

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



June 9, 2021

PROGRAM: Scott Schulz, President, Water Gremlin

CHAIRPERSON: Jeff Otto

CLASSIFICATON: Mike Lovett

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

INVOCATION: Bill Rust

WRITER: Jim Rathburn

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? usp=sharing

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 opportunity for relaxation, conversation, laughs and fellowship. BYOB and join other club members welcoming the weekend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Timmons reported that plans and preparation 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 McFarlane 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 update 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 Scholarship program recently granted \$22,500 in scholarships to five High School graduating seniors including two full ride scholarships to Century College, three \$2,000 scholarships 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 attendance at difficult. She is the Founder and Headmaster of Liberty Classical Academy, a Pre-K through grade 12 school of almost 300 students on Cedar 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 husband 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 15th and he can help you form a foursome and purchase tickets. This is a fun opportunity to help a very worthy cause. Rob also announced 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.

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 Rotary and Explore White Bear and will again feature the very popular 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 preparation, 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.

PROGRAM: Pam Bowers introduced Greta Grosch to describe her experience as an artist during a pandemic. Greta is an entertainer, actor, writer and motivational speaker currently based in the Twin Cities. She started her career as a performer in New York City and then joined several different regional theater productions which eventually led her to Minneapolis where she played in Tony and Tina's Wedding and while doing so she was able to attend Dudley Riggs Brave New Workshop where she learned comedy writing. She was later selected for a role in the musical comedy Church Basement Ladies which was very successful and toured throughout the Midwest in dinner theaters. In 2008 she was hired to write a sequel which gave her what she called W-2 income and a opportunity to join the Actor's equity Guild leading to income security not afforded to struggling actors, health care a pension and other employment benefits.

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.

Thanks for sharing your story Greta. We are sure we will be hearing more about you in the future.

Your reporter further sayeth naught

Writer of the week: Mark Sather

REMINDER: The Rotary fiscal year ends on June 30. Please remember to take care of your financial responsibilities before that date. Also, if you have responsibility for any of the WBL project budgets, please make sure that all check requests are submitted before June 30. Questions? Contact Marlyce Paulson.

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

ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST:

- \Rightarrow 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?

UPCOMING MEETINGS

June 16: Rick Heidick, Fast for Hope

Chairperson: Pam Tschida **Classification: Art Hancock Invocation: Rich Ramsav** Writer: Darrell Stone

June 23: Sue Paget, Rotary Action Group for

Family Health

Chairperson: Carol Nelson Classification: Dale Grambush **Invocation: Rita Pechmann**

Writer: Greg Young

June 30: Effiom Whyte, Kingston Jamaica,

"Eves on the Prize"

Chairperson: Pat McClernon Classification: John Balfanz Invocation: Art Hancock Writer: Bob Timmons

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

July 7: Sophia Lenarz-Coy, Exec. Director of The Food Group. "Fighting Hunger. Strengthen-

ing 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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WBLROTARY TEAM MEETINGS-CURRENTLY HELD VIA ZOOM

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

EQUITY & INCLUSION TEAM: Meets first Friday, 8:30 a.m.. FUNDRAISER TEAM: Meets immediately following Wednesday meet-

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE TEAM: Meets 2nd Thursday of

MEMBERSHIP TEAM: Meets 3rd Tuesday of month, 7:30 a.m.
PUBLIC IMAGE TEAM: Meets 3rd Thursday, 8:30 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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