



*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)*



October 7, 2020

Program: Angelia Millender,
Century College

Chairperson: Nora Slawik

Classification: Paul Keleher

Invocation: Bill Eaves

Writer: Bob Timmons

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

*Following twenty-seven weeks of
White Bear Lake Rotary meeting in virtu-
al format due to the COVID-19 virus
pandemic...**TODAY, OCTOBER 7, 2020**
IS OUR FIRST HYBRID MEETING*

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 spon-
sorship(s) are being sought for the auction to cover
operating expenses of \$1,000 and encouraged one or
more businesses to step up and take advantage of this.

Steve Griffith announced the next Rotary mentor
training that will take place on October 14. This
will be for anyone wanting to be a mentor for new
Rotarians or a refresher for those that are already
mentors. Steve also gave notice of a career forum
event on Oct. 29 with the theme of "networking in
a time of pandemic."

The PCs for People event was successful, and we
plan on doing this again in the future.

The hybrid meeting trial run seemed to go well.
We will be able to accommodate 20 attendees at
Rudy's on Oct. 7. Let Pat know if you would like
to attend, we'll take the first 20 to reserve a spot.

Mark Sather asked members to help build a simple
structure to be completed this fall at Bellaire
Beach. This is part of the Lake Links project. He
has the plans if you are interested.



JINGLE BEAR
Online Auction
December 1-5, 2020

Patty Hall announced plans for our club's online auction! Patty Hall let us know
that the online auction will be Dec. 1 to Dec. 5 and she is looking for club mem-
bers to donate \$25 to purchase wine to be assembled in baskets for the auction.
This will replace the wall of wine. Please also consider other donations!

CLASSIFICATION: **Dr. Carol Nelson** talked about her and her family's wide va-
riety of medically related COVID experiences. She was in Sierra Leone in Janu-
ary and heard the first rumblings about this new disease while there. Eventually
the country shut down and in May a doctor she knew died from the disease. She
took her first cruise ever in January as COVID was ramping up. She also started
work as a travel physician which ended abruptly because of the disease. Hus-
band Keith works for Hennepin County in HIV care. One son is an ICU nurse at
HCMC caring for COVID patients and is many times the last one to be with those
who die. She advised if you would rather not get the disease, wear masks, stay 6
ft. away from people, and wash your hands. You DO NOT want to be intubated!
She also has a son that performing residency at HCMC. Another son is a social
worker that has begun to work remotely because of COVID. Carol has a sister in
Billings, MT where the hospital she works in has been inundated by COVID pa-
tients. She has a sister in Helena, MT who is a clinical scientist doing COVID
tests non-stop. She recommends the MN Dept. of Health website to stay current
on COVID. Flattening the curve in MN worked and now is not the time to be lax
about your attitude on the disease. Carol uses the Rotary Nature Preserve for
socially distanced exercise.

Opportunities to learn more about equity issues

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 frequently used in current dis-
cussions around equity. To register: [www.whitebear.ce.eleyo.com/course/2731/2021-fall/
many-faces-racial-definitions-101-online](http://www.whitebear.ce.eleyo.com/course/2731/2021-fall/many-faces-racial-definitions-101-online)

Oct. 13 (7:00 PM) – **Isabel Wilkerson**, author of Caste: The origins of our discontents (Rotary
book club's book), will be the guest on the Talking Volumes program sponsored by MPR and the
Star Tribune. She will be interviewed by Kerri Miller of MPR. To register: [https://
www.mprnews.org/story/2020/08/31/talking-volumes-2020-season-guide](https://www.mprnews.org/story/2020/08/31/talking-volumes-2020-season-guide).

Rebekah Hagstrom introduced John Hinderaker who runs the Center of the American Experiment, a conservative think tank based in MN. John has been a litigator for 41 years and has participated in 100 jury trials. He is a guest and host for various national and local media programs.

John started by noting that there is a projected \$44.7 billion shortfall in state revenue due to the COVID virus. Legislators are pushing for substantial increases in revenue. We have choices if we want to balance the budget, raise revenue or cut spending or a combination of both.

According to John, MN is the 5th highest ranked in the US for personal income tax rate and high taxes hamper economic growth. Our state's job growth is slower than the US average and MN is below US averages in GDP growth from 2001 to 2018. The question he raised is, "should you stay in MN or move to avoid high state taxes?" It seems that those with higher net worth are part of a trend that is resulting in net outflow/migration out of the state for the most recent eight-year period on record. According to John, MN is a net gainer of lower income people and net loser in every income bracket over \$50k/year. People seem to be leaving the state due to high taxes and he says many people never even make it to MN because of the state's low rate of job creation, which is also below the national average. John says we could get closer to a balanced state budget if returned to spending rates we had in 2016-17. According to John, education and welfare programs are the top two categories of expenditures. He says our welfare spending per person in poverty is the 3rd highest in the nation at \$30k/person not counting federal welfare programs and we could cut welfare spending back to US averages and that would help balance the state budget. But job creation and economic growth have to be higher too.

APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP

The following individuals have been approved for membership by Club Service and the Board and are now being presented to the membership for approval.

- Leo Schuch, Real Estate Sales, REMAX
Sponsor: Bill Foussard
- Eric Edson, , Financial Advisor, Edward Jones
(Transferring from a corporate membership)
Sponsor: Chuck Edson

Learn to pause...or nothing worthwhile will catch up to you."

**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**

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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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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