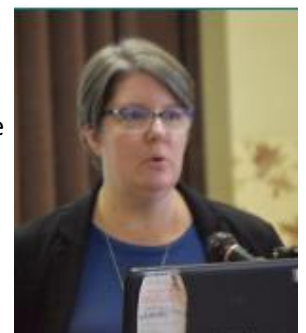
Prioritizing peace - Urchick urged members to champion Rotary's Action Plan, find a balance between continuity and change, and work for peace. She plans to host a presidential peace conference in 2025 with the theme "Healing in a Divided World."

Last Week: Jan 11th - West Allis Health Department, Carolyn Haass

West Allis Health Department Nursing Supervisor, Carolyn Haass, shared with our club various services offered. She has worked at the Health Department for 8 years. Their mission is to improve the health of the community through health education and disease prevention.

Five values guide them to achieve their vision and mission. These actions demonstrate their passion for improving the lives of those who live, learn, work, play, or worship in the West Allis and West Milwaukee community:

* Collaboration * Accountability * Respect * Education * Equity



This Week: Jan 18th - Miss West Allis - Thanks, Mason

P.S. Funny stuff 😄: I used to run a dating service for chickens. But I was struggling to make hens meet. ♦ I don't mean to brag, but cashiers are always checking me out. ♦ I heard that by law you must turn on your headlights when it is raining in Sweden. But how the heck am I supposed to know when it is raining in Sweden?! ♦ I got an email about how to read maps backwards. It was spam. ♦ Sometimes I wake up grumpy. Other times I let her sleep in. ♦ What do you call it when someone gets angry in cold weather? Having a melt-down. 😊

WELCOME 😊
Interact visitor from
West Allis Central!



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Hale Interact

Wed., 7:10AM, Library –

Contacts: Lee Breese &

Jeannette Bell

Central Interact

Thurs, 8:45AM, Main Office

Contacts: Jerry Falk

Dottke Interact

Tues, 10:45AM

Contacts: Mason Pooler

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS

January is Vocational Service Month



January Birthdays

Jim Mejchar (1/02) ♦ Marty Hedrich (1/11) ♦ Kent Waterbury (1/17) ♦ Kevin Haass (1/23) ♦ Harold Sloan (1/27) ♦ Kathleen Dagenhardt (1/27)

January Anniversaries

January Rotary Anniversaries

Jim Mejchar – 28 yrs (1/10)



WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Jan 18th - Miss West Allis

Jan 25th – KIVA, loans that change lives - Lisa Sullivan

Feb 1st - World Affairs, Francis Vogel

Feb 8th - West Allis Exchange student - Regina

Feb 15th - West Allis Dept Fire First responder - Jason Schaak

Feb 22nd - TBC

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS, NOTES & OTHER

**National
Popcorn Day!**

Friday, January 19th



**National
Hug Day**

Sunday, January 21st



**National
Compliment Day**

Wednesday, January 24th



Part of **West Allis' Winter Week** is the **Fire & Ice @ Liberty Heights Event!**

Saturday, January 20th from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Fun activities include: ice skating, off-ice broomball, a glow dance party, hot chocolate, fire pits & s'mores, crafts, and more. Kegels food truck on site serving food and beer!

Click here to Volunteer 😊

<https://tinyurl.com/4u2kwkvy>

Next Monthly Rotary Board Meeting – Feb 21st ♦ 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** MEETINGS: URL = <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9828529809> ♦ PASSWORD = 024799 ♦ MEETING ID = 982-852-9809