



*Celebrating 43 Years of Service
To the Community
Rotary Club of White Bear Lake*

*Meetings
Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.
Hybrid Meetings at Rudy's
Redeye Grill and via Zoom*



JULY 20, 2022

PROGRAM: Chris Kost,
Update on YMCA

CHAIR: Pat McFarlane

INVOCATION/INSPIRATION:
Art Hancock

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER:
Gloria Drake

CLASSIFICATION: Fred Treiber

WRITER: Mark Sather

Hybrid meetings are held on Wednesday a.m.
at Rudy's and via zoom.

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 4:01- at Rudy's.
Join us for end-of-week social time with
Rotarian friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**#Imagine Rotary. Stay tuned for
more ideas, challenges, stories,
impacts...**

Chuck Sandstrom has tickets to the St.
Paul Saints baseball game at CHS field on
Thursday, July 28th. \$20 to Chuck

Annual WBL Pontoon Event and Box Din-
ner at **Gene and Marcia Altstatt** resi-
dence, 67 Wildwood Beach Road,
Mahtomedi, August 25th at 5:30 p.m., \$20/
person. Enjoy a lively celebration and a fun
pontoon ride on White Bear Lake. Watch
for the upcoming sign-up.

Derrek Skeie announced a White Bear
Lake Rotary site for ordering wearables
(shirts, hats). The site is from Thread
Art. Here is a link to the showroom/store -
Click on your logo and enter password:
[https://www.threadartmn.com/
showrooms.htm](https://www.threadartmn.com/showrooms.htm) Password: Rotary

John Channon received his third Paul
Harris PHF+3. Congratulations!

Classification:

Rod Oakes grew up in Moorhead, Minnesota. After 10th grade the family moved to Detroit Lakes where he finished high school. After graduating from the University of Minnesota he obtained a Certified Public Accountant certification and began work as an IRS revenue agent. For 34 years he audited both individuals and large corporations. He often appeared as an expert witness for the IRS. During the last 10 years he became the IRS National Technical Coordinator, traveled extensively, managed 18 agents and specialized in auditing partnership tax returns. He retired from the IRS in 2004 which allowed him to become a Florida snowbird. After retirement, Rod formed Oakes Tax Consulting which focused on debunking abusive tax shelters. Later, he worked for 15 years as an investigator with Waypoint Consulting. He has 2 daughters from his previous marriage with Colleen, who passed away. He is currently married to Nancy Oakes, who also is a Rotary member. They like to travel and spend time with the grandchildren. Thank you, Rod and Nancy, for all you do for the White Bear community.

Taste of White Bear Lake 2022 is off to a great start. In preparation for our biggest fundraiser of the year on September 10th, sponsors are being solicited; tickets are ready for sale. Members are asked to step up and help in whatever way they can...contact sponsors...sell/buy tickets...serve on the planning committee???

Taste sponsorships for members are available for \$250. Now is the time to get your name on the sponsorship list and receive two tickets to the Taste. Contact Darrell Stone for more details.

Patty Hall introduced Jerry McGinty, former WBL Rotary President, who continues in Rotary activities with the Tampa FL Morning Club. Jerry presented a \$1500 check for H2O for Life school in Nairobi.

UKRAINE RELIEF EFFORTS:
District 5960 was awarded a \$25,000 Disaster Relief Grant for providing water filters to Ukraine. RI limits one grant per District; thanks to **Jim Hunt, Patty Hall**, et.al for coordinating this important effort.

Irina Fursman announced that District 5950 has now applied for a Grant for food issues. She works tirelessly to provide help in many, many ways...and is working on hosting a Ukrainian Youth group.

**ROTARY THEME FOR
2022-2023**



**IMAGINE
ROTARY**

PROGRAM FROM MEETING OF 7/13/2022 :
Rotary Nature Preserve – Connie Taillion and Mark Burch
Connie Taillion, the environmental specialist for the City of White Bear and Mark Burch, former city engineer, gave an excellent program concerning the Rotary Nature Preserve. The land was acquired in the 1980s by the City and our Rotary Club made substantial financial contributions and “hands on” improvements to the area. At Phase 1, the Rotary Club members built an on-site bathroom. Phase 2 involved building the log picnic shelter, and Phase 3 was building and installing a boardwalk across the wetland. Mark Burch was the project manager of all 3 Phases. The future is bright with Connie Taillion being in charge of making restoration changes. The goal is to incorporate native plants into the Preserve and control or eliminate invasive species as well as non-native plants. Native plants are those which were indigenous to the area between 1847-1907. The poor Amur Maple, although popular, is not a native and will be removed. The restoration project will be accomplished in phases thru 2023 including the installation of a prairie and pollinator garden and the restoration of the woodland and wetland buffers. Thank you, Mark Burch and Connie Taillion, for this excellent program and all you do for the Rotary Nature Preserve.

Writer of the week: Dick Galena



Thought of the week:
“ I think having land and not ruining it is the most beautiful art that anybody could ever want.”
- Andy Warhol

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
July 27:
PROGRAM: Hockey Day MN
CHAIR: Greg Bartz
INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Carol Nelson
CLASSIFICATION: Pam Tschida
WRITER: Carol Nelson

August 3:
PROGRAM: TBA
CHAIR: TBA
INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Bill Eaves
CLASSIFICATION: Tim Wald
WRITER: Darrell Stone

August 10:
PROGRAM: Scott Miller, Paddling the Mississippi
CHAIR: Bob Timmons
INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Bill Rust
CLASSIFICATION: Reed Walhof
WRITER: Jackie Reis

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
August 17: Tracey Shimek & Mike Greenbaum,
White Bear Lake’s Autonomous Vehicle

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WBL ROTARY 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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