



### MARK YOUR ROTARY CALENDAR

**Dinner with Santa  
December 19th at 4:30 p.m.  
White Bear Country Inn**

Over 100 senior citizens are invited to the Inn for Christmas dinner, gifts and song as well as one-on-one conversations with Santa (aka Rotary volunteers)

**Rotary Holiday Party  
December 28th  
Manitou Grill  
Stay tuned for more details**

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*May your holiday be as bright  
as your spirits are light!*

**UPDATE ON ROTARACT  
The Rotaract Club**, sponsored by WBL Rotary, continues to do great works. They helped at Meals on Wheels, Feed My Starving Children, STRIVE Race, a community Raking Event, etc.

They have teamed up with the UMN Rotaract in order to increase attendance.

WBL Rotaract will host a fundraising event on February 17th at the McNamara Alumni Center, in hopes of getting a big college turnout. They will be looking for donations from local businesses for silent auctions or just helping with the funding of the event. Through their actions, they will supply at least a \$500 scholarship, and may be able to increase it to \$1000.

Info from **Mitchell LeGrand**.  
See **Greg Bartz** for questions.

### **CLASSIFICATION: Mark Sather**

Mark is ready to hand over the city manager classification to his successor, Ellen Richter, one of our newer club members. Growing up, Mark lived in Minneapolis and graduated from Benilde-St. Margaret High School in 1968. He started out in college wanting to major in dentistry, but organic chemistry was his undoing. So city management it was, in Waseca, St. Louis Park, and White Bear Lake. He stated that City Manager as a profession changes from "what you do" to "what you are" over time. Mark and wife Maureen recently took a 6,700 mile retirement journey of over a month camping in various national parks, sleeping in two person tent. This was a test of their love for one another and they are still together! They do love to travel and San Francisco is the most frequent destination where both children, Elliot and Monica, live with their families. They have four grandsons who are political activists already. Other past vacations have many times involved detours on Mark's part to visit that city's waste treatment plant or public works facilities. Mark loved his work as City Manager and his team of co-workers. Thanks Mark for your service to the city and for your continuing "service above self" in the club. Consider the City Management classification officially passed on to Ellen.

### **PROGRAM: Ashley Filipp, White Bear Lake Area YMCA and WBL Rotarian**

Ashley started working with the YMCA in Boston at the Charlestown Y, worked at the San Diego YMCA and is currently the Branch Director of the YMCA here in town. Her husband also works for the YMCA organization. YMCA started in London in 1844 as a home away from home for sailors. The Y's U.S. roots are in Boston, the first location being Old South Church. The Y inspired the formation of USO, Peace Corps, and Father's Day as well as ESL courses. Present day in the Twin Cities, the Y is the largest provider of child care. The Y camping movement is very well established. The Y in WBL was first established in the downtown area. Swimming lessons first happened at the lake in Mahtomedi. One priority of the Y is "No one should drown" and senior and the immigrant populations are big in swimming lessons. Another priority is connection to youth and youth outreach. They aim to meet families where they are and fill gaps where needed. Since Nov. 1, the WBL Area YMCA has taken over management of the Maplewood Community Center. Your WBL Area Y membership is good there too now. Our Y has a goal to provide \$400,000 in financial aid in 2017. The WBL Area Y gave 2,000 scholarships for membership and participation in 2016. They are still a little bit short of the fundraising goal for the coming year. Our Y currently has approximately 5,000 members. Thank you Ashley for sharing your story of YMCA with us!

*Writer of the week: Darrell Stone*

**Rotary Club of White Bear—building friendships and  
improving lives through hands-on projects  
in the White Bear area and around the globe**

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

December 14: Dr. Vacharee Peterson,  
Community Dental Care  
Chairperson: Craig Drake  
Classification: Jill Schroeder  
Greeter: Ann Frisch & Tom Snell  
Invocation: Katie Strom  
Writer: Greg Young

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December 21: NO MEETING  
December 28: NO MEETING

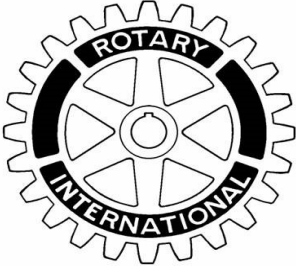
At least three weeks in advance of your scheduled date,  
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Bear Bulletin Deadline: Friday, 5pm

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**  
**CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE:** Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, Eat @ Banning & 5th, 7 a.m.  
**BOARD MEETINGS:** Meets 4th Tuesday of each month, WBL City Hall, 7 a.m.  
**PUBLIC IMAGE COMMITTEE:** Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month after Rotary meeting  
**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Meets last Wednesday of each month, 12 noon, Location TBD  
**VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE:** Meets 1st Thursday of each month, Keys Restaurant, 7 a.m.  
**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE:** Meets 2nd Thursday of each month, Eat @ Banning & 5th, 7 a.m.  
**FUNDRAISER COMMITTEE:** Meets immediately following Wednesday meeting (seasonal)

2016-2017 Officers/Directors	
President	Ken Galloway
President-Elect	Craig Drake
Past President	Brady Ramsay
Treasurer	Pam Tschida
Secretary	Connie Bossard
Exec. Secretary	Marlyce Paulson
Sergeant at Arms	Scott Nelson
Public Image	Steve Carlson
Rotary Foundation	Curt Akenson
Community Service	Cathy Wyland Rita Pechmann
Vocational Service	Ken Baltzer Ryan Boog
Club Service	Chuck Sandstrom Craig McNulty
International	Greg Bartz Patty Hall
Youth Protection	Gene Altstatt
Youth Exchange	Had Solberg/Jill Schroeder
Bulletin Writers	Mark Sathier Darrell Stone Greg Young Rita Pechmann Dick Galena Bob Timmons Cathy Wyland
Invocations	Rich Ramsay Bill Rust Bryce Johnson Bob Gehirke Randy Johnson Katie Strom Steve LaLiberte



*Rotary Club of White Bear Lake*  
*Chartered in December 1979*

Meetings  
Wednesday at 7:00 A.M.  
*Rudy's Redeye Grill*



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**REMINDER: No Wednesday morning meetings on December 21 & 28**

Dinner with Santa will be held on December 19th at the White Bear Country Inn. Show up at 4:30 p.m. Many Santa and elf volunteers are needed to host the 100+ seniors for this annual community program. **Bill Foussard needs all Rotarians to help with this event!**

Rita Pechmann announced that WBL Rotary has committed to providing 5 volunteers for Second Harvest the first Tuesday of the month during January through May.

Ken Galloway said event sponsor slots for the BEAR'ly Open are nearly filled. Still need hole sponsors. See Ken.

Gene Altstatt encouraged people to pencil in our district meeting April 28, 2017, led by our own **Jim Hunt**, the District Governor.

**December 14, 2016**

**Greeters:** Ann Frisch and Tom Snell

**Invocation:** Katie Sterom

**Writer:** Greg Young

**Classification:** Election of Officers; Induction of New Members

**Program:** Craig Drake presents: Dr. Vacharee Peterson, Community Dental Care

**Song Leader:** Ken Baltzer

**I'M DREAMIN' OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS**

*I'm dreamin' of a White Christmas  
Just like the ones I used to know  
Where the tree tops glisten  
And children listen  
To hear sleigh bells in the snow*

*I'm dreamin' of a white Christmas  
With every Christmas card I write  
May your days be merry and bright  
And may all your Christmas' be bright*

