



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

*Meetings
Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.
via Zoom
(During Pandemic 2020)*



February 3, 2021

Program: Alan Page, Former State Supreme Court Justice "Issues of Equity in Education"

Chairperson: Kevin Donovan

Classification Time: WBL Rotary Updates

Invocation: Steve LaLiberte

Writer: Greg Young

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

Friday Virtual 5:01 Meeting Info:
Friday Evenings starting at 4:55 pm-
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84681656568?pwd=YVkyQnNVT2RNV2VYVWVl3azlQc1NNUT09>
Meeting ID 846 8165 6568 Passcode: 893460

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEAR'ly Open Online auction is open now: February 2 at 1 p.m.—until 8 p.m. on February 5, 2021.

www.bearlyopen.org

John Channon announced that beginning February 17 the club will again conduct one hybrid meeting each month at Rudy's. Safety protocols will be strictly followed and the number of allowed attendees will be limited with pre-registration required. Stay tuned for further information.

District 5960 announces

Share the Love Foundation Challenge

Share the Love - February 1 - 28, 2021.

Foundation Recognition Point matches:

For those who donate \$100-\$300: There will be a 2:1 Match of Recognition Points

For those who give \$365+ (equivalent of \$1/day): 635 recognition points, enough to make donor a Paul Harris Fellow

For those who give \$1,000+: There will be Special Recognition on District website

Plus your choice of several limited edition "Share the Love" clothing items

Invitation to a special "Significant Donor" event

You can Share a PHF with someone of your choosing
Clothing Items:
Available for purchase to any Share the Love donors
For PHS members, an additional \$500 gives you a Share the Love clothing item at no cost



BEAR'ly Open
GOLF ON ICE | ONLINE AUCTION | VIDEO GALA

BEAR'LY Open Auction AND Video Gala is now available for Viewing...

Take a look at the incredible auction items : Yacht Cruise & Dinner on the St. Croix; 5 days Cabo San Lucas; Golf Foursomes at the Yacht Club & Dellwood CC; Flying Lessons; Dinner at Acqua & Mizu; Staycation at WBCI; Wine; Restaurant Certificates; Theme Baskets; and much, much more!

Over 300 golfers have participated each year in our **BEAR'LY Open Golf on Ice winter event**. Participating in this event with all the proceeds will benefit the [White Bear Area Food Shelf](#) – where the need has never been greater. To date we have contributed over \$200,000 to the food shelf - that's \$1,600,000 worth of food! In a typical year the Food Shelf serves around 54,000 people nearly half of whom are children and every \$1 donated to the Food Shelf can provide up to \$8 worth of healthy groceries for neighbors struggling with food insecurity.

Living Room Conversations (LRC) is a conversational model developed by dialogue experts to facilitate connection between people despite their differences, and even identify areas of common ground and shared understanding.

To register for LRC, visit: https://bit.ly/WBL_LivingroomConversations

W. Feb 17 @ 6:30 p.m. Increasing

Harmony and Prosperity

Th. Feb 25 @ 6:30 p.m.—Freedom

Tu. Mar. 16 @ 4 p.m. Social Equity

W. Mar 24 @ 6:30 p.m.-Status and

Privilege

Th. Apr. 15 @ 6:30 p.m.—Police-Community Relations

Tu. Apr 20 @ 4 p.m.—The Opportunity Gap

W. May 19 @ 6:30 p.m. Tribalism 101: Next Door Strangers

WBL Rotary Contact: Stephen Kelly, at kell0587@umn.edu

Program: Leigh Thiel & Sheri Smith, Neighborhood Concerned Citizens Group WBL, “Making A Difference”

NCCG is a nonprofit organization, formed in March 2019, and led by a 4-person board. While they do not have official membership, they are a grass roots organization representing the communities of White Bear Lake, White Bear Township and Gem Lake.

Water Gremlin has exposed our community to unsafe levels of TCE and possibly other pollutants since 2002 or earlier. We need to know the full scope of the incident in order to identify health needs of current and past residents, workers and students in our neighborhood.

The group is working to ensure that Water Gremlin stays in compliance with the stipulation agreement, that the community is informed if they are out of compliance and to ensure that the replacement to TCE is the best alternative – for the community and the environment.

NCCG is working with elected and regulatory officials to ensure that there is accountability for the citizen’s “right to know” and to ensure a transparent and participatory process with ongoing citizen information and input.

The goal for the talk was to provide information, and also a call to identify voices that need to be heard on the issue. They could always use those in the community who have skills that could benefit the effort.

Writer of the week: Jim Rathburn

Classification Time:

Curt Akenson presented Joe Stahlmann (North St Paul Club), D5960 Polio Plus Team Co-Lead, and Paul Perez, D5960 Past Governor, “Giving to the Rotary Foundation” With \$165,000 from District, matched by Gates, estimated \$500,000 given for Polio Plus!!! Contributions were high, despite the COVID economy uncertainty.

The WBL Club is among leaders in giving and received a Certification of Participation for Large Club sites (\$208.33/member)#3 in large clubs in per capita giving; 5 members were recognized: Jim Hunt; Pam Bowers; Pat McClernon; Michael Lovett; Bill Rust. 1.2 million members in Rotary is a strong force to serve our world.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:
“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”
- Margaret Mead

**The Rotary Club of White Bear Lake—
building friendships and improving
lives through hands-on projects in the
White Bear area and around the globe**

UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 10: Ryan Hanna,
DNR Conservation Officer for WBL
Chairperson: Bill Rust
Classification : Kate Andersen
Invocation: Bob Gehrke
Writer: Bob Timmons

February 17: Martin Pizinger,
WBL Youth Exchange Where Are They Now?
Chairperson: Greg Bartz
Classification: Desmond Creary, Rotary Club
of Kingston Jamaica
Invocation: Bill Rust
Writer: Jackie Reis

February 24: Lou Dirkes, Gabe Aldridge
Halbrite LED products, Lighting Airports
Chairperson: Jeff Otto
Classification: - Kate Andersen
- Patricia McCleese “Share the
Love Foundation Challenge”
Invocation: Bill Eaves
Writer: Dick Galena

FUTURE PROGRAMS:
- Matt Ehling, Bipartisan Governmental
Watchdog

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

WBL ROTARY PODCASTS:
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 7 a.m.
VOCATIONAL SERVICE TEAM: Meets 1st Thursday of month, 7 am
YOUTH EXCHANGE TEAM: Meets 2nd Thursday, 4:30 p.m.

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