



*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 Red-  
eye Grill and via Zoom*



**June 9, 2021**

**PROGRAM:** Scott Schulz, President,  
Water Gremlin

**CHAIRPERSON:** Jeff Otto

**CLASSIFICATION:** Mike Lovett

**MERCHANT MINUTE:** Jenny Honmyhr, GM,  
Culvers, Vadnais Heights

**INVOCATION:** Bill Rust

**WRITER:** Jim Rathburn

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**Wednesday Morning Meeting Info via Zoom  
D5960 is inviting you to a scheduled 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?  
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**.WBL Rotary Club Celebrates 5:01:**  
Join with fellow Rotarians on Friday afternoons at  
4:31 p.m. outside on the porch of Boat Works  
Commons. This is a great end of the week oppor-  
tunity for relaxation, conversation, laughs and fel-  
lowship. BYOB and join other club members wel-  
coming the weekend.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Bob Timmons** reported that plans and prepara-  
tion for the 2021 Taste of White Bear Lake  
are proceeding well. Public health trends  
indicate that the COVID-19 protocols will  
allow a "normal social event." **Pat McFar-**  
**lane** explained that ticket sales are going  
well but on-line sales may need to be shut  
down as we are approaching the maximum,  
however that assumes Rotarians holding  
tickets will sell the or buy them. If you feel  
you can not sell your tickets please get them  
back the Pat or Ken Baltzer so we can try to  
sell them on-line. If everyone sells or buys  
their four tickets we will be in great shape!

**Mark Sather** gave what he hopes is his last up-  
date and call for volunteers for the Trail  
Shelter project. He presented an image  
showing that progress is indeed being made  
and completion is near. As always, sincere  
thanks go out to all who have participated in  
this project

**Ken Baltzer** announced that the Strive Scholar-  
ship program recently granted \$22,500 in  
scholarships to five High School graduating  
seniors including two full ride scholarships  
to Century College, three \$2,000 scholar-  
ships to Century and one \$5,500 scholarship  
to a student planning to attend Augsburg  
college. Other than individual contributions  
the main source of revenue for the STRIVE  
scholarship program is the running races  
sponsored by WBL Rotary throughout the  
year. Great job scholars!

**.CLASSIFICATION TALK: REBEKAH HAGSTROM**

**Rebekah Hagstrom** introduced herself and her classification of education  
administration. Rebekah explained that while she has been a member of  
the club for several years her employment schedule makes regular attend-  
ance at difficult. She is the Founder and Headmaster of Liberty Classical  
Academy, a Pre-K through grade 12 school of almost 300 students on Ce-  
dar Avenue in WBL which is based in classical and Christian education  
models. Growth of the enrollment has become a challenge at their current  
location. Rebekah has been married for 37 years and she and her hus-  
band have four children, three of whom are married and they have five  
grandchildren with a sixth expected soon.

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Rob Weber** announced the annual 916 Educational Foundation golf tournament  
will be held June 15<sup>th</sup> and he can help you form a foursome and purchase  
tickets. This is a fun opportunity to help a very worthy cause. Rob also an-  
nounced that his term on the Board of Directors of the Foundation is nearing  
completion and it has been a long tradition to have a WBL Rotarian on the  
board so he would encourage a member to step forward, share their talent  
and join this this significant cause. See Rob for more details.

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**Gayle Quigley from the Rotary District offices** was on hand to present a  
\$6,000 matching grant to help fund an exchange initiative called with South  
Korea through which participants will attend leadership development at  
Camp St. Croix in conjunction with YMCA of the North. **Mike Lovett** has  
spearheaded this project for the club and WBL Rotary contributed \$3,000  
and other district clubs contributed another \$3,000. Watch for more details.

**MANITOU DAYS BEACH DANCE**

**July 7th at Memorial Beach  
Another of our "Fun Raisers"**

**Bill Foussard** announced this event is a joint effort by WBL Rota-  
ry and Explore White Bear and will again feature the very popu-  
lar band Free and Easy (always a crowd pleaser) and our usual  
cuisine of grilled food and adult beverages. **Pat McFarlane, Ken  
Baltzer and Ken Galloway** (these guys are always working for the  
community through Rotary) will be heading up the food prepara-  
tion, the beer and wine bar and overall setup...but much more  
help is needed. Fun and satisfaction is guaranteed and if you  
are new to the club, don't miss this opportunity to do some good  
while having lots of fun. Put the date on your calendar and  
watch for a chance to sign up to help.

Her success continued for several years and she was engaged to write a sequel to Church Basement Ladies then leading to six more sequels and royalty payments allowing her to purchase a house, and continue her writing and performances including Looney Lutherans and The Medora Musical. Then in March, 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic shut down theater, royalties and her income. She described her financial challenges, loss of health care insurance, living on unemployment benefits and PPP loans but experience in becoming successful in a very difficult industry taught her to be resourceful and to keep trying. She converted a room in her house to a makeshift sound studio and is now doing freelance voiceovers, continuing her writing hoping to sell it when theater recovers and is continuing her relationships with other artists. Her professional survival will depend on her stamina, vision and ability to handle rejection. She advises to do work you enjoy and stick to it in difficult times.

Your reporter further sayeth naught  
*Writer of the week: Mark Sather*

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**  
**“We’re one step closer to...Birthday Parties, Nights Out, the Big Game, Holidays with Family and Getaways. We’re one step closer to being where we want to be...TOGETHER!”**  
**-Hallmark**

- ⇒ 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?**

**July 7: Sophia Lenarz-Coy, Exec. Director of The Food Group. “Fighting Hunger. Strengthening Community”**  
**July 14: Alex Legeros, “Art as Healing at White Bear Center for the Arts”**  
**July 21: Kent Whitworth, Pres. MN Historical Society, “History Matters”**

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