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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 3.01.2018



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 #70: **Rotary is driven to improve lives**

The **Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group** (WASRAG) was formed in 2007. Since then it has facilitated many hundreds of projects – helping clubs find partners, ensuring sustainability, stressing the importance of a **needs-driven approach**, and developing best practices. They encourage a holistic, integrated approach in which water is not the end in itself, but is rather **the means to a better life and livelihood** in the community.

WASRAG links water and sanitation to **improved hygiene, better health, and empowerment of the community** – especially impacting women, irrigation and agriculture, education and literacy and, child mortality.

Last Week: Feb 22nd – Mike McLaughlin, **Trees that Feed**

Mike, his wife Mary and her brother Paul established **Trees That Feed Foundation** in 2008. Their location in Winnetka, Illinois, currently serves as operational headquarters for Jamaica, Haiti, and 9 other countries in the Caribbean and Africa. Their mission is planting food-bearing trees to feed people, create jobs, and benefit the environment.

Trees That Feed believes that tree crops are a large part of the answer to world food concerns. Tree crops are nutritious, yet require less input of labor, agro chemicals, fertilizers and space than field crops. Trees also restore ecological balance to land damaged by misuse or neglect, capture and sequester carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, and create habitats for small animals and birds. **Planting a tree is a winning bet all around!**

Programs include tree distribution, tree propagation, fruit harvesting equipment, breadfruit products and marketing, school-feeding programs, training and monitoring. The **benefits of their work are permanent and sustainable** and they leave behind independent farmers, co-operatives and commercially successful operations. The first tree they selected was the breadfruit – a tree well known throughout many parts of Asia, Africa, the Caribbean and Central America. Breadfruit bears a fruit somewhat smaller than a soccer ball. One fruit can easily provide the carbohydrate portion of a meal for a family of five. A mature tree can produce up to a half ton of fruit per year. Currently, they are developing a dry, instant breadfruit porridge mix that would have a long shelf life and that is being tested with school students in Jamaica, and soon Haiti.

24 members, 1 visitor, 4 students & 1 speaker

This Week: March 1st – Lisa/Dani – TBA Thank you, Terese Beauchamp

P.S. **Baseball Jokes:** 😊

How do baseball players stay cool? By sitting next to the fans ♦ How is a baseball team similar to a pancake? They both need a good batter ♦ Why did the baseball player go to the car dealer? He wanted a sales pitch ♦ What do baseball players put their food on? Home plates ♦ What is one of the rules in zebra baseball? Three stripes and you're out! ♦ Did you hear the joke about the pop fly? Nevermind. It's over your head ♦ Why are frogs good outfielders? They never miss a fly ♦ Why are centipedes not allowed to play on bug baseball teams? It takes too long to put their cleats on.



Trees That Feed Foundation
Planting Fruit Trees to Feed People, Create Jobs & Benefit the Environment



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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**

Dottke Interact

Tuesday 10:45am - Contacts:

Lee Breese, Sue Zwitter &

Cathy Manthei

West Milwaukee EarlyAct

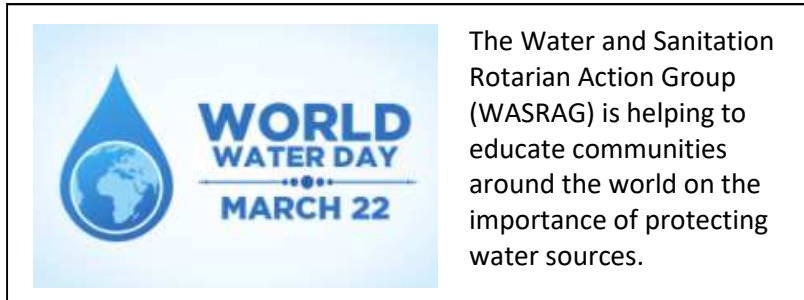
Thurs, 1:30PM -

Brenda Merschdorf,

Steve Affeldt & Cathy Manthei

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS

March = Water and Sanitation Month



The Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (WASRAG) is helping to educate communities around the world on the importance of protecting water sources.

March Birthdays

Sue Zwitter (3/09) ♦ Terese Beauchamp (3/15) ♦

March Anniversaries

Lisa & Steve Berman 3/03/1994 (24 years)

March Rotary Anniversaries

Kevin Haass 3/06/2009 (9 years) ♦ Al Pinckney 3/13/2013 (5 years)

Jason Soloninka 3/31/2016 (2 years)

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

March 1st – Lisa/Dani – TBA

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 8th – Brenda & Lee – Four Way Test Award

March 15th – Lisa /Holly – Digital Marketing

March 22nd – Work Project = Shoebox

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS, NOTES & OTHER

Scouting for Food / Boy Scout Food Drive – Saturday, 3/17

Held at: the West Allis Farmers Market from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

For more info: Erin Buhrmester = erin.buhrmester@scouting.org

West Allis Community Dinner Dance – Saturday, 3/24

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 or call 414-302-8292

Benefitting The Village Playhouse / supported by West Allis Rotary!

West Allis Rotary Cocktails for a Cause – Saturday, 4/21

Held at: Tripoli Shrine Center 3000 W. Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee

This year's cause = Healthy Kids, Happy Lives - supporting children's health

initiatives. Tickets: Eventbrite.com or any West Allis Rotarian. For more

info: Sherry Saiki 414-687-1737 / rotarysherry@sbcglobal.net. \$50/person or

\$45 by 4/16. Enjoy signature cocktails, live Jazz, tasty hot & cold appetizers

and silent auction. Rotarians – please **bring in bottles of wine to donate**

Day Light Savings Time (DST) starts Sunday, March 11th

“Spring forward, fall back”

Set your clock forward 1 hour in the spring (= lose 1 hour) and

back 1 hour when DST ends in the fall (= regain 1 hour).



Next Rotary Board Meeting – Mar 14th ♦ 5:30PM at the West Allis Fire Department

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