



Celebrating 43 Years of Service

To the Community

Rotary Club of White Bear Lake

October 19, 2022

PROGRAM: Keith Henry HIV Research Project

CHAIR: Carol Nelson

CLASSIFICATION: John Wayne Barker

INVOCATION: Bob Gehrke

WRITER: Dick Galena

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: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87159321038</u> <u>Meeting ID: 871 5932 1038</u>

## <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> #IMAGINE ROTARY

The winter clothing drive this year will support children and families at Solid Ground. Clothing and/or gift cards should be given to **Jim Rathburn**.

**Bob Morse** and **Pam Bowers** are sponsoring a table at the annual Merrick luncheon on October 26. See Bob if interested in joining them for the event.

JINGLE BEAR ONLINE AUCTION is coming soon...Carol Nelson reminded members that the committee is seeking items for the auction by November 9, as well as sponsorships (\$150). Auction items can be given to Carol, Patty Hall or Pam Bowers.

Irina Fursman shared a video showing the delivery and use of 2,000 water filters in Ukraine as part of the \$25,000 international grant, and thanked **Patty Hall** for connecting the program with Mission 823, which seeks to deliver water filters around the world. Future grant requests will focus on first aid kits and/ or additional water filters.



## STRIVE RACES

Run for the Apples Saturday, October 22, 2022 5 mile, 1/3 mile kids fun run Held at Jacobson's Pine Tree Orchard in White Bear Lake. Course is on the trails through the orchard, strawberry fields and pumpkin patch. \$35-45 registration includes long sleeve event t-shirt.

Kowalski's STRIVE 10 Miler & 5K Sunday, November 5, 2022 10 miles around beautiful White Bear Lake or 5K \$25-\$35 registration includes long sleeve event t-shirt

Contact Derrek Skeie re. Sponsor opportunities—get your name/your company name on the race t-shirt for \$110.

# ACADEMIC ACHIEVER ADS

Sponsors are needed for the Academic Achieve ads for this school year. The cost to sponsor is \$110 and is billed to your Rotary account. Your name/company name will appear in the White Bear Press as a sponsor for a student who has been recognized by the school as an Academic Achiever. Derrek Skeie reported that there are just 6 slots remaining for sponsoring Academic Achievers We are delighted to announce our third annual "Jingle Bear" Online Auction. The fundraiser will be available online from November 16-19, 2022. All money — everything raised — will be driven back into local and global Rotary projects this year and into 2023.

## **Merchant Minute**

Eva Droz, Nothing But Hemp (4762 Banning, Downtown White Bear Lake). The company was founded five years ago and moved to downtown White Bear Lake in 2019 after a kiosk start-up in the Maplewood Mall. Today the company has two additional stores, in Forest Lake and on Grand Avenue in St. Paul. Their mission is to help people lead better lives naturally. The company seeks to help people who are dealing with depression, anxiety, and chronic pain, and who are looking for relief through natural remedies, with products that are safe, tested and that have potentially positive health effects. Thanks, Eva, for sharing your story with us!



## PROGRAM FROM MEETING OF 10/12/22:

Library Services & Equity for Ramsey County Inmates Meg Robertson, New Brighton library manager

Meg described a partnership between the Ramsey County Corrections Facility and the Ramsey County Library to bring books that meet the needs and interests to both men and women in the facility. This partnership is in line with Ramsey County's advancing racial equity policy. Rather than residents of the correctional facility having access only to "discards" in the facility's library, this program seeks to give them access to the entire collection of Ramsey County library. Residents can use a kiosk in their dorm that has software that allows them to make specific book requests. Because they don't actually have access to the catalogue, librarians act as the "human catalogue" and work to find the books and materials that respond to the requests. Requests range from very simple to very sophisticated. When delivering books, librarians can continue to seek out individual's interests and develop trust. As Meg said, having access to books they want to read, especially when they are new books, says to the residents "someone loves us."

Besides benefiting the men and women in the facility, the library itself is benefitting by learning from previously unheard voices what is meaningful to them and where there are gaps in the collection, including books for non-English readers.

The importance of books and developing a lifelong interest in reading are core to the program. Meg reminded us of how studies have shown reading is essential to mental health and recidivism declines with literacy. The residents of the Ramsey County Correctional Facility are disproportionately people of color; 31% of the county is made up of people of color while 66% of those admitted to the facility are men and women of color. 75% of the residents have a 4<sup>th</sup> grade reading level. Meg and other librarians working on this program hope that the experience residents have while at the facility will carry over to their life once they leave and that they will feel comfortable using local libraries.

If anyone is interested in donating to the program, books can be given to Ramsey County Library with a note designating them for the "Correctional Facility Program".

Week of the Week: Jackie Reis

# THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

Autumn leaves don't fall, they fly. They take their time and wander on this their only chance to soar. - Delia Owens

## **ROTARY FOUR WAY TEST** $\Rightarrow$ Is it the truth $\Rightarrow$ Is it fair to all concerned $\Rightarrow$ Will it build good will and better friendships

 $\Rightarrow$  Will it be beneficial to all concerned

**IS IT FUN?** 

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

October 26: Sif Jensen, Human Library Project CHAIR: Pam Bowers **CLASSIFICATION:** Gene Altstatt **INVOCATION:** Carol Nelson WRITER: Carol Nelson

November 2: **PROGRAM:** Rotary Foundation Impact CHAIR: Curt Akenson **CLASSIFICATION:** Greg Bartz INVOCATION: Bill Eaves

November 9: **PROGRAM:** The Reel Hope Project **CLASSIFICATION: Bryan Belisle** INVOCATION: Art Hancock

November 16: PROGRAM: Jessica Miehe, WB South Campus School based Health Care Clinic

November 23: **PROGRAM: Boy Scouts-WB Rotary Supported** 

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WBL ROTARY 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

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