



*Celebrating 40 Years of Service
To the Community
Rotary Club of White Bear Lake*

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



September 22, 2021

PROGRAM: Julie Swanson, City of White Bear Lake Police Chief

CHAIRPERSON: Kevin Donovan

MERCHANT MINUTE: Shari Wilson presents Alan Haskins, Owner of Nimble Impressions

INVOCATION/INSPIRATION: Art Hancock

WRITER: Jim Rathburn

Wednesday Morning Meetings are Hybrid—in person at Rudy's Redeye Grill or via Zoom.

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.

To join the 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

WBL Rotary Club Celebrates 5:01- NOW
CALLED 4:01- back at Rudy's. Join us for end-of-week social time with Rotarian friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sponsors are needed for the **Academic Achiever:** Birch Lake Elementary, Vadnais Heights Elementary, Sunrise Park Middle School and North Campus. Sponsorship is \$109 billed on your Rotary account. Contact: **Dale@grambush.com 651-357-6109 for more information.**

Nancy Oakes and **Darrell Stone** announced that **Kate Christopher** and **Tara Jebens-Singh** completed their Passport orientation. Good job and welcome Kate and Tara.

After wrestling **President Mike** to the floor and commandeering the microphone from him, **Patty Hall** introduced Doug Niemela of H2O For and Jeff Harnly of the Red Wing Rotary Club and member of the District 5960 Grants Committee. On behalf of the District, Jeff presented a check in the amount of \$6,140 as matching funds for the H2O For Life Project at the Nasaruni School in Kenya. Patty explained that with funds from our club and other contributions the total available for the project is approximately \$16,000.



JINGLE BEAR
Online Auction
November 10-13, 2021

**ANNOUNCING—
Second Annual “Jingle Bear Online Auction”
available online November 10-13, 2021.
All funds raised will support local and global
Rotary projects this year and into 2022.
HELP!!! AUCTION ITEMS ARE NEEDED NOW!!!**

CLASSIFICATION TALK

President Mike introduced **Laura Lewis** to present her classification talk. Laura grew up on the shores of White Bear Lake where she lived in two different houses. She has many fond memories of learning to fish and enjoying countless hours catching sunfish and have family fish fries. After high school she attended UMD for a year taking Studio Art classes but concluded her interests may be elsewhere so she returned to WBL and started to work in the restaurant business as a chef at several locations. Although she enjoyed working as a chef she chose to return to college at the U of MN Twin Cities campus and graduated with a degree in Marketing. She now works as membership director at the White Bear Yacht Club and enjoys her work there. Welcome aboard Laura. We look forward to working with you through Rotary.

HATS OFF!!!!



President Elect Bob Timmons AND Taste of WBL Chair Extraordinaire said that despite public health and business challenges the **Tenth Annual Taste of White Bear Lake** went very well. He extended his sincere thanks to all members who helped to make the event a success and called out several for their extra efforts including **John Jacobson** (Pine Tree Orchard), **Ken Galloway** (Food), **Eric Hendrickson** (Adult Beverages), **Pat McFarlane** (Tickets), **Darrell Stone** (Sponsors), **Jennifer Breon** (Graphics Design), **Dale Grambush** (Multi Media), **Bill Rust** and **Ken Baltzer** (set-up and equipment). Revenue met the estimates and after all bills are paid the final report on net revenue will be announced. Thanks for your leadership Bob!

Program: **Chuck Sandstrom** introduced club member **Carol Nelson** to describe the work and achievements of the Rural Health Care Initiative in Sierra Leone. Carol was raised in northwest North Dakota and earned her undergraduate degree for Concordia College in Morehead and then graduated from the medical school of the University of North Dakota and served her residency at Washington University. She worked as an MD for 37 years with Health Partners, U of M (Boydton Health Center) and HCMC. Carol and her husband Keith have three adult sons. In 2013 Carol joined the Board of Directors of the newly formed RHCI and until recently served as its volunteer Executive Director. She continues to volunteer as its Program Director.

The RHCI was founded through the vision of Alice Karpeh a nurse whom Carol met at the Boydton Center. She came to MN after her husband was assassinated in Sierra Leone and aspired to return there to help fill vital health care needs. The program primarily serves women and children in the rural Tikonko Chiefdom (a sociopolitical district) of Sierra Leone and its primary focus is Healthcare access, Birth Waiting Homes, Children’s Health, Food Security and Agriculture. Sierra Leone was a British colony until its independence in 1961 followed by a 10-year civil war beginning in 1992 and a devastating Ebola epidemic from 2014-2015 both of which crippled the country’s infrastructure and economy and contributed to its high infant and maternal mortality rates. Through its Birth Waiting Houses pregnant and postpartum women receive medical monitoring, health education and care and since formed there have been no maternal deaths among the more than 650 mothers served. The program also serves rural healthcare needs through mobile outreach clinics via motorbikes and by partnering with government clinics over 23,000 residents are served. The Children’s Health service concentrates on nutrition, therapeutic care and transportation. The Food Security and Agriculture component of RHCI services include educational support through an area university and on-site gardens and orchards near the Birth Waiting Houses.

There is much more to learn about this successful program and opportunities to assist by visiting its website at www.rhcinmnsi.org.

Carol, you are thanked sincerely for your selfless service to RHCI and for again bringing its story to our club.

Your reporter further sayeth naught.
Writer of the Week: Mark Sather

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

September 29: Rita Pechmann and Bob Morse,
Commercial Banking During the Pandemic
Chairperson: Mike Lovitt
Classification: Mike McAllister
Invocation/Inspiration: Rita Pechmann
Writer: Darrell Stone

October 6: Paul Huffman,
Unraveling Redistricting
Chairperson: Mark Sather
Classification: Pat McClernon
Invocation/Inspiration: Carol Nelson
Writer: Carol Nelson

October 13: TBA
Chairperson: TBA
Classification: Pat McFarlane
Merchant Minute: Craig Drake
Invocation/Inspiration: Bob Gehrke
Writer: Dick Galena

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:
"Learn from yesterday, live for today,
hope for tomorrow. The important
thing is not to stop questioning"
- Albert Einstein

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?

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 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
2021-22 Officers/Directors
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