



*Celebrating 40 Years of Service
To the Community
Rotary Club of White Bear Lake*

*Meetings
Wednesday at 7:45 a.m.
Via Zoom
(During Pandemic 2020)*



July 8, 2020

Program: Allison Kaplan, Editor,
Twin Cities Business Magazine

Chairperson: Debra Neutkens

Classification: Stephen Kelly

Invocation: Steve Griffith

Writer: Jim Rathburn

Wednesday Morning Meeting Info:

Wednesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
With Social time @ 7:15 a.m.

Join WBL Rotary Weekly Zoom Meeting
[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/530467809?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/530467809?pwd=R3dHV1JXWHcxY2Frd3d1VDRPVXhrUT09)
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Meeting ID: 530 467 809

Password: 991694

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Friday Virtual 5:01 Meeting Info:

Friday Evenings starting at 4:55 pm-?
Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 555 170 854

Password: 022079

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Week fifteen of White Bear Lake Rotary
meeting in virtual format due to the
COVID-19 virus pandemic*

**Reminder that weekly Rotary meetings
on Wednesday morning begin at 7:30,
with social time at 7:15. Meetings will
end by 8:30 a.m**

Ellen Hiniker let us know about a panel
discussion on race and equity taking place
at Century College on July 8 at 10 am.

Miriah VanDuuren said that Cerenity is
looking for volunteers to help with screen-
ing visitors to their facility. Contact her or
Cerenity if you are interested.

John Channon announced that our White
Bear Lake club received three awards at
the recent District awards ceremony: the
Governor's Citation, Community Services
(3rd place), and Public Image (3rd place).
Congratulations to all!

501 will be held at Lion's Park at 4:30
on Friday. Bring a chair, a beverage, and a
mask.

CLASSIFICATION: Our new club President, Pat McClernon started out his first meeting by thanking **outgoing President, John Channon** for being a great leader in a very strange year. With the shift to ZOOM meetings, the Rotary International conference cancelled, Beach Dance cancelled, and Taste of WBL reformatted, COVID-19 really threw a wrench into everything. Pat presented the gavel/plaque, a President's Rotary pin, and a \$10 gift certificate to John in recognition of his service to the club. Pat introduced the new board and announced that the board decided to go back to full dues starting in July and is hopeful that we can do in-person meetings at Rudy's again while at the same time running the meeting through ZOOM for those that can't meet in person. Pat had Greg Bartz talk about our club membership as Greg's three-year term as District 5960 Membership Team Lead comes to an end. He gave a summary of club membership and his work with other Rotary clubs in the District. Greg announced a new dues structure for new members where the dues start at \$40 per quarter and move quarter by quarter to full dues paying members (\$121 per quarter) as they see the value of being a member of White Bear Rotary. President Pat then handed the meeting to 9th Annual Taste of WBL chair, Mike Lovett. Mike said we have 25 vendors, over \$20k in sponsorships and that now we have to sell passports fast. We'd like to have all club members sell at least six passports. Passports will be numbered and Pat McFarlane will oversee passport distribution. President Pat announced the new RI theme for RI President Holger Knaak year as "Rotary Opens Opportunities".

**THANK YOU TO THE MANY
VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED
WITH THE FLAG CREWS THIS
WEEK AND FOOD
DISTRIBUTION AT THE YMCA.**

**LAKE AREA BANK
VIRTUAL FOOD DRIVE
JUNE 15—JULY 31**

Website: <https://www.whitebearrotary.org/>

Our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WBLRotary/>

Our Twitter feed: @Rotarywhitebear, <https://twitter.com/Rotarywhitebear>

Our Instagram: wblrotary

You will find links to our recorded Weekly Zoom meetings on our website and on our Facebook page.

PROGRAM: Ellen Hiniker Presents

Tim Flynn, St. Paul Police Commander

Tim began his time in law enforcement in St. Anthony and then moved to St. Paul Police and has been a Commander for 14 years. He has had involvement with SWAT for 13 years and has had a number of other focuses on the force. He first talked about how COVID-19 affected the St. Paul Police. The virus surge started in mid-March as the St. Pats parade was cancelled, businesses, bars and restaurants were closed. As that occurred, the department split into two groups, started taking temperatures at beginning of each shift, regularly sanitized squad vehicles, and donned masks, gloves and eye protection all day every day. In addition to making it harder to breathe, the protective gear made it harder to communicate with each other and those they serve. So with only five COVID-19 cases in over 800 employees, they have survived the virus successfully so far. Then George Floyd was killed in Minneapolis. Tim's personal opinion of the situation was that improper tactics were used that lead to Mr. Floyd's death and that it should never have happened. From there, he feels that the whole police profession was wrongly painted with a broad brush as racially biased. With the unrest in Minneapolis, St. Paul offered 40 officers to help them on a Wednesday and on Thursday the rioting spread to the midway area of St. Paul. They had to put out an "all call" and all had to report for duty, some staying on duty for 24 hrs. Cell phone stores, liquor stores, and pharmacies were hardest hit and auto parts stores were torched by rioters. The city tried to shut down roads and bridges but that tactic did not work and became unsafe. Tear gas, smoke, and other munitions were used to disperse crowds. Tim is not happy with the media's coverage and said problems were amplified by operatives from outside the city. In his opinion, the National Guard was necessary mutual aid because all police departments were stretched too far. With the progression from protests to rioting and looting and arson, St. Paul and other Twin City police departments are debriefing and putting policies in place to do a better job of prevention. Tim believes St. Paul is doing the job the right way and that Minneapolis is a whole other ballgame. St. Paul Police, city administration, police administration, police union, and mayor are for most part cooperative, compared to the situation in Minneapolis. A small percentage of calls require use of force, but when officers use of force is improper, officers go through arbitration using an attorney and an independent judge. And since employees have rights like any other citizen, this rigorous process must be followed. Tim stated that the St. Paul Police strive to be completely professional in their service to the citizens and the city.

Writer of the week: Darrell Stone

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"When the last thing we notice is the color of skin; And the first thing we look for is the beauty within...we shall be free."

Trisha Yearwood
#loveoneanother

**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

July 15: Effrom Whyte, Jamaica
Chairperson: John Channon
Classification: Bob Morse
Invocation: Steve LaLiberte
Writer: Dick Galena

July 22: Paul Schnell, Commissioner
of Corrections, State of Minnesota
Chairperson: Kevin Donovan
Classification: Bill Eaves
Invocation: Bill Rust
Writer: Mark Sather

FUTURE PROGRAMS

**At least three weeks in advance of your
schedule, please contact Jeff Otto:
Jeff.otto@opmpallet.com**

Please note that program information may
change with the new virtual meeting for-
mat...stay tuned!

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**_WBLROTARY TEAM MEETINGS—
CURRENTLY HELD VIA ZOOM**

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.
MEMBERSHIP TEAM: Meets 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:30 a.m., Caribou, Cty E & E Cty Line
PUBLIC IMAGE TEAM: Meets 3rd Thursday 7 a.m. Anchor Coffee
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

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