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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 5.25.2017

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 Reasons #37: **Rotary changes lives ... one child at a time**

For more than 90 years, the Rotary Club of Kansas City has been rallying all corners of the community to help thousands of kids get to camp. The club, whose members are among Rotary's first People of Action, gave the first donation to the Rotary Foundation 100 years ago.

Club 13, as it is locally known, made the first donation to The Rotary Foundation, \$26.50 in 1917, and its members continue to model **Rotary's passion for taking action and bringing ideas to life.** Gees, then president of the club, recognized the need for a summer camp for kids from all walks of life. Buying a heavily wooded tract near a canyon and stream, he placed it in trust, granting exclusive use to the club provided that it always be used for youth activities.

The facility evolved into a special needs camp for Boy and Girl Scouts with disabilities. That focus broadened a decade later to all children with disabilities. Today, Scouts of all kinds use the camp on weekends when school is in session while special needs organizations and Scouts with disabilities have exclusive run of the wheelchair-accessible facilities for free all summer

Last week: May 18th – Tracy Stefanski, Honor Flight

Tracy Stefanski presented a terrific program today about his journey with our own **Robert Thompto** as they went on an HONOR FLIGHT last fall.

It all started with a great suggestion by **Cathy Manthei** – who encouraged Tracy, a member of Bob's church, to fill out an application on behalf of Bob. And that led to a wonderfully busy day filled with honor and adventure. After saying good bye to his cat, Bob was picked up in the early morning and driven to the airport. And from that point forward, until the end of the day, it was non-stop demonstrations of thankfulness and gratitude that greeted their every step. From visiting all of the memorials to the mail call at the end of flight, it was an unforgettable trip.

The Honor Flight Network program was conceived by Earl Morse, a physician assistant and Retired Air Force Captain. Earl wanted to honor the veterans he had taken care of for the past 27 years. The inaugural Honor Flight Tour took place in May of 2005. Six small planes flew out of Springfield, Ohio taking twelve World War II veterans on a visit to the memorial in Washington, DC. Through the end of 2012 we transported more than 98,500 veterans to Washington, D.C. to see their memorial. The program presently has 127 hubs in 41 states.

Attendance: 20 members, 1 guest, 2 students & 1 speaker

This week: May 25th – Robert Beezat, Character Based Management

Thanks, Tim Klare



P.S. **funny sayings:** "The trouble with reality is that there's no background music." ♦ "House Guarded By Shotgun 3 Days A Week. Guess Which Days." ♦ "If you think things can't get worse it's probably only because you lack sufficient imagination." ♦ "A train station is where the train stops. A bus station is where the bus stops. On my desk, I have a work station..." ♦ "Knowledge is realizing that the street is one-way, wisdom is looking both directions anyway" ♦ "As Long As There Are Tests, There Will Be Prayer In Public Schools.."

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

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ALLIS
MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

Officers:

President

Tim Klare

Vice President

Terese Beauchamp

Secretary

Cathy Manthei

Treasurer

Kathleen Dagenhardt

**Executive Secretary/
Treasurer**

Joe Kempen

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Lisa Berman

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John Ash

Directors:

Jeannette Bell: 2018

Erin Buhrmester: 2018

Frank Bevsek: 2019

Steve Hook: 2020

Lee Breese: 2020

Sherry Saiki: 2019



Rotary is: uniting the community to support youth camp and other children's causes

May Birthdays

Chris Botsch (5/04) ♦ Al Pinckney (5/04) ♦ Bob Fletcher (5/07)

Kate Halfwassen (5/18) ♦ Jerry Falk (5/23) ♦ Ray Pahle (5/27)

May Anniversaries

Jeannette & Chester Bell (5/19/1962) 54 years ♦ Judy & Jeff Shabman (5/26/1984) 32 years

Jason and Sarah Soloninka (5/27/2012) 4 years

Robert & Christina Figueroa (5/31/1986) 30 years

May Rotary Anniversaries

Robert Figueroa 5/26/2016 (1 year) ♦ Lali Mendieta-Ramos 5/26/2016 (1 year)

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

Officers:

President

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

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

May 18th – Robert Beezat, Character Based Management

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

June 1st – Shelly Strasser – Recreation Dept, WAWM School District

June 8th – Charles Wiley, News Media Bias – Key to the Future

June 15th – Meghan Schopp, Milwaukee Public Museum Educational & Public Programs

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS, NOTES & OTHER

2017 District Conference – District 6270 – June 1st -3rd

* Potawatomi Hotel & Casino, Milwaukee WI *

West Allis Ala Carte – Sunday, June 4th

* Greenfield Avenue between S. 70th & S. 76th St / Noon to 6:30PM / 2017 = 10th anniversary! *

West Allis Rotary Changing of the Guard – Thursday, June 29th

* Steak House 100, West Allis WI – 5:30PM

Electronic invites will be sent / if preferred, please contact Terese for paper copies *

3rd Annual Brewer's-Cub Tailgate Party and Game – Saturday, July 29th

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

http://www.rotary6270.org/Stories/take-me-out-to-the-ballgame*

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 Merschdorf, Steve Affeldt
& Cathy Manthei**

More funny sayings: "Drawing on my fine command of language, I said nothing." ♦ "Advice for the day: If you have a headache, do what it says on the aspirin bottle: Take two, and KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN." ♦ "You can go anywhere you want if you look serious and carry a clipboard." ♦ "If pro is opposite of con, then what is the opposite of progress?"

Next Rotary Board Meeting Wednesday, June 14th ♦ 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