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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 10.26.2017



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 #57: **Rotary is winning the battle against Polio**

After another year of dwindling polio cases, Rotary leaders, top health experts, and celebrities said on 24 October — **World Polio Day** — that the paralyzing disease has never been closer to being eradicated globally. A special livestreamed presentation — End Polio Now: Countdown to History — **featured the people who work tirelessly to end the disease** and reviewed the progress that the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) has made.

The audience was updated on the latest figures of polio = total number of cases caused by the wild poliovirus so far this year has been 12 (7 in Afghanistan, 5 in Pakistan, and 0 in Nigeria) - a 70 percent reduction from 2016 and the lowest count of polio cases in history. "The scale of the effort is staggering," noted event speakers. **"Every year 2.2 billion doses are delivered to 430 million children, through a sophisticated vaccine supply and logistics network."**

Discussion also included the economic impact of eradicating polio – as it is much less expensive to prevent diseases than it is to treat them. Immunizations are estimated to save low- and middle-income countries \$20 billion each year. The benefits of polio eradication spending will outweigh the costs by nearly \$50 billion between 1985 and 2035. And in that time, **8 million lives will have been saved.**

Last week: Oct 19th – Foster care support ministry, Karen Schindwein

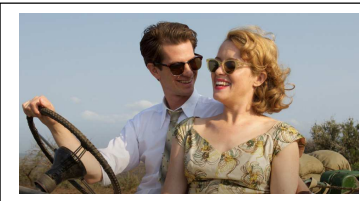
Karen Schindwein, executive director of Chosen, Inc. ("*Chosen*"), shared with us the story behind her organization. Inspired to foster Forever Families by living the Gospel, Karen's personal experiences with infertility, adoption and faith led her to establish this 501(c)3 non-profit foster-care and adoption support ministry - so that all children can experience a safe and loving home. Chosen's vision is to develop a multi-family fostering community.

Chosen is committed to helping children and families in three areas: education, support & community. The Family Closet, located in Waukesha, is Chosen's primary resource to support foster and adoptive families. Generous donations allow families "shop" for gently used infant and children's clothing and new furniture, toys, equipment and more.

In addition to founding Chosen, Karen and her adoptive daughter Amalie, have co-authored ***Dear Lois*** - a unique perspective of the adoption journey told through letters. Readers are taken on an emotional journey from the heartbreak of infertility to the joy of family woven together through adoption. More information can be found at <https://www.choseninlove.org/4/Home>

This week: Oct 26th – Foundation, Steve Affeldt

Thank you, Terese Beauchamp



'Breathe' is an inspirational movie detailing the life of British polio survivor Robin Cavendish, who contracted the disease in Kenya in 1958. Paralyzed from the neck down at age 28, Cavendish and his wife, Diana, spent the rest of his life advocating for people with disabilities.



REMINDER: Nancy Rhodes is giving flu shots on **11/2**.
Before & after Rotary = 10:00 - 11:45AM & 1:00 – 2:00 PM.



P.S. Halloween Humor: Why do skeletons have low self-esteem? ♦ How do vampires get around on Halloween? ♦ Why did the ghost go into the bar? ♦ Why did the headless horseman go into business? ♦ Why did the vampire need mouthwash? ♦ Why don't mummies take time off?

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

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We fight to end Polio



Our club's iron lung replica, 2/3rd the size of actual, is currently on display in the Aurora West Allis Medical Center lobby.

This is a tangible reminder that polio still exists in the world.

October Birthdays

Joyce Rowell (10/23) ♦ Judy Shabman (10/24)

October Anniversaries

Jim & Bonnie Mejchar – 29 years (10/08) ♦ Terese & John Beauchamp – 30 years (10/17)

Cathy & Mark Manthei – 23 years (10/24)

October Rotary Anniversaries

Beth Koehler 10/01/2015 (2 years) ♦ Sue Zwitter 10/01/1987 (30 years)
Richard Muirhead 10/09/1996 (21 years) ♦ Tim Klare 10/11/2004 (13 years)
Jeannette Bell 10/19/2000 (17 years)

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Oct 26th – Foundation, Steve Affeldt



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Nov 2nd – Immigration Update, Steve Berman

Nov 9th – RI Water & Sanitation, Mary Beth

Nov 16th – World Affairs, Steve Hook

Nov 23rd – No Meeting / Happy Thanksgiving!



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS, NOTES & OTHER

Downtown West Allis Halloween Hunt - Saturday, Oct 28th – 10AM to 12PM

Come in costume and receive treats from the Downtown West Allis merchants! Open for ages infant to 12 year olds, accompanied by an adult. Donations of non-perishable food items will go to a local food pantry. Sponsored by Downtown West Allis BID.

West Allis Trick or Treat - Sunday, Oct 29th 4 to 7 PM

Flu Shots – Thursday, Nov 2nd - before & after the Rotary Meeting

One Rotary Summit – Wednesday, Nov 15th 5:30 to 8:00PM

West Allis Community Breakfast of Thanks & Giving – Monday, Nov 20th

7:15AM Buffet Breakfast / 8:15AM Program – \$30 per person / \$240 table of 8 / Hampton Inn
Bring non-perishable food item. **DEADLINE! purchase tickets by 11/13** (no tickets sold at door / event limited to 250). Order online <http://westallisfoundation.org> or call 414-302-8292



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 Merschorf,

Steve Affeldt

& Cathy Manthei

Answers to Halloween Humor: They have no body to love ♦ On blood vessels ♦ For the Boos
♦ He wanted to get ahead in life ♦ Because he had bat breath ♦ They are afraid to unwind

Next Rotary Board Meeting – Nov 8th ♦ 5:30PM at the West Allis Fire Department

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