

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS: The first STRIVE race is Saturday April 6th. We are looking for sponsors at \$100. Sponsor names will be printed on the t shirts.

Greg Bartz announced that the Open World group will be here from June 14 through June 22nd. We are looking for host families during this time.

John Channon is putting together teams for Taste of White Bear 2019. The Team Coordinator is **Pat McClemon**.

Bill Foussard presented the inspiration pin to **Deb Neutkens** from the White Bear Press for her excellent reporting on the events that go on in White Bear Lake.

STRIVE RACE DATES FOR 2019

Saturday, April 6
Saturday, August 3
Sunday, November 3

All proceeds support the STRIVE
Scholarship Fund

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

*“Why does everybody stand up and
sing “Take Me Out to the Ballgame”
when they are already there?”
- Author Unknown*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO PAUL
HARRIS AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Gene Altstatt (8th award)
Darrell Stone (2nd)
Steve Carlson (5th)
Steve LaLiberte (4th)
Bill Foussard (6th)

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER

The following person has been approved for Rotary membership. If there are no objections from the club members within 10 days, they will be inducted at an upcoming meeting:

Alicia McHugh
Your Whole Health Connection
Classification: Health & Wellness Coach
Sponsor: Dan Potter

**Program: Darrell Stone presented Tim Owens with
The Redemption Project**

Tim Owens started The Redemption Project, a 501 C3 non profit. Tim was a banker for 32 years and involved in state and national politics. He was incarcerated from July 2016 to September 2017. Tim Owens and Dwight Tosten-son founded The Redemption Project in January 2018. The Mission of the project is to partner with employers to provide inmates with mentoring oppor-tunities while incarcerated and meaningful employment upon release. There are 2.2 million people incarcerated in the US with 625,000 being re-leased annually. The recidivism rate is 68% recidivism within 3 years. The main causes are lack of education, housing, meaningful employment; and addiction. In Minnesota the cost is \$41,000 per year for each prisoner. The program has 3 phases. The first is education. During incarceration and in a classroom setting, the participants are taught the 4 virtues, wisdom, courage, justice, and temperance. The education is to build character. The second phase is to advocate. This is during the final 12-18 months of incar-ceration. The participants work with a mentor and learn how to do a face to face interview; and ideally are offered a job upon release. The third phase is support. Support is given for a year after release. This helps with re-entry and provides resources for addiction, housing etc. Participants also volunteer for the Project as part of their support. This program is offered in the cities with plans to expand to Duluth, Sand-stone and the Waseca Women’s prison. All funding is through private dona-tions and grants. The Redemption Project takes no government funding.

Writer of the week: Rita Pechmann

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