



*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)*



May 5, 2021

**Program: David Schultz
Hamline University Professor, “Pros and
Cons of the Proposed Constitutional
Amendment Change for Education”**

Chairperson: Kevin Donovan

Classification: Patty Hall

Invocation: Rita Pechmann

Writer: Darrell Stone

**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)**

WBL Rotary Club Celebrates 5:01:
Join with fellow Rotarians on Friday afternoons at
4:31 p.m. outside on the porch of Boat Works
Commons This is a great end of the week oppor-
tunity for relaxation, conversation, laughs and fel-
lowship. BYOB and join other club members wel-
coming the weekend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Cinco De Mayo Day!

Bob Timmons announced that plans and prepara-
tions for the 2021 Taste of White Bear Lake are
progressing well. **Pat McFarlane** reported that
distribution of Passports/Tickets (four to each
member) will begin the first week of May.
Members were reminded of the importance of
trying to sell the passports which contain dis-
counts and specials for use at participating res-
taurants and vendors before the Taste event on
September 11th. Please remind those who pur-
chase passport books to retain the top portion as
that serves as the ticket for entrance. Remember,
this is our only fundraiser of the year but if you
are not able to sell your passport, please return
them to Pat.

Thanks to **Pam Bowers**, the Community Service
Team and all the volunteers who helped with the
planting project and pollinator garden at Rotary
Nature Preserve last Friday. Great job and fun
event!

Here we go! **Mark Sather** reported that work is
kicking off on the Lake Links Trail shelter pro-
ject. The first phase is starting this week with
cutting, assembling and painting trusses off-site
at the former WBL Public Works building near
White Bear Avenue and Hwy 61, where all the
boats are stored. We are seeking members inter-
ested in painting under Ken Baltzer’s tutorage.
There will be midday and evening opportunities.
There will be many more opportunities to help
over the next two weeks. If you are interested
send an email or call Mark at
marksather@gmail.com or 651-426-5217.

Bill Foussard announced plans for the Manitous
Beach Dance to be held at Memorial Beach on
July 2nd. As in past years many hands will be
needed but much fun will be had. Stay tuned.

CLASSIFICATION: TIM GECK

As President Pat called upon **Tim Geck** to present his classification talk the speaker ap-
peared surprised as he apparently disregarded the message sent to him almost a week
earlier informing him of his scheduled assignment. The barrister quickly recovered,
however, and began his presentation with “Timothy Geck, the early years” with a certain
level of apprehension that he may be misquoted. (Editor’s Note; no way) It seems Tim
was born in western North Dakota and attended St Mary’s Abby before entering NDSU
where he earned a degree in Economics and Philosophy. Much to this reporters surprise
it seems he has gainfully employed during his college years performing a litany of jobs
ranging from highway construction, grain bin building, advertisement sales and selling
drugs (Four Way Test filter calls for context; the drug sales were through a licensed re-
tail establishment). While attending law school he continued his employment experienc-
es with research assignments and exhaustive travel throughout North America, North
Africa and Europe. He began his law career in ND chasing ambulances and defending
accused felons and late migrated to WBL establishing a practice in business law, real
estate and estate planning (See GDO Law).
It is irrefragable that our friend practices Service above Self. He has served a President
of the WBL Chamber of Commerce, the White Bear Lake Economic Development Cor-
poration, Chairs the Charter Commission and among Rotary projects TNTC he has al-
most single-handedly organized the Senior Picnic for almost two decades and has been
honored with the Outstanding Rotarian Award. Tim has raised five children bringing
him great pride and he and his wife Holly reside in WBL.

MERCHANT MINUTE: Jim Rathburn introduced Theresa Lendway who
described Maker Space, her business located at Hwy 61 and County road J
where they provide customers and students with space, instruction and
equipment for building and creative projects. Check them out at
makerspace.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR ROTARY EVENTS

**Don’t miss this week’s Rotary meeting speaker, May 5, via Zoom.
Kevin Donovan has invited another great speaker for us...**

David Schultz is a Distinguished University Professor of Political Science and Legal
Studies at Hamline University.

**WBL Rotary Club “Five-Way Test” - IS IT FUN??? Stay tuned for a Club Mem-
bership Milestone Celebration: May 21 @ 5:01.**

Living Room Conversations (LRC) :

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

To register for LRC, visit: https://bit.ly/WBL_LivingroomConversations

Th & S May 6&8: Police-Community Relations

W. May 19 @ 6:30 p.m. Tribalism 101: Next Door Strangers

WBL Rotary Contact: Stephen Kelly, at kell0587@umn.edu

Kevin Donovan presented the day’s speaker James Brewer Stewart and his program “Tonic For Fragile White Folks.” James is a Professor Emeritus at Macalister College. He began his tenure in 1969 and retired in 2002. Since then he has been developing approaches to antiracist activism that are grounded in historical knowledge and perspective. He has published several biographies of leading American abolitionists and published over 50 related scholarly articles and reviews.

Professor Stewart explained that as a young man he aspired to become a Division 1 basketball player and to develop his skills he moved south in an attempt to enter leagues but often found himself the only white guy attending and seldom if ever picked. He learned a lot about basketball but learned much more about race issues and began to understand the racial sense of Us v. Them, Here v. There and White Supremacy. He learned that there are experiences and memories that Whites never had or have forgotten but Blacks are well aware of and have lived. He came to realize he could not change the oppression and atrocities of racism and White Supremacy (“All men are created equal v. acceptance of slavery lynching and racial injustice) but he could study and learn what happened and through teaching he could try to influence the future. He referred to 16 short videos of which he was involved in the production (see link elsewhere in Bulletin) and described his work with the Board of Trustees of Colby College in Maine which wants to become an Antiracist Board.

Professor Stewart asserted that change is going to happen in our country. As its diversity increases Whites will no longer be the majority race and if we want to flourish in a multi-racial society we must get comfortable with those changes. By learning more, experiencing life without dominate confines (shopping on Lake Street v. MOA or attending religious services where you and not of the dominate race) we will better understand that people are people and we share the same desires.

If you missed this presentation, consider watching the recording on our website and also visit YouTube and check-out Professor Stewart’s videos. Thanks Kevin and Professor Stewart for a thought inducing presentation.

Your reporter further sayeth naught

Writer of the week: Mark Sather

Link for Professor Stewart videos:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=PlkkM2KIYX8>

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: “Until the great mass of people shall be filled with a sense of responsibility for each other’s welfare, social justice can never be achieved.” - Helen Keller	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?
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 12: Irina Fursman, Leadership in Loosely Coupled Systems
Chairperson: Greg Bartz
Classification: Curt Akenson, Rotary 101
Invocation: Bob Gehrke
Writer: Bob Timmons

May 19: Club Engagement and Planning
Chairperson: Mike Lovett
Classification: Dale Grambush
Invocation: Steve Griffith
Writer: Jackie Reis

May 26: Ann Labovitz, Artist Practice: Community and Beyond
Chairperson: Pat McClernon
Classification: Bob Gehrke
Invocation: Steve LaLiberte
Writer: Dick Galena

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

June 2: Greta Grosch, Being an Artist During Covid
June 9: Scott Schulz, President, Water Gremlin
June 16: Rick Heidick, Fast for Hope

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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 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
YOUTH EXCHANGE TEAM: Meets 2nd Thursday, 4:30 p.m.

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