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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?

Week of 1.25.2018



ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

## WELCOME TO ROTARY!

We are neighbors, community leaders, and global citizens uniting for the common good. With you, we can accomplish even more.

Reasons to love Rotary right now .... Reason #65: **Rotary Members Care**

**Creating a place to heal** - When conflict in Ukraine began in early 2014, Rotary members stepped up to help. They wanted to help kids whose childhood was affected by war and they got support from the Poland-Ukraine Intercountry Committee. Rotary's Intercountry Committees are networks of Rotary clubs in at least two countries, and they often **work together** on service projects or to **foster peace between the residents of countries in conflict**.



Thousands have died and millions have been displaced by fighting between pro-Russia rebels and the Ukrainian military in eastern Ukraine. Rotary's program, called Vacation 2017 Zakopane: Well-Being for Ukrainian Kids, includes traditional camp activities and field trips along with support from mental health professionals. More than 100 children have attended over the past four years. Each camper has a parent or sibling killed or injured in the fighting in Ukraine.

**Last Week: Jan 18<sup>th</sup>** – Israel Cazares-Zurita, Beyond Vision

Israel Cazares-Zurita is blind – and, in the U.S., the unemployment rate for people who are blind is 70%. Fortunately, Israel got connected with Beyond Vision - a 501 (c) (3) self-funded, not-for-profit company specifically focused on helping individuals like Israel through the **dignity of work valued by customers and the community**.



Beyond Vision has offered manufacturing services to customers since 1903 and has been ISO 9001 certified since 2002. Over the past 100 years, Beyond Vision has expanded to offer fulfillment, assembly, packaging and customer care services. The use of 3D printing technology, screen readers, lean manufacturing philosophies and poka-yoke techniques **make all of these services possible with employees who are blind**. Beyond Vision serves customers that include Briggs & Stratton, Harley-Davidson, GenMet, Caterpillar, Oshkosh Defense, R&B Wagner, GE and the Federal Government



Israel started in Beyond Vision's machine shop in 2015 and has since moved through several departments, including the customer care center and most recently Sales. He greatly appreciates the culture and work environment – which encourages employee feedback and provides a great variety of tasks. "Each day is a wonderful challenge but an opportunity to rise up and meet that challenge head on." Israel's goal is to develop into a sales professional in order to bring more customers to Beyond Vision – a place where he has been able to **forge new friendships and learn new skills**. <http://www.beyondvision.com>

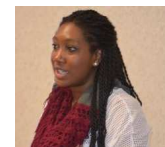
27 members, 2 students, 1 speaker & 3 guests

**This Week: Jan 25<sup>th</sup>** – David Fentle, UPAF

Thank you, Terese Beauchamp



Visiting Interact students: John (left) and Dan



Guest, Brittany, is a student intern at Aurora West Allis Medical Center

**P.S. Funny Quotes 😊**: They say "don't try this at home" so I'm coming over to your house to try it. ♦ I do not have ducks. I do not have a row. I have squirrels and they're at a rave. ♦ I walk around like everything is fine. But deep down, inside my shoe, my sock is sliding off ♦ The most dangerous animal in the world ... is a smiling woman sitting in silence ♦ I am not an early bird or a night owl. I am some form of permanently exhausted pigeon ♦ I may look like I'm having deep thoughts but 99% of the time I'm thinking about what I'm going to eat later ♦

**Rotary Club of West Allis  
2017 - 2018**

**FUN FACTS ABOUT THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS**

**2018-19: Be the Inspiration**

**Officers:**

**President**

Terese Beauchamp

**Vice President**

Lisa Berman

**Secretary**

TBD

**Treasurer**

Kathleen Dagenhardt

**Executive Secretary/  
Treasurer**

Joe Kempen

**Sergeant-at-Arms**

Debbie Tietjen

**Past President**

Tim Klare

**Directors:**

Jeannette Bell: 2018

Erin Buhrmester: 2018

Frank Bevsek: 2019

Steve Hook: 2020

Lee Breese: 2020

Sherry Saiki: 2019

**Rotary Club of West Allis  
Foundation, Inc.**

**Officers:**

**President**

Steve Affeldt: 2018

**Vice President**

Wayne Tillmann: 2020

**Secretary**

Judy Shabman: 2018

**Treasurer**

Sue Zwitter: 2019

**Directors:**

Don Charlier: 2019

Sherry Saiki: 2020

Terese Beauchamp: ex officio

**Hale Interact**

Wed., 7:10am, library -

Contacts:

