



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

*Meetings  
Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.  
via Zoom  
(During Pandemic 2020)*



**January 6, 2021**

**Program: Barker Tas, White Bear Youth Exchange, Where Is He Now?**

**Chairperson: Greg Bartz**

**Classification Time:**

- **Dave Black, AARP Free Tax Service (Bob Gehrke)**
- **Patty Hall, Focus on 3 GG and 2 DG for Nigeria**

**Invocation: Bill Eaves**

**Writer: Dick Galena**

**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](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11pN_Oh77b2fViH8x_hfT1t1JoHt-e0c7?usp=sharing)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Kevin Donovan** announced that former Minnesota Viking legend and state Supreme Court Justice Alan Page will speak to the club in a special meeting Feb. 3 on education and equity. Make sure to register early. Details have been circulated.

**Jackie Reis** announced that the Equity & Inclusion Committee is on to its second book club: "A Good Time for the Truth," with essays from Minnesotans. See Jackie for more details

**BEAR'ly Open Feb 4—6**

**Ken Galloway** thanked club members for the good response to sponsorships and auction items for the revised BEAR'ly Open. Things are moving along well, but there is still much to do to make it a successful event. We can still use additional donors to the auction and more hole sponsors. We have been getting golfers to register, but this will be a key component to success. Please consider putting together a foursome, creating a costume, and registering soon. We will be soliciting for online auction registrations soon in January, so watch for that and please sign up. We've been getting some great donations. Volunteers will be needed on Thursday thru Saturday the week of the event (Feb. 4 – 6). Please consider taking a slot or two when the signup sheet goes out. The work load will be much less this year than previous years.

**WHITE BEAR LAKE ROTARY  
CLUB OFFICERS**

**2021-2022  
July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021**

President: Michael Lovett

Past President5: Pat McClermon

President Elect: Bob Timmons

Treasurer: Ashley Filipovich

Secretary: Kevin Donovan

Vocational Service Team  
Team Lead: Derrek Skeie  
Team Co-Lead: Ryan Boog

Club Service Team  
Team Lead: Pam Tschida  
Team Co-Lead: Craig McNulty

Community Service Team  
Team Lead: Darrell Stone  
Team Co-Lead: John Channon

International Service Team  
Team Lead: Patty Hall  
Team Co-Lead: Fred Treiber

Foundation Team  
Team Lead: Curt Akenson

Youth Exchange Team  
Team Lead: Tim Wald

Public Image Team  
Team Lead: Kevin Donovan  
Team Co-Lead: Bob Timmons

Membership Team  
Team Lead: Greg Bartz  
Team Co-Lead: Miriah VanDuuren

Equity & Inclusion Team  
Team Lead: Jackie Reis  
Team Co-Lead: Kevin Donovan

**Living Room Conversations (LRC) is**

a conversational model developed by dialogue experts to facilitate connection between people despite their differences, and even identify areas of common ground and shared understanding.

To register for LRC, visit:  
[https://bit.ly/WBL Livingroom conversations](https://bit.ly/WBLLivingroomconversations)

Th. Jan 21 @ 6:30 p.m.—Food  
Tu. Jan 26 @ 4 p.m.—Stewardship of Spirituality  
W. Feb 17 @ 6:30 p.m. Increasing Harmony and Prosperity  
Th. Feb 25 @ 6:30 p.m.—Freedom  
Tu. Mar. 16 @ 4 p.m. Social Equity  
W. Mar 24 @ 6:30 p.m.-Status and Privilege  
Th. Apr. 15 @ 6:30 p.m.—Police-Community Relations  
Tu. Apr 20 @ 4 p.m.—The Opportunity Gap  
W. May 19 @ 6:30 p.m. Tribalism 101: Next Door Strangers

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:  
EQUITY & INCLUSION TEAM MEETINGS**

**Full Committee (Kevin Donovan/Jackie Reis)**  
**8:30 a.m.—1/8; 2/5**

**E&I Committee—Internal Team (Ken Galloway & Greg Bartz)**  
**8:45 a.m.— 1/27; 2/24**

**E&I Committee—External team (Rita Pechmann & John Channon)**  
**8:30 a.m.– 1/21;2/18**

**Program: Wayne Kazmierczak, superintendent of White Bear Lake Schools**

Wayne recently earned 'superintendent of the year' award in Minnesota schools for his and his district's hard work on multiple levels. Wayne had a good report of the school district, given the impact of the pandemic, which has driven the schools to remote learning. Some of the highlights:

- The school district continues to produce an outstanding number of AP scholars while offering 50 college credits last year.
- The graduation rate was 91.2 percent, well above the state average.
- The district prides itself on being a good steward, and refunded a debt issue of \$1.1 million. The district is among the lowest for expenditures in the state.
- The district enrollment overall is lower than expected, but is expected to rise to 12,000 in the next eight to 10 years. The district serves 10 communities in the area. New housing and sales indicators point to that expanded enrollment.
- In that context, there was strong local support for the referendum, which has allowed new building and expansion plans to start. See more online at [isd624.org/buildingourfuture](http://isd624.org/buildingourfuture). Ground has broken on a new gym at South Campus -- the school itself will become the new Sunrise Middle School. North and South campuses will combine at the north location, which also will undergo a big expansion that will double the size of the facility (including a fieldhouse and new 800-seat auditorium).

*Writer of the week Bob Timmons*

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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**

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:**  
“Today you are you;  
That is truer than true.  
There is no one alive  
Who is you’er than you”  
-Dr. Seuss

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**  
**January 13: John Phelan, Closing Minnesota’s Budget Deficit**  
**Chairperson: Jeff Otto**  
**Classification: Ashley Filipovich**  
**Invocation: Art Hancock**  
**Writer: Mark Sather**

**January 20: Dr. Ellen Block, The Tiny Lives Foundation Supporting Life Saving Work In Lesotho**  
**Chairperson: Janelle Erickson**  
**Classification: Jim Hunt, Twin Clubs**  
**Invocation: Steve Griffith**  
**Writer: Jim Rathburn**

**FUTURE PROGRAMS: NOTE THAT THE PROGRAM ON FEBRUARY 3 WILL BEGIN AT NOON, WITH SPEAKER— FORMER SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ALAN PAGE. STAY TUNED**

**MAIL OR PHONE CLUB NEWS TO THE WBL ROTARY OFFICE: MARLYCE PAULSON**  
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**BEAR BULLETIN DEADLINE: FRIDAY, 5 P.M.**  
**WBL ROTARY PODCASTS: [WWW.WBLROTARY.PODBEAN.COM](http://WWW.WBLROTARY.PODBEAN.COM)**  
**OR GO TO: ITUNES AND TYPE IN WBLROTARY**

**WBLROTARY TEAM MEETINGS— CURENTLY 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 Tues 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 1st Tuesday of month, 7:30 a.m.  
**PUBLIC IMAGE TEAM:** Meets 3rd Thursday 7 a.m.  
**VOCATIONAL SERVICE TEAM:** Meets 1st Thursday of month, 7 am  
**YOUTH EXCHANGE TEAM:** Meets 2nd Thursday, 4:30 p.m.

**2020-21 Officers/Directors**  
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*Jim Rathburn*  
*Jackie Reis*  
*Invocations .... Rich Ramsay*  
*Bill Rust*  
*Bob Gehrke*  
*Steve LaLiberte*  
*Rita Pechmann*  
*Bill Eaves*  
*Steven Griffith*  
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