



*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)*



**April 21, 2021**

**Program:** Joseph and Maha Maalouf,  
Impact of Recent Explosion  
in Lebanon on the Rotary Club

**Chairperson:** Ann Frisch

**Classification:** Ken Galloway

**Invocation:** Bill Rust

**Writer:** Jim Rathburn

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**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)

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**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 opportunity for relaxation, conversation, laughs and fellowship. BYOB and join other club members welcoming the weekend.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**CELEBRATE EARTH DAY ...**  
**APRIL 22**

Join your fellow Rotarians in picking up trash on Highway 61 and White Bear Avenue. Meet in the Kowalski's parking lot at 9 a.m. Bring your family, friends...many hands make quick work! **Pam Bowers** is the contact.

Meeting on **APRIL 21** will be a hybrid meeting—at Rudy's and via zoom. Sign up for the in-person meeting!

**Bob Timmons and Jim Rathburn** announced that planning and sponsor acquisition is on track for this year's Taste of White Bear Lake event.

**Pam Bowers** announced that **Julie Honsa** has successfully completed the mentorship program.

**Mark Sather** mentioned the possibility of a future project that involves building a shelter along a local nature path. More details will follow.

District 5960 is still looking for Rotarians to submit 4-way test videos.

**TASTE OF WHITE BEAR LAKE 2021**

*The Rotary Club of White Bear Lake is excited to announce the support of North Star Bank -- this year's premier sponsor of the club's Taste of White Bear Lake, Sept. 11 at Pine Tree Apple Orchard.*

*North Star Bank is a fourth-generation, independent, family-owned institution, with locations in White Bear Lake and Roseville. North Star's support of Rotary and The Taste fits with its mission: Its chief executive, Steve Ritt, is an active supporter in the community and serves as a board member for the Century College Foundation, Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation, Lakeshore Players, and other key roles.*

*The Taste is the club's major event and fundraiser of the year -- a gathering for food and drink, showcasing local restaurateurs, specialty shops, breweries, distilleries, and others. Money raised from The Taste goes toward the club's service work locally and abroad -- doing good works is what the club is about.*

*Tickets for The Taste are \$40 a piece and come with related coupons to some of the vendors who will appear at the event, in addition to other great local businesses. Tickets go on sale in May. Look for an announcement here and on other Rotary social media platforms.*

**Attention All Club Members! Mentors Needed**

The Membership Team will again be facilitating a training session for club members who wish to participate as mentors in our club's new member mentoring program. All members who have been active in the club for at least one year are eligible to serve as mentors.

The training will be 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28 via Zoom. Mentors who have previously been through training are also welcome to attend to share their experience.

Please contact Steve Griffith at [sjgriff5388@gmail.com](mailto:sjgriff5388@gmail.com) to register to attend.

**Living Room Conversations (LRC) :**

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](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](mailto:kell0587@umn.edu)**

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**Program: Ann Frisch presents  
Nevine Yassa, Rising out of the Ashes**

Nevine Yassa, from the Rotary Club of Scarborough Ontario, presented on her Rising out of the Ashes (ROOTA) project. ROOTA’s objective is to support the marginalized and poverty-stricken Zabbaleen community of trash collectors in Egypt.

The Zabbaleen community emigrated to Cairo, Egypt in the 1940’s searching for better living conditions. Their day to day lives present hazards to their health and safety, as they live with the garbage that they collect. Men in the family collect trash early in the morning, and women in the family sift through the garbage throughout the rest of the day.

ROOTA’s goal is to improve their standard of living through education and increasing income. The charity group supports adult education through literacy programs and scholarships to those who want to further their education. The group also offers pre-school and after school educational programs to the children within the community. ROOTA helps increase income by supporting women in learning trades and supplying equipment. For example, many women in the community have benefited from loom or sewing machine training so that they can make products and sell them to help with the family’s finances.

Nevine mentioned the greatest challenges ROOTA faces is to get the Zabbaleen community to wear gloves while collecting or sifting through the trash and to convince them of the education’s value. To donate, or to learn more about ROOTA, please go to [www.roota.org](http://www.roota.org).

*Writer of the week: Greg Young*

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**WBL Rotary Book Club: THE SUM OF US: What racism costs everyone and how we can prosper together, by Heather McGhee.**

Meet from 4:30—5:30 PM on the following Monday afternoons:

April 19: Introduction and Chapters 1-3

May 3: Chapters 4-6

May 17: Chapters 7-10

Please consider joining us for one or all of our meetings! We welcome you to the discussions even if you haven’t read the book—we talk about the issues that are brought up in the book and invite everyone to join in the discussion.

If you would like to join via Zoom, contact Jackie Reis, [jreis.wbl@gmail.com](mailto:jreis.wbl@gmail.com)

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**  
“People say nothing is impossible; but I do nothing every day.”  
- Winnie the Pooh

**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**

**April 28: Jim Stewart, A Historical Tonic for Fragile White People**  
**Chairperson: Kevin Donovan**  
**Classification: Tim Geck**  
**Invocation: Art Hancock**  
**Writer: Mark Sather**

**May 5: David Schultz, Pros and Cons of the Proposed Constitutional Amendment Change for Education**  
**Chairperson: Kevin Donovan**  
**Classification: Patty Hall**  
**Invocation: Rita Pechmann**  
**Writer: Darrell Stone**

**May 12: Irina Fursman, Leadership in Loosely Coupled Systems**  
**Chairperson: Greg Bartz**  
**Classification: Curt Akenson, Rotary 101**  
**Invocation: Bob Gehrke**  
**Writer: Bob Timmons**

**FUTURE PROGRAMS:**  
**May 19: Mike Lovett, Club Engagement and Planning**  
**May 26: Anne Labovitz, Artist Practice: Community and Beyond**

**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](http://WWW.WBLROTARY.PODBEAN.COM)**  
**OR GO TO: ITUNES AND TYPE IN  
WBLROTARY**

**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.

**2020-21 Officers/Directors**

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