

## Rotary Club of Maple Grove

### Zoom Meeting

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

August 17, 2021

**Member Attendees:** Tom Anderson, Doug Baines, Dave Barr, Chuck Beach, Jeff Berg, Jim Betzold, Brian Blanchard, Jennifer Borel, Mary Helen Bosquez, Dale Bossen, Doug Broman, Tim Deets, John Duffy, Connie Garittsen, Conrad Grev, Jill Hennesen, Hannah Horn, Brad Johnson, Judy Johnson, Gerry Kantor, Raj Khankari, Bob Kohenderfer, Julie Kiernan, Barry King, Bob Kochenderfer, Ryan Kraemer, Jeff Lentz, Bonita Marten, Joel Meyer, Troy Nellis, Heidi Nelson, Gaylene Olson, Bonnie Paulsen, Allan Pavek, Jim Payne, Tom Pellegrino, Suzanne Plant, Cindy Sherer, Beau Stadum, Bruce Triechler, Abi Venkatesa, Jeevan Venkatesan, Eric Werner, Christopher Yard, Tim Zastoupil

**Guests:** Tom Hokr, Rotary Club of Brooklyn Park

Erin Quinn, Light of Hope, Kenya

David Kochenderfer, son of Dr. Bob

Kristin Robbins

Kristin Bahner,

Erin Quinn spoke about Light of Hope Kenya, a school for girls established in 2015. Her father-in-law is from the Rotary Club of Shakopee and is writing a grant for a water harvesting 20,000-liter tank to filter rainwater on the school grounds. The water pipe line will be extended outside the gate of the school to the community. The International Committee will discuss assisting with this grant.

**David Kochenderfer** invited members to help with his **Eagle Scout project** on Saturday August 21 from 9 – noon and 1-4 p.m. He will be creating a Gaga ball pit with a grant from the Minnesota Vikings.

### Announcements

**International Service Committee Meeting** will meet via Zoom on Friday morning at 7 a.m.

Allan Pavek announced the **CROSS golf tournament** and dinner on September 19. All interested golfers let Allan know if you would like to play.

**Plus-one meeting** scheduled at Omni Brewing on August 24 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

On that day join the 7 a.m. Zoom social or lunch at 3 Squares with President Tim.

### 2021 STRIVE Scholarships

Emily Soller - \$1000

Raphael Solomon - \$1000

Amber Vargas - \$750

Sydney Stoneking - \$750

Trevor Schulz - \$750

We are also sending out checks for Noah Mizen, and Jesse Stuck who were 2020 recipients. Noah is attending Augsburg University, and Jesse is headed to Bemidji State University this fall.

### Classification Talk – Jim Betzold

# MAPLE GROVE ROTARY CLASSIFICATION

Jim Betzold



**BROOKLYN CENTER CENTAURS**



**Minnesota School of Business**



Jim attended high school in Brooklyn Center. After finishing the computer programming at Minnesota School of Business, Jim joined the Navy and was assigned to a ship. There Jim experienced 60-foot waves. Since he had time on his hands, Jim took several computer courses while in the service.





- Married 1969
- Learned Electronics
- Specialized on Radars
- Ship had Analog radars and computers
- 4 Mediterranean cruises
- 2 Caribbean cruises
- 2 hurricanes at sea
- Continued learning more electronics.

Jim had a varied career, and he was proud to have managed 20 Electrical and Mechanical engineers without an engineering degree. In fact, at People Net he solved a big problem that the design engineer could not solve.

► **Careers**

- Country Club Market - Produce Department
- Navy - Guide missile radar operations and repair
- Zephyr Sales -TV, VCR, Video disk, Microwave, etc. repair
- Solargizer – Sales and Design
- Control Data –Technician, FMD's 14" disks (675MB & 75lb \$2,500)
- Magnetic Data - started as technician, left as Engineering, MIS, Quality, Documentation, Project Manager, Executive staff, etc.
- Metro State - BS degree in Business and MIS 1997
- People Net - GPS tracking of long all trucks , lead engineer
- Credo Mortgage – LO, Branch Manager
- AEI (Applied Energy Innovations), Sales, Project Manager
- Repairing Military equipment as a contractor
- Many other part time jobs
- Now Retired



• 1985



In 1985 Jim build his own house and installed solar panels.



