

**‘BEAR’ly Open XI
Dance
Friday, February 2, 2018
8-11 p.m.
White Bear Country Inn
4940 Hwy 61 N.**

**Golf on Ice
Saturday, February 3, 2018
Noon to 4 p.m.**

White Bear Lake County Park—5050 Lake Avenue

**Join us as we begin our second decade of this great event and
“Claw” our way toward a community that is free from hunger**

ROTARY MOTTO: SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Rotary is an international service organization whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. It is a non-political and non-sectarian organization open to all people regardless of race, color, creed, religion or political preference. There are 34,282 member clubs worldwide and 1.2 million individuals, known as Rotarians.

Thought for the week:
**“Never interrupt someone doing
what you said couldn’t be done.”**
- Amelia Earhart

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

PROGRAM: .**Background:** The White Bear Rotary Youth Exchange program has been around for 30 years hosting cultural exchanges. There are 34 countries involved and about 60-80 students.

Had Solberg and Jill Schroeder present: Ariana Skelton-Delich, Returning Youth Exchange Student.

Rotary Youth Exchange Mexico.

Ariana said she was born in Mexico so she initially wasn’t real excited about going there on the youth exchange, but it was a fabulous experience.

She lived in a small town on the Pacific Ocean near Guatemala in the state of Chiapas, a region known for its beautiful mountains. She shared information about the Mexican flag including noting the Image in the middle of the flag representing the indigenous people and how much they value freedom.

The Day of the Dead was her favorite celebration with families spending the day at the cemetery where they clean off and decorate grave sites, picnic and celebrate their loved ones. She said it was accurately portrayed in the movie Coco – it’s good, go see it! The cemeteries are full of life and color.

Ariana enjoys cooking and decided to make a Thanksgiving dinner for her host family, but she ended up making a Thanksgiving dinner for the entire Rotary Club of 15-16 people.

The food was fabulous and she encouraged members to try the traditional Mexican food (away from tourist areas) noting that not all their food is spicy.

Her host family was wonderful. She had siblings, which she doesn’t have in Minnesota, so that was fun. The little sister was great but the little brother indifferent.

Victoria was another exchange student in the same town, but she didn’t speak the same language which made it tough at first. The next closest exchange student was five hours away.

Ariana was in a school with one classroom and one class for kids her age and the teachers change rooms during the day. Classmates were friendly and helpful, and she developed friendships to last a lifetime. In the spring she graduated.

Her favorite outing was climbing a mountain for three days, from the rainforest to the pine forest, and discovering little towns along the way.

Rotary sponsored two trips with all the exchange students in the area. The first was traveling through the entire southern part of Mexico. Ariana said it is a very natural area with waterfalls, amazing views, pyramids, and plenty of churches to visit. The second trip traveled through the central part of Mexico including Mexico City. This was more of an urban tour visiting more churches (so ornate and beautiful), museums, and cities.

Her Mom and Grandma came to visit part way through the exchange and the three of them did some traveling.

Ariana, a student at Centennial High School, took three years of Spanish but when she got o Chiapas she realized she didn’t know anything. It did get easier after 3-4 months, once she got the hang of the language.

Members also heard from John, who is the Rotary Country Officer for Mexico, Norway and Hungary. As the country officer, they meet prospective new students, get to know the parents, host three orientations, answer all the questions that might need answering and serve as a resource.

Writer of the week: Cathy Wyland

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

January 31: Lind Becker, Workforce Gap
Chairperson: Bob Morse
Classification: Ann Frisch
Greeters: Fred Treiber & Wayne Kazmierczak
Invocation: Rich Ramsay
Writer: Bob Timmons

February 7: Brigadier General Wickman,
Today's Soldiers
Chairperson: Justin Bradshaw
Classification: Dick Galena
Greeters: Daniel Ward & Stephen Kelly
Invocation: Bill Rust
Writer: Mark Sather

February 14: Jim Hoey,
Honoring Those Who Honor
Chairperson: Gene Altstatt
Classification: Ken Galloway
Greeters: Rob Weber & John Kenyon
Invocation: Bob Gehrke
Writer: Rita Pechmann

FUTURE MEETINGS:

February 21: Scott Mueller presents: Todd Mueller, Town Ball Parks of MN
February 28: Craig McNulty presents: Shane Hudella, United Heroes League

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 after Rotary meeting

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

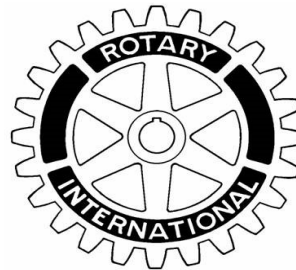
VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE: Meets 1st Thursday of each month, Keys Restaurant, 7 a.m.

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

For Feb. 3 BEAR'ly Open from Ken Galloway: Help is needed at the event, setting up Friday and Saturday, and tearing down Saturday. Space heaters and generators are needed, as are golfers. For Friday night dance, needs include volunteers, donations for silent auction, and bottles for the wall of wine.

Congratulations to **Mark Miller** (and his wife) who have been selected to be part of a Rotary Israel exchange. As part of the exchange, Israelis will be coming here so there will be opportunities to help with hosting.

On Feb. 23 D5960 will host a **human trafficking summit**. Our club needs a Rotary champion to attend. Among the summit groups are education, faith communities, law enforcement and more. Look for an email with more information. FYI, Ramsey County Attorney John Choi will be the April 4 Rotary speaker on the topic of human trafficking.

Thank you, **Chuck**, for handling the new member induction. Welcome new members **Derrek Skeie** (sponsor Craig Drake) and **Debra Neutkens** (sponsor Carter Johnson).

Guests include Arianna's grandmother, mother, John (Rotary country officer), Emma (outbound to Russia), and Emma's dad.

January 24, 2018

Greeters: Bob Timmons & Randy Johnson

Classification: Bill Foussard

Invocation: Randy Johnson

Rotary Minute: Ryan Boog, Vocational

Program: Mark Miller presents: Tim Burt, Beyond the Four Walls

Writer: Dick Galena

Song: Ken Baltzer

If You're Happy and You Know It

If you're happy and you know it,
Clap your hands (clap, clap)
If you're happy and you know it,
Clap your hands (clap, clap)
If you're happy and you know it,
then your life will surely show it,
If you're happy and you know it,
Clap your hands (clap, clap)
Second Verse:
Stamp your feet (stamp, stamp)
Third Verse:
Shout Rotary (RO-TA-RY)
Fourth Verse:
(Do all three)

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