



*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)*



March 31, 2021

Program: Alene Tchourumoff, "The Economy and Racism"

Chairperson: Nora Slawik

Classification: Ann Frisch

Induction of New Members: Mark Perron,
Chris Oji, Osi Oji, Toufong Lor

Invocation: Bob Gehrke

Writer: Bob Timmons

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

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

Curt Akenson gave an update on our club's
part of the successful Share the Love event that
raised money for the Rotary International Founda-
tion. So far this year we have given \$27,500
which projects to our best year ever. Curt
thanked everyone for giving and announced
that **Bill Rust** earned his 9th Paul Harris award,
Pam Bowers earned her 5th, **Pam Tschida**
earned her 4th, and finally he thanked **Jim Hunt**
for making a very significant contribution to the
RI Foundation this year.

Bryan Belisle noted that the Rotary Blood
Drive will be April 6. We are full for donors at
41, but we could use some more club members
to help with greeting and taking temperatures.
If you can take a shift, please let Brian know.

Bob Timmons announced the Taste of White
Bear Lake planning is well underway. **Darrell**
Stone reported on the sponsorship team activi-
ties. This year, there will be only one premier
sponsor (\$5000); \$2500-gold; \$1000-silver;
\$500-bronze; \$250-Rotary.

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CLASSIFICATION TIME: **Kevin Donovan** used his classification to high-
light the Equity and Inclusion Team. Kevin co-leads this team with Jackie
Reis. This is an official avenue of Rotary service now since the killing of
George Floyd. About 20 people have been involved over the past year. Kevin
interviewed **Steve Griffith**, **Ellen Hiniker**, and **Ken Galloway** about their in-
volvement. Steve says he is now more fully aware of his privilege, with clarity
coming from participating in the book club, Living Room Conversations
(LRCs), and team meetings. Ellen, coming from her position of leadership as
city manager in WBL, mentioned that silence sends a message and sees the
city's role as one that can leverage data they have access to. City data should
be used to affect residents lives in meaningful ways pertaining the equity and
inclusion. Ken has learned a lot by his participation in the book club, LRCs.
He sees inequality and injustice as one of the biggest problems in our world
and sees Rotary having a natural fit for helping be part of the solution.

Merchant Minute: **John Lupo, President of Grandma's Bakery**-John is a
Certified Master Baker and he talked about the effect of COVID-19 on his
business. His business has suffered mightily from the pandemic especially
segments that depend on airline, airport, corporate and catering. The
storefronts are doing better than ever. The big box operations are doing
well, but his operation has suffered 40% loss in revenue in the past year.
Lately profits are up 14% but the business is still in rough shape. The
PPP government stimulus saved him, now he just hopes Grandma's will
survive. John has noticed a toll on his own and his employees' mental
health and all of us. **His message: Shop local-it helps!**

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

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: Ken Baltzer presents: Guy Bosch, Warden at Stillwater Prison

Guy started out as a corrections officer in 1989 and has been part of the Minnesota Department of Corrections in many functions over the past 32 years. With many changes occurring over years, he has seen many successes and some failures in the corrections system. The current mission of the MN Dept. of Corrections is to transform lives with an emphasis on human dignity, respect, safety, and security. He is the 20th warden of the prison since its inception in 1914. He oversees a budget of \$49 million. About 25% of prisoners have jobs while serving their sentences. The prison serves 1,305 men, down from 1,600 pre-COVID. Instead calling them inmates or offenders, prisoners are simply referred to as men. The larger demographic blocks break down as follows: 50% black, 39% white, and 9% native American. The prison can house level 4 security prisoners. The facility was COVID-free until last fall, but in October 950 men and 150 staff got the virus. Minnesota has gone from 10,000 to 7,500 prisoners due to criminal justice reform and COVID. Just as a note, MN has one of the lowest incarceration rates in the nation. There are an average of 15 assaults per month between prisoners and staff. In order not to keep a healthy perspective, Guy says it helps to have a quiet ride home from Stillwater to Lakeville and to try not to dwell on the tough days.

Writer of the week: Darrell Stone

MEETING GUESTS ON 3/24/21:

Kevin Donovan noted that Noemi Trevino was with us from the N. St. Paul/Oakdale/Maplewood Rotary Club this morning.

Georgie Hilker was with us again this week, sponsored by **Michael Lovett**.

John Channon introduced guests **Chris Streiff-Oji** and husband **Osita Oji**. Chris is a retired school principal who last worked at Willow Lane Elementary and Osi, from Nigeria, is an IT consultant working remotely for the city of Pasadena, CA. Both are part of a new real estate venture here locally and are passionate about equity and inclusion. Their application for membership has been approved and they will now be inducted.

Effiom and Desmond from our twin club in Kingston, Jamaica Zoomed with us again this week.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

*“Don’t ask yourself what the world needs.
Ask what makes you come alive and go do it.
Because what the world needs is people who
have come alive.”*

- H. Thurman

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

The following person has been approved for membership in the White Bear Lake Rotary Club. If anyone has objections, please let us know.

⇒ Georgeanne Hilker

Community Member

Sponsor: Dr. Michael Lovett

UPCOMING MEETINGS

**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

**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

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

**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**

**May 12: Irina Fursman, Leadership in Loosely
Coupled Systems**

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**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

YOUTH EXCHANGE TEAM: Meets 2nd Thursday, 4:30 p.m.

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