



*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)*



April 14, 2021

Program: Nevine Yassa,
Rising Out Of The Ashes

Chairperson: Ann Frisch

Classification: Dick Galena

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 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

WBL Rotary Club Celebrates 5:01:
Join with fellow Rotarians on Friday afternoons at
4:31 p.m. outside on the porch of
Boat Works Commons This is a great end of the
week opportunity for relaxation, conversation,
laughs and fellowship. BYOB and join other club
members welcoming the weekend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
CELEBRATE EARTH DAY ...
APRIL 22

Join your fellow Rotarians in picking up
trash on Highway 61 and White Bear
Avenue. Meet in the Kowalski's parking lot
at 9 a.m. Bring your family, friends...many
hands make quick work! **Pam Bowers** is the
contact.

REMINDER: Next week's meeting on
APRIL 21 will be a hybrid meeting—at
Rudy's and via zoom. Sign up for the in-
person meeting!

Georgie Hilker was inducted as a new
member of the club! She is a retiree who
has worked with Rotary clubs over the years
and now wants to give back to her local
community through WBL Rotary! She was
introduced to the club and is a neighbor of
Dr. Mike Lovett.

John Channon reported that **Jan Holtz** has
completed the mentorship program and has
received her new member passport.

Jackie Reis reminded us that the Book Club
will meet on April 19 and they are reading
"The Sum of Us" by Heather McGhee.

Bob Timmons reported **Taste of White**
Bear Lake planning continues going well. A
Q&A form will be sent to all.

CLASSIFICATION TIME:

Joe Benson, a 30 year member of our Rotary Club, gave an outstanding
presentation. He is a graduate of Colby College in Maine where he met his
wife, Taffy. Joe and Taffy have been married for 47 wonderful years and
have 2 children and grandchildren. In 1973 Joe became involved in real es-
tate. He is presently a broker/realtor with eXp Realty in White Bear Lake.
Over the years, he has invested in several development projects including
self-storage units and the 7 Pine Lodge in Lewis, Wisconsin. Joe is a whiz
on the real estate numbers and presented excellent graphs showing the cur-
rent housing inventory, the current forbearance rates and the fact that the
average home helps the homeowners increase their wealth by \$24,000 eve-
ry year. Joe, thank you for all you do for our community and the real estate
business.

Attention All Club Members! Mentors Needed

The Membership Team will again be facilitating a training session for
club members who wish to participate as mentors in our club's new
member mentoring program. All members who have been active in
the club for at least one year are eligible to serve as mentors.

The training will be 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28 via
Zoom. Mentors who have previously been through training are also
welcome to attend to share their experience.

Please contact Steve Griffith at sigriff5388@gmail.com to register to
attend.

Living Room Conversations (LRC) :

A conversational model developed by dialogue experts to facilitate connec-
tion 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

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

Program: Borgen Project

Grace McDonough, a graduate of Stillwater High School and a current student at Macalester College, gave an excellent presentation concerning the Borgen Project. The Borgen Project is an initiative which believes that leaders of the United States should be doing more to address global poverty. Their initiative is to make poverty a focus of US Foreign Policy. The initiative was started by Clint Borgen in 1999 while working as a young volunteer in the refugee camps during the Kosovo War. Clint recognized the need for an organization that could focus US political attention on extreme poverty. The Borgen Project is currently advocating for Congress to adopt the Global Health Security Act. Grace McDonough is an ambassador with the Borgen Project and encourages others to email, write letters and call members of Congress to adopt the Global Health Security Act. To learn more, you may contact Grace at grace.mcdonough.02@gmail.com. Grace, good luck in school and thank you for his excellent program and all you do.

Writer of the week: Dick Galena

DID YOU KNOW?

Rotary International is an organization of business and professional persons united to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Founder: Paul P. Harris
Founded: February 23, 1905, Chicago
Headquarters: Evanston, Illinois
Motto: Service Above Self

Rotary has 1.2 million individuals in 35,000+ clubs worldwide. Of these, you have the opportunity to rub elbows, share the journey and lead change in our own backyards...with 100 of these committed individuals...right here in White Bear Lake Rotary!!!

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

“Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice.”
-Nelson Mandela

MEETING GUESTS ON 4-7-21:

It was great to see Jeanne Hartle on the zoom meeting today. Also, Effiom and Desmond from our Twin Club in Kingston Jamaica zoomed with us again this week.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...
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April 4.....Jason Sherrett
April 6.....Jim Hunt
April 9.....Greg Young
April 12....Had Solberg
April 17....Rob Weber
April 19....Mike Brass
April 21....Bob Morse
April 21....Leo Schuch
April 22....Mike Miner
April 25....Connie Bossard

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 21: Joseph Maalouf, Impact of Recent Explosion in Lebanon on the Rotary Club (hybrid meeting)
Chairperson: Ann Frisch
Classification: Ken Galloway
Invocation: Bill Rust
Writer: Jim Rathburn

April 28: Jim Stewart, A Historical Tonic for Fragile White People
Chairperson: Kevin Donovan
Classification: Tim Geck
Invocation: Art Hancock
Writer: Mark Sather

May 5: David Schultz, Pros and Cons of the Proposed Constitutional Amendment Change for Education
Chairperson: Kevin Donovan
Classification: Patty Hall
Invocation: Rita Pechmann
Writer: Darrell Stone

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

May 12: Irina Fursman, Leadership in Loosely Coupled Systems
May 19: Mike Lovett, Club Engagement and Planning
May 26: Anne Labovitz, Artist Practice: Community and Beyond

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**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—
CURENTLY 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.

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