



*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*



September 29, 2021

PROGRAM: Rita Pechmann and Bob Morse,
Commercial Banking During the Pandemic

CHAIRPERSON: Mike Lovett

CLASSIFICATION: Mike McAllister

INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Rita Pechmann

WRITER: Darrell Stone

Wednesday Morning Meetings are Hybrid—in
person at Rudy's Redeye Grill or via Zoom.

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.

To join the 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)

WBL Rotary Club Celebrates 5:01- NOW
CALLED 4:01- back at Rudy's. Join us for end
-of-week social time with Rotarian friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Derrek Skeie, Chair of the Vocational Ser-
vice Team advised that sponsors are needed
for the **Academic Achiever**: Birch Lake Ele-
mentary, Vadnais Heights Elementary, Sun-
rise Park Middle School and North Campus.
Sponsorship is \$109 billed on your Rotary
account. Contact Derrek or Dale Grambush.

Bob Morse announced that he is hosting a
table at the Merrick Inc free luncheon (with
donations requested) on Thursday, October
14 at 11:30 at the Vadnais Heights Communi-
ty Center. Matt Birk, former MN Vikings
player will be the featured speaker.

Jim Rathburn gave a heads-up on the Closet
Clothing Drive in October. This drive, in
conjunction with the White Bear Area Educa-
tion Foundation, collects coats or Target gift
cards. Stay tuned for more details.

We welcomed special guests Carrie Carlson
and Suzanne Hanifl representing a White
Bear treasure across the street from Rudy's—
Children's Performing Arts and Hanifl Per-
forming Arts Center.



JINGLE BEAR
Online Auction
November 10-13, 2021

Now that the Taste of White Bear Lake got us off to a roaring fundraising success, let's focus on our upcoming **Jingle Bear Online Auction**. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 or more. Auctions are fun, but also involve work and support from all members. This year, our auction committee leads are Pam Bowers, Carol Nelson, Jen Breon and Patty Hall. We welcome others to join us! WE need ALL of you!

Please reach out to stores, restaurants, sports activities, experiences-such as dinners, lake cruises, event tickets and more- use your imagination! If all else fails, gift cards with a value of \$25-100 are great items. We appreciate any donation, and we will pair items together to create packages. (wine, bottle of booze, candy, coffee etc can be put together to create a popular item.

We hope that all of you will consider donating one item. Together, we can raise funds that will support our Service actions for this Rotary year.

The Auction will run the dates of November 10-13, with item collection on the 14th and 15th.

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MERCHANT MINUTE: Alan Haskins, Nimble Impressions, 4525 White Bear Parkway, Suite 120, White Bear Lake....a comprehensive creative/full service marketing agency. Their specialties are printing, promotional items, apparel and corporate gifts.

CLASSIFICATION: Pat McFarlane

Pat graciously stepped up to fill a classification slot for another member who was out of town. Thank you, Pat! Pat attended the UofM in Duluth with a major in biology and chemistry; and was a proud member of the U. S. Navy as a hospital corpsman. He worked for the Minnesota Department of Health before taking over the reins at Venburg Tire. He has served on many local boards, including YMCA, church, tire association, etc. His many hobbies include hunting, fishing, canoeing, camping. Fun fact: Wife Carol has put up with him for 50 years!

Program: Julie Swanson is the WBL Chief of Police and has been in that role for 7+ years.

Chief Swanson's interest in law enforcement was piqued during her four years with the Fridley Police Department. It was during that time in the mid-'90s, she got her law enforcement certificate from Metropolitan State University. Swanson served as a crime prevention specialist with the department and developed its community-oriented policing program. From there, she worked as a deputy with the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office and in 2000, joined the White Bear department as a police officer. Swanson worked her way up to patrol sergeant in 2007 and captain in 2011. She is also a part-time faculty member with Metro State's School of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

White Bear youth hockey and youth organizations are part of her impressive community resume. She was and is active in the sports booster clubs, Special Olympics and Sunday school at South Shore Trinity Lutheran Church. She is a parent volunteer with the school district and was a Cub Scout leader back in the day. Her husband Dave raised three sons who attended WBL schools. Two of her sons are in law enforcement.

- She presented on trends in their work and city crime
- Generally, calls have been down slightly. Felt it could have been attributed to COVID.
- She is hearing that citizen are expressing interest in seeing more traffic law violation enforcement, and that will be looked at.
- Auto crime has been trending up. In particular, catalytic converters theft. She described multi-dimensional approaches of education and enforcement have been going on in the Department
- Overdoses and crime related to it have increased, tracking with statewide trends.
- Mental health and domestic troubles have been the subject of increased work. City has partnered with NYFS for mental case workers and also sharing resources with surrounding cities. More could be done in this area. There are also resources being devoted to ensure officers get counseling when they need it given the unique stressors in the job.
- She continues her focus and that of the Department on education (both for her officers and to the general public) and community engagement.

Writer of the Week: Jim Rathburn

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:
"You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have."
- Bob Marley

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:

October 6: Paul Huffman, Unraveling Redistricting
Chairperson: Mark Sather
Classification: Pat McClernon
Invocaton/Inspiration: Carol Nelson
Writer: Carol Nelson

October 13: Dylan McDonough, Solid Ground
Chairperson: Ken Galloway
Classification: Toufong Lor
Merchant Minute: Craig Drake
Invocation/Inspiration: Bob Gehrke
Writer: Bob Timmons

October 20: Barb Duffrin, Challenges and Opportunities for School Leaders
Chairperson: Tim Wald
Classification: Alicia McHugh
Invocation/Inspiration: Bill Eaves
Writer: Jackie Reis

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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 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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