

Celebrating 40 Years of Service To the Community Rotary Club of White Bear Lake

Meetings Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. vía Zoom (During Pandemic)



March 24, 2021

Program: Guy Bosch, Warden **Stillwater Prison**

Chairperson: Ken Baltzer

Classification: Kevin Donovan

Invocation: Rita Pechmann

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 hfT1t1JoHte0c7?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 announced that planning for the 2021 Taste of White Bear Lake is underway. Public health signs are pointing towards a more normal event, and sponsor and vendor acquisition is going well.

District 5960 is asking Rotarians to submit videos of how the 4 Way Test exists in everyday life. Details can be found on the district's website.

Jackie Reis announced that the equity and inclusion team's book club has selected a new book "The Sum of Us" by **Heather McGhee.** The book club's schedule and additional details will follow.

Mike Brass completed his mentorship program.

Desmond Creary from the Kingston Jamaica Rotary Club announced the success of their Home for the Homeless project. They have built 2 homes for 2 previously homeless families in Jamaica, and they expect to continue the project into the future.

CLASSIFICATION: SILAS & VICKY FORD

Vicki and Silas Ford were both born in the White Bear Lake and St. Paul area. They moved away shortly after college, and after living in London, Madrid, and New York, they moved back to White Bear Lake in 2020. Vicki and Silas raised 6 children, have 21 grandchildren, and have enjoyed tennis, hiking, running marathons, and participating in International Rally Racing events.

In Eastchester, NY, Vicki was voted onto the school board and was later elected to the city council. Her time on the city council led Vicki and Silas to Rotary. Quite notably, Vicki helped form a group called the Citizen Corps, which in response to the attacks of 9/11 – helps train community members on how to handle emergency situations.

APPROVAL OF POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

The following three people have applied for membership in the White Bear Rotary Club and Rotary International:

Corporate/Family Membership –sponsored by John Channon
Christina Streiff Oji, OC Real Estate Ventures LLC,

- **Edina Realtv**
- Osita Oji, OC Real Estate Ventures & IT Consultant

Sponsored by Pat McFarlane

Toufong Lor, President Toufong Towing

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: <u>https://bit.ly/WBL_</u>LivingroomConversations

W. Mar 24 @ 6:30 p.m.-Status and Privilege

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

Program: Jim Rathburn presents Rachel Berger, Decoding Dyslexia Minnesota

Dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is often characterized by struggles with reading, spelling, or writing. It is not an intelligence or other cognitive abilities issue, but it is a neurological language disability. It is estimated that 20% of the population struggles with dyslexia, but only about 10% of those individuals are identified and supported.

Dyslexia cannot be cured, but its difficulties can be mitigated with proper reading instruction. Private tutors outside of school can work well, but specialized tutors are not always available to those families without adequate resources, and since low literacy rates are associated with poverty and incarceration, this can be a problem.

To help solve his problem, and because of dyslexia struggles she has experienced herself and seen with her father, brothers, and sons, Hugo resident Rachel Berger founded the nonprofit group Decoding Dyslexia Minnesota in 2013. The group is a grassroots organization supported by Minnesota families, educators, and professionals concerned with the limited access to educational interventions. What Rachel found in her own experience is that the type of training necessary for dyslexic students is not available in schools, and families therefore shoulder the burden outside of school. Decoding Dyslexia Minnesota therefore advocates for legislative change, offers training for educators, educational sessions for parents, and youth groups.

Writer of the week: Greg Young

EQUITY AND INCLUSION TEAM RECOMMENDS:

Family Homelessness: Journeys in Minnesota

Hosted by WBL Area Schools. Tuesday, March 30 / 6:30-8pm / \$20. To register: https://whitebear.ce.elevo.com/course/2810/2021-winter-spring/many-faces-family-homelessnessjourneys-in-minnesota-online

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is the probable reason why so few engage in it."

- Henry Ford

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS March 31: Alene Tchourumoff."The Economy

and Racism" Chairperson: Nora Slawik **Classification:** Ann Frisch **Invocation: Bob Gehrke** Writer: Bob Timmons

April 7: Grace McDonough, **Borgen Project-Global Poverty Chairperson: Leo Schuch** Classification: Joe Benson **Invocation:** Steve LaLiberte Writer: Dick Galena

April 14: Nevine Yassa, **Rising Out Of The Ashes** Chairperson: Ann Frisch Classification: Dick Galena Invocation: Bill Eaves Writer: Jackie Reis **FUTURE PROGRAMS:** April 21: Joseph Maalouf, Impact of **Recent Explosion in Lebanon on the Rotary Club** (Note: Hybrid Meeting) April 28: Jim Stewart, A Historical Tonic for **Fragile White People** May 5: David Schultz, Pros and Cons of the Proposed Constitutional Amendment Change for Education

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WBLROTARY TEAM MEETINGS-CURENTLY 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 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 YOUTH EXCHANGE TEAM: Meets 2nd Thursday,4:30 p.m. 2020-21 Officers/Directors

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