

Classification: Pat McClernon

Pat and his wife Deb live on Sunset Lake, north of town. They have three children, one a college graduate, one in college and one who graduated from high school last June. He is from the Red River Valley in western MN. His hometown of Tenney, MN had 23 people when he left and it now has 6 people. Sometimes two cars pass in town during rush hour. Pat has 3 brothers and 2 sisters. He was an exchange student to Melk, Austria in his youth and travelled the countryside in a VW microbus with a nice 8-track tape player. He earned a liberal arts degree from St. Johns and an engineering degree from the University of MN where he was a teaching assistant and a research assistant, as well as a member of the professional engineering fraternity, Theta Tau. Pat worked for 3M for 25 years and is now “livin’ the dream” of 80 hours work weeks running his own company. He bought a company called Control House, moving the company from the western suburbs to WBL and the Birch Lake Professional building. Pat is a lifelong learner and traveler and is looking forward to his stint as WBL Rotary Club president in 2021. Great having you in the club, Pat. Thanks for all you do!

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ann Frisch announced that from September 21-30, there is a 10-day Free of Violence Workshop. For more information, contact Ann Frisch.

John Kenyon announced that WBL Rotary Club is forming a curling team to curl one night a week at the St. Paul Curling Club. Contact John Kenyon for more information.

Our two new Youth Exchange Students are: Alejandro Sanchez Martinez from Paraguay and Dong Young Kim from the Republic of South Korea. GENTLEMEN, WELCOME!

Thought of the week:

“We cannot change the cards we are dealt, just how we play the hand.”
- Randy Pausch

STRIVE 2018 Race Dates

- **November 4, 2018**
Kowalski’s STRIVE 10 Miler & 5K
Noon start

All proceeds from races go to the STRIVE Scholarship Fund.

**17TH ANNUAL
FOUNDATION
CELEBRATION
FOR DISTRICT 5960**

**Saturday
November 10, 2018
Inwood Oakdale
6 –9pm**

Program: Bill Rust presents Chris Rust, US Bank Stadium Structure

Proud father Bill Rust’s son Chris works for Danny’s Construction Company, Inc. or DCCI, a company that specializes in structural steel erecting. They erect the structural iron which supports bridges, buildings and sports/event facilities around the country. Chris spoke about DCCI’s part in the new Vikings stadium. The company employed 200-400 union ironworkers for this build. The roof is supported by a super truss of which the heaviest component was 380 tons. Queenspost trusses run off the super truss. The erection plan started in 2D on paper and moved to 3D planning and on to 4D, the fourth dimension being time, to help with the precision of the plan. Weights of the iron components affect the size of the cranes and cables and the crawler used on the job. Much of the heavy equipment is rented and needs specialized operators. They were able to build most of the assemblies and parts flat on the ground before lifting them to be pinned and bolted into position. Crane work and cables had to allow precision assembly with tolerances of fractions of an inch. Ironworkers tied in to “rat lines” when working high off the ground to put the structure together. When supports were removed and the super truss took on the full weight of the structure, it flexed just under one foot. In addition to Chris’s descriptions of the project, the slides and videos he showed were fascinating and made for a very interesting presentation

Writer of the week: Darrell Stone

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