



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

*Meetings
Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.
Hybrid Meetings at Rudy's
Redeye Grill and via Zoom*



JUNE 22, 2022

**PROGRAM: Club Recognitions and
Current and New Board Transition to
New Leadership**

CHAIR: Mike Lovett

**INVOCATION/INSPIRATION:
Carol Nelson**

**INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER:
Dr. Val Rae Boe**

CLASSIFICATION: Tara Jebens-Singh

WRITER: Carol Nelson

Hybrid meetings are held on Wednesday a.m.
at Rudy's and via zoom.

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

WBL Rotary Club Celebrates 4:01- at Rudy's.
Join us for end-of-week social time with
Rotarian friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

White Bear Lake Rotary Social Event. You
are invited to a **St. Paul Saints baseball
game at CHS Field** on Thursday, July
28th. First pitch at 7:07 p.m. Give your
\$20 to **Chuck Sandstrom**.

Rotary-logo apparel (caps, t-shirts, etc.)
can be ordered at the Rotary meeting on
June 22. **Contact Derrek Skeie**

Volunteers are needed at the **Rotary Booth
at Marketfest**, every Thursday evening.
Kevin Donovan is contact; **John Channon**
has posted a google signup.

Tim Wald reported that three host families
have been confirmed for our incoming ex-
change student from Japan.

A **\$25,000 Rotary disaster response grant**
for water filters to be sent to Ukraine was
announced by **Jim Hunt**.

President Mike read one of the responses
to his question about what our U.S. flag
means to you personally, a powerful story
from **Nancy Oakes** about the loss of her
brother in Vietnam.

CLASSIFICATION: Nora Slawik, Century College Foundation

Nora Slawik joined Rotary in August 2020 and is a member of the Vocational team; she also serves on the White Bear Lake Economic Development Corporation, and on the board of the Stillwater Area Community Foundation. She is currently executive director of the foundation and institutional advancement for Century College, where she is a member of the Executive Cabinet and the College Planning Committee. She is married to Mark, has a daughter, Tori, and a son, Sean, (and Mocha, the dog).

Nora grew up in Tucson, AZ, attended Arizona State University where she majored in recreation and nonprofits, and came to Minnesota to work for the United Way. She attended the Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs and worked as a project manager for the Metro Area Agency on Aging and as director of education for the Autism Society of Minnesota. She has had a long career in public service, elected to the state legislator at the age of 33 and serving six terms. She later served as the Mayor of Maplewood and in her second term was asked by Gov. Walz to become the head of the Metropolitan Council, a billion-dollar agency.

A highlight of this summer will be travelling with family members and others to Normandy, France, for the internment at the American Cemetery of her uncle, Lt William McGowan, whose plane was shot down on D-Day but whose remains were only recently identified.



**INTERESTING HISTORY ABOUT WBL OPEN WORLD PROGRAM
WITH RUSSIA (courtesy of Greg Bartz)**

WBL Rotary has hosted 14 Open World delegations starting in 2004. Since 2009 these delegations have been coming from Krasnoyarsk, Siberia and have included young professionals with occupational expertise working with children and adults with disabilities. They have been educators, therapists, social workers, and administrators working in the Russian public schools, orphanages, and other private social service organizations. The experiences that these delegates had while here in Minnesota as our guests have taken valuable information home with them and children and adults with disabilities from Siberia to Moscow have better lives because of their time spent with the WBL Rotary.

**PROGRAM FROM MEETING OF 6/15/22:
Russian Conversations: The Other Side**

As a member of Rotary for over 20 years, **Greg Bartz** has had the opportunity to develop deep relationships with a number of people from Russia. To Greg, the February 24th invasion by Russian troops in Ukraine was “wrong, surreal, and senseless” and Putin’s actions have affected 90% of the world. Greg pointed out that only 5% of Russians hold passports and thus have very limited experience outside Russia. Today, with no more independent news in Russia, it is even more difficult for them to know about what is happening outside what they hear in their country. Many of Greg’s relationships began in 2014 when he and Sandy were scheduled to travel to Russia for a wedding, during the time when the pro-Russian Ukrainian government fell, Russia invaded Crimea, and an airplane was shot down over Ukraine, leading to significant tensions and putting their trip in doubt. They did attend the wedding and expanded their friendships. Greg’s involvement in the Open World program has also led to many of the friendships. WBL Rotary has hosted dozens of Open World delegates from Russia over the past 20 years and Greg has maintained a relationship with many of them. Since February 24th, Greg has continued to correspond with his many friends in Russia, being cautious in those conversations but wanting them to know he supports and cares about them. He shared with us comments from a number of these individuals. Some of the comments included:
“We are inundated with propaganda” and don’t know what is going on.”
“The president is a criminal, and we are very sorry.”
“We are depressed, scared, very ashamed. The future is unpredictable.”
“We are exhausted and debilitated. We live in a police state, and we can’t protest. We feel helpless to do something.”
“Unknown future for our kids.”
“There are police at every corner, making sure there are no protests.”
“Putin’s TV messages are filled with hatred toward the U.S. and Europe. This is a fight against the Nazis.”

This is a very difficult time and Greg closed with the thought, may peace prevail.

Writer of the week: Jackie Reis

Thought of the Week:

*“You do the Hokey Pokey and you turn yourself around. That’s what it’s all about.”
- Nursery Rhyme*

ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST:

- ⇒ Is it the truth?
- ⇒ Is it fair to all concerned?
- ⇒ Will it build good will and better friendships?
- ⇒ Will it be beneficial to all concerned?
- ⇒ IS IT FUN???

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

June 29:
PROGRAM: Mindy Greiling, Mental Health
CHAIR: Tara Jebens Singh
INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Bill Eaves
CLASSIFICATION: Conrad Solberg
WRITER: Darrell Stone

July 6:
PROGRAM: Civilian Conservation Corps, Barbara Sommer
CHAIR: Jackie Reis
INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Steve LaLiberte
CLASSIFICATION: Brady Ramsay
WRITER: Mark Sather

July 13:
PROGRAM: Rotary Nature Preserve, Connie Taillon
CHAIR: Ken Baltzer
INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Rita Pechmann
CLASSIFICATION: Rod Oakes
WRITER: Jim Rathburn

UPCOMING PROGRAM:
Pat McFarlane presents Chris Kost,
Update on YMCA

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OR GO TO: ITUNES AND TYPE IN
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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
2021-22 Officers/Directors
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