



*Celebrating 42 Years of Service
To the Community
Rotary Club of White Bear Lake*

*Meetings
Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.
via Zoom
January 12,19,26*



January 19, 2022

**PROGRAM: Avenues of Service
Mid Year Update**

CHAIR: Mike Lovett/Team Leads

CLASSIFICATION: Brady Ramsay

**INVOCATION/INSPIRATION:
Art Hancock**

WRITER: Jim Rathburn

**Wednesday Morning Meetings are via Zoom for
meetings on January 12,19,26.**

**White Bear Lake Club Meeting
Social Time starts at 7:15 a.m.; Actual meeting
starts at 7:30 a.m. and finish by 8:30 a.m.
To join the Zoom meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87159321038>
Meeting ID: 871 5932 1038**

**WBL Rotary Club Celebrates 5:01- NOW
CALLED 4:01- at Rudy's. Join us for end-of-
week social time with Rotarian friends.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jackie Reis announced the regular meeting of the Equity and Inclusion team will not be held this month but encouraged everyone to attend the Century College on-line observation of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday on Friday January 14th. Registration instructions are on the College's website.

Curt Akenson reminded club members how contributions to Rotary's Paul Harris Foundation are used to provide matching funds for projects all over the world and without support from the Foundation these projects would not occur. He presented **Mike Lovett** (PHF+6) and **Mark Sather** (PHF+5) with multiple contribution recognition lapel pins.

Greg Bartz reported that the Open World project has organized a group telephone conversation with kids age 12 to 15 in Russia and the United States on Saturday January 15th. He has participants from MN and other States. Looking forward to a follow-up report on this interesting project.

Greg Bartz also reported that plans are continuing for a group ski trip to Vail CO starting February 13th with opportunities to join for up to 4 Days depending on how many sign up. He is lining up the lodging and participants need to arrange their own transportation but group plans are for that too. Plans include COVID safety arrangements. Decision time is here. If interested, contact Greg.



BEAR'ly Open XV
GOLF ON ICE | DANCE PARTY | ONLINE AUCTION

**BEAR'ly Open XV
February 4-5, 2022**

The **BEAR'ly Open** is a cooperative partnership between the Rotary Club of White Bear Lake and White Bear Events to raise money for the White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf. Join us as we begin our second decade and "claw" our way toward a goal of \$2,000,000. This is an official event of the St. Paul Winter Carnival.

On Saturday, February 5, the golf on ice event at White Bear Lake County Park at Ramsey Beach, features a realistic golf course, complete with pine trees, challenging holes and actual greens with flags making it a great way to have fun, get out of the house and raise money for the Food Shelf. The Community Dance on Friday night, February 4, will once again feature a local favorite, "Wild Cat Combo" playing the best of classic rock and roll.

To date, BEAR'ly Open has contributed over \$242,000 to the Food Shelf. That's \$1.94 million worth of food.

Ken Galloway gave an up-date report on this year's **Bear'ly Open**. Preparations are going well but more auction items are needed and there are volunteer slots that need to be filled. Electric generators are also needed. If you have not signed up yet, please consider doing so and contact Ken. If you can help with an auction item please contact Patty Hall or Pam Bowers. This is a fun event with all proceeds going to the food shelf.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

PROGRAM FROM MEETING OF 1/12/22:
Jackie Reis introduced today’s program about the Willow Lane Elementry school’s Minnow Tank project and our speaker, Leigh Anderson. Leigh is the Social and Emotional Learning Outreach Coordinator at Willow Lane. She has degrees in elementary education and in curriculum and instruction. She has authored three books related to social emotional learning, presented nationally and internationally and teaches at the graduate level.

Jackie explained that Leigh’s work at Willow Lane and creation of the Minnow Tank project came to the attention of our club’s Equity and Inclusion team through its interest in Willow Lane, the school district’s most racially and economically diverse school (1/3 white and 2/3 students of color and a high percentage of the enrollment qualified for free and reduced meals). As the team learned more about the past success of the Minnow Tank project it also learned of needs for volunteer and financial help.

