



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

*Meetings
Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.
Hybrid Meetings at Rudy's
Redeye Grill and via Zoom*



March 16, 2022

PROGRAM: Mike Miner & Kelley
Skumautz, PAI

CHAIR: Jim Rathburn

CLASSIFICATION: Scott Mueller

INVOCATION/INSPIRATION:
Rita Pechmann

WRITER: Mark Sather

Hybrid meetings will resume on Wednesday
a.m. in March 2022 at Rudy's and via zoom.

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

Equity and Inclusion Team meeting
announcement: Tickets to History The-
atre, Gordon Parks show, are still avail-
able as of today. Contact **Jackie Reis**.

Picture from WBL Rotary South
(Florida) was shared.

News from **Steve Griffith** about the
Satellite Club:

- ⇒ Ice clean up on WBL, Saturday,
3/12, at 10 a.m.
- ⇒ 3/17-Feed My Starving Children
food packing

STRIVE Race: Saturday, April 2,
2022. Spirit of WBL 5k 5 Mile

Please note that all WBL Team meet-
ings are listed in this Bulletin every
week. All Rotarians are invited to any/
all of these meetings. It's a great way
to stay connected...and you can get at-
tendance credit by attending!

Classification: Jim Rathburn

Jim grew up in Lacrosse, Wisconsin and graduated from University of Wisconsin-Madison, making him a Badger and a Packers fan. He married Lori in 1983 and they have two daughters, a son, one grandson and a granddaughter on the way. His community engagement included softball on ice with his fraternity, volunteer involve-ment with his children, through school, church and other nonprofits, with WBL Rotary providing an avenue for community engagement (member for 11 years). He and Lori have lived in WBL for 36 years, living first on Florence Street, and now at the "Rathburn Estate" near the Benson Airport. Lori was a pharmaceutical rep, and now works at the U of MN in Public Health Research. Jim was in private practice, then corporate counsel, followed by a career in the re-insurance business for 25 years. He started a new career in 2018 with his business called Meeting the Mission, doing con-sultant work with nonprofits. His quote: "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

Merchant Minute: King's City Chinese Cuisine on Hwy 61: Chambrey Ly's family purchased the restaurant in November, renovated it and opened one month ago. It's a family owned and run busi-ness with everything freshly made! Chambrey's grandparents were born in Thailand, immigrated to France, and then to USA. They have owned several Chinese restaurants in the past. The restaurant will give you 15% off if you say you are from Rotary.

WHITE BEAR LAKE ROTARY SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

Irina Fursman (from the WBL Rotary Club) report on the crisis in Ukraine:
In the last 10 years, Irina (who is from Ukraine) and her husband have developed relation-ships with many organizations in Ukraine through their organization Global Synergy Group. They are sending funds daily to be used for many urgent needs including for transportation for the elderly, helping children get on trains to leave Ukraine, and helping with medications, with an urgent need for diabetes medications. Other organizations are supporting civilian defenders.

Irina is advocating with senators and governors. MN Governor Tim Walz will be on the Gov-ernor's task force for Ukrainian refugees to come to US and work. Irina would be grateful for help. She has been in contact with Rotary in Kiev and Jim Hunt is working on a Rotary Disaster Grant to support local Rotary clubs, to transport medication for Ukrainians. She is also connected to Rotary clubs in other countries.

Please reach out to Irina if you have ideas and can help support. Look up Irina on LinkedIn.
<https://www.globalsynergygroup.org/donate> is where you can make a donation to help Ukrainians. The International Committee will be focusing on Ukraine at this week's meeting. More information to follow on how WBL Rotary Club and individual members can support Ukraine.

PROGRAM FROM MEETING OF 3/9/22: Community Resource Center (CRC) at St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi
Presented by the Executive Director Carlos Grantchoff

Carlos Grantchoff moved to MN from sunny Arizona to be the E.D. at the CRC. The idea of the CRC began when a person with housing instability froze to death near St. Andrew’s Church and church members said, “Enough, we have to do something.” The center opened 11 years ago at St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi.

A county-wide taskforce identified that Washington County has a challenge with people experiencing homelessness. The number of households has increased 67% in Mahtomedi over the past several decades but less than 100 additional affordable rental housing units have been built. The percent of renters who exceed the cost burden (using more than 30% of income on housing) has increased from 26% to now 64% over this time.

COVID also made an impact on rents. The moratorium on evictions, which has now ended, helped temporarily, but was not the solution. Rent has increased and deposits for 1st and last month and cleaning deposit now being about \$3000 to get a rental. People with homelessness do not have this amount of funds.

Having a permanent home gives you a place to sleep, a place to park your car, a PO box. It benefits a community to have affordable housing which leads to family stability, school stability, greater academic success, better jobs, helps the local economy and increases community pride. If people are not transient, they invest in the community.

The CRC practices “Radical Hospitality” and “Maximum Giving” to its guests, helping make their guests feel special or normal, being sensitive to people’s culture and dignity. The CRC operates two family shelters: Hugo and Oakdale with both now at full capacity. Thirty families are served at one time, with the average size of 3.2, with children in all family. The CRC also helps with rental assistance, employment, hotel vouchers, food, laundry facility, shower, and provides clothes.

Funding: 44% of funds come from Grants, the rest is gifts. The CRC needs the support of all of us. The CRC partners with Second Harvest, Bridging and other organizations as homelessness is a web that is interconnected. Food, job, housing, schools, every part of homelessness has a certain need to be filled.

Volunteers are needed! Carlos challenged all of us to get involved. He encouraged business owners to use their influence for what is positive. The problem of homelessness is not going to go away until we address it. Volunteerism is key to the operations of the two shelters with volunteers needed to staff overnights at the shelter in Hugo from 8:30 PM to 8:30 AM. You will have your own room and will need to be available to guests, but you don’t stay up the whole night.

Carlos ended with a Quote from Margaret Mead (see Thought of the Week in this Bulletin)!

Writer of the week: Carol Nelson

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:
“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”
- Margaret Mead

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:

March 23:
PROGRAM: Sara Markoe-Hanson
WBL Historical Society Indian Burial Mound
CHAIR: Bryan Belisle
CLASSIFICATION: Craig McNulty
INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Bill Eaves
Writer: Darrell Stone

March 30:
PROGRAM: Afghan Refugees, Yazdan Bahlsh
CHAIR: TBD
CLASSIFICATION: Dan Potter
INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Steve LaLiberte
WRITER: Dick Galena

April 6:
PROGRAM: Recognizing, Understanding the Early Signs of Memory Loss and Dementia and How to Respond in a Healthy Way, Carolyn Klaver
CHAIR: TBD
CLASSIFICATION: Rita Pechmann
INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Art Hancock
WRITER: Jackie Reis

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:
⇒ Operation Pollinator-Chris Stein

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WBL ROTARY 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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