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Why I Quit My Local Rotary Club

MADISON- State Representative Bob Gannon (R-West Bend) announces his intentions to take a leave of absence from the West Bend Sunrise Rotary Club, with the expectation that this will lead to a permanent resignation. This action is taken due to a recent Rotary International Board decision that forbids local clubs to participate in events that relate to the subject of guns. This would include gun shows, shooting events, gun raffles, etc.

This new regulation also forbids clubs from accepting “sponsorships or a cooperative relationship” with any company that “supports the use of weapons”.

<http://www.rotary6270.org/Stories/please-note-rotary-international-board-policy>

For the West Bend Rotary, this would mean that our great relationship with Delta Defense/United States Conceal Carry Association would come to an end. This company has been a fabulous local corporate citizen, and one which has always been there to help when called upon. Their business is focused solely around assisting “responsibly armed citizens”, and exists as a reminder of what the second amendment to our constitution means.

“Rotary International has every right to act like a mini United Nations, but I also have the right to no longer support them. Bill and Melinda Gates have been generous fighting to eradicate Polio, and are also big funders of the anti-gun movement,” said Rep. Bob Gannon. “I hope the money from donors like them isn’t influencing what once was a great organization.”

“This morning I’m asking my local club to send a resolution to the Rotary International Board advising them to rescind their actions or that we will consider no longer operating under the Rotary banner. Expecting this to have no impact on their decision, I will then be resigning my membership in an organization that I love, an organization that I served as president of and a club that has had such a positive impact on West Bend, the city that I call home,” appealed Rep. Gannon.

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