



*Celebrating 43 Years of Service  
To the Community  
Rotary Club of White Bear Lake*

*Meetings  
Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.  
Hybrid Meetings at Rudy's  
Redeye Grill and via Zoom*



**AUGUST 31, 2022**

**PROGRAM:** YouLead Ukranian Students

**CHAIR:** Bob Timmons, Irina Fursman,  
Tim Wald

**CLASSIFICATION:** None

**INVOCATION/INSPIRATION:** Bob Gehrke

**WRITER:** Dick Galena

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Hybrid meetings are held on Wednesday a.m.  
at Rudy's and via zoom.

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.  
To join the Zoom meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87159321038>  
**Meeting ID: 871 5932 1038**

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**WBL Rotary Club Celebrates 4:01– at Rudy's.**  
Join us for end-of-week social time with  
Rotarian friends.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**#IMAGINE ROTARY**

\* **Ken “Pit bull” Baltzer** declared he is not  
our Mother and refuses to pick up after us  
at Rudy's. It seems folks have been leaving  
things behind after meetings and Ken has  
been storing them and seeking their owners  
but no longer. Stuff left behind at Rudy's is  
going straight to the trash. You have been  
warned! (Writers note: Check the Lost and  
Found at Rudy's before you go dumpster  
diving for your favorite  
coffee cup).

\* Thanks to **Craig McNulty, Gene and  
Marcia Altstatt** and **Ken Baltzer** 51 club  
members and guests enjoyed a picnic, fel-  
lowship and pontoon ride last Thursday  
evening at Gene and Marcia's. This annual  
event has brought members together for  
over 20 years. Let's keep the tradition go-  
ing. If you missed it, join us next year.  
You will be glad you did.

\* **Tim Wald** explained help is still needed  
with transportation of the Ukrainian stu-  
dents visiting our area over the next 15  
days. If you can help by driving weekday  
mornings contact Sherri Clysdale at  
651-503-6294. Your assistance will be  
appreciated and you will enjoy the experi-  
ence

# Taste of White Bear Lake

**SEPTEMBER 10 AT PINE TREE APPLE ORCHARD**

Taste of White Bear Lake is our annual fundraiser and the success is vital to  
support the programs of the club!

**Taste updates:**

\* **Jeff Borglum, Julie Honsa, Pat McFarlane** and **Ashley Filipovich** gave an up-date on  
the 2022 Taste Of White Bear Lake. So far, a total of 437 tickets have been sold (310 by  
club members and 124 on-line). Revenue is currently over \$17,000 and on-line ticket sale  
will close September 7<sup>th</sup>. Portable generators are needed and clipboards are circulating so  
look for them and sign up. Don't forget the pack-up shift at the end of the event!

\* **Rob Weber** solicited bottles of wine for the Taste of White Bear Lake/Cork Pull. Please  
donate a “nice” bottle of wine; or give him \$20 for a bottle; or stop at Mahtomedi Liquor  
barrel and purchase from **Eric Hendrickson**.

**MERCHANT MINUTE:**

**Jim Rathburn introduced Keith and  
Connor Dehnert to speak about their  
family business' Talley's and Two Silo  
Winery.** Keith and his wife Jan purchased  
Tally's in 1990. The boat livery business has  
grown to a restaurant/bar and entertainment  
and rental business featuring pontoons, fish-  
ing boats, canoes and other watercraft.  
In 2017 they purchased a tract of land in  
Grant and started “Two Silo Winery”.  
Connor explained they have studied work at  
the University in it's development of hearty  
grape stocks which are suitable for the MN  
climate. In 2019 they had their first planting  
of 2300 grape vines. As the plants develop  
they are preparing their buildings and equip-  
ment and are 8 to 12 months from produc-  
tion. Good luck in your new venture guys  
and thanks for bringing the story Jim.



**IMAGINE  
ROTARY**

PROGRAM FROM MEETING OF 8/24/22 :

**Nora Slawick** introduced Mike Wilhelmi, Customer Relations Manager for approximately 50 communities in the northeast metro area for Xcel Energy. Mike began his presentation by explaining that in addition to its core function of serving customers with natural gas and electricity, Xcel spends a great deal of resources preparing for the future. The company currently has approximately 3.7 million electric and 2.1 million natural gas customers overall. In MN the count is 1.3 million electric customers and 472 natural gas customers. The company has a goal of producing energy carbon free by 2050 and reach 80% of that goal by 2030. It plans to close its coal fired plants (Currently able to produce 2500 MW) in MN by 2030 and by 2034 reach production of 5800 MW of electricity through renewable sources. This will include shutdown of production at the Steven King plant on the St. Croix in approximately five years. That plant at peak can burn nearly three coal cars per hour. Large substation, distribution operations will continue at the site and a substantial Photovoltaic array will be built at the site.

Mike explained that while it produces less than coal, natural gas will always be a source of carbon emissions although Xcel is seeking means of reducing methane content in the gas. It is also planning to assist in powering 1.5 million electric vehicles by 2030 including transportation corridor public charging stations and at-home charging stations which will require approval from the MN Public Utility Commission.

In response to questions Mike stated that Xcel believes it has and will have sufficient energy sources now and in the future and that its distribution grid is sufficient to meet demand. However, as coal fired plants are shutdown and replaced by multiple solar and wind generation additional transmission lines will be needed. Xcel has no current plans for additional nuclear generation sites but intends to continue operation of its current plants as long as possible and allowed.

Thanks Nora and Mike for the informative up-date!

Your reporter further sayeth naught.

*Writer of the week: Mark Sather*

Thought of the week:

“An investment in knowledge  
pays the best interest.”  
- Benjamin Franklin

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???

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**September 7:**  
**PROGRAM:** Malaria Partners Grant,  
Jenny Andrews  
**CHAIR:** Patty Hall  
**CLASSIFICATION:** Rob Wood  
**INVOCATION/INSPIRATION:** Rita Pechmann  
**WRITER:** Darrell Stone

**September 14:**  
**PROGRAM:** We See Each Other  
**CHAIR:** Jackie Reis  
**CLASSIFICATION:** Curt Akenson  
**INVOCATION:** Carol Nelson  
**WRITER:** Carol Nelson

**September 21:**  
**PROGRAM:** Rural Healthcare in Sierra Leone  
**CHAIR:** Carol Nelson  
**CLASSIFICATION:** Gene Altstatt  
**INVOCATION:** Art Hancock  
**WRITER:** Jackie Reis

**September 28:** Gene Altstatt presents:  
Mindy Greiling, Mental Health  
**October 5:** Bob Timmons presents: Brent Peterson,  
St Croix Historical Society, on Bud Fowler,  
black baseball icon

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WBL ROTARY TEAM MEETINGS—  
**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 meet-  
ing (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

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