

Christopher Harms presented his Classification Talk by describing his vocation and avocations to members. Christopher grew up in Stillwater and graduated from Stillwater high school and then attended and graduated from Northwestern College. From there he moved on to the University of Alabama and earned his Master of Social Work degree and St. Thomas for his MBA. He currently works half-time for Hennepin County as a mental health therapist and participates in long-term planning for mental health services. He also plays multiple musical instruments, is married to Colleen and they have four children with a fifth child due soon.

Christopher created and runs a not for profit organization named Giving Gardens which involves volunteers building 4x8 raised gardens in yards of other volunteer gardeners throughout the White Bear Lake area. Giving Gardens supplies the garden including lumber, construction labor, soil and plants and the gardeners tend to the garden and contribute at least half of the produce to area food shelves. Welcome to our club Christopher and thanks for the introduction.

**SAVE THE DATES FOR ROTARY
VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:**

Saturday, May 12 to help at Stamp Out Hunger event
Weekend of May 18th to help deliver gardens for Giving Gardens
Friday, June 15th Beach Dance—volunteers and sponsors needed
Saturday, September 8th, Taste of White Bear Lake at Pine Tree Apple Orchard

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION TORONTO
JUNE 23-27, 2018**

Thought for the week:

““But we should be mindful as we argue about our differences that so much more unites than divides us. We should also note that our differences, when compared with those in many, if not most, other countries, are smaller than we sometimes imagine them to be.”

- Senator John McCain

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?

Program: Ellen Richter introduced Tara Jebens-Singh to present an update regarding White Bear Lake Area Senior Services. Tara heads the Adult Enrichment and Senior Services provided through the Community Services department of the School District. She also participates in the activities of several area advisory boards and organizations serving the needs and interests of seniors. She lives in Roseville with her husband and two children.

Tara reported that the adult enrichment program offers more than 300 educational and fitness classes each year and has approximately 3,000 participants. A wide range of classes from computers to health care to foreign languages are offered and the program has one of the most attended AARP driver training classes. Special classes and activities are offered to seniors with disabilities including health care, field trips and physical education. The Senior Center located at County Road F and Bellaire has over 400 active members participating in many social and educational activities including games, crafts, field trips, foot care, Medicare assistance and coordination with transportation and home chore services. The program coordinates the Meals on Wheels program throughout the school district currently serving over 18,000 meals to 173 individuals. The senior program relies on over 250 volunteers who contribute almost 7,500 hours and lead or run most of the activities. Staff publishes a newsletter five times each year and sends it to 8,000 households. Activities are also marketed through various activity fairs and through partners such as cities, libraries, senior housing locations, care centers, the YMCA, etc.

The senior program also works with a local not for profit, Newtrax, to provide transportation services in the south portion of the school district and with the White Bear Lake Library to provide adult enrichment events. And the list of activities and services goes on.....

Thanks for the up-date Ellen and Tara. Well done!

Your reporter further sayeth naught.

Writer of the week: Mark ?Sather

**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

May 16: Brian Singer, Project Zawadi
Chairperson: Patty Hall
Classification: Cathy Haukedahl
Greeters: Gordy Beulke & Jeff Otto
Invocation: Bob Gehrke
Writer: Bob Timmons

May 23: John Lundberg,
Pres. Fairview Senior Services Division
Chairperson: Mark Sather
Classification: Eric Hendrickson
Greeters: Peg Black & Peggy Palen
Invocation: Steve LaLiberte
Writer: Darrell Stone

May 30: Mary Brown, Adult & Teen Challenge
Chairperson: Jeff Otto
Classification: Jim Hunt
Greeters: Ryan Boog & Rita Pechmann
Invocation: Rich Ramsay
Writer: Greg Young

FUTURE MEETINGS:

June 6: Gene Altstatt presents:
Jim Hoey, Honoring Those Who Honor
June 13: Had Solberg/Jill Schroeder present:
Anna Poulsen YE Denmark—Goodbye
June 20: Rob Thomas presents:: Sara Zanussi,
ComMUSICation

At least three weeks in advance of your scheduled date, please contact Jeff Otto:
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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 before Rotary meeting, 6:30 a.m. at Rudy's

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

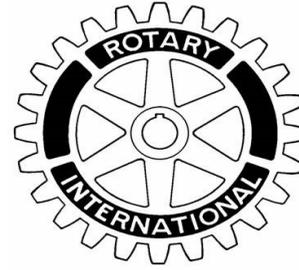
VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE: Meets 1st Thursday of each month, Keys Restaurant, 7 a.m.

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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Bob Gehrke
Randy Johnson
Steve LaLiberte



Rotary Club of White Bear Lake
Chartered in December 1979

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ken Baltzer called for members to participate in the annual **Strive Scholarship** awards banquet. Last night we celebrated the success of the award winners from the area learning centers and tonight we will celebrate with the winners from White Bear Lake and Mahtomedi high schools. If you signed up for tonight's dinner please confirm with Ken that you will be there at 5:30 at Donatella's.

Thanks to the 20 or so members that helped us recognize Earth Day and pitched in with tree planting and clean-up at **Rotary Nature Preserve** last Saturday. We planted 130 trees and mourned the loss of at least 4 beautiful trees girdled by rabbits (Curt Atkinson has a proposed solution for the varmint rabbits). The flora and fauna of the Preserve are looking good but there are many opportunities for more service projects out there.

Prez-elect Connie announced we are half-way to lining up our restaurants for this year's **Taste of White Bear Lake** with ten signed on and two with their permit applications filed. Recommend your favorite local dining establishment if it is not already signed up! Also, it's not too early to start lining up silent auction items.

Anna reported that she enjoyed her weekend at Camp RYLA where she learned much and valued time spent with other students.

May 9, 2018

Greeters: Jessica Bernier & Debra Neutkens

Invocation: Bryce Johnson

Classification: Bob Hartzell

Writer: Dick Galena

Program: Greg Bartz presents:
Chris McArdle, Bell Ringing Results

Song: Ken Baltzer

A Helping Hand

Sung to "The Happy Wanderer"

*I'd like to give a helping hand, and join
the brotherhood,
With all good people throughout the
land,*

*Who work for the common good,
Chorus: Through Rotary - (echo -
Rotary)*

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Rotary - (echo Rotary)
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We work for the common good!