



*Celebrating 42 Years of Service  
To the Community  
Rotary Club of White Bear Lake*

*Meetings  
Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.  
via Zoom  
February 2, 9, 16, 23 Z*



**February 9, 2022**

**PROGRAM:** Nora Slawik, Kristine Baker,  
Beth Hein present  
Century College Advanced  
Technology Center

**CHAIR:** Nora Slawik

**CLASSIFICATION:** Nancy/Rod Oakes

**INVOCATION/INSPIRATION:** Rich Ramsay

**MERCHANT MINUTE:** Jim Rathburn  
Presents: Celeste, Argyle Moose

**WRITER:** Dick Galena

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**Wednesday Morning Meetings are via Zoom for  
meetings on February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022 . Hybrid  
meetings will resume on March 2.**

**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.  
To join the Zoom meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87159321038>  
**Meeting ID: 871 5932 1038**

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**WBL Rotary Club Celebrates 5:01– NOW  
CALLED 4:01– at Rudy’s. Join us for end-of-  
week social time with Rotarian friends.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The special program by Dr. Duchess Harris  
on Black Wall Street drew the attention of  
many guests. We welcomed Rotarian guests  
from Minnesota (outside of WBL Club) and  
Jamaica, as well as the Rotary DG Kenny  
Klooster. Zoom records show 155 people  
signed in, including 62 from the WBL  
Club. Thank you to **Kevin Donovan** for  
bringing this program to our attention.

Details of the BEAR’ly Open this week  
were presented by **Ken Galloway and  
Pam Bowers**.

**Steve Griffith** announced the new NE  
Metro satellite club info. The paperwork  
requesting approval for a Satellite club has  
been filed with Rotary International. For  
more info contact Steve:  
[sjgriff5388@gmail.com](mailto:sjgriff5388@gmail.com)

Solid Ground family has a teen who needs  
a ride to school. The young man is Josh,  
who needs ride to Central High in St. Paul.  
Connect with **Greg Bartz** for more details.

**Mike Lovett** confirmed the return to hybrid  
meetings on March 2.



**BEAR'ly Open XV**  
GOLF ON ICE | DANCE PARTY | ONLINE AUCTION

**Ken Galloway reports:**

Notwithstanding a cold and windy day on Saturday, the 2022 BEAR’ly Open was a great success. We had the largest turnout ever for the Community Dance on Friday night and a good time was had by all. There was a record number of golfers and hole sponsors signed up online and many more showed up and paid on Saturday too. The online auction was very successful as well, with 100 items donated and a lot of spirited bidding over the 4 days of the auction.

There are many people to Thank for their efforts to make the event a success and I’ll be getting to those in the coming days, as well as a more detailed report on the financial results. I can say that we have eclipsed our goal of \$2,000,000 in food purchased for the White Bear Area Food Shelf by a wide margin!

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of WBL for once again living our motto “Service Above Self”!

**Classification by Rich Ramsay, CPA; Ramsay Wealth Management**

Rich Ramsay has been a Rotarian for the past 37 years including a stint as the President in 1994-95. He has held many local and District roles and is currently the District treasurer.

Rich is from beautiful LaCrosse, Wisconsin and is a “Badger” (UW-Madison). He served in the US Army and Reserves during the time of the Vietnam War. His initial career was at 3M and RSM. He then founded Ramsay and Associates, CPA with the location in Mahtomedi, and has gone through much renovation. His son Brady joined him and later Rich split off to form Ramsay Wealth Management.

Rich’s family includes his wife, Mary, and 3 sons, their spouses and 6 grandchildren. They love to ski together and Rich owns a condo at Steamboat, Colorado. Every summer they enjoy a lobster boil at the family home. Rich and Mary enjoy biking and traveling. They live in a beautiful home which includes a koi fish pond and wonderful landscaping and flowers. Rich also enjoys kayaking on White Bear Lake.

