

**WBL ROTARY PAST PRESIDENTS**

2019-20 John Channon  
2018-19 Connie Bossard  
2017-18 Craig Drake  
2016-17 Ken Galloway  
2015-16 Brady Ramsay  
2014-15 Greg Bartz  
2013-14 Darrell Stone  
2012-13 Gene Altstadt  
2011-12 Dale Grambush  
2010-11 Curt Akenson  
2009-10 Bob Morse  
2008-09 Ted Tarsa  
2007-08 Eldon DeWeerth  
2006-07 Janet Newberg  
2005-06 Kurt Norman  
2004-05 Fred Treiber  
2003-04 Jim Hunt  
2002-03 Gene Dickie  
2001-02 Vern Harris  
2000-01 Mark Burch  
1999-00 Ken Baltzer  
1998-99 Tim Geck  
1997-98 William Rust  
1996-97 Mark Sather  
1995-96 Jerry McGinty  
1994-95 Rich Ramsay  
1993-94 Bob Pelton  
1992-93 Rob Weber  
1991-92 Bob Anderson  
1990-91 Jim Muellner  
1989-90 Jack Dow  
1988-89 Frank Durham  
1987-88 John Butterfield  
1986-87 Tom Jefferson  
1985-86 Dan Eldredge  
1984-85 Gary Olson  
1983-84 Roy Havenor  
1982-83 Bob Odom  
1981-82 Chuck Morin  
1980-81 Dick Wicklund  
1979-80 Duane Miron

**COMMUNITY SERVICE  
TEAM MEETING**  
WEDNESDAY, January 29  
12:00—1:00 p.m.  
Mahtomedi District Education Center,  
Room 107  
If you after interested in Community  
Service projects, come join our team

**PUBLIC IMAGE TEAM MEETING**  
Note change in venue  
  
3rd Thursday of each month at 7 a.m.  
Anchor Coffee House, White Bear Lake

**PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER**  
The following person has been ap-  
proved for Rotary International and  
White Bear Lake Rotary member-  
ship. If there are no objections they  
will be inducted at an upcoming  
meeting:  
  
Mike Brass  
Commercial Real Estate  
Titus Commercial Real Estate  
Sponsor: Tim Geck

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:** RIP Black Mamba  
*Quote from Kobe Bryant, NBA Super Star*  
*“Everything negative—pressure, challenges—is all an opportunity  
for me to rise.”*

**Program: St. Paul Saints, Tom Whaley.**  
Jim Rathburn introduced St. Paul Saints' executive vice president Tom Whaley. A Lino Lakes resident, Tom has been associated with the Saints for many years. The team got its start in 1993 as part of the northern league stretching from Madi-son, WI to Billings, MT and down to Iowa. No one really thought it would succeed without Major League dollars, but it has, Tom said. Independent league baseball exists to win games and championships. It also pro-vides a second chance for players. There are now 50-60 independent teams around the nation. Last year they sold six contracts back into affiliated baseball, which shows how these leagues develop players. On the marketing level, the Saints are known for silly promotions. Tom says they often “shoot first and ask questions later.” Last year the Saints did win the league championship (it had been 15 years since their last championship). And they held had a one block, one minute parade to celebrate. “It’s about the fans having fun,” Tom noted, adding that 10-20 percent of the fans are there for baseball, but 80-90 percent are there just to have fun. Co-owner Mike Veeck’s most prominent philosophies are: It’s all about the fans; Be accessible; and Have fun with it. Veeck owns the team along with attorney Marv Goldklang and actor/comedian Bill Murray. The Saints started at Midway Stadium and moved to CHS Field in 2015 when the stadium opened. The move was due to infrastructure issues at Midway. The stadi-um is owned by the City of Saint Paul and seats 7,210. An outdoor season is defined as about 208 days. For CHS field, the Saints play about 50 home games and there are about 100 amateur games scheduled on the field. Those games include Hamline University (CHS is their home field), high school games, legion baseball and more. The Saints mascot is a pig. They only use male pigs because they are easier to train, Tom noted. Each year it’s a new pig and a new name (Saints Name the Pig Contest) reflecting pop culture. The pig delivers baseballs to the home plate um-pire, entertains the crowd, and poses for photos. The mascot starts out as a 20 pound piglet and by the end of the season is retired at about 200 pounds. The Saints also have a number of ushertainers including Mudonna (two legged furry mascot), Gert the Flirt, Pig’s Eye Pete and more. Sister Roz provides healing massages to fans. They always have to come up with big ideas (promotions) to draw fans to CHS Field, Tom said. They try to stay topical, mix things that might not go with baseball, and take chances. They rely on ideas and creativity, he added, because they don’t have the money the big teams do. Saints tickets are on sale now, visit saintsbaseball.com The season starts May 19.  
*Writer of the week:*  
*Cathy Wyland*  
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**The Rotary Club of White Bear Lake—  
building friendships and improving lives through hands-on  
projects in the White Bear area and around the glob**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**February 12: Steve Berquist. Amazon Now**  
**Chairperson: Jeff Otto**  
**Classification: Kevin Donovan**  
**Greeters: Curt Akenson & Scott Neilson**  
**Invocation: Art Hancock**  
**Writer: Greg Young**

