



*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)*



May 12, 2021

Program: Irina Fursman,
Leadership in Loosely Coupled Systems

Chairperson: Greg Bartz

Classification: Curt Akenson, Rotary 101

Invocation: Bob Gehrke

Writer: Bob Timmons

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](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11pN_Oh77b2fViH8x_hfT1t1JoHt-e0c7?usp=sharing)

WBL Rotary Club Celebrates 5:01:

Join with fellow Rotarians on Friday afternoons at
4:31 p.m. outside on the porch of Boat Works
Commons This is a great end of the week oppor-
tunity for relaxation, conversation, laughs and fel-
lowship. BYOB and join other club members wel-
coming the weekend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Timmons reported that tickets are
available now for Taste of White Bear and
have been distributed to Rotary members to
sell. They can also be purchased online. An
ad will be in the White Bear Press as well as
on Facebook and Twitter, and Bob encour-
aged everyone to share the posts through
their own personal social media accounts.

Mark Sather provided an update on the
Lake Links Trail structure. Pouring of the
slab has begun, and he and Rotary members
have begun building and painting the lum-
ber, working at the old Public Works build-
ing near White Bear Avenue and Hwy 61.
The next step will be to assemble the truss-
es. Members interested in helping should
contact Mark.

The Manitou Days Beach Dance will be
held July 2nd, from 8:00-11:00 PM, follow-
ing the parade. **Bill Foussard** announced
the dance will be sponsored by White Bear
Lake Superstore and Free and Easy will be
the band. More information on the help
needed will be coming!

The White Bear Press reported on our suc-
cessful installation of a pollinator garden at
Rotary Park, including a number of pictures
of Rotarians and friends hard at work.

CLASSIFICATION: Patty Hall

Patty is a life-long resident of WBL and FAMILY is the most important thing to her.
Her parents, she and her siblings (Mike Fleming and Katie Stender), her three kids
(Steve, Katie, and Dave), and most of her grandkids have all graduated from White Bear
Lake schools and have stayed connected to the community. “Go Bears!” The Christmas
holiday is an important time for the family – everyone (31-35 people) gathers – and cos-
tumes play a big role in the festivities!

Patty travelled to Kenya early in 2020 with a group of Rotarians and among other pro-
jects visited the Bridges school, founded by a Mahtomedi couple. She was fortunate to
be on the last flight out of Nairobi on March 16 before COVID closed things down,
while the Bridges were stuck there until almost the end of July. Patty founded H2O for
Life in 2017 to engage youth in the U.S. to learn about the water crisis and to take action
through service learning and to provide funding for water and sanitation projects around
the world. She was engaged in Rotary projects before joining our local club and for a
number of years has been involved in a collaborative project for water, sanitation and
hygiene education for 30 schools in Nigeria. This project received three Global grants
and was commissioned in April 2021, with recognition of WBL Rotary. Every school
had a Rotary connection and is a good example of how to combine Rotary resources
with great non-governmental organizations (NGOs). In total, \$1.2 million has supported
water projects in 60 schools around the world.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR ROTARY EVENTS

**WBL Rotary Club “Five-Way Test” - IS IT FUN??? Stay tuned for a Club Member-
ship Milestone Celebration: May 21 @ 5:01.**

White Bear Press recognizes Rotarians/Rotary events:

- ⇒ April 21: “Gazebo on track for late June completion”
- recognizes **Bryan Belisle** for work on the Matoska Park gazebo
- ⇒ April 28: Volunteer goup refurbishes, donates bikes
- ⇒ recognizes MN Recyclery, a bike shop that refurbishes old bikes and
donates them to organizations around the area—**Jim Muellner**
- ⇒ May 5: Rotarians focus on environment

-Volunteers place native and pollinator friendly plants around a stone marker
dedicated to the White Bear Lake Rotary Club at the Rotary Nature Preserve
at Birch Lake. Dozens of Rotary volunteers planted pollinator friendly plants
at the nature preserve in the first of three planned project phases that also
include woodland pollinator plants and a rain garden.

