

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 Sept 19th, 2024



Reasons to love Rotary right now ... Reason #285: [Rotarians Rock!](#)

Rotary members are teaching people to think critically about what they see and read

Co-created by Anahita Dalmia, a member of the Rotary Club of Newport Beach, California, **the game Agents of Influence is being developed to help 11- to 13-year-olds think critically about what they see on social media and in the news.**

“We’re teaching kids to understand media bias, logical fallacies, and confirmation bias. We teach things like reading closely — tools you can use to determine what to trust online,” says Dalmia. **The game’s approach was inspired partly by Rotary’s Four-Way Test.** “The first question is, ‘Is it the truth?’ And there’s a reason that’s the first question,” Dalmia says. “If it’s not the truth, you cannot make a strong judgment call based on any of the other questions, because you’re starting on an unstable foundation.”

Experts interviewed for the Rotary article recommended several nonpartisan fact-checking sites, including:

- [PolitiFact](#), a Pulitzer Prize-winning site run by the Poynter Institute, a nonprofit school for journalists
- [Full Fact](#), a London, England-based factchecking site
- [Snopes](#), a source of information on urban legends and online rumors since 1994
- [FactCheck.org](#), a nonprofit project of the Annenberg Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania, USA

Prior Weeks:

Sept 5th - Edward Jones, Brenda Merschdorf – Reminding us that successful investing requires patience, discipline and the ability to control one’s emotions.

Sept 12th - DG visit, Pete Bosch – Keeping us updated on what’s happening in District 6270.



Brenda Merschdorf



Pete Bosch

This Week: **Sept 19th Grace Taylor - experiences as Rotary Exchange Student**

- Thanks, Mason

Rotarians Were Here



Rotarians –
working
hard and
having fun.
😊



P.S. Funny thoughts for today 😊: It’s the start of a brand new day, and I’m off like a herd of turtles!

♦ The older I get, the earlier it gets late. ♦ I remember being able to get up without making sound effects. ♦ I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever. ♦ I tucked my kids in last night and said “See you in the morning!” and then we laughed and laughed and saw them 16 more times before sunrise. ♦ My super power is holding onto junk that will come in useful for years and then throwing it away a week before I need it. ♦ The worst part about parallel parking is the witnesses. ♦ Hi, sorry it took me five days to get back to your text. I am understaffed at the moment. ♦ Netflix needs to stop asking if I’m still watching and start asking if I moved the laundry to the dryer yet.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS

September is Education & Literacy Month



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Hale Interact

Wednesday 7:10 AM

Auditorium

Contacts: Lee Breese

Central Interact

Thursday 8:45 AM

Meet in the Main Office

Contacts: Jerry Falk

Dottke Interact

Tuesday 8:00 am

Contacts: Mason Pooler

September Birthdays

Jeannette Bell (9/02) ♦ Joe Kempen (9/06) ♦ Jason Solonika (9/14)
♦ Don Drecktrah (9/23)

September Anniversaries

John & Cathy Ash, 37 yrs (9/26) ♦ Steve & Ann Affeldt, 34 yrs (9/15)
Mason & Dana Pooler, 20 yrs (9/11) ♦

September Rotary Anniversaries

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Sept 19th - Grace Taylor - experience as Rotary Exchange Student

Sept 26th - World Affairs-Students sharing their experiences

Oct 3rd - Chosen, Karen Schindwein

Oct 10th - Dr. Robinson-Update on the School District (TBC)

Nov 7th - Andy Kowske-Freeway Construction project

Nov 14th - Jodi Fabbi-Rogers Behavioral Health

Nov 21st - TBD

Nov 28th - Thanksgiving - NO MEETING

Dec 3rd - TUES-Club Christmas Party at Kegel's (NO MEETING ON THURS)

Dec 10th - Greg Jenks-Rarely heard Christmas songs-Part 1

Dec 19th - Jon Ward--New position at the District-Relating to peace

Dec 26th - NO MEETING

UPCOMING Volunteer Opportunities

Date	Time	Event	Location	Address	Contact
September 29, 2024	12:00-4:00 PM	Pawtober Fest 	Farmers' Market	6501 W. National Ave	Robert Barwick
October 6, 2024	10:00-3:00	Car Show 	Downtown West Allis		Judy Shabman
October 25, 2024	5:00-9:00 PM	Haunted Honey Creek 	Honey Creek Park	84th and National	Beth Leukam

Next Monthly Rotary Board Meeting – Oct 16th ♦ 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 BOARD MEETINGS: URL <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88072525966>

Fall Food Truck Frenzy!

Vretenar Memorial Park

St. Francis, WI - Oct 6th



* Beer soda & Water raise \$ for Rotary projects.



* Enjoy J Ryan Trio 1PM to 3PM



* Pumpkin Painting for Kids



* Eat & then go – to get home for the Packer game at 3:25PM

Visit www.foodtruckfrenzy.org for more information



Rob from the Rotary Club of Mitchell Field promoting Food Truck Frenzy!