**Jim Mejchar & Lisa Berman**

**Central Interact**

Thu., 8:45am, main office

Contacts: **Jerry Falk**

**Dottke Interact**

Tuesday 10:45am - Contacts:

**Lee Breese, Sue Zwitter &**

**Cathy Manthei**

**West Milwaukee EarlyAct**

Thurs, 1:30PM -

**Brenda Merschdorf,**

**Steve Affeldt & Cathy Manthei**



**January Birthdays**

Jim Mejchar (1/02) ♦ Marty Hedrich (1/11) ♦ Kent Waterbury (1/17)  
Kevin Haass (1/23) ♦ Joey Balistreri (1/25) ♦ Kathleen Dagenhardt (1/27)  
Harold Sloan (1/27) ♦ Lisa Berman (1/29)



**January Anniversaries**

**January Rotary Anniversaries**

Cathy Manthei 1/01/2012 (6 years) ♦ Chris Botsch 1/02/2014 (4 years)  
Jim Mejchar 1/10/1996 (22 years) ♦ Erin Buhrmester 1/12/2017 (1 year)  
Jay Wendelberger 1/15/2010 (8 years)

**THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM**

Jan 25<sup>th</sup> – David Fentle, UPAF

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – Kevin Shafer, Milwaukee Metro Sewage

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> – Jessica, Crimson Charities

Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – Steve Hook, World Affairs

**UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS, NOTES & OTHER**

**Reflections of Wellness for Women** – Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>  
9:00AM to Noon / Great speakers, beverages & light refreshments provided.  
Held at: West Allis Central High School / Auditorium Entrance.  
To Register: [aurora.org/events](http://aurora.org/events) (keyword: Reflections) or call 888-863-5502



**64<sup>th</sup> Annual Waukesha Rotary Pancake Breakfast** – Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>  
7:30AM to 1:30PM / All the pancakes you can eat and more!  
Held at: Waukesha Expo Center, \$5 Advance or \$8 at the door, For tickets: see  
any Waukesha Rotarian or contact Cathy at 414-640-8890 / [cpriem@wi.rr.com](mailto:cpriem@wi.rr.com)



**West Allis Community Dinner Dance** – Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>  
6:00PM to 11PM / Social & Silent Auction, Dinner & Sweets Table, Music  
Held at: Zoofari Conf Center, 9715 W Bluemound, \$75/person or \$70 by 2/28  
To Register: [westallisfoundation.org](http://westallisfoundation.org) or call 414-302-8292  
Benefitting The Village Playhouse / supported by West Allis Rotary!



**West Allis Rotary Cocktails for a Cause** – Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>  
Save the Date - more details to follow

More funny quotes 😊: Ate salad for dinner! ... mostly croutons & tomatoes ... really just one, big round crouton covered with tomato sauce ... and cheese. Fine, it was a pizza. I ate a pizza ♦ Thank goodness I don't have to hunt for my food, I don't even know where tacos live ... ♦ I have an angel on one shoulder, and a devil on the other. I'm also deaf in one ear.

**Next Rotary Board Meeting** – Feb 14<sup>th</sup> ♦ 5:30PM at the West Allis Fire Department

**Club Meeting Time & Place** ♦ The Columbus Club ♦ 1800 S. 92<sup>nd</sup> Street ♦ West Allis, Wisconsin 53214 ♦ Thursdays ♦ 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM