



*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*



July 14, 2021

PROGRAM: Alex Legeros, "Art as Healing at White Bear Center for the Arts"

CHAIRPERSON: Pam Bowers

CLASSIFICATION: None

MERCHANT MINUTE: Leo Schuch

INVOCATION: Rich Ramsay

WRITER: Dick Galena

Wednesday Morning Meeting Info via Zoom D5960 is inviting you to a scheduled meeting
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.
Join Zoom meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87159321038>
Meeting ID: 871 5932 1038

Prior recordings & files from presenters can be accessed at: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11pN_Oh77b2fViH8x_hfT1t1JoHt-e0c7?usp=sharing

.WBL Rotary Club Celebrates 5:01- NOW CALLED 4:01- back at Rudy's:
Join with fellow Rotarians on Friday afternoons at 4:01 p.m. at Rudy's Redeye Grill for a great social time and get the weekend started!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Mike Lovett honored Past Chair Pat McClernon with thanks and kudos:

- ⇒ Commitment to purpose and mission of Rotary and WBL members, despite a challenging year
- ⇒ A "steady hand on the tiller" serving with Humility and Integrity
- ⇒ Gift of past president pin and special Rotary plaque with mallet were presented.

New Prez Mike Lovett: Calendar for the week will be sent out every Sunday or Monday. Let Mike know by Friday for items to be on it. It will be included in the link from Bob Timmons.

Marketfest (Greg Bartz): first week was successful. Three people lined up for this week. Need 3 for the second shift. Need people to sign up for the Marketfest booth on Thursdays.

Toufong Lor was welcomed to Rotary by his mentor **Pat McFarlane**.

Field Trip to Big River Farms: Rotary members are invited to tour Big River Farms on Friday, July 30th from 10:30 to 12:30. To register, or for more information email **Jackie Reis** at jreis.wbl@gmail.com or call 651-270-4570.

CLASSIFICATION: Irina Fursman

Irina shared her life story, a journey that began in Eastern Siberia where she was born. Her father died at age 36 during the collapse of the Soviet Union, after which her mother moved with Irina and her sister to Ukraine, a distance of 9,781 km. Living with extended family in Ukraine, Irina grew up as a Ukrainian and went to University where she learned the power of knowledge and love of learning.

Her next journey took her from Crimea to America where she learned English through community education programs. She married Richard Fursman and they have 5 children. Irina loves winter in MN and travel.

In 2007, she and Richard formed their own organization, GSG or Global Synergy Group, dedicated to creating better communities through community development, leadership, and engagement. Since 2011, they have been going back and forth between Minnesota and Ukraine, bringing civic leaders together, and connecting the sister cities of Boryspil (suburb of Kiev) and Hopkins, MN.

Irina and Richard developed a youth exchange in 2012 to bring young people from Ukraine and Minnesota together to learn to be community leaders. In 2014 they organized a PEACE Summit in Ukraine to form partnerships, collaborations and a youth forum, with support of a district grant through Brooklyn Park Rotary. In 2014 Russia invaded Ukraine which impacted their work. However, the youth forums and exchanges continued until the COVID pandemic and are now in a pause stage.

Pat McClernon: now past president---announced these awards

District Awards 5960—60 clubs small, med, large clubs
District Governor's Citation for Large Clubs: Lakeville, Prior Lake, St. Paul and WHITE BEAR LAKE!!!!

- 1st place: Club Service
- 2nd place: Community Service
- 3rd. International Service
- 2nd : Vocational Service
- 2nd. Public image
- 3rd place: Youth Service

Overall large club of the year : WBL 2nd Place

SUMMER TIME...FUN TIME...BEACH DANCE UPDATE

- ⇒ Ken Baltzer: Thanks to all the volunteers for the Beach Dance on Friday night
- ⇒ Special thanks to the Ice Beer Workers!
- ⇒ Bill Foussard announced the most successful Beach Dance ever!!!
- ⇒ Net of \$20,000., with \$10,000 to Rotary and \$10,000 to Explore White Bear

**PROGRAM: Sophia Lenarz-Coy, Exec Director of The Food Group,
Fighting Hunger, Strengthening Community.**

The Food Group is a regional nonprofit organization, in 32 counties, includes Twin Cities met-ro and part of Wisconsin. Starting as a food bank, hunger relief is the core mission. Recognizing that it matters what food is distributed, The Food Group places a focus on good nutri-tion and culturally relevant food.

In the early 2000’s, The Food Group merged with Fare for All related to the need for affordable retail options, especially in rural and urban areas. The three areas of focus are hunger relief, making food affordable and accessible, and food production. Living within a global food sys-tem, many things contribute to what is affordable and accessible.

The Food Group recognizes that it is important to understand who has access to land and capital to produce food and addresses the concern of what food equity looks like. Racial dis-parities are real, and one can’t have conversations about food and land access without talking about equity.

COVID changed the food landscape dramatically beginning with a huge surge in food need and government support last spring. Partners like WBL Area Food Shelf made changes their food service model. After the George Floyd murder, the change in food access with Target and Aldi gone affected Minneapolis. All of sudden, community-based groups started doing food pop-ups in many ways and places, including groups that had never done this.

With the COVID pandemic and the difficult racial conversations, food is a way we can care for each other as we connect through food. More innovation and new partnerships were formed in the past year. The Food Group is looking at how existing food shelves will continue, but also some new strategies that need to come from within the community, to change the power differential.

Big River Farms, (<https://bigriverfarms.thefoodgroupmn.org>) a program of the Food Group, offers education in organic agriculture for farmers who have historically been underrepresent-ed in farm ownership—including BIPOC, women, and New American farmers. Located in Ma-rine on St. Croix, Big River Farms. The growers keep or sell their produce/crop and develop their own markets such as farmer’s markets to build a sustainable farm business. Rotary members are invited to tour Big River Farms on Friday, July 30th from 10:30 to 12:30. To reg-ister, or for more information email Jackie Reis at jreis.wbl@gmail.com or call 651-270-4570.

Writer of the week: Carol Nelson

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

In today’s world, simple kindness is a revolutionary act.

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 21: Kent Whitworth, Pres. MN Historical Society, “History Matters”
Chairperson: Jackie Reis
Classification: Dick Galena
Invocation: Bill Rust
Writer: Mark Sather

July 28: Juliet Mitchell, Civility in Society
Chairpersonj: Leo Schuch
Classification: Richard Fursman
Invocation: Art Hancock
Writer: Jim Rathburn

August 4: Gary Powers Jr, The Movie “Bridge of Spies”
Chairperson: Greg Bartz
Classification: Julie Honsa
Invocation: Rita Pechmann
Writer: Darrell Stone

Future Meetings:
August 11: Rotary Avenues of Service (Part 1)
August 18: Rotary Avenues of Service (Part 2)
August 25: Challenges and Opportunities for School Leaders

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**BEAR BULLETIN DEADLINE: FRIDAY,
5 P.M.**

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WWW.WBLROTARY.PODBEAN.COM**
**OR GO TO: ITUNES AND TYPE IN
WBLROTARY**

WBLROTARY TEAM MEETINGS— CURRENTLY HELD VIA ZOOM	
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
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	Bob Timmons
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	- John Channon
Vocational Service	Derrek Skeie
	Ryan Boog
Club Service	Pam Tschida
	Craig McNulty
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	Miriah VanDuuren
International	Patty Hall
	Fred Treiber
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	Kevin Donovan
Youth Exchange ..	Tim Wald
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	Darrell Stone
	Greg Young
	Dick Galena
	Bob Timmons
	Jim Rathburn
	Jackie Reis
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