- ⇒ May 5: 10th Annual Taste of White Bear Lake, Saturday, September 11
2-5 p.m. at the Pine Tree Apple Orchard. Ticket information:
www.tasteofwhitebearlake.com

Living Room Conversations (LRC) :

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

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

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

Program: **Kevin Donovan** introduced David Schultz who was invited to speak on the pros and cons of the proposed Constitutional amendment for education, first discussed with us by Justice Page in February. Prof. Schultz is a Hamline University Professor of Political Science and a professor in the Hamline and University of Minnesota Schools of Law. He is the author of 30 books and 100+ articles on various aspects of American politics, election law, and the media and politics.

Prof. Schultz began by stating that does not support the Page amendment and believes it is the wrong solution to a serious problem we need to address. He believes we share a common interest and objective in improving the educational achievement of all of our students in Minnesota and addressing the racial achievement gap. However, he argues that:

1. Passing the amendment is a simplistic solution to address the bigger problem. There are many dimensions to education disparities and we need to be thinking about all aspects of students’ lives: their families, their communities, their schools.
2. This amendment takes away protected rights that are already in the Constitution and replaces it with untested legal language, which is unique (not found in any other state). A well-established body of law affirming education as a fundamental right exists today and there is a significant risk of guessing future court interpretations.
3. The amendment fails to understand the factors that really affect learning and teaching.
4. The amendment is basically a diversion of political resources that could be better used in adopting policies that we already know could do something. The political will to take action is lacking.
5. There are some very troubling things regarding how the amendment talks about standardized tests and about what commitment it provides for publicly funded education in Minnesota. But standardized tests are biased and if the uniformity clause in the MN Constitution which guarantees the right to public education is taken away, the state could walk away.

Prof. Schultz’s perspective is shaped by his experience as an educator, teaching for 40 years, studying the role of the courts, law and social change, teaching constitutional law and working with a community action agency and the Institute on Race and Poverty. He referenced a January 14, 2020, MN Post article that detailed how Minnesota is one of the most racially segregated states in the U.S., in relation to the wealth gap, incarceration, health care, and learning disparities. He believes we have delayed too long in addressing these disparities but that the Page Amendment is the wrong approach. In sum, he believes there is a race problem in Minnesota in terms of education disparities, but that there is little evidence that the Constitutional language proposed in this amendment will solve anything. He believes it is up to the political will of the legislature to adopt measures that could reduce disparities, improve teaching, and focus on things we need to do if we’re serious about addressing educational disparities.

Writer of the week: Jackie Reis

President’s Comments:

Pat McClernon shared with the Club that several members had expressed to him their concern that our Club has become too political. Pat shared several statements from Rotary International regarding partisan political statements and requested that programs, invocations, and speakers not discredit different political parties, bring up or mention political candidates, or promote political positions. He asked that we all treat people with respect. He reminded members of the Object of Rotary, the WBL Rotary’s mission, and the Four Way Test.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:
“You must be the change you wish to see in the world.”
- Mahata Gandhi

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

May 19: Club Engagement and Planning
Chairperson: Mike Lovett
Classification: Dale Grambush
Invocation: Steve Griffith
Writer: Jackie Reis

May 26: Ann Labovitz, Artist Practice:
Community and Beyond
Chairperson: Pat McClernon
Classification: Bob Gehrke
Invocation: Steve LaLiberte
Writer: Dick Galena

June 2: Greta Grosch,
Being an Artist During Covid
Chairperson: Pam Bowers
Classification: Rebekah Hagstrom
Invocation: Bill Eaves
Writer: Jim Rathburn

FUTURE PROGRAMS:
June 9: Scott Schulz, President, Water Gremlin
June 16: Rick Heidick, Fast for Hope
June 23: Sue Paget, Rotary Action Group for Family Health

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WBLROTARY TEAM MEETINGS—
CURENTLY 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
YOUTH EXCHANGE TEAM: Meets 2nd Thursday, 4:30 p.m.

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