



*Celebrating 43 Years of Service
To the Community
Rotary Club of White Bear Lake*

*Meetings
Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.
Hybrid Meetings at Rudy's
Redeye Grill and via Zoom*



AUGUST 17, 2022

PROGRAM: Tracey Shimek & Mike Greenbaum White Bear Lake's Autonomous Vehicle

CHAIR: Shari Wilson

CLASSIFICATION: Fred Treiber

MEET RUTH WATKINS, Assistant DG, D5960

INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Rich Ramsay

WRITER: Jim Rathburn

Hybrid meetings are held on Wednesday a.m. at Rudy's and via zoom.

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.
To join the Zoom meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87159321038>
Meeting ID: 871 5932 1038

WBL Rotary Club Celebrates 4:01– at Rudy's.
Join us for end-of-week social time with Rotarian friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
#IMAGINE ROTARY

Rotary 5960 Passport Program

Bob Timmons described this new program to encourage Rotarians to visit other Rotary clubs in the district, not just at weekly meetings but during their events. Passports are available from Bob as well as new pins, Imagine Rotary.

Taste of White Bear – Pat McFarlane encouraged everyone to sell their tickets and return either the money or unsold tickets to him as soon as possible. There is still a way to go to reach our goal for ticket sales!

Ken Baltzer thanked sponsors and volunteers for their help with the recent Stive race. 109 people registered and 98 ran in the race on August 6th. Special thanks to Dale, Frank and Rob!

The pontoon boat evening at Gene Altstatt's is coming up on August 25th. Craig McNulty reminded people to sign up on line.

Richard Fursman reported on the status of the young people and their chaperones arriving from Ukraine this week. They will be here for five weeks of refuge and leadership learning. There will be many opportunities for us to interact with the young people, including at our August 31st Club meeting. Richard thanked members of the Club for all the help in finding host families, carpooling, and involvement in the various proposed activities.

Taste of White Bear Lake

SEPTEMBER 10 AT PINE TREE APPLE ORCHARD

Taste of White Bear Lake is our annual fundraiser and the success is vital to support the programs of the club!

CLASSIFICATION: Reed Walhof

Reed thanked Derek Skeie for getting him involved in Rotary and commented that his father had been a member of this Club in the 1980s. Reed grew up on the north side of White Bear. His father sold some property in that area when developed resulted in three new streets: Reed, Barry, and Ross. A street named after him!

Reed is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Duluth, where he met his wife, Kelly. Their daughter, Ava, is now a UMN student, and their son, Charlie, will be a junior at South Campus. The family lives in Vadnais Heights in one of the first houses built by students from Northeast Metro 916. Proceeds from the sale of the house went back to 916, which has since built many more.

Reed works with Innovative Office Solutions, primarily in the furniture area, where he help furnish schools, including the new elementary school in Hugo. The business also sponsors the InSports Foundation (<https://www.insportsfoundation.org/>), which offers free sports and health and nutrition clinics for kids who otherwise haven't been able to participate.

MERCHANT MINUTE: White Bear Boat Works, 4120 Hoffman Road, WBL. Angie and Jason Brown joined us to talk about and display their collection of UPF clothing for men and women at their business on Hoffman Road. They carry two brands of clothing – from swim trunks, swim shirts, hoodies, dresses, to hats. They encourage folks to (1) use sunscreen and (2) stop by and visit them to learn more about their protective clothing!

PROGRAM FROM MEETING OF 8/10/22 :

Scott Miller, on his paddling speed-record attempt on the Mississippi River, and Two Paddles canoe races

Bob Timmons introduced Scott, who Bob met when interviewing him for an article in the Star Tribune.

Scott began by talking about TwoPaddles.org, which he and Todd Foster created. The program sponsors canoe and kayak races and a recreational tour on the Mississippi River. In 2022, more than 200 people participated in the different events, the longest of which was for 140 miles, from Brainerd to the Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park. In 2023, the event will be on June 9-11.

Scott grew up in Maple Grove and biked often to the Mississippi River at the Dam and paddled with his father on Minnehaha Creek, a 22-mile journey from Lake Minnetonka to the River. Together with Todd, he had numerous paddling adventures, including a 2000-mile canoe trip from Minneapolis to Hudson Bay in 2005, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the same trip taken by Eric Sevareid, that was written about in “Canoeing with the Cree”.

