**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The first STRIVE race is Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>. 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  $22^{nd}$ . 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

2019 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION HAMBURG, GERMANY JUNE 1-5, 2019

#### 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 (8<sup>th</sup> 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

## <u>Program:</u> 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 Tostenson founded The Redemption Project in January 2018. The Mission of the project is to partner with employers to provide inmates with mentoring opportunities while incarcerated and meaningful employment upon release. There are 2.2 million people incarcerated in the US with 625,000 being released 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 incarceration. 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, Sandstone and the Waseca Women's prison. All funding is through private donations and grants. The Redemption Project takes no government funding.

## Writer of the week: Rita Pechmann

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The Rotary Club of White Bear Lake building friendships and improving lives through hands-on projects in the White Bear area and around the globe

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

April 3: Teresa Thomas, 50 Fun Things and Women Networking Chairperson: Connie Bossard Classification: Rob Thomas Greeters: John Kenyon & Kevin Donovan Invocation: Bob Gehrke Writer: Jackie Reis

April 10: Tammi Roach & Kristin Reither "YMCA Update" Chairperson: Gene Altstatt Classification: Bob Timmons Greeters: Steve LaLiberte & Craig Drake Invocation: Rita Pechmann Writer: Cathy Wyland

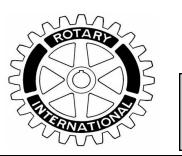
**April 17: Dr. Michael Lovett** "Uganda Update" Chairperson: Pat McFarlane **Classification:** Fred Tewiber **Greeters: Pat McClernon & Barb Duffrin Invocation:** Bill Rust Writer: Darrell Stone **UPCOMING MEETINGS:** April 24: Had Solberg presents: Tessa Makepeace, "Bilingual Child Care and Education Center in Mahtomedi" May 1: Ken Baltzer presents: Officer Louis Ferraro "Police Officers as Guardians in 21st **Century Policing**" May 8: Elen Hiniker presents: Ron Solheid, "Minnesota Corrections System" At least three weeks in advance of your schedule, please contact Jeff Otto: Jeff.otto@opmpallet.com Mail or phone club news to the WBL ROTARY OFFICE: MARLYCE PAULSON P.O. Box 10809 White Bear Lake, MN 55110 Office: 651.738.3022 e-mail: wblrotary1@comcast.net Web Site: whitebearrotary.org Bear Bulletin Deadline: Friday, 5pm

## WBL ROTARY TEAM MEETINGS

**BOARD MEETINGS:** Meets 4th Tuesday of each month, WBL City Hall, 7 a.m. CLUB SERVICE TEAM: Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, Eat @ Banning & 5th, 7a.m. **COMMUNITY SERVICE TEAM:** Meets last Wednesday of each month, noon, location TBD **FUNDRAISER TEAM:** Meets immediately following Wednesday meeting (seasonal) **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE TEAM:** Meets 2nd Thursday of each month, Eat @ Banning & 5th, 7 a.m. **PUBLIC IMAGE TEAM:** Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. location TBD **VOCATIONAL SERVICE TEAM:** Meets 1st Thursday of each month, Keys Restaurant,

7 a.m. YOUTH EXCHANGE TEAM: Meets 2nd Thursday,4:30 p.m., Washington Square Grill

2018-2019 Officers/Directors **President** ..... Connie Bossard President-Elect .... John Channon **Past President** .... Craig Drake Treasurer ..... Pat McClernon Secretary ..... Michael Lovett Exec. Secretary . . . . Marlyce Paulson **Public Image .....** Bob Timmons Rotary Foundation. .Curt Akenson **Community Service.** Jim Rathburn -Ríta Pechmann Vocational Service . Dale Grambush . Fred Treiber Club Service ..... Greg Young .Ken Baltzer International .... Fred Treiber .Iím Hunt **Youth Protection** ... Gene Altstatt/Greg Bartz Youth Exchange ... Tin Wald Bulletin Writers ... Mark Sather Darrell Stone Greg Young Ríta Pechmann Díck Galena Bob Timmons Cathy Wyland Iackie Reis **Invocations** ..... Rich Ramsay Bill Rust Bob Gehrke Steve LaLiberte Ríta Pechmann Bill Eaves Steven Griffith



# Rotary Club of White Bear Lake Chartered in December 1979

Meetíngs Wednesday at 7:00 A.M. **Rudy's Redeye Gríll** 



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

White Bear Lake Rotary embroidered garments are available now. Today is the last day to submit order forms to Ken Baltzer. You will be billed on your quarterly invoice.

The next **WBL Rotary Blood Drive** is scheduled for April 9 from 2 pm to 7 pm at the WB Armory. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter "WBL Rotary" to schedule an appointment. **Greg Bartz** announced Beers for Blood. If you volunteer to give blood on April 9th, you will get a coupon for a free beer at Big Wood Brewery.

**Jim Rathburn** announced that we will be helping out on the **Stamp Out Hunger** drive again this year. You will be able to sign up for this volunteer opportunity in the coming weeks. The date will be May 11. We load bags of non-perishables collected by local postal workers on their mail routes for delivery to 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest.

Nominations are being considered for White Bear Lake Rotary Outstanding Rotarian Award. Contact **Ken Baltzer.**  March 27, 2019

Greeters: Stephen Kelly & John Channon

**Classification: Darrell Stone** 

Invocation: Steve LaLiberte

Writer: Greg Young

Program: Bill Eaves presents: Murray Death, "Youth & Family Stability"

Ken Baltzer: Song

## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

Take me out to the ball game, Take me out to the crowd: Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jacks, I don't care if i every get back. For let's root, root, root for the Home team. If they don't win it's a shame; For it's one, two, three strikes you're out, At the old ball game.

