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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 3.08.2018



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 #71: **Rotary has great rotarians!**

Three Rotary women were honored 7 March 2018 at the World Bank in Washington, D.C., USA for their **commitment to improving lives** through innovative humanitarian projects. The celebration was one of many events held this week to mark **International Women's Day**, which is on 8 March each year. It highlighted the **positive changes women make around the world**. Dr. Geetha Jayaram, Marie-Irène Richmond Ahoua, & Danielle De La Fuente, all Rotarians, told their stories and explained how their work helped poor women in India gain access to mental health care, vaccinate hundreds of thousands against polio in West Africa, and empower refugee children around the world.

Last Week: March 1st – Nancy & Don – Common Hope



What started as a grassroots movement with 175 kids in one community has grown over 30 years to serve 14,000 individuals in 27 communities. Nancy Rhodes & Don Drecktrah joined the Elmbrook Rotary Club on a Common Hope mission trip to Antigua, Guatemala. Despite the country's beautiful landscapes and a people life's simple pleasures, living in Guatemala can be challenging. More than half its citizens live below the national poverty line, 25% live in extreme poverty earning less than \$2/day.

Common Hope promotes hope and opportunity in Guatemala by partnering with children, families and Communities. Because **education is critical to ending the poverty** cycle, their model focuses on creating the necessary supports for families to keep their children in school rather than having them join the workforce starting in 7th grade to supplement the family income. They recognize that a hungry child has trouble concentrating, or a child without a roof over their head cannot shake a cold. For these reasons, the Common Hope model **includes programs in education, health care, housing and family development**.

Guatemala Fast Facts: Health Care / Education / Housing

- Malnutrition is a chronic problem affecting 49% of the population
- In Guatemala there are only nine doctors for every 10,000 people, on average
- More than 30% of children in Guatemala fail first grade at least once
- Only 18.6% of students graduate from high school in Guatemala compared to 70% in the US
- In Guatemala, 67% of families live in homes without roofs and sufficient living space
- Homes built with cornstalk walls and dirt floors are unsafe and unsanitary

20 members & 4 students

This Week: March 8th – Brenda & Lee – Four Way Test Award

Thank you, Terese Beauchamp



P.S. St. Patty Day Jokes: What do you get when you cross a 4-leaf clover with poison ivy? A rash of good luck! ♦ What do you call a fake Irish stone? A shamrock ♦ Mom, I met an Irish boy on St. Patrick's Day. Oh, really? No, O'Reilly! ♦ Why should you not iron a 4-leaf clover? You might press your luck ♦ Why can't you borrow money from a Leprechaun? Because they are always running a little short ♦ I went out drinking on St. Patrick's Day, so I took bus home ... that may not be a big deal to you, but I've never driven a bus before ♦ What do ghosts drink on St. Patrick's Day? BOOs

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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



We support local solutions to bring clean water, sanitation, & hygiene to more people every day. We don't just build wells & walk away. We share our expertise with community leaders & educators to make sure our projects succeed long-term.

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 8th – Brenda & Lee – Four Way Test Award

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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**

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