



*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)*



**January 27, 2021**

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

**Chairperson:** Jackie Reis

**Classification Time:** Curt Akenson presents:  
Joe Stahlmann, D5960 Polio Plus Team Co-  
Lead and Paul Perez, D5960 Past Governor,  
"Giving to the Rotary Foundation"

**Invocation:** Rita Pechmann

**Writer:** Jim Rathburn

**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 meet-  
ing 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](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=YVkzQnNVT2RNVTYVYWVlZ3azlQc1NN  
UT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84681656568?pwd=YVkzQnNVT2RNVTYVYWVlZ3azlQc1NNUT09) Meeting ID 846 8165 6568 Passcode:  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**John** also reminded members of the up-  
coming opportunities to learn and participate  
in the **Living room Conversation** events. To  
view the list of events and log-in infor-  
mation go to [https://bit.ly/  
WBL\\_LivingroomConversations](https://bit.ly/WBL_LivingroomConversations).

**Ken Galloway** gave an update on preparations  
for the 2021 **BEAR'ly Open**. Great progress  
is being made with tremendous help from  
sponsors, auction items contributors, golfers  
and club members doing much of the heavy  
lifting. He is still looking for a couple of  
small electrical generators and some fire-  
wood as well as volunteers to set up, take  
down, assist with the auction and more. See  
[www.bearlyopen.org](http://www.bearlyopen.org)

**Pam Tschida** announced that **Kate Andersen**  
has completed orientation passport through  
the mentor program and she was welcomed  
aboard!

**Kevin Donovan** reminded the membership of the  
special schedule for the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting  
featuring former MN Supreme Court Justice  
Alan Page. The meeting begins at 11:30 and  
you can reserve a spot on our website.



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

**BEAR'LY Open Auction 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; Res-  
taurant Certificates; Theme Baskets; and much, much more!

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**Classification Time:** **PDG Jim Hunt** presented a brief tutorial on the RI Twin Club  
program. Twin Clubs are two Rotary clubs from different countries that form a long-  
term relationship to promote international understanding, good will and carry out  
meaningful service projects. Following introduction of the program at the 1991 RI Con-  
ference in Mexico City Jamaican PDG Charlie Braham and WBL President-elect Bob  
Anderson met to discuss forming a Twin Club relationship which progressed further  
through the leadership of Kingston Club President Paul Morgan and WBL Club Presi-  
dent Bob Anderson.

The new relationship led to an initial service project through which WBL raised funds  
to assist with building playground equipment at the Hope Valley Experimental School  
where children with disabilities are mainstreamed in their educational classes. In 1992  
Rotary Club of Kingston (RCOK) members Desmond Creary and Paul Morgan visited  
WBL and other district clubs and plans evolved for "Hands On" service projects in Ja-  
maica. The first involved several WBL members traveling to Kingston to build access  
ramps at the Hope Valley School and over the next several years WBL work crews  
traveled to Kingston for painting and repair projects. RCOK members Andre Hylton,  
Scarlette Gillings and Effion Whyle visited WBL and plans for fund raising and match-  
ing grant applications for other projects to provide 10K books and several musical in-  
struments for Kingston schools were developed. With the advent of Zoom meetings  
the clubs have now been allowed to attend each others meetings further securing this  
great relationship which will soon enter its 30<sup>th</sup> year.  
Jim planted a seed that the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022 would be a good occasion to re-  
newal of exchange projects. Thanks Jim.

**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.**

**Program:** **Janelle Erickson** introduced today's program on the work of the Tiny Lives Foundation (TLF) in Lesotho, Africa. She first called upon Ellen Block a professor of anthropology and sociology at St. Benedict/St. Johns and board member of the TLF. She explained that Lesotho is an enclaved country within the border of South Africa and a former British colony receiving independence 1966. It has a population of 2.1 million which is 75 percent rural and 50 percent exist in poverty. One of ten children die before their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday and 42 percent of children suffer from malnutrition. The country has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest concentration of HIV/ AIDS in the world with 24% of its adult population infected of which 58% are female. Social norms lead to the high transmission rate to women and children. Severe drought in this agricultural economy has led to food shortage since 2018 and COVID-19 is spreading rapidly.

To provide assistance to stressed region the Foundation developed its Touching Tiny Lives (TTL) project with the motto "Saving one child at a time." Ellen introduced via internet M'e Nthabeleng from Lesotho to describe the work of the TTL project including a safe home, parenting education, medical outreach and community building. Over the past year the safe home has provided housing, nutrition and health care to 26 children. Through the outreach activities local women provide parenting education, HIV/AIDS awareness, improved hygiene and access to medical care. While health conditions remain serious, through approximately 900 home visits and care provided to 2400 children, improvement has been made. Access to medications, nourishment and education has reduced mother to newborn AIDS transmission and improved nutrition. You can learn more at <https://www.thetinylivesfoundation.org> Thanks for bringing this enlightening program Janelle.

Your reporter further sayeth naught.

**Writer of the week: Mark Sather**

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**  
"After our Civil War was over and Lincoln was trying to help the South get back on its feet, a woman reproached him for his attitude. "They are our enemies," she said. "They ought to be destroyed." "Madame," replied the President, "how can I better destroy my enemies than by making them my friends."

**Business Spotlight**

Shari Wilson put the Local Business spotlight on Jeff Borglum of The Techie Dudes located at White Bear Avenue and County Road E. The company provides tech support for homes and offices with a focus on small businesses (<100 employees) with assistance in security, repair, updates, disaster recovery and more. They will visit your site or offer drop-off service. We are pleased to have this business in our area.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**  
**February 3: PROGRAM BEGINS AT 11:30 WITH SPEAKER AT NOON (via Zoom)**  
**Program: ALAN PAGE, FORMER STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE.**  
**"Issues of Equity in Education"**  
**Chairperson: Kevin Donovan**  
**Classification: WBL Rotary Updates**  
**Invocation: Steve LaLiberte**  
**Writer: Greg Young**

**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**

**FUTURE PROGRAMS:**  
- Lou Dirkes, Gabe Aldridge  
Halibrite LED Products, Lighting Airports

**MAIL OR PHONE CLUB NEWS TO THE WBL ROTARY OFFICE:**  
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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.

**2020-21 Officers/Directors**  
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