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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 3.2.2017

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 #26: **Rotary is making a difference with water issues – right next door**

March is water and sanitation month and that may bring to mind problems in distant third world countries ... but the reality is these issues are closer than we think. Lake Erie is the fourth-largest of the five Great Lakes and is bounded by Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and Michigan. Blooms of poisonous blue-green algae are threatening the western basin of this lake. Conditions got so bad during 2014 that for 56 hours in August, nearly a half-million people could not drink the water out of their taps, brush their teeth or wash their dishes. Restaurants shut their doors. Hospitals canceled elective surgeries. Stores ran out of bottled water.



The good news? Rotarians are joining the fight to solve this complex problem, one that they may be uniquely poised to untangle. During the peak of the crisis, many quickly realized that nobody had their arms wrapped around the problem or were taking the lead in addressing. That's when Rotarians determined that they needed to get involved - because Rotary solves problems. "We're not scientists," said the then president-elect for the Toledo, Ohio club. "But **what we do really well is collaborate. And we attack problems that other people can't or won't.** We bring a nonpolitical, nonpartisan environment, where the only agenda is to do the right thing."

Be inspired by reading more about this story and the power of Rotary to lead, collaborate and unite resources through service above self at <https://www.rotary.org/en/news-features/rotarians-take-dangerous-algae-bloom>

Last week, February 23rd – Nancy Towie, Identity Theft

Licensed Insurance Agent, Nancy Towle, shared information on identity theft and scams (local and regional) - things we should all be aware of. After 30 years in fundraising sales, Nancy began a career in insurance at the time the industry exploded with change. She thrives on helping people understand insurance and how to do the right thing based on each person's specific health, finances and life style. In the course of helping clients determine their very confusing insurance needs, Nancy found many people concerned about their health and high insurance costs....and making decisions based on less than honest marketing.



Nancy saw a need to bring information to the various age groups she helps, especially Seniors. This snowballed into the many ways scammers are impacting our day to day life. Nancy keeps up with what is happening in our area and nationwide by keeping connected to The FTC (Federal Trade Commission), Clark Howard, AARP, and Local Crime Busters. She identified how to spot scammers and cons to protect yourself, your finances and your loved ones of all ages. In addition to talking to groups about Identity theft and providing resource literature on Imposter Scams, Charity Fraud, and Phone Scams, Nancy also teaches a class on this topic through the Wisconsin Institute of Certified Public Accountants .

Attendance: 27 members, 5 students, & 1 speaker

This week, March 2nd – John Stibal, West Allis Update

Thanks, Tim

P.S. Weather Jokes / answers on next page: Q1: What is worse than raining buckets? ♦ Q2: What is the opposite of a cold front? ♦ Q3: What does the extended forecast look like? ♦ Q4: What is a tornado's favorite game?

**Rotary Club of West Allis
2016 - 2017**

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS
MARCH IS WATER AND SANITATION MONTH

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March Birthdays

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

March Anniversaries

Lisa and Steve Berman (3/03) 23 years

March Rotary Anniversaries

Kevin Haass 3/06/2009 (8 years) ♦ Al Pinckney 3/13/2013 (4 years)
Jason Soloninka 3/31/2016 (1 year)

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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

March 2nd – John Stibal, West Allis Update

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 9th – Lee Breese, Four Way Test

March 16th – Pat Gutierrez, Mental Health / Addiction Treatment in Milwaukee

March 23rd – Marty Lexnord & Brian Visser, West Allis / West Milwaukee

March 30th – Club Assembly

April 6th – Brent Halfhussen

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS, NOTES & OTHER

West Allis Rotary Four Way Test Award – Thursday, March 9th

* Award will be presented to River's Edge Catering / Mary Lynn at the Noon Rotary Meeting – Please invite co-workers and friends to attend! *

Scouting for Food – Saturday, March 18th

West Allis Community Dinner Dance – Saturday, March 25th

West Allis Rotary Cocktails for a Cause – Saturday, April 29th

* Sell 5 tickets to Cocktails for a cause & receive a service credit! *

The West Allis Rotary Club is planning a trip to Peru! – 10/7/17 to 10/16/17.

* If you are interested in joining this excursion, please contact Nancy Rhodes at nrhodes@milwpc.com. Flight reservations need to be confirmed soon, so don't delay! *

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

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All Saints... Kathleen

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Answers to Questions from 1st page: A1 – Hailing taxis!; A2 – A warm back; A3 - Fooooorreeeecccccaaaasssttt; A4 - Twister.

Next Rotary Board Meeting Wednesday, March 8th ♦ 5:30 to 6:30 PM 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