



# 'pinion

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 1.04.2018



## 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 #63: **Rotary finds a way**

In these dark, winter months, can you imagine having nothing but kerosene lanterns for light in your house? **Rotary members** from Durango, Colorado, USA, have **teamed up** with the Navajo Nation to bring solar lights to remote, off-the-grid homes on the country's largest Native American reservation. The reservation, bigger than the state of West Virginia, sprawls across Arizona, Utah, and New Mexico. It's a harsh, beautiful land marked by extremes of temperature, sun, wind, and dryness. According to a 2016 assessment, about 16,000 Navajo homes don't have access to electricity.

After their club installed solar lights in Nepal, **a new member brought up a provocative question**: Similar developing-nation conditions existed within a couple of hours by car. **Why not serve their neighbors**, the Navajo? The group now **brings solar lights to at-risk populations** on the reservation, including elders over 70 years old and disabled tribal members

A solar light is a simple thing: just a small panel the size of a baking sheet, which mounts onto a roof with a pole. A wire runs from the panel into the house, where up to three rechargeable lights hang from hooks on the ceiling. A touch of a button turns on the lights. For a flashlight, they can simply be unhooked. A fully charged lamp offers dim light for 75 hours or bright light for 7½ before needing to be recharged. Light is more than a simple thing - it brings a world of possibility!

**Last Week:** **Dec 28<sup>th</sup>** – Club Assembly

Various reports were given regarding status and updates for our different committees and projects – thank you. Randy Dean of the Petite Ice Center was also going to join us but could not make it because he was too busy getting ready to host the 2018 US Olympic Long Track Speedskating Trials – which are currently taking place (January 2-7, 2018). The Trials formally returned to the Oval at the Pettit Center for the first time since 1998. The timing is appropriately coincidental with the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Center, which opened on December 31, 1992.

**This Week:** **Jan 4<sup>th</sup>** – Jerailyn Jones, WI Parks

Thank you, Terese Beauchamp

**P.S. Cold Humor:** It is so cold that: hitchhikers are holding up pictures of thumbs ♦ I chipped a tooth on my soup ♦ when we milked the cows, we got ice cream ♦ cops are tazing themselves ♦ snowman keep banging on the back door to come inside ♦ extra sessions are being planned in Washington so the political hot air can heat up the city ♦ pet stores are selling hamsters, gerbils and penguins ♦ someone spilled hot coffee on me and I thanked them ♦ I can't even get into a heated argument with my wife ♦ I'm not going outside until the temperature is above my age!



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**Hale Interact**

Wed., 7:10am, library -

Contacts:

**Jim Mejchar & Lisa Berman**

**Central Interact**

Thu., 8:45am, main office

Contacts: **Jerry Falk**

**Dotke Interact**

Tuesday 10:45am - Contacts:

**Lee Breese, Sue Zwitter &**

**Cathy Manthei**

**West Milwaukee EarlyAct**

Thurs, 1:30PM -

**Brenda Merschorf,**

**Steve Affeldt & Cathy Manthei**

**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) ♦ 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 4<sup>th</sup> – Jerailyn Jones, WI Parks

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

Jan 11<sup>th</sup> – Nate Rice, WAWM High School Job Training

Jan 18<sup>th</sup> – TBD speaker, Beyond Blind

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

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – Kevin Shaver, 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 the West Allis Central High School /  
Use Auditorium Entrance. To register: [aurora.org/events](http://aurora.org/events) (keyword: Reflections) or call 888-863-5502



**Next Rotary Board Meeting** – Jan 10<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