

CLASSIFICATION: RITA PECHMANN, BANKING

Rita was born and raised in Rochester, MN and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. She married her college sweetheart Joe, and they have been married for 34 years. Rita and Joe have three grown children, and as empty nesters, they enjoyed a trip to Europe earlier this year. Rita has been in banking for her entire career, and has worked with Lake Area Bank for the past 10 years. Rita joined Rotary in 2010, and has served various roles in her time with the club.

**ROTARY CLUB OF
WHITE BEAR LAKE
2019-2020 Club Officers
Elected December 19, 2018**

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Happy Birthday to you...
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January 1.....Jim Rathburn
January 3.....John Balfanz
January 4.....Brady Ramsay
January 6.....Daniel Ward
January 8.....Bill Foussard
January 18.....Dick Galena
January 27....John Kenyon

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER

The following person has been approved for Rotary International and White Bear Lake Rotary membership. If there are no objections from club members within 10 days, they will be inducted at an upcoming meeting.

Amy L. Dauplaise
PAI
Classification: Non-Profit Org.
Sponsor: Bill Eaves

Thought of the week:

“Nothing can dim the light
that shines from within.”
- Maya Angelou

PROGRAM: Tom Snell presents:

Frank Douma, Planning for an Autonomous Vehicle Demonstration

Frank Douma is part of the state and local policy program at the University of Minnesota’s Humphrey School of Public Affairs. Frank earned his undergraduate degree from Grinnell College, and both his master’s degree and law degree from the University of Minnesota. One project that Frank has become involved in is the study and planning for autonomous vehicles.

Developers and communities have begun researching autonomous vehicles for a variety of reasons. First, there are a high number of traffic deaths caused by human error each year, and some believe that autonomous vehicles are a safer option. Next, autonomous vehicles might increase mobility of those who are not able to drive, or of those living in rural areas without easy access to public transportation. Lastly, autonomous vehicles tend to be electric, which is a more fuel efficient mode of transportation.

There are varying degrees of autonomous vehicles – everything from adding cruise control to a car, to an automated vehicle in which a human still has to control for safety concerns, to fully automated vehicles in which there is no human control. Over the past few years, there have been several different designs, technologies, and developers interested in autonomous vehicles.

MnDOT has been researching autonomous vehicles in 2018, and they recently released a report on their findings. Further, the Humphrey School of Public Affairs has been researching the idea to determine where this type of transportation might be most beneficial, and their task force has identified White Bear Lake as a potential community for their feasibility project

Writer: *Greg Toung*

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projects in the White Bear area and around the globe**

UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 16:

Program: District Membership
Chairperson: Greg Bartz
Classification: Brady Ramsay
Greeters: Chris Harms & John Balfanz
Invocation: Steve LaLiberte
Writer: Mark Sather

January 23:

Program: Connie Hayes, School District 916
Chairperson: Rob Weber
Classification: Jim Rathburn
Greeters: Bob Hartzell & Ken Baltzer
Invocation: Bob Gehrke
Writer: Dick Galena

January 30:

Program: Blake Huffman
Chairperson: Brenda Skeate
Classification: Marty Rathmanner
**Greeters: Cathy Haukedahl &
John Wayne Barker**
Invocation: Rita Pechmann
Writer: Darrell Stone

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**February 6: Bob Timmons presents:
Mitchell LeGrand, STRIVE Success**

**At least three weeks in advance of your
scheduled date, please contact Jeff Otto:
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WBL ROTARY TEAM MEETINGS

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

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE TEAM: Meets last Wednesday of each month, noon, location TBD

FUNDRAISER TEAM: Meets immediately following Wednesday meeting (seasonal)

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

PUBLIC IMAGE TEAM: Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. location TBD

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

YOUTH EXCHANGE TEAM: Meets 2nd Thursday, 4:30 p.m., Washington Square Grill

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 - Ken Baltzer
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 - Jim Hunt
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Bulletin Writers . . . Mark Sather
 - Darrell Stone
 - Greg Young
 - Rita Pechmann
 - Dick Galena
 - Bob Timmons
 - Cathy Wyland
 - Jackie Ries
Invocations Rich Ramsay
 - Bill Rust
 - Bob Gehrke
 - Steve LaLiberte
 - Rita Pechmann
 - Bill Eaves



Rotary Club of White Bear Lake
Chartered in December 1979

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ken Galloway announced that the 2019 Bear'ly Open is scheduled for Saturday, February 2, 2019, and the dance is scheduled for Friday, February 1, 2019. Ken will be asking for volunteers in January.

North Star Youth Outreach Center is seeking a washer and dryer to serve their teens at their new Maplewood Mall location.

Bill Foussard announced that the recent Dinner with Santa event was a success and thanked all the volunteers who helped with the event.

Greg Bartz was recognized by Rotary Foundation chair **Curt Akenson** for his legacy contribution to the RI Foundation.

Marlyce Paulson presented the Rotary inspiration medal to **Eric Hendrickson**.

January 9, 2019

Greeters: Patty Hall & Gene Altstatt

Classification: Dan Potter

Invocation: Bill Rust

Writer: Cathy Wyland

**Program: John Channon presents:
Craig Polsfuss, Brain Threshold**

Song: Ken Baltzer

AULD LANG SYNE

Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And days of Auld Lang Syne?

For Auld Lang Syne my dear
For Auld Lang Syne
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
For Auld Lang Syne.