Thanks Rich, for your many years of Rotary service! You are an inspiration to all of us.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...**

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February 7.....Ken Galloway  
February 10....Greg Bartz  
February 12....Bob Timmons  
February 14....Jan Holtz  
February 20....Steve Griffith  
February 22....Craig McNulty  
February 27....Jackie Reis  
February 28....Ken Baltzer  
February 28....Jim Muellner

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

The following person has requested an application for membership to the White Bear Lake Rotary Club. The application has been approved by Club Service and the Board. If there are no objections from members, she will be inducted at an upcoming meeting:

**ELLEN FAHEY**  
**Community Member/Volunteer**  
**Sponsor: Jackie Reis**

PROGRAM FROM MEETING OF 2/2/22:

Presentation by Duchess Harris, JD, PhD on Black Wall Street

Duchess Harris is an African-American academic, author, and legal scholar. She is a professor of American Studies at Macalester College in Saint Paul, Minnesota, specializing in Black feminism, Law of the United States, and African American political movements. She lives in Vadnais Heights, and her children attend the WBL and Mahtomedi schools. Dr. Harris has authored a series of books, Freedom’s Promise books for children ages 8 to 12. Her grandmother is Miriam Mann, one of NASA's earliest "hidden figures."

The presentation began with the compelling video of 107 year old Viola Fletcher, who lived through the **Tulsa Race** Massacre a century ago in 1921. Viola was among the survivors who testified before Congress on May 19, 2021.

Dr. Harris emphasized the need for teaching history and learning from it. The area of Greenwood in Tulsa was a flourishing black business district referred to as Black Wall Street. Greenwood prospered during the time that oil was discovered in Oklahoma. The event that triggered the massacre in Greenwood was an untrue newspaper article claiming a young black man had attacked a woman in an elevator. This lead to a mob of white people attacking and killing blacks and destroying their businesses. The Oklahoma National Guard participated.

The history of the Tulsa Race Massacre was covered up and not taught in Oklahoma schools until the legislature required its teaching in 2012. Harris’ book, ***Tulsa Race Riots***, tells the story of the massacre. The riots left 300 African American dead, though it was reported as only 30 at that time. The riots also caused the destruction of hundreds of black businesses and displacement of families in the Greenwood area of Tulsa, the prosperous area that had been called the Black Wall Street. The state of Oklahoma did not help with reconstruction. The loss of businesses in today’s dollars was over \$30 Million.

Speaking about reparations, Dr. Harris said it is not about writing a check. Instead, reparations are about learning from history, restorative justice and doing things like building memorials to help people remember what happened, so it isn’t repeated.

Dr. Harris’ book Tulsa Race Riots is available on Amazon, along with her many other books.

*Writer of the week: Carol Nelson*

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:  
“Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”  
- Archbishop Desmond Tutu

ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST:  
⇒ Is it the truth?  
⇒ Is it fair to all concerned?  
⇒ Will it build good will and better friendships?  
⇒ IS IT FUN???

UPCOMING MEETINGS:  
February 16:  
PROGRAM: Mike Lovett presents:  
Family Camp for North Korean Refugees  
CHAIR: Jim Hunt  
CLASSIFICATION: Chris Oji  
INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Bill Eaves  
WRITER: Jackie Reis

February 23:  
PROGRAM: Patty Hall presents:  
Nasaruni Academy for Maasai Girls Project  
CHAIR: Mike Lovett  
CLASSIFICATION: Carol Nelson  
INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Bob Gehrke  
WRITER: Jim Rathburn

March 2:  
PROGRAM: Jan Chamberlin, Dance  
CHAIR: Julie Honsa  
CLASSIFICATION: Osi Oji  
INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Steve LaLiberte  
WRITER: Bob Timmons

Upcoming Programs:  
-Carlos Gantchoff, St. Andrews Resource Center  
-Mike Miner & Kelley Skumautz, PAI  
-Sara Markoe-Hanson, WBLA Historical Society, Indian Burial Mound

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WBLROTARY TEAM MEETINGS—  
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  
2021-22 Officers/Directors  
*President..... Michael Lovett*  
*President-Elect ... Bob Timmons*  
*Past President .... Pat McClernon*  
*Treasurer ..... Ashley Filipovich*  
*Secretary ..... Kevin Donovan*  
*Exec. Secretary ... Marlyce Paulson*  
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*Greg Young*  
*Dick Galena*  
*Bob Timmons*  
*Jim Rathburn*  
*Jackie Reis*  
*Carol Nelson*  
*Invocations .... Rich Ramsay*  
*Bill Rust*  
*Bob Gehrke*  
*Steve LaLiberte*  
*Rita Pechmann*  
*Bill Eaves*  
*Art Hancock*  
*Carol Nelson*