



*Celebrating 40 Years of Service
To the Community
Rotary Club of White Bear Lake*

*Meetings
Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.
Via Zoom
(During Pandemic 2020)*



July 29, 2020

Program: Bill Coleman, PC's for People

Chairperson: Kevin Donovan

Classification: Bill Eaves

Invocation: Bob Gehrke

Writer: Greg Young

Wednesday Morning Meeting Info:

Wednesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
With Social time @ 7:15 a.m.

Join WBL Rotary Weekly Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 530 467 809

Password: 991694

Prior recordings & files from presenters can be
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501 will be held at Lion's Park at 4:30 p.m. on
Fridays for the time being...weather permitting.
Bring a chair, a beverage and a mask.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Week eighteen of White Bear Lake Rotary
meeting in virtual format due to the
COVID-19 virus pandemic*

Pam Bowers announced that the Community Service Team will meet via zoom at noon, July 29th. She also reported that the final report for use of COVID-19 grant funds has been compiled including the school backpack lunch program through the Food Shelf with eight person teams of Rotarians volunteering over 80 hours packing over 3,750 meal packs. Further, Rotarians have continued to assist through the YMCA four days a week with distribution of 40 to 50 meals each day. Great job Pam and all who participated!

Pat McFarlane reported that of the 800 Taste of White Bear Lake Passport ticket booklets printed over 450 tickets are in the hands of club members and 156 have been sold on-line. The three ticket supplement booklets have also been distributed. Let's get-em sold.

**Taste of
White Bear Lake**

CLASSIFICATION: Visiting Rotarian

In lieu of a Classification Talk **John Barker** introduced Heidi Smith, a member of the Winona Rotary Club. Heidi explained that last year her club hosted an Open World group from Ukraine that was composed of professionals working with individual with disabilities. That experience inspired her club to draft a vocational global grant application to help finance and develop a vocational program which will facilitate the employment of disabled persons in Kiev. Their goal is to raise \$100,000 and they are seeking support from other Rotary clubs. **President Pat** indicated that this request will be considered by the Board after the results of the "Taste" and other financial matters are known

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Kevin Donovan updated the club on it's Equity and Inclusion progress. 17 members signed up to participate in the work and agreed to form two groups to better facilitate efforts; one will focus on internal club efforts and the other on equity efforts in the community. Groups will be meeting separately on a regular basis and as a combined group monthly. Watch for further progress reports at Rotary meetings. If you are interested in becoming involved and have not yet signed up, check with Kevin or **Jackie Reis**.

Curt Atkinson presented a Rotary International Foundation update. Over the past year, through individual and club donations the WBL Rotary Club contributed over \$18,000 to the RI Foundation which ranked us 7th among 60 clubs in the district. Special honor was extended to **Jim Hunt** in recognition of Major Donor designation for his contributions totaling more than \$25,000 to the foundation. Curt explained that Jim will be further recognized at a later date when meeting conditions allow.

Welcome was extended to **Dr. Carol Nelson** who attended the meeting today. Carol is a 36 year WBL resident who has been active in community, school and church activities. Carol explained she is a semi-retired physician and plans to remain active in community affairs. We hope your interests may include Rotary Carol.

Program:

Dick Galena introduced **Minnesota Commissioner of Corrections, Paul Schnell**, to present a presentation on the agency he leads. The Commissioner earned a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from the University of St. Thomas and has extensive law enforcement experience beginning as public communications officer for the St. Paul PD and continuing as Chief of police for the cities of Maplewood, Hastings and Inver Grove Heights. He explained that sense he was appointed 18 months there has been a great deal of change in the Department of Corrections which has over 4,200 employees, 10,000 prison beds (approximately 7,800 currently occupied) and over 110,000 persons under criminal supervision. Since the outbreak of COVID -19 there has been increased effort to reduce inmate density through early release of individuals near the completion of their term and work release programs involving nonviolent inmates. He described this process as release under strict "short leash" supervision of low risk individuals who have displayed a reasonable probability of success under parole.

The Commissioner described ongoing effort to improve the success of reform by creating more incentive for inmates to seek to improve themselves. Most inmates have access to skill development and training programs which greatly reduce the Likelihood of being a re-offender upon release but too many lack incentive to participate. He gave an example of two inmates convicted of similar crimes and with identical sentences. One seriously participates in skill development and educational offerings, the other does not. Under usual circumstances their terms and condition of release remain the same. The Commissioner is optimistic greater utilization of proven training and skill development programs through incentives and hope building among offenders can reduce recidivism. He also described many measures being taken within the state's 14 correctional facilities to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Your reporter further sayeth naught.
Writer of the week: Mark Sather

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

““When you see something that is not right, not fair, not just you have to speak up. You have to say something. You have to do something.”

Congressman John Lewis
1940-2020

APPROVAL OF PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

The following prospective new members have been approved for membership by Club Service, Membership and the Board. If you have any objections, please let us know.

Kate Andersen
Community Education Director
Mahtomedi Schools
Sponsor: Barb Duffrin

Carol Nelson
Hennepin Healthcare Physician
Sponsor: John Channon

UPCOMING MEETINGS

August 5: Matt Bostrom, PhD
Covid-Riots-LA Cal, - Possible Solutions
Chairperson: Jeff Otto
Classification: Greg Bartz
Invocation: Rich Ramsay
Writer: Jackie Reis
August 12:
Chairperson: TBD
Classification: Jeff Otto
Invocation: Bill Eaves
Writer: Bob Timmons
August 19: David Yorks, Kennedy Assassination-50+ Years Later

FUTURE PROGRAMS

At least three weeks in advance of your schedule, please contact Jeff Otto:
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Please note that program information may change with the new virtual meeting format...stay tuned!

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**_WBLROTARY TEAM MEETINGS—
CURRENTLY HELD VIA ZOOM**

BOARD MEETINGS: Meets 4th Tuesday of each month, WBL City Hall, 7 a.m.
CLUB SERVICE TEAM: Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, Eat @ Banning & 5th, 7a.m.
COMMUNITY SERVICE TEAM: Meets last Wednesday of each month, noon, location TBD
FUNDRAISER TEAM: Meets immediately following Wednesday meeting (seasonal)
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE TEAM: Meets 2nd Thursday of each month, Eat @ Banning & 5th, 7 a.m.
MEMBERSHIP TEAM: Meets 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:30 a.m., Caribou, Cty E & E Cty Line
PUBLIC IMAGE TEAM: Meets 3rd Thursday 7 a.m. Anchor Coffee
VOCATIONAL SERVICE TEAM: Meets 1st Thursday of each month, Keys Restaurant, 7 a.m.
YOUTH EXCHANGE TEAM: Meets 2nd Thursday, 4:30 p.m., Washington Square Grill

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