

### WBL ROTARY TEAM MEETINGS

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**April 15:** Susie Brown, MN Council of Foundations  
**Chairperson:** Jackie Reis  
**Classification:** Ann Frisch  
**Invocation:** Bob Gehrke  
**Writer:** Dick Galena

**April 22:** Chris Lawless  
**Wilson Tool's Role in our Economy**  
**Classification:** John Wayne Barker  
**Invocation:** Bill Eaves  
**Writer:** Bob Timmons

Please note that program information may change with new virtual meeting format...stay tuned

#### UPCOMING PROGRAMS—

**April 29:** Scott Mueller presents:  
Stephanie Cassioppi, FBI Agent

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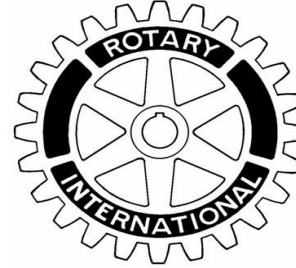
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Bear Bulletin Deadline: **Friday, 5pm**

WBL Rotary Podcasts: [www.wblrotary.podbean.com](http://www.wblrotary.podbean.com)  
Or go to: iTunes and type in wblrotary

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

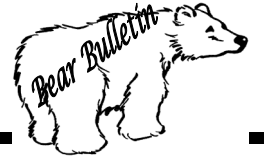
#### 2019-2020 Officers/Directors

**President** ..... John Channon  
**President-Elect** .... Pat McCleron  
**Past President** .... Connie Bossard  
**Treasurer** ..... Michael Lovett  
**Secretary** ..... Bob Timmons  
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**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  
                                    Dick Galena  
                                    Bob Timmons  
                                    Jim Rathburn  
                                    Jackie Reis  
**Invocations** ..... Rich Ramsay  
                                    Bill Rust  
                                    Bob Gehrke  
                                    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

**President John Channon** shared that the dues for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter will be subsidized by the club from funds in our budget to help members in light of the changes due to the COVID-19 situation. Normal charge is \$121 per quarter and current quarter charge will be \$30.

**White Bear Lake Rotarians** continue to find ways to support each other and the community during this Pandemic. If you have ideas or if you are aware of specific needs where Rotarians could be involved, please contact John Channon.

**CLUB RUNNER** is a way for WBL Rotarians to connect with others. They can access e-mail address, phone numbers, etc. in order to stay connected!

What a year this week has been...

April 8, 2020

**Program:** Steve Jorissen  
**Avoiding Climate Chaos;  
What Each of Us Can Do**

**Chairperson:** Bob Timmons

**Classification:** Ann Frisch

**Invocation:** Rich Ramsay

**Writer:** Mark Sather

#### Rotary Four Way Test

- ⇒ **Is it the truth?**
- ⇒ **Is it fair to all concerned?**
- ⇒ **Will it build goodwill and better friendships?**
- ⇒ **Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**



Dear White Bear Lake Rotarian:

In spite of #StayHomeMN, our WBL Rotary Club is continuing our role of Service in the greater White Bear Lake Community.

We had 50 people participate in our weekly Virtual Meeting last week, it was great to see so many of you in attendance. Thank you for your support of our virtual meeting platform.

All of our Service Teams are meeting virtually as well. I would like to request, where possible, that each of the Service Team Leaders and Co-Leaders sign up for the free version of the Zoom meeting platform and use this tool to set up your monthly meetings. The tool can be found at: [zoom.us](https://zoom.us).

Please continue to stay engaged with our Club, the following are some useful links for Club updates, news, sharing information. Special shout outs to those of you managing our postings, thank you for your efforts in keeping us connected in this time of great need.

Our website: <https://www.whitebearrotary.org/>

Our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WBLRotary/>

Our Twitter feed: @Rotarywhitebear, <https://twitter.com/Rotarywhitebear>

Our Instagram: wblrotary

You will find links to our recorded Weekly Zoom meetings on our website and on our Facebook page.

Please continue to follow the guidelines (as they are changing) for keeping safe during this COVID-19 period of time. Your source for information for our state is: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/situation.html>

Please continue to reach out to all members of our club, check in with those you would normally sit with at our Wednesday morning meetings, check in with those that are on the same Service team as you, check in with those you have not connected with for awhile, stay connected.

John Channon

President, White Bear Lake Rotary Club

2019-2020

**CLASSIFICATION:** Bill Foussard gave a quick summary of his situation for the Classification talk. He said this is the weirdest set of circumstances he has been involved with since being in the hotel business since 1975. WB Country Inn is averaging 10 rooms occupied per night. Rudy's is available for take out with a free roll of toilet paper with each order. He is offering gift cards with a \$10 bonus for each \$100 card. He thanked everyone for their generosity and patronage.

**PROGRAM: Mike Lovett Presents:**

**Claudia Aurand, Director of Language Services, German-American Institute,**

**“Learning from Germany’s Model of Opportunity”**

The German-American Institute is in St. Paul. Its mission is connecting people to a broader world through German language and culture. Germany is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the world with a population of 89 million. They have a skilled workforce, low unemployment, and no student debt. Claudia presented a case for looking at the German dual model of education noting some of the shortcomings of the current US model. We have a model that pushes two or four year post secondary education for all, after graduation from high school. Problems with this model include: only 81% graduate from high school, only 70% of those enroll in post-secondary ed., 30% of those who enroll drop out. Average student debt in MN at end of their schooling is \$32,000. We need to educate people for the skill drain as boomers retire to fill the projected 240,000 job openings and with only 30% of all youth graduating from post-secondary education, we'll come up short of skilled workers. In the German dual education model, everyone has the same path from K to 4<sup>th</sup> grade. After that, students have choices to graduate in grade 9, grade 10, or grade “13”. Many German professions have apprenticeships where students are paid and have their education paid as a subsidy by the employer to the state. They support about 350 professions and are not the typical vocational track we have in the US. Professions include banking and finance, travel and tourism, even becoming a beer brewer and many more. Private industry and Chamber of Commerce are connected in assessing and monitoring student certifications so that students have skills that apply directly to employment needs. In Germany, 50% of the population gets a two-year associate degree and 30% get a four-year university degree. According to Claudia, the apprenticeship and dual education model provides a highly skilled workforce that has less job turnover, increased productivity, and enhanced efficiency in the long run. We currently have a limited experience with this innovative German-like dual model in our state.

*Writer of the week: Darrell Stone*

**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**