



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

*Meetings
Wednesday at 7:45 a.m.
Via Zoom
(During Pandemic 2020)*



May 13, 2020

**Program: Patrick Mader
Minnesota Olympians**

Chairperson: Bob Timmons

Classification: Eric Hendrickson

Invocation: Steve Griffith

Writer: Jackie Reis

Wednesday Morning Meeting Info:

Wednesday mornings from 7:45 - 8:30 am
Join WBL Rotary Weekly Zoom Meeting
[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/530467809?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/530467809?pwd=R3dHV1JXWHcx2Frd3d1VDRPVXhrUT09)
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Meeting ID: 530 467 809
Password: 991694
Prior recordings & files from presenters can be accessed at:
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[id=11pN_Oh77b2fViH8x_hFT1t1JoHt-e0c7](https://drive.google.com/open?id=11pN_Oh77b2fViH8x_hFT1t1JoHt-e0c7)

Friday Virtual 5:01 Meeting Info:

Friday Evenings starting at 4:55 pm-?
Join Zoom Meeting
[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/555170854?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/555170854?pwd=QVpFM1BjVVIYLzNDN3NUaG5yaW1vdz09)
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Meeting ID: 555 170 854
Password: 022079

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Week seven of White Bear Lake Rotary
meeting in virtual format due to the
COVID-19 virus pandemic*

**A Rotary International Foundation/
Disaster Response Fund Grant** was awarded to the White Bear Lake Rotary club to support people in the community who are being impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. WBL Rotary will use the funds for the local Food Shelf and the YMCA's food distribution program. If you are interested in helping to pack Kid Packs at the Food Shelf or to hand out food at the YMCA, please contact **Pam Bowers**

Ann Frisch invited Rotarians to attend a Zoom meeting on May 22 focused on efforts to end nuclear weapons.

Jackie Reis announced that the Greater White Bear Lake Community Foundation is accepting applications for its COVID-19 Community Recovery Fund grants.

**Did you know?
The Rotary Annual Theme for
2019-2020:
Rotary Connects the World**

CLASSIFICATION: Rita Pechmann

Rita Pechmann, who has 30 years of banking experience, discussed what impact she's seeing the current COVID-19 pandemic have on small businesses and community banks. Rita mentioned that this crisis is unlike any of the other recessions or crises she has seen in her career.

Rita's focus lately has been on the SBA's Paycheck Protection Program, which is designed to help employers keep employees on payroll. While bank lobbies have been closed, bank staff has been working long hours over the past several weeks to process the influx of PPP loan applications. This program has shown to be the lifeline for many small businesses.

So far, this program has supplied \$9B to Minnesota businesses, and 71% of that has been in loans less than \$50,000 indicating that much of these resources are going to small businesses. Since the SBA has given minimal guidelines about the details of the Paycheck Protection Program, Rita has noticed that community banks are better able to help and communicate with customers compared to larger national banks.

STRIVE RACE

"Spirit of White Bear Lake" scheduled on May 16 has been cancelled. Transferred to Run Baby Run on August 1, 2020.

Contact: Dale Grambush

**QUESTION OF THE DAY—
WHICH WHITE BEAR
LAKE ROTARIAN WAS IN
THIS GROUP?**

"Gritty Novices Climb Mt Kilimanjaro for Charity: Seven adventurers, mostly local, who had never climbed a mountain before, traveled 8,350 miles to make the 19,341 foot trek up Mt. Kilimanjaro in late February."

White Bear Press, April 29 issue

BLOOD DRIVE

June 18, WBL Armory 11-5

For appointment: redcrossblood.org
or call: 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767)
Sponsor Code: WBL Community Drive

Mark your calendar: Late summer blood drive, August 19, WBL Armory, 2-7 p.m.

Contact Bryan Belisle

THANK YOU.

To the volunteers at the YMCA for handing out meals and for packing kid packs for the Food Shelf. Thanks to Pam Bowers for organizing these efforts!

PROGRAM: Greg Bartz presents: Patty Hall, H2O for Life trip to Kenya
In February, Patty Hall led a group of Rotarians on a trip to Kenya to visit some of the past H2O for Life projects. Here are some highlights of the trip:

- Wildebeest Eco Lodge in Nairobi
- Kazuri Beads
Kenyan women make handmade beads and jewelry, and H2O for Life has used these beads as a fundraiser in the past.
- Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage
- Brydges orphanage
This orphanage has a K-8 school on site, and the children here put on a tree planting ceremony and celebration for the Rotarian visitors.
- Kathunga Village
H2O for Life's first project was a sand dam in this small farming community.
- Iliwana Nursery School
This is a school for children ages 2-5, and H2O for Life built toilets for the school as a project in the past.
- Kathunga Primary School
Yet another recipient of an H2O for Life project.
- Kibera
The largest slum in Africa
- Mount Longonot
- Lake Naviasha and Crescent Island
- Nasaruni Academy
H2O for Life has supported this all-girls school for years.

Overall, H2O for Life has completed over 950 projects, most of which have been completed in Africa. In recognition for her worldwide contribution, Patty Hall was given a Paul Harris award on behalf of the club.

Writer of the week: Greg Young

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

**“Once you choose Hope,
everything is possible.”
- Christopher Reeves**

**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

May 20: Terry Wu PhD
Neuro Marketing
Chairperson: Connie Bossard
Classification: Curt Akenson
Invocation: Steve LaLiberte
Writer: Darrell Stone

May 27: Caryn Sullivan, Bitter or Better
Chairperson: Jim Rathburn
Classification: Tim Wald
Invocation: Bill Rust
Writer: Mark Sather

June 3: Barb Duffrin presents: Faynesse
Miller President of Hamline University

Please note that program information may
change with the new virtual meeting for-
mat...stay tuned!

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**_WBLROTARY TEAM MEETINGS—
CURRENTLY HELD VIA ZOOM**

BOARD MEETINGS: Meets 4th Tuesday of each month, WBL City Hall, 7 a.m.
CLUB SERVICE TEAM: Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, Eat @ Banning & 5th, 7a.m.
COMMUNITY SERVICE TEAM: Meets last Wednesday of each month, noon, location TBD
FUNDRAISER TEAM: Meets immediately following Wednesday meeting (seasonal)
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE TEAM: Meets 2nd Thursday of each month, Eat @ Banning & 5th, 7 a.m.
MEMBERSHIP TEAM: Meets 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:30 a.m., Caribou, Cty E & E Cty Line
PUBLIC IMAGE TEAM: Meets 3rd Thursday 7 a.m. Anchor Coffee
VOCATIONAL SERVICE TEAM: Meets 1st Thursday of each month, Keys Restaurant, 7 a.m.
YOUTH EXCHANGE TEAM: Meets 2nd Thursday, 4:30 p.m., Washington Square Grill

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