**February 19: Karen Marberry, Work  
Opportunity Tax Credit**  
**Chairperson: Rich Ramsay**  
**Classification: Craig Drake**  
**Greeters: Gene Altstatt & Jeff Otto**  
**Invocation: Bill Eaves**  
**Writer: Bob Timmons**

**February 26: TBD**  
**Chairperson: Jeff Otto**  
**Classification: Barbara Duffrin**  
**Greeters: John Balfanz & Dan Potter**  
**Invocation: Rita Pechmann**  
**Writer: Darrell Stone**

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

**March 4: John Wayne Barker presents: Mike Greenbaum, New Trax**  
**March 11: Jeff Otto presents: Martha Rossini Olson, Sweet Martha Cookies**

**At least three weeks in advance of your schedule, please contact Jeff Otto: [Jeff.otto@opmpallet.com](mailto:Jeff.otto@opmpallet.com)**

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***Bear Bulletin Deadline: Friday, 5pm***

**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, 7a.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.

**MEMBERSHIP TEAM:** Meets 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:30 a.m., Caribou, Cty E & E dCty Line

**PUBLIC IMAGE TEAM:** Meets 3rd Thursday 7 a.m. Anchor Coffee House

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

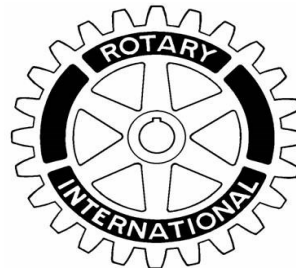
**YOUTH EXCHANGE TEAM:** Meets 2nd Thursday, 4:30 p.m., Washington Square Grill

### 2019-2020 Officers/Directors

**President** ..... John Channon  
**President-Elect** .... Pat McClernon  
**Past President** .... Connie Bossard  
**Treasurer** ..... Michael Lovett  
**Secretary** ..... Bob Timmons  
**Exec. Secretary** .... Marlyce Paulson  
**Public Image** ..... Kevin Donovan  
**Rotary Foundation** .Curt Akenson  
**Community Service** .Rita Pechmann  
                                      -Pam Bowers  
**Vocational Service** . Fred Treiber  
                                      . Ken Baltzer  
**Club Service** ..... Ken Baltzer  
                                      .Chuck Sandstrom

**Membership** .....Greg Bartz  
**International** ....Jim Hunt  
                                 .Greg Bartz  
**Youth Exchange** .. Tin Wald  
**Bulletin Writers** ... Mark Sather  
                                 Darrell Stone  
                                 Greg Young  
                                 Rita Pechmann  
                                 Dick Galena  
                                 Bob Timmons  
                                 Cathy Wyland  
                                 Jackie Reis

*Invocations . . . . . Rich Ramsay  
Bill Rust  
Bob Gehirke  
Steve LaLiberte  
Rita Pechmann  
Bill Eaves  
Steven Griffith  
Art Hancock*



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

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pres. John** thanked members who worked on the **40th Anniversary** celebration including **Mark Sather, Tim Geck, Bill Rust, Bob Timmons, Ken Gallo-way and Pam Tschida.**

**Find the rotary podcasts at  
www.wblrotary.podbean.com or go  
to iTunes and type in wblrotary.**

**Ken Galloway** said there are only two meetings before the Saturday, Feb. 1 **Barely Open**. Volunteers can help with set up and tear down; heaters, generators and propane tanks are needed; and raffle tickets are available.

Minnesota author Ahmed Ismail Yusuf will discuss *The Lion's Binding Oath*, introducing the people of Somalia. **Cathy Wyland** invited member to the Thursday, Jan. 30 event at Mahtomedi District Education Center.

Guests included **Mike Brass** and **Janell Erickson**.

Welcome new member **Jackson Simon.**

January 29, 2020

**Greeters: Cathy Wyland &  
Scott Mueller**

**Classification: Steve Carlson**

**Invocation: Bill Eaves**

**Writer: Dick Galena**

**Program: John Channon presents:  
Stevie Ray, The Roadmap to Influence**

**Song Leader: Dr. Mike Lovett**

## 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)**