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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 3.30.2017

## 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 #30: **Rotary clubs are helping kids discover the power of Service Above Self**



The Chelmsford Phoenix Rotary Club of Essex, England holds an annual fundraiser for WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) projects. Walking for Water is an awareness and fundraising initiative for kids aged 10-15.

Sponsored by friends and family, the kids walk 6 kilometres (3.7 miles) while carrying 6 litres (1.6 gallons) of water in a backpack. They learn about global water issues and raise funds to help solve them.

Access to water is still a big problem. 750 million people currently have no access to safe drinking water & and 2.4 billion have no access to a toilet. Impact on kids: walking for hours each day to get water = less time for school = limited potential for future. And, often the water that they walk so far to get is not even safe to drink! Dirty water makes kids sick.

Last week, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Marty Lexnord with Brian Visser, West Allis / West Milwaukee School District



The Superintendent of Schools for West Allis-West Milwaukee, Dr. Marty Lexmond, provided our club with some background and information about the upcoming operational referendum.

On April 4, 2017, there will be a question on the election ballot about an Operational referendum designed to help the school district overcome a financial challenge. Voter will be asked for their permission to allow the school district to exceed current, imposed revenue limits for funding annual school operations. If approved, the funds would be used for costs associated with protecting and developing educational programming, attracting and retaining teachers and rebuilding the district's fund reserve. If approved, residents of the school district would pay an additional \$58 per year for every \$100,000 of property value for the next five years.

This referendum has raised questions about past stewardship of resources and calls for accountability. Many are frustrated with the time, energy and cost that will be incurred in order to fix the current financial problem but are also hopeful that the end result will be a stronger school district with improved oversight and budget process.

Attendance: 23 members, 3 students, & 2 speakers / presenters

This week, March 30<sup>th</sup> – Club Assembly

Thanks, Tim Klare

Dotke Interact Students sharing their interests and plans for life after high school.



P.S. Rainy Day Jokes / answers on next page: Q1: What do you call two straight days of rain in Seattle? Q2: What do you call a month worth of rain? Q3: What do you call a wet bear? Q4: Why was the blonde standing outside the department store in the rain?

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

**FUN FACTS ABOUT THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS  
2017 DISTRICT 6270 CONFERENCE IS READY TO GO!**

**Officers:**

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**Treasurer**

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Jeannette Bell: 2018

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Steve Hook: 2020

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Sherry Saiki: 2019

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

**Officers:**

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Steve Affeldt: 2018

**Vice President**

Wayne Tillmann: 2017

**Secretary**

Judy Shabman: 2018

**Treasurer**

Sue Zwitter: 2019

**Directors:**

Don Charlier: 2019

Sherry Saiki: 2017

Tim Klare: ex officio



**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)

**THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM**

March 30<sup>th</sup> – Club Assembly

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

April 6<sup>th</sup> – Brent Halfwassen

April 13<sup>th</sup> – James Davies, Bublr Bikes

April 20<sup>th</sup> – Judy Shabman & Mark Ellington, History of West Allis Rotary

April 27<sup>th</sup> – Steve Daily, Chudnow Museum

**UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS, NOTES & OTHER**

**West Allis Rotary Cocktails for a Cause – Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

Please reserve the following dates so you can join us for:

**West Allis Rotary 90<sup>th</sup>! Anniversary Dinner – Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

\*Held at Summit Place, West Allis. 5:30 Cocktails / 6:30 Program & Dinner per person or consider \$90 to celebrate 90<sup>th</sup> - with extra \$ donated to the Foundation Business Attire Requested - Please RSVP by 4/15\*

**West Allis Rotary Changing of the Guard – Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**

**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 – Contacts:

Brenda Merschorf, Steve Affeldt  
& Cathy Manthei



Answers to 1st page: A1 – a weekend!; A2 – England; A3 -a drizzly bear; A4 – She wanted to cash in her rain check.

**Next Rotary Board Meeting** Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> ♦ 5:30 to 6:30 PM 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