



*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 13, 2021

**January 13: John Phelan, Closing
Minnesota's Budget Deficit**

Chairperson: Jeff Otto

**Classification Time: Ken Galloway,
BEAR'ly Open**

**Induction of New Members:
Mike McAllister and Jennifer Breon**

Invocation: Art Hancock

Writer: Darrel 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 meet-
ing 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...NOTE A NOON START TIME FOR
THIS SPEAKER.

Jackie Reis announced that the Equity & Inclu-
sion Committee is on to its second book club: "A
Good Time for the Truth," with essays from Min-
nesotans. More details in the bulletin.

Ken Galloway announced that the reimagined
BEAR'ly Open is to take place on February 4-
6, 2021. It will consist of auction items and golf-
ers. More golfers are needed to register.

Stephen Kelly announced that the first Living
Room Conversation (LRC) is to take place on
January 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Stephen at
kell0587@umn.edu

Message from the Membership Team:
Change in their meeting dates to 3rd Tuesday of
the month at 7:30 a.m. beginning on January 19

Merchant Minute:

Barbara Mundis is an owner of All Star Pet Hotel
and Day Care located in the Birch Lake Square
on Highway 96, White Bear Lake. It is a bou-
tique pet facility offering a variety of overnight
accommodations and/or day care services. To
learn more, contact them at 651-330-2681 or visit
www.allstarpetsmn.com.

Classification Time:

The AARP Foundation provides a free tax service for seniors and those of modest
income at the South Shore Trinity Church. Appointments are needed. **Dave
Black**, the administrator of the program, is in need of
volunteers to schedule appointments by phone. Contact Dave Black for more in-
formation at hugodkb@comcast.net.

Patty Hall gave an excellent summary of how Global Grants and District Grants
work and the involvement of our Club's International Service Team with those
Grants.

Living Room Conversations (LRC) is a conversational model developed by
dialogue experts to facilitate connection between people despite their differ-
ences, and even identify areas of common ground and shared understanding.

To register for LRC, visit: [https://bit.ly/WBL_Livingroom Conversations](https://bit.ly/WBL_LivingroomConversations)

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

WBL Rotary Contact: Stephen Kelly, at kell0587@umn.edu
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EQUITY AND INCLUSION TEAM

We have selected **A GOOD TIME FOR THE TRUTH** for our second book club. This is
a collection of 16 short essays that describe what it is like to live as a person of color in
Minnesota. This book has been used frequently by Minnesota book clubs over the
past three years. It is available for \$18.95 at Lake Country Booksellers, Barnes & Noble,
Amazon, and from Minnesota Historical Society Press,
the publisher.

We will meet from 4:00-5:00 PM on the following Mondays: January 18, February 1,
February 15, and March 1. We will try to cover four essays each meeting.

Please consider joining us! We welcome you to the discussions even if you haven't
read the book - we talk about the issues that are brought up in the essays and invite
everyone to join in the discussion.

Reply to Jackie Reis to register: jreis.wbl@gmail.com

**Program: Berker Tas, White Bear Youth Exchange,
Where Are They Now?**

In August 2001 Berker Tas was a 17-year-old student from Ankara, Turkey when he arrived in White Bear Lake as our Club’s exchange student. Three weeks later, on September 11, 2001, Islamic militant terrorists organized by Osama bin laden attacked the United States by hijacking 4 passenger planes and crashing into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and a field in Pennsylvania. Being from a Muslim country it became a difficult time for Berk. As he now states, the members of White Bear Rotary befriended him and gave him much peace and comfort. He was so grateful for the Rotary experience that he applied and received a scholarship at the University of St. Thomas, where he played on the basketball team and graduated with a BS Degree in Electrical Engineering and Physics. After graduation, he worked for Boston Scientific. He also received a MBA from the Carlson School of Management. He married in 2009 with a destination wedding in Jamaica attended by several WBL Rotarians. Beginning in 2009 he worked for business start-ups. He accepted a position in England and he and his wife moved to Oxford, England where they lived and worked for 2 years. They subsequently moved back to Minnesota and they and their 2 young children now live in Southwest Minneapolis. Berk is the current CEO and a team leader for SentiAR, an augmented reality company headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri. SentiAR develops a medical 3D augmented reality platform featuring real-time holographic visualization of a patient’s actual anatomy. The 3D hologram of the heart improves a physician’s efficiency and ability to deliver therapy to the patient for the treatment and analysis of cardiac arrhythmias within an interventional catheter lab environment. Berk, thank you so much for being our exchange student. You have made us all very proud. Please stay in touch.

Writer of the week : Dick Galena

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:
*We have become not a melting pot
but a beautiful mosaic. Different
people, different beliefs, different
yearnings, different hopes, different
dreams – Jimmy Carter*

**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

**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: Mark Sather**

**January 27: Leigh Thiel, Organizing
for Legislative Change
Chairperson: Jackie Reis
Classification: Kate Anderson
Invocation: Rita Pechmann
Writer: Jim Rathburn**

**February 3: THIS PROGRAM BEGINS
AT NOON.
Program: ALAN PAGE, FORMER STATE
SUPREME COURT JUSTICE.
“Issues of Equity in Education”
Chairperson: Kevin Donovan
Invocation: Steve LaLiberte
Writer: Greg Young**

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5 P.M.**

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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 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 3rd 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.

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