



*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 10, 2021**

**Program:** Ryan Hanna,  
DNR Conservation Officer for WBL

**Chairperson:** Bill Rust

**Classification :** - Kate Andersen  
- Patrice McCleese, Share the Love  
Foundation Challenge

**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)

**Friday Virtual 5:01 Meeting Info:**  
Friday Evenings starting at 4:55 pm-  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84681656568?pwd=YVkyQnNVT2RNV2VYVWVl3azlQc1NNUT09>  
Meeting ID 846 8165 6568 Passcode:  
893460

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Next week's meeting:  
Hybrid meetings beginning  
February 17**

The club will again conduct one hybrid  
meeting each month at Rudy's. Safety  
protocols will be strictly followed  
and the number of allowed attendees  
will be limited with pre-registration  
required. Stay tuned for further information.

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**Ken Galloway** announced that this  
year's BEAR'ly Open golf on ice and  
online auction event is set to be their  
most successful event yet. Participation  
and sponsorship are projected to  
be the highest totals they've seen, and  
proceeds go to the local food shelf.

**Kevin Donovan** announced that all  
are welcome to join the Living Room  
Conversations meetings. This is a  
small group discussion format that  
covers a variety of topics.

**Ken Baltzer** announced that 501  
Meetings will continue on Zoom.

**Merchant Minute: Daron Close**

Daron and his wife Nicole own Acqua Restaurant and Mizu Japanese Restaurant, and additionally, they manage Cabin 61 and Admiral D's. Daron and Nicole are longtime White Bear Lake residents and have been actively involved in the community since opening Acqua in 2009. The COVID-19 pandemic has been tough on the restaurant industry; however, Daron and his staff have been making ongoing updates to their operations, and they are grateful for the community support they've seen over the past several months. We are grateful for their support of Rotary projects over the years.

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**Living Room Conversations (LRC)** is 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. Feb 17 @ 6:30 p.m. Increasing

Harmony and Prosperity

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

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

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**District 5960 announces  
Share the Love Foundation Challenge**

Share the Love - February 1 - 28, 2021.

Foundation Recognition Point matches:

For those who donate \$100-\$300: There will be a 2:1 Match of Recognition Points

For those who give \$365+ (equivalent of \$1/day): enough to make donor a Paul Harris Fellow

For those who give \$1,000+: There will be Special Recognition on District website

Plus your choice of several limited edition "Share the Love" clothing items

Invitation to a special "Significant Donor" event

You can Share a PHF with someone of your choosing

Clothing Items:

Available for purchase to any Share the Love donors

For PHS members, an additional \$500 gives you a Share the Love clothing item at no cost

**Program:** Kevin Donovan presents

**Alan Page, former State Supreme Court Justice**

Alan Page grew up in Canton, Ohio, and attended Notre Dame University before embarking on a Hall of Fame NFL career. Page completed law school in 1978 while still playing in the NFL and practiced in the private sector in the 1980’s. After his induction in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1988, Alan and his wife started the Page Education Foundation. Then in 1992, Page was appointed to the Minnesota Supreme Court, where he served until his retirement in 2015. In 2018, Page was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

During the presentation, Justice Page reflected on several topics in a question-and-answer style format.

1954 Brown vs. Board of Education: this US Supreme Court decision ruled that law establishing racial segregation in public schools was unconstitutional. While Alan was only 8 years old at the time, he realized that law could have a great impact and that education was a tremendous tool to make one’s life better. This decision also gave Alan hope – if segregation ended in school, perhaps it could be ended everywhere.

Alan initially enrolled in law school in the fall of 1968. He mentioned that law school is a new way of teaching, and he realized early on that he felt overwhelmed. He dropped out of law school shortly thereafter, only to find out that most students in law school felt the same way he did. He returned to law school in 1975.

Despite his Supreme Court and NFL Hall of Fame credentials, Alan Page sees himself as a common man. He is doing what he can to make the world better and believes that we all have that power.

Alan and his wife Diane started the nonprofit Page Education Foundation in 1988 to encourage students of color to pursue post-secondary education. The foundation offers scholarships to students, and in return, these scholars serve their communities as tutors or mentors to younger students. The foundation has provided roughly \$16 million in Page Grants to over 7,700 scholars.

Alan Page has 2 metro schools named after him: Justice Page Middle School in Minneapolis, and Justice Alan Page Elementary is under construction in Maplewood.

Justice Page commented on the death of George Floyd. His reaction is that it is an awful thing to have happened, an awful way to die, and for no reason. It didn’t have to happen, and it shouldn’t have happened. But since it did happen, will it bring about change? Alan isn’t sure if it will bring about change or not. He mentioned these changes take time, but he said his fear is that this will become yesterday’s news.

Alan Page is currently part of a movement to amend the language of Minnesota’s state constitution. The current language uses “adequate educational system”, and Page proposes a change that makes quality education a civil right.

*Writer of the week: Greg Young*

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**  
“When elephants fight, it is the grass that suffers.”  
- African Proverb  
Quoted by Alan Page at 2/3/21 WBL Rotary meeting

**APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBER(S)**  
The following person(s) have been approved for Family/Corporate membership in the WBL Rotary. If you have objections, please let us know.  
• Irina Fursman & Richard Fursman  
HueLife, LLC  
Sponsor: Jim Hunt

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**  
**February 17: Martin Pizinger,**  
**WBL Youth Exchange Where Are They Now?**  
**Chairperson: Greg Bartz**  
**Classification: Desmond Creary, Rotary Club of Kingston Jamaica**  
**Invocation: Bill Rust**  
**Writer: Jackie Reis**

**February 24: Lou Dirkes, Gabe Aldridge**  
**Halbrite LED products, Lighting Airports**  
**Chairperson: Jeff Otto**  
**Classification: Dustin Carlson**  
**Invocation: Bill Eaves**  
**Writer: Dick Galena**

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

**FUTURE PROGRAMS:**  
• Dr Hedy Walla, YMCA North  
• Rachel Berger, Dyslexic Youth and Their Families

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

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**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 7 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***