



*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)*



February 24, 2021

Program,: Lou Dirkes, Gabe Aldridge
Halbrite LED products, Lighting Airports

Chairperson: Jeff Otto

Classification: Patricia McCleese, Share the
Love Foundation Challenge Update

Invocation: Bill Eaves

Writer: Dick Galena

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=YVkzQnNVT2RNV2VYWVI3azlQc1NN
UT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84681656568?pwd=YVkzQnNVT2RNV2VYWVI3azlQc1NNUT09) Meeting ID 846 8165 6568 Passcode:
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next hybrid meeting (Rudy's Redeye Grill
for in-person and Zoom) will continue on the
third Wednesday of each month ...March
17... and require a sign-up for in person at-
tendance.**

Amy Duplase announced that she has accepted
a new position in St. Paul and will be leaving
PAI. She introduced **Mike Miner**, president of
PAI, who will now be joining Rotary in Amy's
place.

February is Share the Love month for Rotary
International Foundation and **Curt Akenson**
reminded members of the opportunity to have
donations to the foundation matched.

Speakers are need for April and May; contact
Jeff Otto or **Paul Keleher** with ideas.

Plaques and pins for new members are available
to be picked up at Rudy's.

Greg Bartz announced a special event March 4
for Open World. It is an alumni event of dele-
gates back to 2009. More information to come
on linking up.

.Classification – Desmond Creary

Desmond is from our twin club in Kingston, Jamaica. He has a mechanical engineer-
ing degree from the University of the West Indies, a masters in civil engineering from
the University of Pittsburgh, and an MBA from Barry University in Florida. He joined
Rotary when he was the general manager of a glass manufacturing company in Jamai-
ca. He and his wife, Arlene, have a son and daughter-in-law.

The Kingston club was founded in 1959 as the first club in Jamaica. In addition to
their regular community service projects, each year the president leads a special pro-
ject. Over the years these have included a mentoring project for boys in correctional
facilities; a "Biz Town" for 5th graders to learn about economics, business manage-
ment and financial literacy; providing access to modern pediatric oncology facilities;
a corridor of bronze busts of seven national heroes; a computer lab in a primary
school; and a project to which the WBL Rotary contributed, homes for the homeless
with water tanks and pumps. Due to COVID, their regular Christmas program for sen-
iors was cancelled so gifts such as appliances and sanitizing materials were provided
to specific senior homes.

Stephen Kelly reminded members of opportunities to participate in Living
Room Conversations:

Th. Feb 25 @ 6:30 p.m.—Freedom

Tu. Mar. 16 @ 4 p.m. Social Equity

W. Mar 24 @ 6:30 p.m.—Status and Privilege

Th. Apr. 15 @ 6:30 p.m.—Police Community Relations

Tu. Apr 20 @ 4 p.m.—The Opportunity Gap

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

Share the Love Initiative

The February-long program is intended to earn money for the International
Rotary Foundation. It's an attempt to gain awareness for the foundation. This
month the district is trying to get members to give a special gift this month.
Monetary gifts this month will be matched with Paul Harris points. There are
three levels: \$100 will get two-to-one on Harris points, \$365 an automatic Paul
Harris, and \$1,000 for special attention. The district hit the goal last year in this
event.

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

The following person has been approved
for membership in the White Bear Lake
Rotary Club. If anyone has objections,
please let us know.

- Mike Miner

Program: Youth Exchange Programs: Where Are They Now?

Martin Pizinger was part of the youth exchange program in 2000-01, when he attended Mahtomedi High School and was an outstanding tennis player and became a fan of Minnesota sports teams, which continues today. Martin returned to the Czech Republic, attended the university in Pilsen, studying international relations with the goal of being a diplomat. He began working for the ministry of Foreign Affairs for the Czech Republic in 2007, focusing on human rights, the rule of law and the promotion of democracy. In 2010 he was posted to the U.S. where the embassy in D.C. consisted of 20 people (compared to the staff of 200 in the U.S. embassy in Prague). His tasks included economic promotion, energy and observation of U.S. domestic politics. He was able to travel with the Ambassador and visited Minnesota and his host family. In 2012, although living in D.C., he was married at home in the Czech Republic. From 2014 – 2017, he was posted back home in Prague at the foreign ministry, interacting with various bodies of the United Nations. Since 2017, he has been posted to the Netherlands, living in Hague, which is the seat of government for numerous international organizations. He represents the Czech Republic in many forums and among other duties has focused on the prevention of chemical weapons. This summer he will return to his country, although his specific area has yet to be determined. While in Minnesota, Martin had the opportunity to not only meet members of the WBL Rotary and the students at Mahtomedi, but also to meet people from around the world, many of whom he is still in touch with. He commented that this helped lay the foundation for his future work. The meetings he attends now representing the Czech Republic, are composed of people from around the world and from many different cultures. He recognizes the need to understand differences in order to get to a common understanding and agreement on issues. He appreciates the base established during his Rotary exchange experience that has only been strengthened over the last 20 years. Martin has two children, Adam(4) and Phillipe (10 months). He has enjoyed the opportunity to meet with and stay in touch with Greg Bartz and others over the years and echoes Greg’s suggestion to Rotary to get in touch with him if travelling to Prague.

Writer of the week: Jackie Reis

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.”

– Harriet Tubman

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

March 3: Matt Ehling, Bipartisan Government Watchdog
Chairperson: Pat McFarlane
Classification: John Channon
Invocation: Art Hancock
Writer: Darrell Stone

March 10: Dr. Hedy Walla, YMCA of the North
Chairperson: Mike Lovett
Classification: Kevin Donovan
Invocation: Steve Griffith
Writer: Mark Sather

March 17: Rachel Berger, Dyslexic Youth and Their Families
Chairperson: Jim Rathburn
Classification: Silas/Vicky Ford
Invocation: Bill Eaves
Writer: Greg Yung

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

- Guy Bosch, Warden Stillwater Prison
- Alene Tchourumoff, Racism and the Economy

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5 P.M.**

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**OR GO TO: ITUNES AND TYPE IN
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**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.

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