

CLASSIFICATION: Craig Drake-Family, Community, and Rotary
Craig calls his career shift years ago from biomedical engineer to financial advisor one of the best moves he has ever made. In addition to being a past president of our club, he is proud to be involved with the White Bear Lake Community Foundation Leadership Training program.
Craig and Gloria have two children, Rachel and Ryan. Rachel is studying for a career in neonatal metabolism and runs mountain marathons. She is also trying to qualify as a marathoner for the US Olympic team. She is married and her husband has a common interest in running. Son Ryan has followed Craig in transitioning his career from a nice position at Ecolab to financial advisor with his Dad. Ryan may someday be a big part of his Dad’s succession plan when Craig is ready to retire. Ryan and his fiancé are set to marry on May 30. Craig’s family leads a robust outdoor lifestyle, with a recent highlight of walking with the penguins at the southern tip of Argentina.
Craig loves his association with White Bear Rotary and we appreciate all he does for our community.

Reminder: The Community Service Team meeting will be at noon on Wednesday, February 26th at the Mahtomedi District Education Center.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FOR LEAP YEAR/FEBRUARY 29TH:
“A strange day that comes only once every four years. For the rest of the time it does not “exist.” In mundane terms, it marks a “leap” in time, when the calendar is adjusted to make up for extra seconds accumulated over the preceding three years due to the rotation of the earth.”

Make the most of the day...there is no calendar day more rare!

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Since 2003, Greg Bartz, WBL Rotarian, has been involved in the Open World Program. Rotary clubs in Russia and Ukraine have started to participate by recommending delegates. For 10 years, the White Bear Lake club has worked with the Rotary Club of Krasnoyarsk-Yenisei, Russia, building a relationship that has resulted in collaborations beyond the Open World program, including between the University of Minnesota and Krasnoyarsk State Pedagogical University. It has also resulted in lasting friendships. “In my club, I have a waiting list to host participants,” Bartz says. “My club loves hosting. We have very dear friends in Russia now. From my perspective, it’s been life-changing and very fulfilling.”

**PROGRAM: Rich Ramsay Presents:
Karen Marberry/Work Opportunity Tax Credit Program**

Karen is Tax Credit Coordinator with the MN Department of Employment and Economic Development. The Work Opportunity Tax Credit Program is a combined effort of the Department of Labor and the IRS and is an incentive for employers to hire targeted groups and have their business receive a tax credit for doing so. The current program is authorized through December 31, 2020, but the program is part of a recurring tax bill that gets re-authorized as needed for up to 5 years. Karen recommends always submitting applications even if the program has not been authorized for the current year because when the program is approved, it gets backdated to the beginning of the year. There is a range of \$2,400 to \$9,600 tax credit for eligible WOTC new hires. Eligible hires include: short or long term welfare recipients, food stamp recipients, unemployed and disabled veterans, ex-felons, designated community residents, vocational rehab referrals, summer youth, supplemental security income recipients, and long-term unemployment recipients. There are two forms that need to be completed and the tax credit is available to any size business for new hires only, any type of job, permanent, temporary or seasonal work, full or part time status. No credit is available for hiring former employees, relatives, dependents, independent contractors or majority owner of your business. There is no limit on WOTC credits business owners can claim in a year and no loss of the credit if not used; carry-back one year; and carry-forward up to 20 years. Jeff Otto mentioned that this program does affect his business bottom line to the tune of over a \$7,000 tax credit this year.

Writer of the week: Darrell Stone

**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**

WBL ROTARY TEAM MEETINGS

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 4: Mike Greenbaum, Newtrax
Chairperson: John Wayne Barker
Classification: Bill Eaves
Greeters: Ken Baltzer & Brady Ramsay
Invocation: Rita Pechmann
Writer: Dick Galena

March 11: Martha Rossini Olson,
"Sweet Martha Cookies"
Chairperson: Jeff Otto
Classification: Ashley Filipovich
Greeters: Greg Bartz & Jim Rathburn
Invocation: Steve LaLiberte
Writer: Jackie Reis

March 18: Amanda LaGrange, Tech Dump
Chairperson: Scott Neilson
Classification: Kevin Donovan
Greeters: Mike Brass & Marty Rathmanner
Invocation: Bob Gehrke
Writer: Mark Sather

March 25: Terry Wu, Neuro Marketing
Chairperson: Connie Bossard
Classification: Eric Edson
Greeters: Bryan Belisle & Mark Sather
Invocation: Art Hancock
Writer: Greg Young

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

April 1: Mike Lovett presents, Jeana Anderson,
"Learning from Germany's Model of Opportunity"
April 8: Bob Timmons presents: Steve Jorissen,
Climate Change
April 15: Miriah VanDuuren presents: Susie Brown,
MN Council of Foundations

At least three weeks in advance of your schedule,
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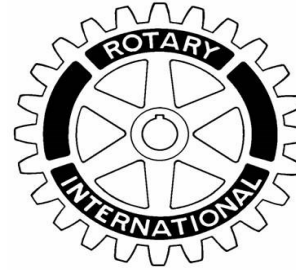
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BOARD MEETINGS: Meets 4th Tuesday of each month, WBL City Hall, 7 a.m.
CLUB SERVICE TEAM: Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, Eat @ Banning & 5th, 7a.m.
COMMUNITY SERVICE TEAM: Meets last Wednesday of each month, noon, location TBD
FUNDRAISER TEAM: Meets 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 House
OCATIONAL 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

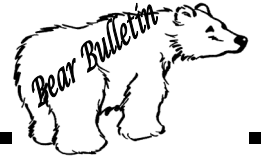
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-Steven Griffith
-Art Hancock



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

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve Wolmagot arranged with club President **John Channon** for White Bear Rotary Club help to build a shelter at Bellaire Beach when the weather warms up. We need a club project manager and volunteers to help out with this opportunity, which is projected to take one day. Let John know how you can help.

Bryan Belisle announced that the next Red Cross blood drive will take place on April 7. He sent around a sign-up sheet. Please check your calendar and sign up in the coming weeks or let Bryan know if you can donate blood or work at the event.

Laura, our youth exchange student, served dinner on Feb. 15 for a dinner party at the Bartz household. Greg reported that she did a great job and was able to raise a nice amount of money. She is a great chef and she is using these dinners as a fundraiser so she can participate in Rotary events with her peers while she is with us. Please let her know if you can help her out by having a dinner party catered by Laura sometime in the next month or two.

February 26, 2020

Greeters: John Barker & Dan Potter

Classification: Barbara Duffrin

Invocation: Rich Ramsay

Writer: Bob Timmons

Program: Tim Wald presents
Youth Exchange Students—
Present & Future

Song Leader: Ken Baltzer

A Helping Hand

Sung to "The Happy Wanderer"
I'd like to give a helping hand,
and join the brotherhood,
With all good people throughout the land,

Who work for the common good,
Chorus: Through Rotary -
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We work for the common good!