Gardening is one of Jim's hobbies. He had 15 4-5 squares of garden, (photo at left) but now has fewer incorporated in landscaping as in the picture below.



In the 1970s Jim started tomatoes in his home and now using hydroponics grows lettuce and tomatoes all year round.



A favorite photo of Jim and great grandson. Top right is his son's lake place at Christmas.



Here are Jim's daughters and great grandson who was 7 in July and will be in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

- What is (or was) my career/Classification? **60+ years in electronics, Alterative energy Solar**
- How have I applied the Four Way Test in my career? **I have always tried to be ethical in everything I do that is why I suck as a salesman.**
- Share something interesting or unique about what you have done in your career? **Engineering manger without a degree.**
- What are my hobbies and passions. **Hobbies Bike riding, Gardening all year, Pickleball, Traveling. Passions family, help kids, solar, learning new things.**
- What are my favorite books, movies and music? **Back to the 60s, Classic country in to the 90s**
- What is my favorite quote? **"Someone's opinion of you does not need to be your reality." Les Brown**
- Something we don't know about you? **I've ridden a horse, Elephant, Camel.**



### **Representative Kristin Bahner**

- Proudly serving the communities of Maple Grove and Osseo. A graduate of Gustavus Adolphus with a degree in Communication with an emphasis in Public and International Relations and a degree in Scandinavian Studies. When not in the legislature, she has over 25 years of experience in the IT Industry as a leading consultant working with software development teams to get the job done on time and on budget.
- Rep. Bahner is serving her second term in office. As a precious Vice Chair of the Elections Committee and currently Vice Chair of the Human Services Committee, she also Serves as a member of the Health Services, State Government and Elections Committee and the Redistricting Committee.
- Twice appointed to the Governor’s Blue-Ribbon Council on IT, Rep. Bahner has now been appointed to the newly formed Technical Advisory Council which officially succeeds the BRC on IT in the legislature. She has been recently appointed to the newly created Legislative Council on Cyber Security and is Board Member of MNcyber.
- Her legislative areas of interest are affordable health care and prescription drugs, greater transparency to in healthcare systems, elections and the democratic process, issues impacting women and children including the Home Visiting Program.
- Rep. Bahner is exceptionally proud to have passed the bonding pill to expand the N Metro Range a regional facility providing greater training opportunities to law enforcement and peace officers, the work as a champion for the Hometown Heroes Bill and the Restorative Justice Act to provide better outcomes of veterans and their families. She is also exceptionally proud of her Home Visiting Bill giving children the best start in life and her continued passage of bills on healthcare transparency as well as bills that support women and children’s issues.
- In her rare free time, she is an avid reader and gardener, and loves any opportunity to sail and travel.

### **Rep. Kristin Robbins - Biography**

- Kristin is a native of Crookston, Minnesota and has lived in the western suburbs for more than twenty years.
- Prior to being elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 2018, she worked as the Executive Director of the Economic Club of Minnesota, a nonprofit focused on strengthening Minnesota’s economic competitiveness, which she led since co-founding the group in 2008.
- Kristin proudly represents House District 34A, which includes the cities of Rogers, Dayton, and half of Maple Grove. In the Legislature, she serves on the Taxes Committee, the Human Services Finance & Policy Committee, and the Judiciary & Civil Law Finance Committee.
- Kristin and her husband, Brent, have been married for almost 28 years and have raised three daughters in Maple Grove. She is a “soccer mom” and has spent countless evenings and weekends cheering on her girls in soccer, basketball, softball, gymnastics, and trap shooting. She has been an active volunteer, coaching Destination Imagination and teaching Junior Achievement’s economic literacy program, as well as teaching Sunday School and VBS at her church.
- Kristin has an extensive economics and public service background. Prior to creating and leading the Economic Club, she was the Executive Director of a group that helped pass education tax credits in Minnesota. The Wall Street Journal called this legislation “a model for the rest of the country.” She also served on the State Commission to End Chronic Homelessness. Kristin also worked in

Washington, D.C., as the Legislative Director for Congressman Harris W. Fawell, where she focused on taxes, trade, education, and labor issues. She also led the bi-partisan Congressional Porkbusters Coalition, co-chaired by Rep. Fawell and Rep. Tim Penny (MN), cutting millions of dollars of wasteful government spending from appropriations bills.

