



*Celebrating 40 Years of Service
To the Community
Rotary Club of White Bear Lake*

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



August 25, 2021

PROGRAM: Taste of White Bear Lake,
Bob Timmons

CHAIRPERSON: Mike Lovett

INVOCATION/INSPIRATION:
Steve LaLiberte

MERCHANT MINUTE: JIM RATHBURN

CLASSIFICATION: Jim Hunt

WRITER: Greg Young

Wednesday Morning Meetings are Hybrid—in
person at Rudy's Redeye Grill or via Zoom.

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.

To join the 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/
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usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11pN_Oh77b2fViH8x_hfT1t1JoHt-e0c7?usp=sharing)

WBL Rotary Club Celebrates 5:01- NOW
CALLED 4:01- back at Rudy's

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**REMINDER: White Bear Lake
Rotary Annual Pontoon Party—
tomorrow—August 26th.**

**TASTE OF WHITE BEAR LAKE,
SEPTEMBER 11 AT PINE TREE
APPLE ORCHARD**

Bob Timmons reported that there will be
a variety of fun jobs for the Taste event
and online and clip-board sign-ups will
appear soon. This is our premier event
and needs as many of us as possible to be
a success!

The Cork Pull is on! **Rob Weber** an-
nounced the goal of 100 bottles of wine
being available for the Cork Pull at Taste
of White Bear Lake. There are three ways
Rotarians can participate: (1) purchase a
bottle (or more) at Liquor Barrell and
have them set it aside for Rotary; (2) call
Eric at Liquor Barrell (651-770-0692) and
let him know you want to purchase one
(or more); or, give \$20 cash (or more) to
Rob or Eric and they will do the purchas-
ing. This is a fun fundraising event as part
of the Taste..

Classification – John Jacobson, Pine Tree Apple Orchard

John owns Pine Tree Apple Orchard together with his brother and four sisters.
The WBL Orchard has been there since 1904; his parents moved to the or-
chard in 1950 and purchased it in 1958. In 1963 they purchased a farm in
Preston, a southern Minnesota community. The growing area is about the
same size as the WBL orchard, but the sales room is smaller as it draws from
a smaller population.

Currently, 15 acres of the high-value apples grown in Preston are covered with
hail netting. They are working with researchers at the University of Minnesota
to determine the economic viability of hail netting, by comparing those covered
with those uncovered following any weather event. A hailstorm in Preston
showed that the netting was 100% effective in protecting the apples while the
uncovered apples were significantly damaged by the storm. The machine used
for the process comes from Australia and costs \$18,000; the netting is from
China and costs \$400/roll. The expectation is that the netting will last for 20
years.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Paul Harris Fellows awards are presented to those who make gifts to the Ro-
tary Foundation totaling at least \$1000/year. These awards are in honor of
Paul Harris, a Chicago attorney who founded the club that became Rotary
International in 1905. Curt Akenson, our Foundation Chair, recognized the
following Paul Harris Fellows for 2021: Steve Griffith, first year; Connie
Bossard and Conrad Solberg (third year); Rich Ramsay and Pam Tschida
(fifth year); Pam Bowers (sixth year). Curt recommended club members
that contributions to the Foundation come back to our club through the Dis-
trict grants program. Any committee considering applying for a 2022 grant
should let Curt know.

LEADERSHIP TOMORROW

WBL Rotary is a partner and sponsor of Leadership Tomorrow, a program
of the Greater White Bear Lake Community Foundation. **Craig Drake** an-
nounced that Cohort 4 of Leadership Tomorrow will begin in January 2022,
and the application period runs from now through September 17. Craig en-
courages everyone to think of someone who should be "tapped on the
shoulder" and encouraged to apply for this great program.

ANN FRISCH has been involved in nuclear weapons disarmament for the past three years
and has chaired the Nuclear Weapons Subcommittee of the International Rotary Action
Group for Peace. The subcommittee has decided to form a "cause-based club" and as a re-
sult, Ann will be leaving White Bear Rotary Club to focus her efforts on this new Rotary club.
We wish you well, Ann, as you follow your passion with this new club!

**PROGRAM: Avenues of Service (Part 2),
Community and Equity & Inclusion Teams
Community Service – Darrell Stone**

On July 1, Darrell and John Channon succeeded Pam Bowers and Rita Pechmann as leaders of the Community Service Team. The mission of Community Service is to develop and conduct community service programs and activities within the WBL and Mahtomedi school district boundaries, concentrating on community development, human development, environmental protection and partners in service. Funding for these activities comes primarily from the Taste of WBL, Bearly Open, and the Beach Dance. Contributions from Rotary provide support for the Leadership Tomorrow program; the Senior Picnic; Dinner with Santa; the Bearly Open and, in smaller amounts, 916 Educational Foundation, Hugo Food Shelf, Mahtomedi Food Shelf, Merrick, PAI, Rotary Park, Salvation Army, Boy Scout Troop 494, the YMCA, Childrens’ Performing Arts, Decoding Dyslexia, and the American flags that Rotary volunteers put out in downtown WBL on various holidays. Projects last year included handing out meals at the YMCA and through More than Meals. Future projects include installing in WBL and Mahtomedi three peace poles with the words “May peace prevails on earth” in 8 languages, as well as Rotary benches on the Lake Links Trail, and continued rehabbing Rotary Park.

Equity & Inclusion – Jackie Reis & Kevin Donovan

Rotary International has recently strengthened its statement of commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (<https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/diversity-equity-and-inclusion>) and in October will be releasing its DEI task force report and action plan to the board of directors. In White Bear Lake, the E & I committee was begun in June 2020 following the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis. The E & I team believes this work is important because it allows us to more fully live the four way test. Over the past year, the E & I has focused on educational opportunities (book clubs, living room conversations, speakers, a field trip, and several community projects such as the PC for People computer collection and the Night to Unite at Solid Ground, as well as a partnership with the Many Faces collaboration.

Looking forward, the E & I Team plans to continue to develop cultural connections and relationships, particularly with Solid Ground and Willow Lane Elementary School; to develop a pilot project with WBL and Mahtomedi Schools and their media center directors to increase the number of books that present diverse characters and themes so that all children see themselves and others represented. They plan to continue to host book clubs, including sponsorship of an author discussion with Kao Kalia Lang on September 30 as part of Many Faces; living room conversations, and the partnership with Many Faces. A new initiative will be to host “conversations in the park”, opportunities to have follow-up conversations with various Rotary speakers. The E & I team welcomes any Rotarian to join us at our meetings on the first Friday of the month at 8:30 AM.

Writer of the week: Jackie Reis

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

“A life making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing”

- George Bernard Shaw

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

September 1: Jean Abbott, Misdiagnosed: My 30 Year Struggle
Chairperson: Pam Tschida
Classification: Jeanne Hartle
Invocation/Inspiration: Carol Nelson
Writer: Carol Nelson

September 8: Avenues of Service (Part 3) Vocational Team (Derrek Skeie)
Chairperson: Mike Lovett
Merchant Minute: Leo Schuch
Classification: Steve LaLiberte
Invocation/Inspiration: Rich Ramsay
Writer: Dick Galena

September 15: Carol Nelson, Rural Health Care Initiatives, West Africa Sierra Leone
Chairperson: Chuck Sandstrom
Classification: Laura Lewis
Invocation/Inspiration: Bill Rust
Writer: Mark Sather

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**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, 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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