



*Celebrating 42 Years of Service
To the Community
Rotary Club of White Bear Lake*

*Meetings
Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.
via Zoom
January 12,19,26*



February 2, 2022

PROGRAM: Duchess Harris, Black Wall Street

CHAIR: Kevin Donovan

CLASSIFICATION: Rich Ramsay

INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Carol Nelson

WRITER: Carol Nelson

Wednesday Morning Meetings are via Zoom for meetings on January 12,19,26.

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

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

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 2/2/22... Invite others to join the meeting via Zoom at 7:30 a.m. (See the link and sign-in information in this Bulletin).

Dr. Duchess Harris, a nationally renowned speaker and author will present a program on Black Wall Street. This is an opportunity to learn about a little known part of history.

-Solid Ground family has a teen who needs a ride to school. The young man is Josh, who needs ride to Central High in St. Paul. Connect with **Greg Bartz** for more details.

-Vocational Team meeting will be second Thursday in February at Honsa Funeral Home. Contact **Derrek Skeie**

-**Kevin Donovan** reported that **Adam Haglin** has complete the Rotary Passport as a new member. Congratulations, Adam, on being a full-fledged Rotary member.

-The **Rotary Club of White Bear Lake-NE Metro** (our new satellite club) will be hosting an informational meeting on Thursday, February 3 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. It will be a chance for members of the WBL Rotary and others to find out what the group is planning, how the satellite club will be different than, and partner with the existing club. For more information and to receive the Zoom link, contact Steve Griffith



BEAR'ly Open XV
GOLF ON ICE | DANCE PARTY | ONLINE AUCTION

**BEAR'ly Open XV
February 4-5, 2022**

The **BEAR'ly Open** is a cooperative partnership between the Rotary Club of White Bear Lake and White Bear Events to raise money for the White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf. On Saturday, February 5, the golf on ice event at White Bear Lake County Park at Ramsey Beach, features a realistic golf course, complete with pine trees, challenging holes and actual greens with flags making it a great way to have fun, get out of the house and raise money for the Food Shelf. The Community Dance on Friday night, February 4, will once again feature a local favorite, "Wild Cat Combo" playing the best of classic rock and roll.

FINAL CALL FOR BEAR'LY OPEN

Advance forecast is looking good for the weekend. "I'm assuming we will be having a big day for the golf," Ken said. The dance still is on, too. Regarding Saturday, all tent and major sponsorships have sold. Ken still is looking for a little more help. Ken has shared a Google doc with open slots. He needs people from 10-2 p.m. Friday to put up trees. Also needs people Saturday to set up and take down. Lastly, Ken still needs a generator, ice auger and LP tank at this writing (Jan. 26). This year's event will allow the Food Shelf to buy \$2 million in food for the shelf, which has had more need every year.

NEED FOR STAFFING THE WBL ROTARY TENT: Our club's Community Service Team needs club members on the day of the BEAR'ly Open. Please plan on being on the ice and helping staff the official WB Rotary tent. We need many club members on the ice between 11:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 5. While you are there, please take a 30 or 60 minute shift in the Rotary tent to greet and converse with the crowd that will be hanging out. It would be perfect to have at least two White Bear Rotarians in the Rotary tent at all times. Not only is it easy, but it will also be fun. We plan to have some fun giveaway items for the revelers.

BEAR'ly Open Silent Auction: Begins Wednesday, February 2 @ 1 p.m.
Go to Silent Auction Registration link to sign up now.
Silent Auction Pro Registration for Online Bidding.

PROGRAM FROM MEETING OF 1/26/22
Gretchen Harriman, Principal, White Bear Lake Area Alternative Learning Center
The center has benefited from the connection to Rotary and STRIVE. Her father was part of a group study exchange to Sweden in the 1970s, living in Kenosha at the time. She learned early on about service — the mindset led her to the ALC.

ALC started as an evening high school program that later moved to north campus, and began in 1996. Finally found their own site — Mark Sather helped the ALC find one. It also has a school called Insight — a recovery school within a school. That has gone on for 20 years. There are two in the metro.

It now uses the former Gulf View Elementary — it was able to get the second floor. It is close to south campus and the YMCA, both beneficial for students. She said the school fights stigma — misperceptions about the school. It is not where the bad kids go. What it is: calm, a learning community, a small setting where kids can be known. Students get same diploma; it isn't a GED program. ALC isn't a place that students are sent; it is a choice for them to attend there. The school serves 10th through 12th-plus. The bulk are seniors. Students can attend until 21 years old.
105: students on first day this year
135: Jan .1 enrollment
150-plus: Currently
ALC sees the biggest intake this time of year, and it will graduate up to 80 percent of students. Class of 2020: 56 percent graduated in four years, but 84 percent ultimately graduated. Connections continue and students are encouraged to continue.

Students have a meaningful connection with at least one adult. Expectations for students: embrace challenges; everything matters; consistency counts; leave your mark; and make the experience theirs. All have something that has challenged, and ALC wants them to find strength to move past and be supported.

STRIVE relationship started at North Campus — it's been 28 years. Some years it was books, some years partial scholarships. The program has had a big impact and helped students "see that their next step is possible," Gretchen said. She told stories of students who have gone on to find the college of their choice, like the recovery program at Augsburg University, StepUP. "This scholarship helped me see my worth," said Shelby, one of the STRIVE recipients. Another, Jennifer Fenton Herlick (Class of 1998), went on to get a degree in elementary education at College of St. Catherine. Earning the STRIVE scholarship got her to Century and she then went to St. Kate's, becoming the first member of her family to graduate from a four-year college.

Ken Baltzer, who has led our club committee that interviews the students, said he is continually inspired by the young people and the staff.

Writer of the week: Bob Timmons

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:
"All of us, at sometime or other, need help. Whether we're giving or receiving help, each of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That's one of the things that connects us as neighbors—in our own way each of us is a giver and a receiver. "
-Mister Rogers, American TV host

ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST:
⇒ Is it the truth?
⇒ Is it fair to all concerned?
⇒ Will it build good will and better friendships?
⇒ IS IT FUN???

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
February 9:
PROGRAM: Nora Slawik, Kristine Baker, Beth Hein present
Century College Advanced Technology Center
CHAIR: Nora Slawik
CLASSIFICATION: Nancy/Rod Oakes
INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Rich Ramsay
MERCHANT MINUTE:
WRITER: Bob Timmons

February 16:
PROGRAM: Mike Lovett presents:
Family Camp for North Korean Refugees
CHAIR: Jim Hunt
CLASSIFICATION: Chris Oji
INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Bill Eaves
WRITER: Greg Young

February 23:
PROGRAM: Patty Hall presents:
Nasaruni Academy for Maasai Girls Project
CHAIR: Mike Lovett
CLASSIFICATION: Carol Nelson
INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Bob Gehrke
WRITER: Jackie Reis

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WBLROTARY TEAM MEETINGS—
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 meeting (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
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