



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

*Meetings
Wednesday at 7:45 a.m.
Via Zoom
(During Pandemic 2020)*



July 1, 2020

**Program: Commander Tim Flynn,
St. Paul Police, Covid & Riots**

Chairperson: Ellen Hiniker

Classification: Pat McClernon

Invocation: Rita Pechmann

Writer: Darrell Stone

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
accessed at:

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Friday Virtual 5:01 Meeting Info:

Friday Evenings starting at 4:55 pm-?

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 555 170 854

Password: 022079

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

John Channon announced that our White Bear Lake club received three awards at the recent District awards ceremony: the Governor's Citation, Community Services (3rd place), and Public Image (3rd place). Congratulations to all!

501 will be held at Lion's Park at 4:30 on Friday. Bring a chair, a beverage, and a mask.

John Channon was presented a Paul Harris Award by **Curt Akenson**, who thanked John for his year as club president, rising to all of this year's challenges and moving us through them. Curt reminded members to contact him if they are interested in becoming a Paul Harris awardee.

The recent Blood Drive was highly successful and exceeded our goal. Forty-two units of blood were donated – this will save 126 lives and has an in-kind value of \$10,000. **Brian Belisle** reported the next drive will be August 19.

Kevin Donovan referred to the article in the White Bear Press about building picnic tables in Mahtomedi. He reported that as a result, two Mahtomedi restaurants were inspired to join us for the Taste.

Pat McClernon, incoming club president, reported that starting July 1, our Zoom meetings will start at 7:30, with networking available at 7:15.

CLASSIFICATION: **John Channon** presented an overview of the club's activities and successes in 2019-2020, including increased member engagement and volunteerism. The club was involved in 18 volunteer projects, representing 1400 volunteer hours. John thanked everyone for their support of him during the year and indicated he has purchased People of Action facemasks for each club member (available at 501).

THANK YOU TO THE 2019-2020 CLUB BOARD:

John Channon; Pat McClernon; Connie Bossard; Michael Lovett; Bob Timmons; Kevin Donovan; Curt Akenson; Rita Pechmann; Pam Bowers; Fred Treiber; Ken Baltzer; Greg Bartz; Jim Hunt; Tim Wald

Bulletin Writers: Mark Sather; Darrell Stone; Greg Young; Dick Galena; Bob Timmons; Jim Rathburn; Jacke Reis

Invocations: Rich Ramsay; Bill Rust; Bob Gehrke; Steve LaLiberte; Rita Pechmann; Bill Eaves; Steve Griffith; Art Hancock

Programs: Jeff Otto

Technical Support at Meetings: Dale Grambush; Ryan Boog

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...
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July 4.....Tim Geck
July 5.....Shari Wilson
July 14.....Jin Shimada
July 15.....Peggy Palen
July 17.....Conrad Solberg
July 21.....Dale Grambush
July 23.....Rod Oakes
July 23.....Dan Baltzer
July 23.....Bob Gehrke
July 24.....Joe Benson

**LAKE AREA BANK
VIRTUAL FOOD DRIVE
JUNE 15—JULY 31**

Website: <https://www.whitebearrotary.org/>

Our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WBLRotary/>

Our Twitter feed: @Rotarywhitebear, <https://twitter.com/Rotarywhitebear>

Our Instagram: wblrotary

You will find links to our recorded Weekly Zoom meetings on our website and on our Facebook page.

PROGRAM: . Patty Hall: Climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro

Patty’s presentation detailed and illustrated the charity climb that she and six others from our local community completed February 19-25, 2020. Making this climb became one of Patty’s goals when she made her first trip to Kenya twenty-five years ago and saw Mt. Kilimanjaro. The mountain rises to 19,341’ and is the highest in Africa and the highest free-standing mountain in the world. It actually consists of three separate peaks/volcanoes. The climb was to benefit H2O For Life. The climbers paid for their own expenses and raised \$35,000 for H2O For Life. The tour was organized and led by ZARA, who provided guides, equipment, meals, etc. Patty stressed that the gear and training were of utmost importance. A headlamp was essential, good hiking boot and poles, and 12 pair of socks. Training began in October 2019, with 6-7 hour hikes several times a week together with additional training at Lifetime Fitness.

The trip started at 5,905 feet. Six other climbers, 4 guides and three porters made up the group. Travel each day ranged from 6.5 to 8 hours. As they climbed and needed to acclimate to the altitude, Diamox medication (“altitude magic”) was essential. None of the 9 women became sick but 3 of the 4 men did, with one being taken seriously ill after they summited and needed to be carried down on a guernsey.

The climb crossed five different biomes and on day five, travelling the Baranco Wall, boulder climbing and scrambling, was probably the most frightening part of the climb. At their final camp they prepared for the ascent – starting out at midnight in the dark for a 7.5 hour climb, much of it through sleet and wind. But at the top, the clouds gave way to a beautiful clear sky, with stars and the moon awaiting them. They stayed for 20 minutes, took pictures for H2O for Life and for Lifetime Fitness, and began a 10 hour descent, arriving tired, exhausted, and with blistered feet, but excited and grateful for the adventure.

Thanks, Patty, for sharing this with us! What a wonderful experience (that probably most of us will never experience in person)!

Writer of the week: Jackie Reis

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

“Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is the probable reason why so few engage in it.”

- Henry Ford

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 8: Allison Kaplan, Editor, Twin Cities
Business Magazine

Chairperson: Deb Neutkens
Classification: Stephen Kelly
Invocation: Steve Griffith
Writer: Jim Rathburn

July 15: TBA

Chairperson:
Classification: Bob Morse
Invocation: Steve LaLiberte
Writer: Dick Galena

FUTURE PROGRAMS

**At least three weeks in advance of your
schedule, please contact Jeff Otto:
Jeff.otto@opmpallet.com**

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

2020-21 Officers/Directors

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