



*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)*



**April 7, 2021**

**Program:** Grace McDonough,  
Borgen Project-Global Poverty

**Chairperson:** Leo Schuch

**Induction of New Member:** Georgeanne Hilker

**Classification:** Joe Benson

**Invocation:** Steve LaLiberte

**Writer:** Dick Galena

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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?  
usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11pN_Oh77b2fViH8x_hfT1t1JoHt-e0c7?usp=sharing)

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Rotary WBL reaches 100 members!** With the  
induction of Tou Fong Lor, Osi Oji, and Chris  
Strieff Ojo, our club has reached 100 members.  
District Governor Ed Marek congratulated the  
club on reaching this milestone and on our  
work on equity and inclusion, an integral part  
of Rotary's role in promoting peace, justice,  
equality, and equity.

**Bob Timmons** reported **Taste of White Bear  
Lake** planning continues going well. A Q & A  
form will be sent soon to all Rotary members to  
be able to answer questions about this year's  
Taste.

**Curt Akenson** reported that Janelle Erickson  
has completed the mentorship program and has  
received her new member passport.

A short video of **Greg Bartz** sharing his "4-  
way test" story was shown. Others interested in  
doing this can contact **Bob Timmons, Kevin  
Donovan, or Jennifer Breon**, or prepare their  
own selfie.

The ice on White Bear Lake was out on  
March 29, according to **Jan Holtz!**

**CLASSIFICATION TIME: ANN FRISCH**

Ann Stirling (her great-grandmother's name) Mullen (her father's name) Frisch shared with us her extensive work in the area of world peace, beginning in her early twenties when she spent two years in Guatemala. She returned in 2007 as a civilian protector during a time both the military and families that had members killed were holding commemorations. She later travelled to South Sudan as a civilian protector and led training sessions for Sudanese women there. In 2017, she was honored as a Rotary International Peace Champion. At the Atlanta Rotary International Conference as part of the Rotary Action Group for Peace she became involved in the movement to abolish nuclear weapons and in February of this year lectured on reducing violence and protecting civilians in armed conflict. She is chair of Rotary International's Nuclear Weapons Education Subcommittee. Ann has a daughter with whom she is very close and shares with her partner David a number of grandchildren, including Cooper, the latest addition to her family. She also supports a young Guatemalan woman and her educational efforts.

**Meeting Special Guests:**

District Governor Ed Marek and governor-elect Patricia McCleese  
Rosa Rodriguez, Diversity Officer, Century College; Century College Dean Eric  
Riedel Nursing, CECT and Online Excellence; Beth Hein, Human Services and  
Health Services Dean; Andrew Nasset, Dean of Industry, English, Developmental  
Education and Library and Melissa Martyr-Wagner, Century College Foundation  
board chair.

Noemi Trevino, North St. Paul/Oakdale/Maplewood Rotary Club

Jeanne Hartel, guest of Jim Hunt

Effiom and Desmond from our twin club in Kingston

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**Living Room Conversations (LRC) :**

A conversational model developed by dialogue experts to facilitate connection  
between people despite their differences, and even identify areas of common  
ground and shared understanding.

**To register for LRC, visit:** [https://bit.ly/WBL\\_LivingroomConversations](https://bit.ly/WBL_LivingroomConversations)

