



*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)*



**March 17, 2021**

**Program:** Rachel Berger, Dyslexic  
Youth and Their Families

**Chairperson:** Jim Rathburn

**Inductions:** Mark Perron

**Classification:** Silas/Vicky Ford

**Invocation:** Bill Eaves

**Writer:** Greg Young

\*\*\*\*\*

**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)

\*\*\*\*\*

**WBL Rotary Club Celebrates 5:01:**

**Ken Baltzer** claimed that for 5:01 purposes  
Spring has sprung for this end of the week  
opportunity for relaxation, conversation, laughs  
and fellowship. That means that we are meeting  
outdoors again on the porch of Boat Works  
Commons. To make best use of the sunlight we  
are starting at 4:31 on Friday afternoon so  
BYOB and join other club members welcoming  
the weekend.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYBRID MEETING TODAY...  
JOIN US AT RUDY'S OR VIA ZOOM**

**Bob Timmons** announced the next meeting of  
the **Taste of White Bear Lake** will be held  
immediately after our March 17<sup>th</sup> Rotary  
meeting. He explained that plans are  
coming together for the **September 11<sup>th</sup>**  
event at **Pine Tree Apple Orchard** and it  
will be preceded with sale of the coupon  
book similar to last year. If you are new to  
the club and are not familiar with "The  
Taste" just ask someone who has been  
around for a while. It's a great event and is  
our major fundraiser as well as a fun way to  
get involved and share your talent with  
other members.

**Kevin Donovan** will lead a meeting of the Pub-  
lic Image team which is focusing on sharing  
our great work through internal and external  
communications on **Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 8:30 a.m.** It will be held on-line so look  
for an invitation with the zoom link. New-  
comers to the team are welcome.

**Desmond Creary** and **Effiom Whyte** from our  
twin club in **Kingston Jamaica** announced  
the Kingston club will enter its fourth twin  
club relationship this week with the Wil-  
lowdale, Ontario, Rotary club and at a meet-  
ing later this week they will announce a ma-  
jor contribution made possible through help  
from WBL Rotary. Congratulations!

\*\*\*\*\*

**Rotary Foundation:**

**Curt Akenson** proudly announced that in conjunction with the District's annual  
drive for donations to the **Rotary Foundation**, members of our club recently  
committed more than \$16,000 during the recent special drive and are on track to  
contribute over \$22,000 this year. He introduced **Lonny Stormo** of the Stillwa-  
ter sunrise club. Lonny explained that through its "Share the Love" campaign the  
District raised over \$130,000 for the foundation and he presented a special  
award to **Pam Bowers** who was recognized as our clubs newest member of the  
**Paul Harris Society**. Pam joins three other members of our club who have en-  
tered the PH Society by committing a \$1,000 per year donation to the Founda-  
tion. Congratulations and thanks Pam!

\*\*\*\*\*

**Induction of New Members:**

**Chuck Sandstrom** led the induction of the clubs newest family members **Irina**  
and **Richard Fursman**. Irina explained she was attracted to our club by its  
friendliness and wide range of activity and service. Chuck presented the objec-  
tives of Rotary International and will be delivering a membership plaque to the  
Fursmans. Welcome aboard.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Merchant Minute:**

**Leo Schuch** introduced **Marc Sieber** the owner of **Wow 1 Day Painting**  
serving the Northeast metro area. Marc described the services provided by his  
franchise explaining they are known for conducting painting projects with limited  
disruption through the use of large, clean, uniformed crews and timely comple-  
tion; usually just one day. They serve residential and commercial customers  
and made a generous contribution to last year's Taste of WBL. Keep them in  
mind for your next job.

\*\*\*\*\*

**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. 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

**WBL Rotary Contact: Stephen Kelly, at [kell0587@umn.edu](mailto:kell0587@umn.edu)**

\*\*\*\*\*

**Welcome to Guest:**

**Mike Lovett** introduced his guest **Leigh Anderson**. Leigh has been teaching at  
Willow Elementary school for ten years and recognized for her engagement of  
the community and businesses in the schools achievements.  
Leigh is interested in Rotary due to its public service.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Program:**

