



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

Meetings
Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.
Via Zoom
(During Pandemic 2020)



September 30, 2020

**Program: John Hinderaker,
“Minnesota: Should I Stay or Go”**

Chairperson: Rebekah Hagstrom

Classification: Carol Nelson

**Induction of New Members: Silas Ford,
Vicki Ford, Shane Hofer, Jan Holtz**

Invocation: Bill Rust

Writer: Jim Rathburn

**Wednesday Morning Meeting Info:
D5960 is inviting you to a scheduled
Zoom meeting**

**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.
Join 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/
folders/11pN_Oh77b2fViH8x_hfT1t1JoHt-e0c7?
usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11pN_Oh77b2fViH8x_hfT1t1JoHt-e0c7?usp=sharing)

**501 will be held at Lion’s Park at 4:31 p.m. on
Fridays for the time being...weather permitting.
Bring a chair, a beverage and a mask.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Week twenty-seven of White Bear Lake
Rotary meeting in virtual format due to the
COVID-19 virus pandemic*

Pat McClernon shared a September 15, 2020, Star
Tribune article headlined “Polio has been eliminat-
ed from Africa”, which includes mention of the
role of Rotary International as one of the partners
in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI)
which was launched in 1988.

Letters seeking donations for the silent auction, to be
held online on December 1-5, 2020, have been sent to
local businesses. Patty Hall announced donation forms
are also available for Rotary members who have items
to donate. Kevin Donovan announced that sponsorship
(s) are being sought for the auction to cover operating
expenses of \$1,000 and encouraged one or more busi-
nesses to step up and take advantage of this.

Jackie Reis reported that the Equity and Inclusion
Committee encourages Rotarians to take advantage of
different opportunities to learn and educate ourselves
about equity issues. She shared information on two
upcoming online programs (see links in Bulletin).

Effrom Whyte reminded members that Ann Frisch
will be speaking on peace initiatives to the Kingston
club, joined by two Nigerian clubs, at an upcoming
meeting.

Jan Holtz Kramer was welcomed as a visitor by Pat
and spoke of her interest in re-joining Rotary.



JINGLE BEAR
Online Auction
December 1-5, 2020

Patty Hall announced plans for our club’s online auction. This will replace the
silent auction that is part of our Taste of WBL. Club members should be getting
offerings together. We need bigger “experience” items like vacation/cabin rentals,
boat rides, group meals, as well as theme baskets. Get creative!

Classification:

Bob Timmons presented the Rotary video completed earlier this year and in-
troduced Henry Adebisi (henrybadebii@gmail.com), a White Bear graduate
and former member of Rotaract who produced the video. Bob presented an
“Oscar” to John Channon for his role in the video!

COMMUNITY SERVICE MEETING—TODAY—SEPTEMBER 30

Noon—1 p.m. via Zoom

**If you would like an invitation sent to you, please contact Pam Bowers:
Pammieglenn@sbcglobal.net**

Upcoming learning opportunities

recommended by the Equity & Inclusion Committee:

Sept. 30 (6:00 PM) – Prof. Ibram X. Kendi, author of NY Times best-selling book,
How to be an Anti-Racist, Univ. of Minnesota, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Carl-
son Distinguished Lecture Series. A conversation with Angela Davis of MPR. To regis-
ter: [https://www.hhh.umn.edu/event/virtual-2020-distinguished-carlson-lecture-evening-
prof-ibram-x-kendi](https://www.hhh.umn.edu/event/virtual-2020-distinguished-carlson-lecture-evening-prof-ibram-x-kendi) .

Oct. 8 (7:00-8:30 PM) – Many Faces: Racial Definitions 101, sponsored by WBL
Schools. An opportunity to learn more about commonly used terms and phrases frequent-
ly used in current discussions around equity. The program will examine the meanings of
these terms, how they are being used, and how they should be used. To register: [https://
whitebear.ce.eleyo.com/course/2731/2021-fall/many-faces-racial-definitions-101-online](https://whitebear.ce.eleyo.com/course/2731/2021-fall/many-faces-racial-definitions-101-online) .

Program: Ryan Boog presents

Amanda LaGrange, CEO of Tech Dump and Tech Discounts

Amanda has been CEO of these two organizations since 2015. Tech Dump is a 501-c-3 organization that provides electronics recycling services for businesses and organizations of all sizes. Since 2011, they have processed more than 30 million pounds of electronic waste. In addition, Tech Dump operates a workforce development program to build skills, confidence, and work experience and employment for persons facing barriers to employment, particularly those who have been incarcerated. They believe strongly in the value of every person and the need to bring back a sense of humanity in our community. As a recycler, Tech Dump has two recycling drop off sites, holds on-site collection events, provides hard drive shredding and data destruction. Through Tech Discounts, their e-commerce spin-off, they offer great deals on refurbished electronics.

Tech Dump’s workforce development program runs for 18 months, teaching life skills and job-specific skills, providing job certifications, and assisting with eliminating barriers to employment such as housing and transportation. They have approximately 30 transitional, paid, on-the-job trainees and 37 long term paid employees. For each \$1 spent on a trainee, there is a return on investment of \$9 after the 18- month training program. Trainees start at \$11/hour and by the end of the 18 months are earning \$15.50/hour.

Tech Dump recently announced a partnership with Ramsey County, using some of the federal CARES dollars, to provide TechPaks for people whose employment has been impacted by COVID-19. They are looking for surplus laptops to be refurbished and included in these kits which are designed to help people access job-finding and training information.

Amanda encouraged all businesses to review their practices to ensure they recognize the value all individuals bring to our community and to look at how we can factor in local, social benefits into our personal spending.

Writer of the week: Jackie Reis

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

“The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.”

- Socrates

**The 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

October 7: President Angelia Millender,
Century College Amid the Pandemic
Chairperson: Nora Slawik
Classification: Paul Keleher
Invocation: Bill Eaves
Writer: Bob Timmons

October 14: Greg Bartz, Grand Canyon
Chairperson: Pat McClernon
Classification: Craig Drake
Invocation: Art Hancock
Writer: Mark Sather

FUTURE PROGRAMS: The new Hybrid meeting format is scheduled to begin next week... on October 7...stay tuned!

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BEAR BULLETIN DEADLINE: FRIDAY, 5 P.M.**

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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 of month, 8 a.m.
FUNDRAISER TEAM: Meets immediately following Wednesday meeting (seasonal)
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE TEAM: Meets 2nd Thursday of month, 7 a.m.
MEMBERSHIP TEAM: Meets 1st Tuesday of month, 7:30 a.m.
PUBLIC IMAGE TEAM: Meets 3rd Thursday 7 a.m.
VOCATIONAL SERVICE TEAM: Meets 1st Thursday of month, 7 am
YOUTH EXCHANGE TEAM: Meets 2nd Thursday, 4:30 p.m.

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