



*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)*



March 10, 2021

March 10: Dr. Hedy Walls,
YMCA of the North

Chairperson: Michael Lovett

Classification: - Kevin Donovan
-Curt Akenson & Lonny Stormo, D5960
"Share the Love Results"

Induction: Irina and Richard Fursman

Invocation: Steve Griffith

Writer: Mark Sather

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)

Friday Virtual 5:01 Meeting Info:
Friday Evenings starting at 4:55 pm-
Join Zoom Meeting
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84681656568?
pwd=YVkzQnNVT2RNV2VYWVI3azlQc1NN
UT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84681656568?pwd=YVkzQnNVT2RNV2VYWVI3azlQc1NNUT09) Meeting ID 846 8165 6568 Passcode:
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next hybrid meeting (Rudy's Redeye Grill
for in-person and Zoom) will continue on the
third Wednesday of each month ...March
17... and require a sign-up for in person
attendance.

Patty Hall announced that Jennifer Breon has
completed the Rotary mentorship program. Jen-
nifer's graphic design and marketing skills have
been on display with the Jingle Bear and
Bear'ly Open silent auctions.

Curt Akenson reported that the Rotary Interna-
tional Foundation "Share the Love" program of
giving has been extended. Let him know if
would like to give. You will receive a Paul Har-
ris Award for a gift at the \$365 level and a Paul
Harris Award for you and someone of your
choice at the \$1,000 level.

Bryan Belisle let us know about our next Red
Cross blood drive and offered volunteer oppor-
tunities as greeters and temperature takers.
More to follow in coming weeks. We want your
blood.

Speakers are need for Rotary meetings in
April and May; contact Pat McClernon or
Paul Keleher with ideas.

CLASSIFICATION: John Channon used this time to put a spotlight
on the Living Room Discussion (LRD) program that our club has been
participating in. A discussion panel consisted of **Carol Nelson, Nora
Slawik, and Mark Sather**. Carol noted her participation in the Spiritual-
ity LRD. She reported that she felt comfortable talking about what could
have been a sensitive topic. Nora noted that the LRDs have been a
great experience with excellent information and are a great way to get
to know club members. Mark Sather mentioned that he was surprised
how free he was to express opinions and that **Stephen Kelly** is a very
good moderator. All were advocates for the LRD program and John in-
vited all club members to join in on one.

Guests:

Kevin Donovan introduced Kate Christopher who has served on
the Mahtomedi School Board with him and is involved with the Cen-
tury College Foundation. Kate and her family have hosted White
Bear Rotary exchange students from Japan and New Zealand in the
past.

Effiom and Desmond from our sister club in Kingston, Jamaica
Zoomed with us again this week.

MORE THAN MEALS: Pam Bowers announced a need for volunteers
to pick up and deliver unclaimed meals. Contact Pam for more details.

LIVING ROOM CONVERSATIONS:

Stephen Kelly reminded members of opportunities to participate in
Living Room Conversations:
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

Program: Pat McFarlane Presents: Matt Ehling, Minnesota Coalition of Government Information

Matt works in media and communication and has produced PBS documentaries. He volunteers as an advocate for access to government information. Our state has an open records law with various acts and statutes promoting access to information. Included are the following:

- Freedom of Information Act
- MN Government Data Practices Act
- Official Records Act
- Records Management Statute

These acts and statutes were put in place in the 1960s and 1970s. St. Paul Pioneer Press editor, John Finnegan Sr. helped get the Minnesota Data Practices Act passed for both public and non-public information. Some of the topics that Matt’s group has been procuring access to information about includes government uses of technology, like the border patrol using drones to monitor our border with Canada and commercial use of drones also. His organization made requests about public spending regarding US Bank Stadium and public money used for the 2018 Super Bowl. They simply help the residents of the state know government policies, how they are decided and how they are funded. Matt’s organization has been behind lawsuits for acquiring information about the US Department of Justice policies during the Trump administration and state documents regarding the Dayton administration’s courting Amazon to build a corporate headquarters in our state. Being a non-partisan organization is an important aspect of the organization. For further information go to www.publicrecordmedia.org.

Writer of the week: Darrell Stone

ROTARY 4-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?

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.”
– Harriet Tubman

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

March 17: Rachel Berger, Dyslexic Youth and Their Families

Chairperson: Jim Rathburn

Inductions: Mark Perron

Classification: Silas/Vicky Ford

Invocation: Bill Eaves

Writer: Greg Young

March 24: Guy Bosch, Warden Stillwater Prison

Chairperson: Ken Baltzer

Classification: Ann Frisch

Invocation: Rita Pechmann

Writer: Jim Rathburn

March 31: Alene Tchourumoff ,”The Economy and Racism”

Chairperson: Nora Slawik

Classification: Dick Galena

Invocation: Bob Gehrke

Writer: Bob Timmons

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

April 7: Grace McDonough, Borgen Project, “Global Poverty”

April 14: Nevine Yassa, “Rising out of Ashes”

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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 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 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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