



"The Downtowner"



ROCHESTER, MN.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER

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March 4, 2017

Coming Programs

- Mar. 9 Ron Elcombe, on developing a novel, intro by Clare W.
- Mar. 16 Students of Month. Dick W.
- Mar. 23 Club's 5th Thursday meeting. Agenda to be determined. Led by Pres. Dan.
- Mar. 30 God-incidences in Kosovo by Les Kiemele. Intro by Charlie G.



April Circle will be Mary, Linda & Del.
 Circle of Service for March is: Bob McClocklin, Dick Weltzin and Charlie Graham. (Circles should send Clare their programs as soon as they can to have them included in the Downtowner.)

Stay alert for signup opportunities online at www.kiwanisroch.org



Erin Okins, a promoter at the Mayo Civic Center, was introduced by Bob McClocklin. We were then given a personal tour of the enlargement and enhancement of the Center. Very impressive! Lots of new meeting facility with up-to-date electronics. The official opening will be April 1.



Our speaker, and former member, Regina Seabrook, was introduced by Charlie Graham, along with her guests, Pastor Emily Ewing and Pastor Paul Moody of Mount Olive Lutheran Church. The subject was their Community Accompaniment Table and about the need for Christian congregations to deal with a changing world, particularly with many different races. Examples of recent problems were the killing of black members of the church in Charleston by a young white person, and also the killing of many GLBD young people in Orlando last year. Regina said 75% of Americans have no contact with other races, and in her church only 2% of members are people of color. The world is changing and congregations need to follow the example of Jesus in accepting everyone, as we are all created in the image of God. Pastor Moody spoke about the colonial world that was created in a white image of one right way, which is now changing. Pastor Ewing discussed how Germans became Lutheran while the English were Presbyterian, yet they came to a land that was...

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not theirs, like the Dakotas here in MN. These traditions must change, and young people today want justice, and they are seeking "meaning", and an opportunity to use their talent.

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Thursday, February 23, 2017

KIWANIS Meeting Notes

Dan Carlson opened the meeting. The invocation was given by one of the guest speakers, Pastor Emily Ewing, from Rushford, MN. Bob McClocklin won the drawing after Dan drew his ticket mixed with those from last week. There were four happy dollars from Paul, Don, Linda, and Colleen. Paul was happy even with a foot cast, as he will go to Florida next week. A sympathy card was sent around for Bonnie. Dan spoke of the need for the club to discuss scholarships and the possible need to include Rochester's alternative school. Colleen spoke of a need to be a part of the Rochester "Zombie" Program at Gamehaven on Oct. 1 regarding disaster relief to be attended by many people. Following a discussion about Schubert Symphonies by Dan, we learned he died in a mental hospital and was recognized for his unfinished symphony

Current Finances

Expenses since last NL:

- \$750 for SOM Scholarship
- 200 to Boys & Girls Club
- 300 to Web Site Hosting
- 515 to Doubletree, meeting exp.

Income

165 Cash & checks

Current Status:

Admin. Checking \$1752

Admin. Savings \$2872

C&E Savings \$10691

(No change from last issue)



Bob Streytle (Age 82)

This past week former member Bob Steyle passed away here in Rochester. His funeral was held at Zumbro Lutheran Church on Saturday March 4. About 10 of our club members were able to attend. For details of Bob's life, see the obit in the Post Bulletin. We also are going to insert a bio of Bob from when he joined Kiwanis about 3 years ago.

Bob Streytle was born on a farm in Eastern South Dakota, towards the end of the great depression on September 11, 1934. My parents farmed there until 1939 when they felt the opportunities were better for farming in Northern Iowa.

Attended grade school and High School there graduating from High School in 1952. Finances were such that further schooling was not in the program at that time, so continued to farm with my father until 1954 at which time I entered the military service. After basic training was stationed for the remainder of my tour at Edwards Air Force Base in the Mojave Desert as a heavy equipment operator where we built roads and landing strips for the test pilots stationed at Edwards.

Was separated from active duty in 1956 and married Jean Baggs in September of 1957, which must have been one of the better things I have done since we just celebrated our 49th anniversary and looking

forward to our 50th next September. We hope to be celebrating that in Germany.

We had two sons-----John who is a Pshychologist in Lacrosse, Wi. He is married to Chris who is a Physician at Gunderson Clinic in LaCrosse. They have two daughters Johanna and Laura. Johanna is a Junior at Northwestern in Evanston, Ill. amd Laura is a Senior in High School at Central High School in LaCrosse.

Our other son David, is a Nurse Athesthetist at Mayo. He is married to Julie and they have three children, Maria a Freshman at John Marshall High School and twins Michael and Morgan who are in the 4th grade at Harriet Bishop Elementary.

I retired in the fall of 1996 after helping the local gas company get rid of their warehouse and large parts inventory and initiated a program for the service technicians to do their own ordering.

For the five years prior to that we owned and operated a gift and Amish furniture store which we liquidated . It was necessitated by many changes happening at that location.

Prior to that, for about 27 years I was in the retail field in various capacities. Part of the time with Montgomery Ward Company and the rest of the time on the road for a small oil company, Clark Oil. Since these were all company owned locations, I was responsible for the auditing and hiring of managers for these locations.

From the time of our marriage until then I did metal layout, fabrication and installation of many types of metal products. From furnace ductwork to metal framing and brackets for any sort of store fixtures. This was mostly in an experimental shop where we did all the testing for fixtures before they would go into production.

In between these two things, I also found out that I was not cut out to sell life insurance!

Since retirement, it seems I have been kept busy with various projects in our home and finishing off our cabin at Stone Lake, Wi., and various projects at the homes of our Sons,.

Life is great, God has been good to us and we look forward to many more years.



A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?" One child answered, "Mary."

The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?" A little kid said, "Verge." Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?"

The kid said, "Well, you know, they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."

KIDS IN CHURCH

3-year-old Reese:

"Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name.
Amen."

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A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

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After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you."

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I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime. She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each

word, right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us from E-mail.

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One particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

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A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

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Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother, Joel, were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough.
"You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."
"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.
Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

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A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'  
Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

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A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand.
"Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked.
"He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied.
The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"
"I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied.
"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered.

The daughter bowed her head and said, "**Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?**"

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