**Mike Lovett** introduced today’s speaker, **Hedy Lemar Walls**. Ms. Walls is the Chief Social Responsibility Officer with the YMCA of the North. Mike described her as gracious, respectful and wise. Hedy explained that COVID-19 has been observed to have had a disproportionate impact on the income, educational achievement, employment, home ownership and access to health care for people of color. Following it’s mission the Y has historically tried to be sensitive and expositive to social issues but current conditions require extraordinary efforts. To be responsive the Y formed the Equity Innovation Center and recently, through a grant \$5Million from UnitedHealth, the Y of the North has set out to expand this initiative with the development of a framework for a culturally responsive care and an opportunity for collaboration, experience and reflection on health disparity, equity and cultural agility to promote equity and inclusion. The grant has allowed expansion of the Y’s Equity Innovation Center through which it works with communities private corporations and organizations on a “Systems Change Model” focused on policies, practices, resource flows, structural change and relationships to accommodate discussion of race, racism and symptoms that feed micro aggression. The model includes an Equity Progress Curve to help organizations determine their progress toward improving social equity. Their work has grown to 14 urban areas nation-wide and has helped communities and organizations begin to move from mono-cultural to multi-cultural perspectives and improved dialogue. She gave examples of successful interventions in two suburban communities in the east metro area.

Thank you for the interesting presentation and for your work Hedy and to Mike for bringing this program to us.  
Your reporter further sayeth not,

*Writer of the week: Mark Sather*

**EQUITY AND INCLUSION TEAM RECOMMENDS:**

**The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America**

Discussion of this book by Richard Rothstein, sponsored by City of WBL and WBL Area Schools. **Thursday, March 18, 7:00-8:30 PM.** To register: <https://whitebear.ce.eleyo.com/course/2851/2021-winter-spring/many-faces-the-color-of-law-online-book-discussion> .

**Family Homelessness: Journeys in Minnesota**

Hosted by WBL Area Schools. **Tuesday, March 30 / 6:30-8pm / \$20.** To register: <https://whitebear.ce.eleyo.com/course/2810/2021-winter-spring/many-faces-family-homelessness-journeys-in-minnesota-online>

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**

“Fight for the things you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.”

- Ruth Bader Ginsberg

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 24: Guy Bosch, Warden Stillwater Prison**  
**Chairperson: Ken Baltzer**  
**Classification: Kevin Donovan**  
**Invocation: Rita Pechmann**  
**Writer: Jim Rathburn**

**March 31: Alene Tchourumoff ,”The Economy and Racism”**  
**Chairperson: Nora Slawik**  
**Classification: Ann Frisch**  
**Invocation: Bob Gehrke**  
**Writer: Bob Timmons**

**April 7: Grace McDonough, Borgen Project-Global Poverty**  
**Chairperson: Leo Schuch**  
**Classification: Joe Benson**  
**Invocation: Steve LaLiberte**  
**Writer: Dick Galena**

**FUTURE PROGRAMS:**

**April 14: Nevine Yassa, Rising out of Ashes**  
**April 21: Joseph Maalouf, Impact of Recent Explosion in Lebanon on the Rotary Club**  
**April 28: Jim Stewart, A Historical Tonic for Fragile White People**

**MAIL OR PHONE CLUB NEWS TO THE  
WBL ROTARY OFFICE:  
MARLYCE PAULSON  
P. O. Box 10809 WHITE BEAR LAKE,  
MN 55110**

**OFFICE: 651.738.3022**  
**E-MAIL: WBLROTARY1@COMCAST.NET**  
**WEB SITE: WHITEBEARROTARY.ORG**  
**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, 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***

*President..... Pat McClernon*  
*President-Elect ... Michael Lovett*  
*Past President .... John Channon*  
*Treasurer ..... Bob Timmons*  
*Secretary ..... Ashley Filipovich*  
*Exec. Secretary ... Marlyce Paulson*  
*Public Image ..... Kevin Donovan*  
*Rotary Foundation. Curt Akenson*  
*Community Service. Pam Bowers*  
*- Rita Pechmann*  
*Vocational Service .Ken Baltzer*  
*.Derrek Skeie*  
*Club Service ..... Chuck Sandstrom*  
*.Pam Tschida*  
*Membership .....Jim Hunt*  
*. Miriah VanDuuren*  
*International .... Greg Bartz*  
*. Patty Hall*  
*Equity & Inclusion....Kevin Donovan*  
*Jackie Reis*  
*Youth Exchange .. Tim Wald*  
*Bulletin Writers ... Mark Sather*  
*Darrell Stone*  
*Greg Young*  
*Dick Galena*  
*Bob Timmons*  
*Jim Rathburn*  
*Jackie Reis*  
*Invocations .... Rich Ramsay*  
*Bill Rust*  
*Bob Gehrke*  
*Steve LaLiberte*  
*Rita Pechmann*  
*Bill Eaves*  
*Steven Griffith*  
*Art Hancock*