

### ISRAELI GROUP CULTURAL EXCHANGE (GCE)

The Israeli Group Cultural Exchange (GCE) will be arriving on Tuesday, April 10 and will stay at the WB Country Inn. They will be staying in WBL Rotarian homes on Wednesday, April 11 til Saturday, April 14. They will introduce themselves to WBL Rotary on April 11.

We do not need any more host families but drivers are needed to transport them to meet with vocational hosts.

We are also in need of **vocational hosts** in the following fields:

1. Emergency management (ambulance, fire, police)
2. Real estate entrepreneur
3. Water recycling
4. Physician clinic or hospital
5. Utilities or electrical engineering
6. Medical devices
7. National guard
8. Woodworking
9. Soil physics

If you (or you know of someone) can accommodate 1 or 2 guests in any of these fields for a half day, please contact Pam Bowers. The dates for the vocational visits will be Wednesday, April 11, after Rotary, and Thursday, April 12 in the afternoon.

Should you have questions regarding any of the above, please contact Pam Bowers at 870-243-4725, [pammieglenn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pammieglenn@sbcglobal.net).

Thank you in advance!

### STAMP OUT HUNGER EVENT MAY 12, 2018

The postal trucks deliver to a semi truck in the Cub parking lot, volunteers unload them from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. with the most activity happening around 2 p.m.

This needs at least 6 volunteers to cover.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.-1 person needed

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.- 2-3 people needed

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.- 2-3 people

5 p.m. to 6 p.m.-1 person

**Contact Rita Pechmann to volunteer.**

### NEXT STRIVE RACE

April 7, 2018

Spirit of WBL/Century College

50 Years

5K and 5 Mile

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Merrick annual Bowl-A-Thon

Sunday, April 15th

Flaherty's Bowl in Arden Hills

9 a.m.—11 a.m.

Rita Pechmann is organizing a Rotary team

**Thought for the week:** "A ship is safe in port, but that's not where it's meant to be."

- Author Unknown

### EDITORIAL OF 4-04-18 BY MARK SATHER \

It seems impossible to ignore the nation-wide controversy over gun violence and given Rotary's concern for peace this reporter (with deference to B. Moench M.D.) has something to say. With the utmost respect for everyone's constitutional rights and not wanting to offend 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment defenders nor enter the realm of partisanship, yet feeling compelled to spotlight the need to do something to address gun violence in an environment where doing nothing is the norm, the following proposition is presented to the club.

Building on the success of local "Cash for Guns" programs across the country this writer suggests WBL Rotary establish its own weapon buy-back program thusly: For every Saturday night special dropped off in a box at Rudy's we will give the donor a 10-year pass to The Taste of WBL, no questions asked. For every AK-47 dropped off the donor will receive free drinks and a reserved seat for 6 months at 5:01 meetings; no questions asked. For every rocket propelled grenade launcher, a multiple Paul Harris Fellowship and for each M1A1 tank dropped off at Rudy's parking lot, a lifetime pass to the Manitou Days Beach Dance and 100 shares of Facebook; again, no questions asked. And for every interplanetary death star turned in we will give the donor a free "Make America Great Again" T-shirt, a Tesla Model S and lifetime NRA membership.....no questions asked. I'm certain we will still have a well regulated militia and that we can get Smith and Wesson to pay for this.

Seriously folks, the path we are on is contrary to the very ideals we profess and these times cry out for leaders who will seek and take reasonable actions developed through thoughtful compromise. We must support leaders (political and otherwise) who place effective and meaningful solutions to gun violence as a higher priority than their own re-election or self-interest.

(The preceding does not necessarily reflect the views of WBL Rotary, its Board or its members; not yet anyway)

Your reporter further sayeth naught.

*Writer: Mark Sather*

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 11: Scott Randall, Solar and Renewable Energy  
Chairperson: Randy Johnson  
Classification: Israeli Guests from GCE Team  
Greeters: John Wayne Barker & Bob Morse  
Invocation: Steve LaLiberte  
Writer: Greg Young

April 18: David Morrow, Toxic Charity  
Chairperson: Jeff Otto  
Classification: Jill Greenhalgh  
Greeters: Greg Bartz & Scott Mueller  
Invocation: Rich Ramsay  
Writer: Rita Pechmann

April 25: Jackie Ries, Leadership Tomorrow  
Chairperson: Kevin Donovan  
Classification: Patty Hall  
Greeters: Brian Belisle & Jim Muellner  
Invocation: Randy Johnson  
Writer: Cathy Wyland

## FUTURE MEETINGS:

May 2: Ellen Richter presents: Tara Jebens-Singh, Lake Area Senior Services  
May 9: Greg Bartz presents: Chris McArdle, Bell Ringing Results

At least three weeks in advance of your scheduled date, please contact Jeff Otto:  
Jeff.otto@opmpallet.com

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE:** Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, Eat @ Banning & 5th, 7 a.m.

**BOARD MEETINGS:** Meets 4th Tuesday of each month, WBL City Hall, 7 a.m.

**PUBLIC IMAGE COMMITTEE:** Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month after Rotary meeting

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Meets last Wednesday of each month, 12 noon, Location TBD

**VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE:** Meets 1st Thursday of each month, Keys Restaurant, 7 a.m.

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE:** Meets 2nd Thursday of each month, Eat @ Banning & 5th, 7 a.m.

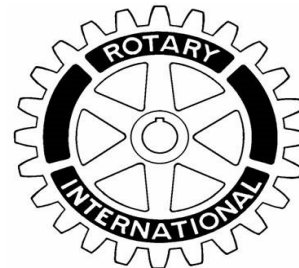
**FUNDRAISER COMMITTEE:** Meets immediately following Wednesday meeting (seasonal)

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*Rotary Club of White Bear Lake*  
*Chartered in December 1979*

Meetings  
Wednesday at 7:00 A.M.  
Rudy's Redeye Grill



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Rita Pechmann** announced there are still a few remaining opportunities to participate in the fundraising bowling tournament in Arden Hills on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds go to Merrick. See Rita for details. Figuring that you will be working on your taxes on the 15<sup>th</sup> but you still want to have some fun for a good cause? Join the local Rotaract club for a beer tasting fundraiser on April 21 at Summit Brewery for the Books For Africa program. Rita also has details on this event or check the District's website.

**Bob Timmons** is continuing to offer social network tutoring sessions at the White Bear Lake library. Check with Bob or listen up during announcements for the next date. Great job. Bob.

**President-elect Connie** announced that plans are already underway for this year's **Taste of White Bear Lake**. She has a list of local restaurants and is asking for help in recruiting renewed participation. If you know a restaurant owner or are a regular patron, check with Connie and maybe make a contact for her.

**Rob Weber** and the **STRIVE** crew are kicking off to 2018 running season with a **5K on Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** at Boat Works Commons. They need a little more help. Please contact Rob.

**PLEASE NOTE THE EDITORIAL INSERT**

## April 4, 2018

**Greeters: Ken Baltzer & Mark Miller**

**Classification: Rebekah Hagstrom**

**Invocation: Bob Gehrke**

**Writer: Darrell Stone**

**Program: Rich Ramsay presents:**  
**Clare D. Lillis, Human Trafficking**

**Song: Ken Baltzer**

## TWINS SONG

We're gonna win Twins

We're gonna score

We gonna win Twins

Watch that baseball soar.

Knock out a homerun

Shout hip hip hooray.

Cheer for the Minnesota Twins today!

