

# 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)



# **September 23, 2020**

Program: Amanda LaGrange, CEO Of Tech Dump & Tech Discounts, "Seeing the Value"

Chairperson: Ryan Boog

Classification: Rotary Video

**Invocation: Rich Ramsay** 

Writer: Jackie Reis

Wednesday Morning Meeting Info: D5960 is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom 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: <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11pN\_Oh77b2fViH8x\_hfT1t1JoHt-e0c7?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11pN\_Oh77b2fViH8x\_hfT1t1JoHt-e0c7?usp=sharing</a>

501 will be held at Lion's Park at 4:31 p.m. on Fridays for the time being...weather permitting.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Patty Hall** announced that the club is planning a fundraising auction. Donation items and volunteers are needed.

**Rita Pechmann** announced that volunteers are needed to help New Trax deliver meals to local senior apartments. The anticipated commitment would be one hour per week and interested Rotarians should keep an eye out for an electronic sign up form in their email.

John Channon announced that effective October 7, the White Bear Lake Rotary Club will be offering hybrid meetings. Rotarians will have the choice to attend the in-person meeting at Rudy's with proper safety protocols in place or to attend the same meeting simultaneously on Zoom.

Friday's 501 Club meeting will still be 4:30 at Lions Park. **Ken Baltzer** recommends bringing a coat.

Ken Galloway announced that the recent technology drive for PCs for People collected 3 pallets of equipment. Thank you to those that volunteered, and please mark your calendars for the next collection date September 25 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.



Patty Hall announced plans for our club's online auction. This will replace the silent auction that is part of our Taste of WBL. Club members should be getting offerings together. More coming from Patty and Pam Bowers on this. We need bigger "experience" items like vacation/cabin rentals, boat rides, group meals, as well as theme baskets. Get creative!

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#### Classification: Bob Gehrke

Bob Gehrke has been senior pastor at South Shore Trinity Church in White Bear Lake for the past 18 years. In his 38-year ministry career, this year has been the most challenging.

From March until June, his church offered electronic worship services. The service was recorded Saturday, and then posted to their website and social media for parishioners to watch. Starting in June, they were able to transition back into in-person services with the proper social distancing protocols in place. For example, they had specific entrance and exit doors to direct flow, they sat every other pew, and removed seat cushions to help with cleaning. Further, they were able to offer outdoor services throughout the summer and plan to continue this throughout the fall.

#### Community Note—

Lake Area Bank Shredding
Event
White Bear Lake Area Bank
Saturday, 9/26/20,
9:30-11:30 a.m.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR: EQUITY & INCLUSION TEAM MEETINGS

Full Committee (Kevin Donovan/Jackie Reis)
1st Friday—8:00 a.m.
9/11;10/2;11/8;12/4;1/8;2/5;3/5;4/2

Rotary In the Community (Ken Galloway/ Greg Bartz) 3rd Thursday—8:00 a.m. 9/17;10/15;11/18;12/16;1/21;2/18;3/18;4/15

Rotary As A Club (Rita Pechmann/ John Channon) 4th Wednesday—8:45 a.m. 9/23;10/28;11/18;12/16;1/27;2/24;3/24;4/21

# **Program:** Jeff Otto presents:

Dr. John Otto, Friends for Folks at Lexington Assessment and Reception Correctional Facility

Dr. John Otto has been a veterinarian in Norman, OK for 30 years. During that time, John has been active in the Kiwanis Club, volunteered at the local animal shelter, and heads a successful Friends for Folks at Lexington Assessment and Reception Correctional Facility.

Oklahoma has the highest incarceration rate in the country. Dr. Otto's program takes pets from local animal shelters and matches them with an inmate. The pair trains together for 12-13 weeks and must pass an assessment at the end of the program. The trained pets are then given to widows, nursing homes, veterans centers, or to those with special needs as companions. Dr. Otto has observed how transformational the training is for both the pet and the inmate. There is an unconditional love between the two, and the inmates develop an other-centered demeanor.

Dr. Otto has produced 3 documentaries highlighting the success of this inmate program – "The Dogs of Lexington" in 2013, "Bassett Tales" in 2015, and "Children of Hope" in 2017. Dr. Otto has also written 2 children's books and has received several honors for his volunteer work.

Writer of the week: Greg Young

# THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time...Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you...My mother told me to be a lady. And for her, that meant be your own person, be independent."

In memory of Ruth Bader Ginsburg 1933-2020 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**

September 30: John Hinderaker, "Minnesota:

Should I Stay or Go"

Chairperson: Rebekah Hagstrom Classification: Carol Nelson Invocation: Rich Ramsay Writer: Jim Rathburn

October 7: President Angelia Millender,

Century College & Covid

Chairperson: Nora Slawik Classification: Paul Keleher Invocation: Bill Eaves Writer: Bob Timmons

**FUTURE PROGRAMS:** The new Hybrid meeting format is scheduled to begin on October 7...stay tuned!

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#### 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

EQUITY & -INCLUSION TEAM: Meets first Friday of month, 8 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.

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