In 2018, Scott read about a Guinness World Record for fastest canoe trip down the 2,250 mile Mississippi River set in 2003 (18 days, four hours and 51 seconds). Until then, Scott had been a recreational paddler but the challenge of breaking this record introduced him to speed racing. His team of four paddlers and a support team were ready to go in 2020 but their plans were interrupted by COVID. However, in late April 2021, they took off from the Headwaters of the Mississippi. Scott took us along on the journey with his words, pictures, and videos – beginning with the narrow 50 miles leaving the Headwaters, high winds and waves, running the rapids, sleeping in the canoe, portaging through downtown Minneapolis, avoiding large barges, while trying to beat not just the record but a rival team’s progress two weeks earlier (that team did set a new record). Unfortunately, the trip ended close to the finish – between Baton Rouge and New Orleans – when ferocious headwinds and waves forced them to “jump ship” onto their support boat, as they watched their canoe and belongings being swept away. As Scott said, “the river will decide.” With a new team Scott will be trying again to beat that new record in spring 2023. Follow him on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mississippispeedrecord> . Thanks Scott for your engaging enthusiasm for paddling, for adventure, for the Mississippi River, for nature. Best of luck in 2023!

Writer of the week: Jackie Reis

Thought of the week:

“Love many, trust few, and always paddle your own canoe.”

- American proverb

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?
- ⇒ IS IT FUN???

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

August 24:

PROGRAM: TBA

CHAIR:

CLASSIFICATION: Rob Weber

INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Steve LaLiberte

WRITER: Mark Sather

August 31:

PROGRAM: Mike Wilhelm,

Xcel Energy Corp, Carbon Goals

CHAIR: Nora Slawik

CLASSIFICATION: Shari Wilson

INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Bob Gehrke

WRITER: Dick Galena

September 7:

PROGRAM: Malaria Partners Grant,

Jenny Andrews

CHAIR: Patty Hall

CLASSIFICATION: Rob Wood

INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Rita Pechmann

WRITER: Darrell Stone

September 14: Jackie Reis presents:

We See Each Other

MAIL OR PHONE CLUB NEWS TO THE

WBL ROTARY OFFICE:

MARLYCE PAULSON

**P. O. BOX 10809 WHITE BEAR LAKE, MN
55110**

OFFICE: 651.738.3022

E-MAIL: WBLROTARY1@COMCAST.NET

WEB SITE: WHITEBEARROTARY.ORG

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

WBL ROTARY PODCASTS:

WWW.WBLROTARY.PODBEAN.COM

**OR GO TO: ITUNES AND TYPE IN
WBLROTARY**

WBL ROTARY TEAM MEETINGS—

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, 8:30 a.m.

FUNDRAISER TEAM: Meets immediately following Wednesday meeting (seasonal)

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE TEAM: Meets 2nd Thursday of month, 7 a.m.

MEMBERSHIP TEAM: Meets 3rd Tuesday of month, 7:30 a.m.

PUBLIC IMAGE TEAM: Meets 3rd Thursday, 8:30 a.m.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE TEAM: Meets 1st Thursday of month, 7 am

2022-2023 Officers/Directors

President..... Bob Timmons

President-ElectAshley Filipovich

Past President Mike Lovett

Treasurer Kevin Donovan

Secretary Derrek Skeie

Exec. SecretaryMarlyce Paulson

Public Image Dale Grambush

Rotary Foundation. .Curt Akenson

Community Service. John Channon

Vocational Service .Ryan Boog

Club ServiceCraig McNulty

MembershipGreg Bartz

International Janelle Erickson

Equity & Inclusion....Jackie Reis

Youth Exchange . . Tim Wald

Bulletin Writers . . . Mark Sather

Darrell Stone

Dick Galena

Jim Rathburn

Jackie Reis

Carol Nelson

Invocations Rich Ramsay

Bill Rust

Bob Gehrke

Steve LaLiberte

Rita Pechmann

Bill Eaves

Art Hancock

Carol Nelson