



*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)*



**September 2, 2020**

**Program: Rick Ostrom**  
**Today's Private Detective**

**Chairperson: Steve Griffith**

**Classification: Janelle Erickson**

**Invocation: Steve Griffith**

**Writer: Darrell Stone**

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**Wednesday Morning Meeting Info:**  
D5960 is inviting you to a scheduled  
Zoom 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/open?  
id=1lpN\\_Oh77b2fViH8x\\_hfT1t1JoHt-e0c7](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1lpN_Oh77b2fViH8x_hfT1t1JoHt-e0c7)

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**501 will be held at Lion's Park at 4:30 p.m. on  
Fridays for the time being...weather permitting.  
Bring a chair, a beverage and a mask.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Week twenty-three of White Bear Lake  
Rotary meeting in virtual format due to the  
COVID-19 virus pandemic*

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:**

**Chuck Sandstrom** conducted the induc-  
tion of the three newest members of our  
club. Please welcome **Kate Andersen**  
(Mahtomedi Schools Community Educa-  
tion Director), **Carol Nelson** (Physician)  
and **Nora Slawik** (Executive Director,  
Century College Foundation). We look  
forward to your involvement in club activ-  
ities and hearing your introductory classi-  
fication talks. Welcome aboard!

**John Channon** referred to a member  
survey recently sent to all members to  
determine the level of interest in develop-  
ing a hybrid meeting format whereby  
members could choose to meet in person or  
continuing to meet in a virtual format.  
Once the survey responses are compiled to  
results will be reported to the Board and if  
there is sufficient interest a planning team  
will develop a detailed proposal.

Did you see the premiere showing of the  
new White Bear Lake promotional  
video...stay tuned for more!

# Taste of White Bear Lake

**Mike Lovett and Patty Hall** provided an update on the 2020 **Taste of White Bear Lake**. Mike reminded members to be sure to use their Passport Booklets over the next two weeks and to remind those that they sold Passports to that they need to use them by La-  
bor Day weekend. He also urged everyone to get their money from  
sale to **Ken Baltzer** or **Pat McFarlane**. Patty explained that the  
second part of **Taste**, an on-line silent auction, is about to be  
launched. The auction will be held December 2 - 6 and the plan-  
ning team is seeking additional members to assist with planning,  
marketing and auction item donations. She also gave examples of  
items club members may wish to donate including boat rides,  
theme baskets, vacation stays, cooking and many more. Many  
hands make for light work so lets all get involved and make **Taste**  
a great success!

**CLASSIFICATION: Derrek Skeie, Commercial Mechanical Contractor**  
Derrek joined the club almost three years ago. He and his wife, Sara,  
have three children, two in high school and one in college. He explained  
the COVID-19 pandemic has had a large impact on their entire family.  
Since the outbreak the family has been confined to their home with the  
three students practicing distance learning and its been a challenge. On a  
brighter side they have rediscover state parks and trails and spending safe  
time exercising outdoors. Derrek's business has been impacted by COVID  
-19 also. He runs most of his business from a home office and while the  
mechanical work for restaurant and retail buildings has continued he has  
had to reduce his normal staff level of 10-12 to only two. He looks for-  
ward to business, and life, returning to normal. Thanks for the up-date  
Derrek.

**Website:** <https://www.whitebearrotary.org/>

**Our facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/WBLRotary/>

**Our Twitter feed:** @Rotarywhitebear, <https://twitter.com/Rotarywhitebear>

**Our Instagram:** wblrotary

**Program**

**Pam Bowers** introduced the speaker for the meeting, Trisha Kauffman who has served as Executive Director of Common Ground (formerly East Metro Women’s Council) since 1997. The mission of Common Ground is to prevent and end homelessness for families with children through housing, services and opportunity. The agency serves approximately 500 women, men and children each year in Ramsey and Washington counties. It has operated two main apartment buildings in White Bear Lake for 30 years. They are located immediately South of Century College near the WBL water tower. Trisha explained that homelessness has been on the rise over the past 35 years. The Wilder Foundation conducts comprehensive studies every three years. In 1991 an estimated 3,079 homeless were found in MN; in 2016 the number had grown to 10,223.

Common causes of homeless include the lack of affordable (the difference between rent and ability to pay) housing, domestic violence, chronic health conditions, adverse childhood experience and systemic inequity. Common Ground operates six housing and service program including the two East Metro Place apartment buildings in WBL where services are provided on site and residents stay for one to ten years, Home Front (Maplewood) 10 units for homeless veterans and three scattered site units. Services provided to residents include goal planning, budget and tenant training, dialectical behavior therapy, skill training, parenting classes and child tutoring through 60 volunteers. 80 percent of the families referred to Common Ground Last year secured housing and 12 percent were in search of housing opportunities. Overall, 100 percent of their referrals result in housing of some kind. 89 percent of the children attend school regularly.

Thanks for the interesting program Pam and Trisha.

Your reporter further sayeth naught.

*Writer of the week: Mark Sather*

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

“Loyalty to the Nation at all time,  
loyalty to the Government when it  
deserves it.”

- Abraham Lincoln

**The Rotary Club of  
White Bear Lake—  
building friendships and improving  
lives through hands-on projects  
in the White Bear area  
and around the globe**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

September 9: Sara Hanson, White Bear  
Historical Society

Chairperson: Paul Keleher

Classification: Recognition of Perfect  
Attendance for 2019-20

Invocation: Steve LaLiberte

Writer: Dick Galena

September 16: TBA

Chairperson: TBA

Classification: Bob Gehrke

Invocation: Bob Gehrke

Writer: Greg Young

September 23: Amanda LaGrange, CEO of Tech  
Dump & Tech Discounts, “Seeing the Value”

September 30: John Hinderaker, Minnesota  
“Should I Stay or Go”

**FUTURE PROGRAMS**

Please note that program information may change  
with the new virtual meeting format...stay tuned!

**MAIL OR PHONE CLUB NEWS TO THE  
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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—  
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 of month, 8 a.m.  
**FUNDRAISER TEAM:** Meets immediately following Wednesday meeting  
(seasonal)  
**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE TEAM:** Meets 2nd Thursday of month, 7 a.m.  
**MEMBERSHIP TEAM:** Meets 1st 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 McClermon*

*President-Elect . . . Michael Lovett*

*Past President . . . John Channon*

*Treasurer . . . . . Bob Timmons*

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*Community Service. Pam Bowers*

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*.Derrek Skeie*

*Club Service . . . . . Chuck Sandstrom*

*.Pam Tschida*

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*Greg Young*

*Dick Galena*

*Bob Timmons*

*Jim Rathburn*

*Jackie Reis*

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*Bill Rust*

*Bob Gehrke*

*Steve LaLiberte*

*Rita Pechmann*

*Bill Eaves*

*Steven Griffith*

*Art Hancock*