



*Celebrating 42 Years of Service
To the Community
Rotary Club of White Bear Lake*

*Meetings
Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.
via Zoom
February 23*



February 23, 2022

PROGRAM: Rotarians from Winnipeg Canada and Hillcrest, South Africa—GG project for 1000 Survival Garden Kits

CHAIR: Patty Hall

CLASSIFICATION: Carol Nelson

MERCHANT MINUTE: Shari Wilson

INVOCATION/INSPIRATION:
Art Hancock

WRITER: Jim Rathburn

Hybrid meetings will resume on Wednesday, March 2 at Rudy's and via zoom.

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](#)

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

Beginning next week, March 2, WBL Rotary meetings will again be Hybrid with in person attendance at Rudy's Redeye Grill and also remotely via Zoom.

Jim Hunt provided an update on the project to rehabilitate the Women's Center of Jamaica Playground. White Bear Lake Rotary International Committee has provided financial support to the Kingston Rotary Club for this project.

The Northeast Metro Satellite Club is going well and meets by Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Contact **Steve Griffith** for additional information.

Solid Ground family has a teen who needs a ride to school. The young man is Josh, who needs ride to Central High in St. Paul. Connect with **Greg Bartz** for more details.

Classification: Chris Streif Oji

Chris was born in California, the middle child of a large Italian family, and grew up enjoying camping, boating, water-skiing, family, and food. She received her BA and MA degrees in education from Winona State University and her Education Specialist certification from Capella University. After seven years working for Sunset Magazine in California, Chris moved to education, first teaching and then training educators on how to improve culture and climate in schools. She joined the Rochester, MN school district as Staff Development and Continuous Improvement Coordinator, and then served as a principal in that district. She joined the WBL district in 2014 as principal of Willow Elementary and retired in December 2020. Chris currently is a real estate agent with Edina Realty where she is the Diversity and Inclusion Ambassador, and recently was elected to the WBL school board. She and her husband, Osi, have a blended family, with two (soon to be three) granddaughters. She is a member of the International and Equity & Inclusion teams and she and Osi enjoy volunteering at all Rotary events, staying active, travel, and family.

EQUITY AND INCLUSION TEAM

invites you to a book discussion via Zoom on Thursday, 2/24 at 4:30 p.m. The book is: The Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King, Malcom X and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation by Anna Malaiha Tubbs.

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January 2022

PROGRAM FROM MEETING OF 2/16/22: A Week of Minnesota Get-Together for North Korean Refugee Families in the U.S.— Presented by Mike Lovett

The inspiration for this project came from Haesook Koo, who Mike and Sylvia Lovett met a number of years ago at the University of Minnesota. It is Haesook’s dream to reunite North and South Korea. Together with Sylvia, she developed the concept of a family camp based on a model of “grass-roots intergroup (or inter-ethnic) dialogue” - a low cost peace-building tool to create understanding, empathy, acceptance of the other, and peaceful engagement among participants. The model has been used since the early 1990s to bring together East-West Germans, Palestinians and Israelis, and in South Africa. Mike’s understanding of the situation was deepened when visiting Seoul and travelling to the DMZ and realizing they are still at war in the Korean peninsula. Minnesota has a history of relationships with Korea, through the University of Minnesota, and through the large number of Korean adoptees in our state, providing a good foundation for piloting this program in Minnesota. The plan: to host a resident camp for North Korean refugee families in the U.S. that would bring them together and provide interactions with South Koreans, Korean-Americans living in Minnesota, and volunteers from Rotary and other groups such as the YMCA. The camp was held August 8-13, 2021, at YMCA Camp St. Croix, with a total of 24 participants: 14 members of North Korean refugee families from around the US; 4 Korean Americans associated with a non-profit, 3 representatives of WBL Rotary and 3 YMCA staff. The WBL club donation of \$3,000, plus funds from five other clubs and a district grant, netted \$12,000; the YMCA covered some of the costs of the camp; and other funds were raised to help bring the families to Minnesota. Through the arts, through informal and structured conversations, there were many emotional and healing moments for all who participated. Kevin and Molly Donovan, Greg Bartz, and Chris Streiff shared their thoughts on the experience of being a part of the camp. As expressed by one of the North Korean men, “We can’t go back home again, but this week has been like going home again.” And as Haesook wrote, “What a magical summer. There is no other word than “miracle” in describing my experience...my eyes still get teary in thinking of those magical moments watching North Korean refugees building their sense of **coming home** with each other.”

As a follow-up to the camp, Greg and others have been able to connect some of the participants with Rotary clubs in their local communities. And work continues to find funds for future camps. Thanks to Mike and all those who worked so hard, particularly in the time of COVID, to make the dream of a family camp a reality!

Writer of the week: Jackie Reis

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:
“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched—they must be felt with the heart.”
- Hellen Keller

- 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:

March 2:
PROGRAM: Jan Chamberlin, Dance
CHAIR: Julie Honsa
CLASSIFICATION: Osi Oji
INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Steve LaLiberte
WRITER: Bob Timmons

March 9:
PROGRAM: Carlos Grantchoff,
St. Andrews Resource Center
CHAIR: Kevin Donovan
CLASSIFICATION: Jim Rathburn
MERCHANT MINUTE: Leo Schuch
INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Bob Gehrke
WRITER: Carol Nelson

March 16:
PROGRAM: Mike Miner & Kelly Skumautz, PAI
CHAIR: Jim Rathburn
CLASSIFICATION: Scott Mueller
INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Rita Pechmann
WRITER: Mark Sather

Upcoming Programs:
March 23:
Sara Markoe-Hanson
WBL Historical Society Indian Burial Mound

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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

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