Leigh explained that through her work developing reading skills with students in need of extra instruction the link between greater instruction need and poverty and learning success was predicated upon breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty. She had learned this was best accomplished through 1) **Empowering vs. Enabling**; 2) **Mentorship**; and, 3) **Addressing the Opportunity Gap**. Students are **empowered** when they receive the message that their presence on earth matters and how to use their individual gifts to make a positive difference. **Mentorship** is based on the understanding that the more positive relationships a child has in their life greatly increases the likelihood that they will be able to break the cycle of poverty. The **Opportunity Gap** may be overcome by developing the skills desired in today’s workforce including Teamwork, Collaboration, Leadership, Confidence, Organization, Creativity, Critical Thinking, Problem Solving and Resilience. Leigh explained that Minnow Tank addresses all three of these needs.

Minnow Tank is a take-off of the television show Shark Tank where individuals pitch their proposals to judges in an effort to obtain venture capital. Through the Minnow Tank Project participating 4th grades at Willow Lane form teams of four. They organize with the help of coaches/mentors, discuss needs they see in their environment, conduct research to learn about nonprofit organizations working to help address the needs the team has identified and select their favorite nonprofit. With further assistance from their coaches/mentors they then prepare a presentation to a panel of judges to seek funding to make a donation to their selected nonprofit. Our club and its members assisted with the project through volunteering as coaches and judges and by making financial contributions. Leigh used the opportunity to publicly announce the top three teams selected by the Minnow Tank judges and given funds to donate to their chosen nonprofits. They were the third place team earning \$450 for Second Chance Dog Rescue; the second place team earning \$750 for Masonic Cancer Center; and, the first place team earning \$1000 for HopeKids. Congratulations to all of the students who participated and thanks to all the members of our club who served as coaches and judges and those who assisted with funding.

There are many more opportunities to assist Willow Lane students as reading buddies and with future Minnow Tank events. You can learn by contacting Leigh at Leigh.anderson@isd624.org

Thanks Jackie and Leigh for the interesting program.
Writer of the week: Mark Sather

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:
“What you do makes a difference and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make”
- Jane Goodall

ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST:
⇒ Is it the truth?
⇒ Is it fair to all concerned?
⇒ Will it build good will and better friendships?
⇒ IS IT FUN???

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

January 26:
PROGRAM: Gretchen Harriman, Learning Center for an Alternative Choice for Students
CHAIR: Ken Baltzer
CLASSIFICATION: Carol Nelson
INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Rita Pechmann
WRITER: Darrell Stone

February 2:
PROGRAM: Duchess Harris, Black Wall Street
CHAIR: Kevin Donovan
CLASSIFICATION: Rich Ramsay
INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Carol Nelson
WRITER: Carol Nelson

February 9:
PROGRAM: Century College Advanced Technology Center
CHAIR: Nora Slawik
CLASSIFICATION: Nancy/Rod Oakes
INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Rich Ramsay
WRITER: Bob Timmons

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WBLROTARY TEAM MEETINGS—
BOARD MEETINGS: Meets 4th Tuesday of month, 7a.m.
CLUB SERVICE TEAM: Meets 2nd Tuesday of month, 7a.m.
COMMUNITY SERVICE TEAM: Meets last Wednesday of month, 12 o'clock noon
EQUITY & INCLUSION TEAM: Meets first Friday, 8:30 a.m..
FUNDRAISER TEAM: Meets immediately following Wednesday meeting (seasonal)
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE TEAM: Meets 2nd Thursday of month, 7 a.m.
MEMBERSHIP TEAM: Meets 3rd Tuesday of month, 7:30 a.m.
PUBLIC IMAGE TEAM: Meets 3rd Thursday, 8:30 a.m.
VOCATIONAL SERVICE TEAM: Meets 1st Thursday of month, 7 am

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