



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

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



November 24, 2021

**PROGRAM:** Brian Robinson,  
The State of American Engineering

**CHAIR:** Gene Altstatt

**CLASSIFICATION:** Bob Morse

**MERCHANT MINUTE:** Shari Wilson

**INVOCATION/INSPIRATION:**  
Rita Pechmann

**WRITER:** Bob Timmons

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**Wednesday Morning Meetings are Hybrid—in person at Rudy's Redeye Grill or via Zoom.**  
**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.  
**To join the Zoom meeting:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87159321038>  
**Meeting ID: 871 5932 1038**

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**WBL Rotary Club Celebrates 5:01- NOW CALLED 4:01- at Rudy's. Join us for end-of-week social time with Rotarian friends.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pam Bowers** declared the 2021 Jingle Bear Auction a success and thanked club members who helped to conduct the auction, solicited auction items, arranged promotion and distribution of items to successful bidders. She also thanked all who donated auction items. Final tabulations are underway and the net proceeds will be announced soon. Thanks to you too Pam for a job well done.

**Chuck Sandstrom** led the induction of our newest member, **Greg Stonehouse**. Greg was sponsored by **Greg Bartz** and he has resided in White Bear Lake for 30 years. He is an engineer with the firm HDR and works in the field of water and wastewater. If you have not yet met Greg be sure to introduce yourself.

**Mark Sather** again reminded members for the 2021 Friends of Scouting fundraising event on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 a.m. at Historic Fort Snelling. A car pool of members is being organized. We hope to get 8 members to fill a table. Watch for a clip board



**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Jeanne Hartle** announced that Braver Angels of Minnesota will conduct a workshop on the topic of depolarizing conversations on sensitive topics on race and learning skills in listening to all perspectives to improving understanding and civility. The event will be held Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Hanifil Performing Arts Center from 9:00 to Noon. See your email from **Jackie Reis** for link to registration.

With the dipping temperatures **Ken Galloway** reminded us it is not too early to begin plans and preparations for the 2022 Bear'ly Open. The search is on for hole sponsors, helpers and golfers. Ken says this is the year when to total value of food made available through the WBL Emergency Food Shelf through the proceeds of Bear'ly Opens will surpass \$2Million. See BearlyOpen.org for more details.

On behalf of our club **Jim Rathburn** presented a our donation of \$500 to the White Bear Lake Education Foundation for it's Angel Fund. WBLEF Executive Director Laurie Arnold and Board member Mary Dahle were on hand to accept the donation and reminded members that you can honor someone during the holiday season by making a personal donation to the Holiday Angel Fund. A special card will be sent to your honoree.

Sign up now for the Community Service project of the annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing on December 4th at Cub Foods on Buerkle Road. Contact **Darrell Stone** President Elect and Presiding Officer **Bob Timmons** introduced visitor Carrie Carlson of Children's Performing Arts. Carrie announced the many performances and activities scheduled for the Holiday Season during the coming weeks including the performance of the musical Elf jr. and an opportunity to participate in the Toys For Tots program.

Braver Angels MN conducts training locally through workshops and respectful conversations to help participants understand political and cultural differences and search for common ground while respecting the importance of maintaining relationships with those with opposing beliefs. On December 4<sup>th</sup> it will conduct a workshop at the Hanifil Performing Arts Center in WBL to help participants learn the discipline of non-polarizing attitudes and words about the political “Other” within our communities and social circles, to better understand the polarization inside us and between us and to practice skills for being critical without being demonizing, dismissing and stereotyping. A special email has been sent to all club members with registration information for those interested in attending. Friends and family members are welcome. More information is also at [Braverangels.org/MN](http://Braverangels.org/MN)

Your reporter further sayeth naught.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**  
 ““People tend to forget their duties but remember their rights.”  
 -Indira Gandhi

- ⇒ 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?

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*Art Hancock*