



*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)*



December 9, 2020

**Program: Jeffrey Korzenik
“Untapped Talent”**

Chairperson: Rita Pechmann

Classification: Mike Brass

Invocation : Bill Eaves

**Induction of New Member:
Mike McAllister**

Writer: Greg Young

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 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: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11pN_Oh77b2fViH8x_hfT1t1JoHt-e0c7?usp=sharing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To help members learn how to use Club Runner to send emails for club business to and among Rotary members, **Bob Timmons** will be presenting a Zoom session to learn how to do this.

Ken Galloway reported that Bear’ly Open will be held this year. A video gala will be held on February 5 and on February 5th and 6th a golf course will be set up on the lake. Tee times will be available for a fee. Ken is looking for volunteers – to be on the planning committee, to be a sponsor, and to donate money to cover costs. He reminded us that this is the Food Shelf’s primary fundraiser.

Ann Frisch reported that as a follow up to our meeting with the Ekaterinburg Rotary, interest was expressed in getting together by Zoom to cook. Let Ann know if you are interested.

Chuck Sandstrom welcomed **Julie Honsa** as a new member of White Bear Rotary. Julie works in the family business, Honsa Funeral Home.

CLASSIFICATION: **Steve Griffith** grew up on the East Side of St Paul, Harding HS grad, and college at Gustavus and UM. He became a professor and got into education administration. He worked at Simpson College in Iowa. He has a lifelong interest in history and pursued volunteer time when living on East Coast and back in the Twin Cities. He used fine arts talents to be a costumed tour guide. He has done work with Gibb farm. He has an interest in Irish culture and is involved in groups in the area. He and his wife travel, and often take nieces and nephews to gain International experience. He has been a member of 4 Rotary clubs and embodies the Rotary values. We are grateful for all he does for WBL Rotary!

EQUITY & INCLUSION TEAM

“Most people are still making up their minds if they want to do the work of equity... They want to spend more time listening to views on it than actually getting something accomplished.”

“Our work at Justice Informed is not to make things more possible in the world, it is to make them more probable...It has always been possible for a Black man to be president of the United States, but until 2008, it was improbable.”

- Chicago Rotarian Xavier Ramey (speaker at 2018 Rotary International Convention in Toronto), from an article in November 2020 issue of **Rotary** magazine.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:
EQUITY & INCLUSION TEAM MEETINGS**

Full Committee (Kevin Donovan/Jackie Reis)
8:30 a.m.—1/8; 2/5

E&I Committee—Internal Team (Ken Galloway & Greg Bartz)
8:45 a.m.— 12/16; 1/27; 2/24

E&I Committee—External team (Rita Pechmann & John Channon)
8:30 a.m.– 12/17;1/21;2/18

Program: Gabrielle Clowdus, A Community First Approach to Homelessness

Gabrielle is a research fellow for the UM. Three years ago she was pursuing a doctorate at the University of Minnesota with a focus on international poverty when an adviser told her about the la-ments of a hospital CEO who said people were being sheltered and fed in the emergency room to the tune of \$1,500 a night.

She knew there had to be a better way, so she shifted her research and a few years ago co-founded Settled, a Twin Cities-based nonprofit she hopes will help get people off the streets through an unusual — but untested — approach.

Building expensive apartments wasn't going to solve the problem. So she visited communities across the country where less-expensive "tiny houses," which are typically less than a couple of hundred square feet, are being used to house the homeless to find out what worked and what didn't. Community First village in Texas was one of the first with this concept.

That model, while more affordable than most site-built housing, has several challenges. In most states and municipalities, such tiny houses are considered recreational vehicles, not permanent homes, and most are far smaller than most residential zoning codes allow.

A breakthrough came in the fall of 2018 when she met Anne Franz, a former Twin Cities business executive and consultant who had been struggling to reconcile what she saw at her church and others. These congregations owned sprawling buildings and grounds that were rarely used, but often swimming in debt. She found it troubling to see donations being used to pay interest on debt for underused buildings.

Franz channeled that frustration into an effort to build a business aimed at helping congregations maximize the use of tax-exempt church-owned property, which is governed by the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA), a federal law that offers religious institutions protections from certain laws that govern local land-use regulations.

The community-first focus of Settle dovetails perfectly with the socially minded goals of many congregations, so with others, Gabrielle developed a plan to put tiny houses on church-owned land where members could provide support services — and a sense of community — to residents in what they call Sacred Settlements.

One of the first settlements will be at a church in Forest Lake.

Writer of the week Jim Rathburn

APPROVAL OF PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

The following person has been approved for Rotary membership by Club Service and the Board. After membership approval, he will be inducted at an upcoming meeting:

Mike McAllister
Inventiv Designs/Lugnuts Garage
Sponsor: Craig Drake

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

“Every day is a second chance.”

- Author unknown

UPCOMING MEETINGS

December 16: Wayne Kazmierczak Keeping WBL District 624 Schools Strong
Chairperson: Paul Keleher
Classification: Rotary Elections
Invocation: Steve Griffith
Writer: Dick Galena

January 6: Barker Tas, White Bear Youth Exchange, Where Are They Now
Chairperson: Greg Bartz

January 13: Martin Pizinger, White Bear Youth Exchange, Where Are They Now
Chairperson: Greg Bartz

January 20: Dr. Ellen Block, The Tiny Lives Foundation Supporting Life Saving Work In Lesotho
Chairperson: Janelle Erickson

FUTURE PROGRAMS: There will be no Rotary meetings on December 23 and 30; holiday social is also cancelled.

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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 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 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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