



*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*



December 1, 2021

PROGRAM: Jane Graupman,
Empowering Immigrants and Refugees

CHAIR: Tara Jebens-Singh

CLASSIFICATION: Scott Mueller

INVOCATION/INSPIRATION:
Carol Nelson

WRITER: Carol Nelson

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

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

Jingle Bear Auction update: The auction raised at least \$10,500. Thank you to **Patty Hall, Carol Nelson, Pam Bowers** and **Jen Breon** for their work. Also to club members who donated items and bought items!

From **Greg Bartz and Steve Griffith**
Our club board recently approved the formation of a satellite club. More information to come.

Also, Solid Ground has a program for veterans and their families. There is a Dec. 20 social, and members are encouraged to meet with the participants. See Greg if interested.

Mark Sather reminded members for the 2021 Friends of Scouting fund raising event on December 9th at 7:15 a.m. at Historic Fort Snelling. A car pool of members is being organized. We hope to get 8 members to fill a table. Watch for a clip board being circulated.

Elections for club posts will happen in December.

CLASSIFICATION: BOB MORSE

Bob and his wife, Diane have two children, Luke and Maddie, who are both engaged to marry. Bob grew up a "cop kid" in Northeast Minneapolis, as did his wife. He is an alum of Fridley (now Totino Grace). Got a degree in education. Has worked in a variety of capacities in banking and the last 20 with U.S. Bank, Bremer and MidCountry. Bob ran for Vadnais City Council in 2018 and served two years. He was president of our Rotary Club 2009-2010. He is known for some "groaner" jokes and he did not disappoint: "Times Fun When You're Having Flies"

REMINDERS:

Jeanne Hartle announced that Braver Angels of Minnesota will conduct a workshop on the topic of depolarizing conversations on sensitive topics on race and learning skills in listening to all perspectives to improving understanding and civility. The event will be held Saturday December 4th at the Hanifil Performing Arts Center from 9:00 to Noon. See your email from **Jackie Reis** for link to registration. With the dipping temperatures **Ken Galloway** reminded us it is not too early to begin plans and preparations for the 2022 Bear'ly Open. The search is on for hole sponsors, helpers and golfers. Ken says this is the year when to total value of food made available through the WBL Emergency Food Shelf through the proceeds of Bear'ly Opens will surpass \$2Million. See BearlyOpen.org for more details. Sign up now for the Community Service project of the annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing on December 4th at Cub Foods on Buerkle Road. Contact **Darrell Stone**

YEAR-END DONATIONS

If Rotarians want to make end-of-year contributions to the Rotary/Paul Harris Foundation, and you want it sent through our club, we need the check by December 13 (and notify Marlyce) that you are doing this. Contact Curt Akenson or Marlyce Paulson with questions.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

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December 1.....Carol Nelson
December 2.....Pat McClernon
December 8.....Bill Rust
December 13.....Kelley Skumautz
December 20.....Fred Treiber
December 21.....Caroline Amplatz



ONE

One tree can start a forest
One smile can begin a friendship
One hand can lift a soul
One word can frame a goal
One candle can wipe out darkness
One laugh can conquer gloom
One hope can raise your spirits
One touch can show you care
One life can make the difference
Be That ONE today!

PROGRAM: Brian Robinson, on the state of manufacturing
Brian is chief executive at Wilson Tool, a tool and dye manufacturer based in Hugo. Wilson has 800 employees across 18 facilities all told, with 440 in Hugo.

It's been a challenge during the pandemic, Brian said. Wilson mainly does the punches for sheet metal fabrication industry. The business has been flat to declining, so Wilson is diversifying to tools that create pill bottles, and work that supports the ammo industry, small battery industry, and LED lighting.

A unique thing: Wilson owns and operates eight golf courses in Midwest and Colorado. The purchases were part of an estate planning by original owner.

State of manufacturing:
-The country has experienced recessions every eight to 10 years, declines of 25-30 percent (revenue, staff cuts). 2019 was beginning of most recent.
-Bright side of the troubles is that they have helped the realization and importance of making products in the U.S. "Manufacturing is coming back to the U.S.," he said. Wilson is back to 2019 levels.
-Strength here is measured using Purchasing Managers Index ... a scale that shows whether manufacturing is expanding or contracting. Above 50 is expansion, below 50 is contracting. Most of 2021 has been about 60.
-One sign of strength is ability to export. Wilson closed China facility but still has sent about 10% out to other countries to continue product development.
Foreign competition:
-Countries like Brazil and China charge manufacturers 30-60 percent tariffs to export its products into their countries.
-Many don't have same safety, environmental standards to the level of the U.S.
-Still most countries are making investments in latest technology
Issues:
-Labor shortage, skilled and unskilled. Wilson has worked with high schools to reinstate some of the trades within schools. There is a need in plumbing, electrical and on. Avg wage at Wilson is \$33 per hour.
-Health care increases
-Covid and lost productivity. He said they've had 23 cases in November. Wilson has been short-staffed, and the pandemic worsened the condition.
-Still, more work than Wilson can handle. Seems to be tolerance among customers. Wilson fits into this narrative, too: U.S. is the second most-efficient manufacturer in the world ... more done here with technology, whereas in China it's based on human labor.

Writer of the week: Bob Timmons

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
"The foundation upon which Rotary is built is friendship, and no less firm foundation could it have stood."
- Paul D. Harris, 1914

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:

December 8: Ellen Schreder & Gymps Sunel
Mango Haiti Farm
Chair: Patty Hall
Classification: Jim Muellner
Invocation/Inspiration: Bob Gehrke
Writer: Darrell Stone

December 15: TBD
Chair: TBD
Classification: Kelley Skumautz
Invocation/Inspiration: Bill Eaves
Writer: Jackie Reis

REMINDER: There will be NO ROTARY MEETINGS on December 22 & 29

January 5: TBD
January 12: Jackie Reis presents Leigh Anderson, Minnow Tank Project

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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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