

**Classification: Mark Sather – Retired City Manager
for White Bear Lake**

Mark was born in 1950 in Minneapolis, the 3rd of 6 children. He graduated from Benilde St Margaret in 1968 and Mankato State in 1972. Mark got married 2 weeks later to Maureen O’Gara. He and Maureen spent one year in VISTA. He then went on to get his Masters in Public Administration. Mark has served as the City Manager for St. Louis Park and Waseca. In 1984 the Sather’s moved to White Bear Lake and Mark served for 31 years as the City Manager for White Bear Lake. The transition from working to retirement was very hard as Mark had an excellent staff and many long term friends. Now that he is fully retired, Mark continues to be involved in Rotary, a sailing group and Boundary waters group. He serves many organizations including Boy Scouts, Greater White Bear Area Foundation, a faith based group for affordable housing to name a few. Mark and Maureen have lived in the same house since 1984 and raised their children Monica and Elliott. Both of their children live and work in San Francisco. Sather’s have 4 grandsons that they enjoy spending time with.

ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST

1. **Is it the truth?**
2. **Is it fair to all concerned?**
3. **Will it build goodwill and better friendships?**
4. **Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

“Why does everybody stock up on bread, milk and eggs before a snow storm? Is there something about snow that makes people crave French toast?”

Forget the milk and bread. I have to get to the liquor store.”

- Author Unknown

MERRICK BOWL-A-THON

When: Sunday, March 3, 2019
Time: 9-11:30 a.m.
Where: Flaherty’s Arden Bowl

Bowling and Pizza for lunch

White Bear Lake Rotary is a sponsor of this event and has a bowling team. If you are interested in bowling, please contact Rita Pechmann.

PROGRAM:

Connie Bossard presented the Vision for the White Bear Lake Rotary

The Club Vision is an action management tool that defines a shared commitment; provides long term direction; creates a framework to establish goals and objectives; and helps the club optimize the use of its resources. Our club stands for events that bring our community together; we are a premier service organization and we have a strong presence with leading youth in the community. Our goal is to grow our club to 101-110 members in the next five years. Our club is fun, active and our demographics mirror our community. The various committees:

Club Service:

- Increase the percentage of members actively participating in our events, projects and socials.
- More members involved in leadership.
- A mentorship program that uses proposer.

Vocational Service:

- Leadership development programs for students and young professionals.
- Five full scholarships at Century College.
- Members commit to and follow through on mentoring.
- Expand mentoring to all schools in & around WBL.

Community Service:

- Sponsor a community-wide service event that is coordinated by Rotary.
- Increase partnering with the like organizations to increase success.
- Have continued strong support to legacy projects.

Youth Service:

- Dedicated youth exchange committee with 4-5 members.
- Host families lined up before committing to host a student.
- Involve youth in setting club priorities.

International Service:

- Continue to host Open World Delegations
- Develop a scholarship program for students to experience international study.
- Encourage members to attend the International Convention, at least 5.

Club Fundraiser:

- Taste of White Bear Lake & Barely Open \$50,000
- STRIVE races, \$15,000
- Music-fest \$50,000 (future)

Community Foundation:

- Designate \$25,000 to an endowment

Public Relations:

- Do a professional video each year that reflects the club.
- Develop a high quality media package.
- Every club member has a good elevator speech.

Writer of the week: Rita Pechmann

