



*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 Red-
eye Grill and via Zoom*



June 23, 2021

PROGRAM: PDG Greg Cryer, Director of RFHA Inc; Director for Southern Africa and Vice Chair... "Rotary Action Group for Family Health and AIDS Prevention, a public private partnership"

Note: presenting via Zoom from South Africa

PROGRAM CHAIR: Carol Nelson

CLASSIFICATION: Dale Grambush

INVOCATION: Rita Pechmann

WRITER: Greg Young

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- NOW
CALLED 4:01- back at Rudy's:

Join with fellow Rotarians on Friday afternoons at 4:01 p.m. at Rudy's Redeye Grill.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stillwater Sunrise Rotary is having a Ride the Bridges event. All rides are happening on the bike-friendly blacktopped routes crossing the bridges over the St. Croix River. You start/finish in downtown Stillwater. The date is August 15th and you can get more information and register at bikereg.com/bridge-the-valley or Stillwatersunriserotary.org.

District 5960 District Governor Nominee Patricia McLeese gave the results of the **Share the Love fundraiser**. Our club did great and she thanked all who gave. 5960 raised a total of \$170,000 for the district foundation.

The annual **Manitou Days Beach Dance** is coming up on July 2. **Ken Baltzer** needs as many helpers as possible to set up fence and lights on July 1; food and beverage sales, and takedown on July 2; and then a group to help take down the lights on July 3. Let Ken know if you can help by calling 651-329-8070.

Bob Timmons and Pat McFarlane reported that Taste of White Bear Lake ticket sales are going well. If you have unsold tickets please contact Pat.

CLASSIFICATION: Art Hancock, Rector (senior pastor) at St. John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church in downtown WBL

Art has been a WB Rotarian for about 2 years and noted that it is great to be at a live meeting! He is from Nashville, TN where his father worked at the Jack Daniels Distillery. By coincidence, Art and fellow Rotarian and pastor here in town, Bill Eaves, attended the same college in Tennessee. Art came back from a mission and was called to the clergy, with placements in three southern congregations before his call to northern Wisconsin. He and his wife also ran a wilderness camp in northern Wisconsin and they still have a cabin in the Cable area. They have six children ages 19-24. He loves the outdoors and is happiest canoeing, kayaking, or paddleboarding. St. John in the Wilderness is the longest running congregation in WBL and the original location was near the Episcopal cemetery here in town. The church is now located on Clark St. downtown. Although every day is different, the hard but rewarding work of being a pastor includes helping his parishioners recognize marriages, births and deaths, preaching, and teaching. COVID has been challenging but has also been good for reflection and he feels churches will be able to be more of source for good because of it. Art thrives on a challenge and sees the synergy of Rotary with the mission of the church as a good thing. He ended with a call to us all to "feed your soul, be part of something good, authentic, relevant!" Thank you for your service, Art.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COMMUNITY SERVICE TEAM MEETING will be held Wednesday June 23, at noon, via Zoom.

Jim Hunt announced: Rancho Quemado Water Project Reaches Completion. The White Bear lead District Grant project to provide water storage and distribution to this small village on the Osa Peninsula in far SW Costa Rica is finished. The \$16,000 grant provided two—22,000 liter tanks and two distribution lines. This provided water to 90 families, for many the first running water in their homes, along with several community buildings. Thanks goes out to White Bear and the other four district clubs that supported this project.

WBL Rotary Team Meetings schedule is on the last page of this Bulletin. All members are invited/encouraged to join any of these teams. Not sure who to contact? The committee names and chairpersons are also listed.

Club Needs: Volunteers to do invocations and/or writers for the Bulletin. Every weekly meeting needs a volunteer for each of these activities. Many devoted members have done this for years; but a few additional people would be helpful for people who need time off, vacations, etc. You would be scheduled about every 6-8 weeks. If you can help, contact Marlyce

PROGRAM: Pam Tschida presents Rick Heidick, Fast For Hope
Fast For Hope (FFH) is an initiative of Rotary District 5960 that uses club donations equal to the cost of one meeting meal (\$10) per year from each club member to fund needs in a few communities in Nicaragua. The program has been in place for 14 years and uses little or no RI Foundation grant money, just member donations. The FFH model helps with community needs, but also tries to promote local community ownership, projects with an ongoing term. With the goal of sustainable cooperation and local ownership of solutions, the FFH team must move at the pace dictated by the Nicaraguan communities to be successful. Because poverty and lack of resources are the problems and because Nicaraguan national and local governments do not support the people very well, FFH is partnering with Opportunity International (OI). OI is trying to overcome similar problems in 23 countries as well as 30 communities in Nicaragua. Right now, FFH and OI, with assistance from the Kairos non-governmental organization, are working on aqueduct and water improvements with the local people. The people need better access to clean water. El Corozo is a town of 120 households and 400 people. The closest well is five kilometers away and because it is shut off in the dry season (six months per year) at that time the only water comes when a tanker truck shows up at very inconsistent intervals. FFH is helping the local people with the whole water governance process: getting local buy-in for raising money for wells, maintaining the system, keeping the source water clean, and having community ownership. The community of El Comejen is in need of help with electrification and lighting of a two kilometer public road and FFH is using the same process of working with the local people there too. At 100 members, our club gives \$1,000 per year to the FFH efforts. Rick has been to Nicaragua six times as part of the FFH team and invited club members to join the District 5960 FFH steering team. Talk to Pam Tschida or Jim Hunt if you have an interest.

Writer of the week: Darrell Stone

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:
Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day, symbolizes the end of slavery and commemorates the reading of President Abraham Lincoln’s General Order #3 on June 19, 1865...the day the union soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Texas to ensure that all enslaved people were freed.

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

June 30: Effiom Whyte, Kingston Jamaica, “Eyes on the Prize”
Chairperson: Pat McClernon
Classification: John Balfanz
Invocation: Art Hancock
Writer: Bob Timmons

NEW FISCAL YEAR:
July 7: Sophia Lenarz-Coy, Exec Director of The Food Group, Fighting Hunger-Strengthening Community
Chairperson: Ken Galloway
Classification: Irina Fursman
Invocation: Carol Nelson
Writer: Carol Nelson

July 14: Alex Legeros, “Art as Healing at White Bear Center for the Arts”
Chairperson: Pam Bowers
Classification: Richard Fursman
Invocation: Rich Ramsay
Writer: Dick Galena

FUTURE PROGRAMS:
July 21: Kent Whitworth, Pres. MN Historical Society, “History Matters”

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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
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