- Before that, she was employed in the Business and Economics Division of the Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS). Kristin is an active member of New Hope Church, where she serves on the board of HopeBridge food shelf. She was a founding Director of the Banyan Community, a neighborhood community development organization focused on addressing the achievement gap in the East Phillips area of Minneapolis.
- Kristin holds a master's in economics from Washington University in St. Louis and a B.A. in Economics/Political Science from Bethel University. Now an "empty-nester," she lives in Maple Grove with her husband

### **Speakers: Minnesota House of Representatives – Dayton, Maple Grove, Osseo, and Rogers**

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- Kristin Robbins preferred to join the legislature in person during the June special session. The purpose was to pass the biennial budget. No tax increase was needed, since the Minnesota has a healthy surplus of \$4 billion dollars. Robbins is working to help small businesses recover from the pandemic. It is difficult to find workers and the pandemic has affected the supply chain. U.S. Food Service cannot make deliveries due to shortage of labor in the trucking industry.
- Robbins is also working on helping schools and students to catch up on the learning loss they suffered last school year.
- A bill to reduce health care cost did not make it to a hearing this session. It involves a benefit summary, so customers know how the 3<sup>rd</sup> party is affected when changing health plans.
- Reinsurance was addressed. Robbins hopes for full authorization of the bill next session.
- **Reinsurance Issue (Brian Blanchard provided a summary of the issue)**
  - When the Affordable Care Act (ACA) passed, Minnesota had already taken steps to eliminate underwriting health insurance applicants. Prior to that, if someone had a negative health history and applied for insurance, the Insurer could decline to issue the policy and MN had an alternative for the less than healthy to use. Yes, it was more expensive and had higher deductibles, but the MCHA loss ratio in excess of 100% was assessed proportionately by the market percentage of the health industry's total premiums. So, the burden to the industry was fairly distributed but only helped those who were willing to pay the MCHA premium. With the Federal ACA (Obamacare) passed, it included a mechanism to share the losses in excess of \$50,000 for those states who would participate. The State wanted to set up its own program (Gov. Dayton et al), but the Legislative body prevailed and did not want to leave federal funds behind and got the 5-year waiver. Funding was granted with the waiver for two years, there was enough money left over to fund two more years of the five). In year 3, the state wanted to use the money for their own ideas of funding health insurance. The industry failed to get a two-year extension but did get one last year. We did get the fourth year this time, but it was in doubt until the last day and was included in the compromises made that day. Next year, will be wait and see. It will be impossible without a change in state philosophy.
  - Robbins stated that Minnesota's Reinsurance program is a model for our nation-other states have implemented the program and the federal government is looking at it.

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- Kristin Bahner is happy for the flexibility at the legislature to join virtually. This is the largest class of women in the legislature, and many are new mothers. Joining virtually also helps greater MN members.
- Bahner serves on the Health and Human Services Committee. A bill passed to address homelessness, respite care, and improve the dental care system. It will also raise reimbursement rates for Medicare recipients (will especially help small pharmacies).
- The transparency in health care bill now allows pharmacists to share with patients if they can get a prescription cheaper. She is meeting with constituents on a pilot program linking primary care with home-based care. Telehealth has been successful during the pandemic.
- The home visiting bill provides additional funding for families to get their kids off to a good start in life.
- Another bill simplified the child care system for home health care.
- Regarding public safety, the Home Town Heroes bill passed.
- Veteran's Restorative Justice Act helped veterans who commit minor offenses. This result in a savings of \$1 million per year to the court system.
- Rotary member Dr. Broman thanked Kristin for co authoring House File 477 that expanded chiropractic affordability in helping patients handle pain, especially related to substance abuse disorders. Chiropractic care is an alternative to opioid use and misuse.

Next Meeting – August 24 - Plus One Meeting

**Quote of the Week:** "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction."

- President Ronald Reagan