



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

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



January 5, 2022

**January 5: Club Assembly:**  
**Reflections & Looking Forward**

**Chairperson: Mike Lovett & Bob Timmons**

**Classification: None**

**Invocation/Inspiration: Steve LaLiberte**

**Writer: Dick Galena**

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**Wednesday Morning Meetings are Hybrid—in person at Rudy's Redeye Grill or via Zoom.**

**Topic: 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**

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**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

- ⇒ WBL High School Carolers opened the meeting with Christmas Carols.
- ⇒ **Jeff Borglum** from Techie Dudes completed Passport and has joined Rotary.
- ⇒ Elf Jr. is at Children's Performing Arts for one more weekend. Toy donations being accepted also.
- ⇒ **Mark Sather** thanked Rotarians for help with Scouting kick-off fundraiser.
- ⇒ BEAR'ly Open Event and Auction announcement—watch for emails.
- ⇒ Election of officers of board, committee and team leaders at meeting: Full slate elected.
- ⇒ "Gift" of special artwork for **Michael Lovett**, President, was presented by former President **Pat McClernon**.

**CLASSIFICATION: Mike Miner: Classification**

Mike was born in Farmington, MN, the youngest of 6 kids. He served in the Air Force for 4 years, then college at St. John's University; MBA Carlson School at U of MN. His Career spans sales, marketing, entrepreneurship and non-profit management. He enjoys travel, motorcycling, walking, cycling and more.

Mike has worked at PAI for past 5 years. PAI provides day and employment services for adults with developmental disabilities, as well as employment, training in life skills, social skills, volunteering and more. PAI has served WBL and NE Metro for 31 years with 3 of 4 program locations in WBL. PAI had 260 participants pre-pandemic, currently 190.

PAI is expanding connections and engagement with the community and is grateful for the support of Rotary Club of WBL. Regarding the "great resignation," Mike shared that it is about the value of the work, finding a sense of purpose and meaning. PAI is a place that provides meaning every day.

**WHITE BEAR LAKE ROTARY CLUB - Elections 12/15/21  
OFFICERS/TEAM/COMMITTEE LEADS FOR 2022-2023  
EFFECTIVE 7/1/22**

President: Bob Timmons

President-Elect: Ashley Filipovich

Treasurer: Kevin Donovan

Secretary: Derrek Skeie

Club Service Team:

Team Lead: Craig McNulty; Team Co-Lead: John Channon

Community Service Team:

Team Lead: John Channon; Team Co-Lead: Darrell Stone

Equity & Inclusion Team:

Team Lead: Jackie Reis; Team Co-Lead: Kelley Skumautz

International Service Team:

Team Lead: Chris Streiff-Oji; Team Co-Lead: Janelle Erickson

Vocational Service Team:

Team Lead: Ryan Boog; Team Co-Lead: Julie Honsa

Foundation Team: Curt Akenson

Membership Team: Steve Griffith

Public Image Team: Jennifer Breon

Youth Exchange Team: Tim Wald

**PROGRAM FROM MEETING OF 12/15/21: Giving Hope in Difficult Times**  
**Clergy panel of WBL Rotarians: Art Hancock--- Priest at St. John’s the Wilderness Episcopal Church in WBL; Bill Eaves---Pastor at WBL United Methodist Church; Bob Gehrke--- Pastor at South Shore Lutheran Church in WBL**

A few excerpts from the panel discussion lead by Moderator Mike Lovett: The panel shared their many challenges during the time of COVID including learning new ways to connect with people, the challenges of relationships, when and how to worship, difficulties connecting with people such as shut-ins, and the evolving question of community and connection. Reflecting on how this has affected the broader world, Bill shared the spiritual concern of whether our world will ever be the same, how do we cope, what is our place in the world, our relationship with God and how to make sense of it all. Art commented on the great sense of being unsettled, and that the church is a microcosm of what is happening world-wide. He reflected on what it means to be human to be in community, and that finding our way through in a meaningful way is a shared experience. Regarding grieving, Bob shared that many are grieving loss and that families need to take time to cry, remember, laugh, and share memories about what that person meant to them. He spoke of Faith, Hope and Love, and of living in a time of hope at Christmas. Bill added that hope is the foundational feeling that things will work out ok, even if I can’t change my circumstances. Art talked about loss and brokenness being so hard and one can become paralyzed by it. Love and life are at the soul of the universe. Loss and death are seen as a way to touch life and love as well. He shared that faith is the confidence, that love is at the very soul of the universe, and hope is when we can experience it. We become conduits of that love. Others experience that love through us, such as through Rotary. Out of brokenness comes hope. Holidays are time to pause and reflect on hope. Mike thanked everyone at Rotary for the hope and support shown. Knowing someone cares and supports you is very important.

*Writer of the week: Carol Nelson*

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**  
“Instructions for living a life: Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it.”  
- Mary Oliver, American poet

- 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:**

**REMINDER: There will be NO ROTARY MEETINGS on December 22 & 29**

**January 12:**  
**PROGRAM: Leigh Anderson, Minnow Tank Project**  
**CHAIR: Jackie Reis**  
**CLASSIFICATION: Craig McNulty**  
**INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Bill Rust**  
**WRITER: Mark Sather**

**January 26: Ken Baltzer presents: Gretchen Harriman**

**MAIL OR PHONE CLUB NEWS TO THE**  
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**BEAR BULLETIN DEADLINE: FRIDAY,**  
**5 P.M.**

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**OR GO TO: ITUNES AND TYPE IN**  
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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

**2021-22 Officers/Directors**

*President..... Michael Lovett*  
*President-Elect ... Bob Timmons*  
*Past President .... Pat McClernon*  
*Treasurer ..... Ashley Filipovich*  
*Secretary ..... Kevin Donovan*  
*Exec. Secretary ... Marlyce Paulson*  
*Public Image ..... Kevin Donovan*  
*Bob Timmons*  
*Rotary Foundation. Curt Akenson*  
*Community Service. Darrell Stone*  
*- John Channon*  
*Vocational Service .Derrek Skeie*  
*.Ryan Boog*  
*Club Service ..... Pam Tschida*  
*.Craig McNulty*  
*Membership .....Greg Bartz*  
*. Miriah VanDuuren*  
*International .... Patty Hall*  
*. Fred Treiber*  
*Equity & Inclusion....Jackie Reis*  
*.Kevin Donovan*  
*Youth Exchange .. Tim Wald*  
*Bulletin Writers ... Mark Sather*  
*Darrell Stone*  
*Greg Young*  
*Dick Galena*  
*Bob Timmons*  
*Jim Rathburn*  
*Jackie Reis*  
*Carol Nelson*  
*Invocations .... Rich Ramsay*  
*Bill Rust*  
*Bob Gehrke*  
*Steve LaLiberte*  
*Rita Pechmann*  
*Bill Eaves*  
*Art Hancock*  
*Carol Nelson*