Th. Apr. 15 @ 6:30 p.m.—Police-Community Relations

Tu. Apr 20 @ 4 p.m.—The Opportunity Gap

W. May 19 @ 6:30 p.m. Tribalism 101: Next Door Strangers

**WBL Rotary Contact: Stephen Kelly, at [kell0587@umn.edu](mailto:kell0587@umn.edu)**

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**Program:** Nora Slawik introduced Alene Tchourumoff, senior vice president, Community Development and Engagement, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis since 2018. Alene previously served as chair of the Metropolitan Council. Alene explained the Federal Reserve Bank’s roles: monetary policy, banking supervision, financial services, and community development and engagement. Her team works to advance the economic well-being and prosperity of low- to moderate-income individuals, households, communities and Indian Country across the Ninth Federal Reserve District, using research, data analysis, and policy development as well as convening to enhance understanding of emerging issues. Significant work, for example, has been done in the area of early childhood, recognizing that children are the future of our workforce. In October 2020, the Fed initiated an 11-part series on Racism and The Economy to highlight the implications of structural racism in the United States and identify solutions. The series has focused on the disparities that limit opportunities and that constrain long-term vitality for all, being-forward-looking and seeking ways to disrupt current systems, practices, and policies. Some highlights of the first session on employment: changing demographics among age groups will keep us young, important for the workforce. Disparities in unemployment rates and wage gaps between whites and people of color, as well as for women, are significant. Occupational segregation, or “pedigree/degree-based” hiring, must change and employers can lead the way in shifting practices. Earnings gaps are not explained by education alone and the second in the series focused on education, recognizing that to succeed in the workforce and contribute to the economic health of the nation, many current practices need to be disrupted. The educational achievement gaps in Minnesota are some of the biggest in the country. The third program focused on housing where again there are significant gaps and disparities in Minnesota: 76.9% of homeowners are white; 25% are Black. Some proposals that have surfaced: eliminate single family zoning to increase supply (CA, Minneapolis); create a restorative justice model such as a fund to buy homes (Evanston); and changing the appraisal process and how Black and Brown neighborhoods are valued. Future programs are on racism in the economics profession; entrepreneurship & small businesses; access to credit; criminal justice; health; wealth. Alene suggested Rotary might host “watch sessions” and lead community conversations and discussion on the issues raised. All sessions are available to watch at: <https://www.minneapolisfed.org/policy/racism-and-the-economy>

Writer of the week: Jackie Reís

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**  
“We should all know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter what their color.”  
- Maya Angelou

**ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST:**  
⇒ 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**  
**April 14:** Nevine Yassa,  
Rising Out Of The Ashes  
**Chairperson:** Ann Frisch  
**Classification:** Dick Galena  
**Invocation:** Bill Eaves  
**Writer:** Greg Young  
  
**April 21:** Joseph Maalouf, Impact of Recent  
Explosion in Lebanon on the Rotary Club  
(hybrid meeting)  
**Chairperson:** Ann Frisch  
**Classification:** Ken Galloway  
**Invocation:** Bill Rust  
**Writer:** Jim Rathburn  
  
**April 28:** Jim Stewart, A Historical Tonic for  
Fragile White People  
**Chairperson:** Kevin Donovan  
**Classification:** Tim Geck  
**Invocation:** Art Hancock  
**Writer:** Mark Sather  
  
**FUTURE PROGRAMS:**  
**May 5:** David Schultz, Pros and Cons of the  
Proposed Constitutional Amendment Change for  
Education  
**May 12:** Irina Fursman, Leadership in Loosely  
Coupled Systems  
**May 19:** Club Engagement and Planning

**MAIL OR PHONE CLUB NEWS TO THE  
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**BEAR BULLETIN DEADLINE: FRIDAY,  
5 P.M.**  
  
**WBL ROTARY PODCASTS:**  
**WWW.WBLROTARY.PODBEAN.COM**  
**OR GO TO: ITUNES AND TYPE IN  
WBLROTARY**

**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  
o'clock noon  
**EQUITY & INCLUSION TEAM:** Meets first Friday, 8:30 a.m.  
**FUNDRAISER TEAM:** Meets immediately following Wednesday meet-  
ing (seasonal)  
**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE TEAM:** Meets 2nd Thursday of  
month, 7 a.m.  
**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.  
  
**2020-21 Officers/Directors**  
*President..... Pat McClernon*  
*President-Elect ... Michael Lovett*  
*Past President .... John Channon*  
*Treasurer ..... Bob Timmons*  
*Secretary ..... Ashley Filipovich*  
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*Community Service. Pam Bowers*  
*- Rita Pechmann*  
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*.Derrek Skeie*  
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*.Pam Tschida*  
*Membership .....Jim Hunt*  
*. Miriah VanDuuren*  
*International .... Greg Bartz*  
*. Patty Hall*  
*Equity & Inclusion....Kevin Donovan*  
*Jackie Reís*  
*Youth Exchange .. Tim Wald*  
*Bulletin Writers ... Mark Sather*  
*Darrell Stone*  
*Greg Young*  
*Dick Galena*  
*Bob Timmons*  
*Jim Rathburn*  
*Jackie Reís*  
*Invocations .... Rich Ramsay*  
*Bill Rust*  
*Bob Gehrke*  
*Steve LaLiberte*  
*Rita Pechmann*  
*Bill Eaves*  
*Steven Griffith*  
*Art Hancock*