



# 'pinion

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 4.20.2017

## 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 #33: **Where others see problems, Rotary members see solutions**

For the past 60 years, the Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island in Washington, has held an annual auction and rummage sale that has raised more than \$7 million. The long-term success of the auction has made it a cultural event.

**Proceeds of the event help almost every corner of their community**, including feeding the hungry through the local food bank, buying cribs for infants in need, funding a school robotics program and helping seniors with dental care. Robin Goldston, director of the Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island, says the rummage sale has been a sustainable success (it raised more than \$550,000 in 6 hours last year) because it has become a valued part of the community.



Most residents plan their donations all year, 100% of proceeds are invested in the town, and more than 1,400 local people volunteer each year, Goldston says. "Our sale has been an annual event since the 1950s." The event has become so popular, that a movie is being made about it

Last week, April 13<sup>th</sup> – Tina Weiss, Executive Director of Kids From Wisconsin

Kids from Wisconsin (KIDS) is part of an entertainment tradition that goes back nearly 50 years. Each year, thirty-three youth (ages 15-20) are selected based auditions held during February. These top performers then train hard in preparation for a packed schedule of shows during June, July and August.



Their live performances are seen each year by more than 120,000 across Wisconsin and the Midwest. Each two-hour show involves some of this country's best writers, arrangers, and choreographers – with exciting costumes designed and created in Broadway style. Music includes American favorites, big band, 50's- 80's classics, Motown, country, Broadway and current top hits.

The KIDS perform at State and county fairs, community concerts, and fundraisers for non-profit organizations such as Rotary, helping them to earn thousands of dollars and, at the same time, supporting Wisconsin's performing arts. Catch their show at Nathan Hale High School on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

KIDS also provides members with leadership training through their participation in "Realize Your Dream" – a free outreach program. You can find out more at: [www.KidsFromWisconsin.org](http://www.KidsFromWisconsin.org)



Attendance: 25 members

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

Thanks, Tim Klare

P.S. Mis-Match Jokes: Q: What do you get if you cross a parrot with a shark? ♦ Q: What do you get if you cross cat with an elephant? ♦ Q: What do you get when you cross a frog with a rabbit? ♦ Q: What do you get when you cross a cow with a trampoline? ♦ Q: What do you get when you cross a piece of paper and scissors?

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

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**Treasurer**

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Jeannette Bell: 2018

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Steve Hook: 2020

Lee Breese: 2020

Sherry Saiki: 2019

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Foundation, Inc.**

**Officers:**

**President**

Steve Affeldt: 2018

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**Secretary**

Judy Shabman: 2018

**Treasurer**

Sue Zwitter: 2019

**Directors:**

Don Charlier: 2019

Sherry Saiki: 2017

Tim Klare: ex officio

**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**

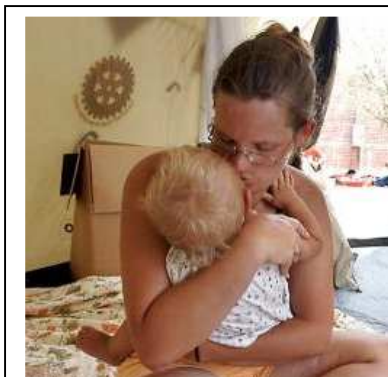
**West Milwaukee EarlyAct**

Thurs, 1:30PM – Contacts:

**Brenda Merschorf, Steve Affeldt  
& Cathy Manthei**

**FUN FACTS ABOUT THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS**

**APRIL IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH**



Rotary members teach mothers how to breast-feed, promote immunizations and regular checkups, and distribute insecticide-treated bed nets.

**April Birthdays**

Brent Halfwassen (4/01) ♦ Steve Hook (4/17)  
Dianne Kempen (4/25) ♦ Erin Buhrmester (4/29)

**April Anniversaries**

Cynthia and Bob Fletcher (4/26) 14 years

**April Rotary Anniversaries**

Terese Beauchamp 4/09/2014 (3 years) ♦ Brenda Merschorf 4/14/2011 (6 years)

**THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM**

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

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

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

May 4<sup>th</sup> -Dave Bandomir, Mobile Integrated Healthcare / Pulse Point CPR

May 11<sup>th</sup> – Lee Breese, Student Awards

**UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS, NOTES & OTHER**

**Special NOTE – this event has been Canceled due to low registration**

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

\*Refunds will be processed for ticket sales / looking to reschedule this Fall \*

**Food for the Hungry Fundraiser – Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

\*All you can eat pasta dinner – raising money to help support Milwaukee veterans

**Held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, West Allis – 3:00PM to 7:00PM**

Food, Raffles & Music / Adults \$7.00, Children 5-12 \$4.00 \*

**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! \*

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

**3rd Annual Brewer's-Cub Tailgate Party and Game – Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**

\* Join Southeastern Wisconsin and North Chicago Rotarians – Brewers vs Cubs! See more at:

[http://www.rotary6270.org/Stories/take-me-out-to-the-ballgame\\*](http://www.rotary6270.org/Stories/take-me-out-to-the-ballgame*)

Answers to Mis-Match Jokes from front: A: A bird that will talk your ear off ♦ A: A flat cat. ♦ A: A bunny rabbit ♦ A: A milkshake ♦ A: Confetti ☺

**Next Rotary Board Meeting** Wednesday, May 10<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