



"The Downtowner"



KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER

ROCHESTER, MN.

www.kiwanisroch.org

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Coming Programs

- Apr. 6 Prog. By Austin J.
- Apr. 13 Grace Greason from Key Club on trip to Antarctica.
- Apr. 20 Students of Month
- Apr. 27 Dr. Jacob Jentzer. Subject. Cardiac arrest.
- May 4 Jim Bouquet. Former member. On retirement and/or travelling with 4 brothers



April Circle is Mary, Linda & Del.
 Circle of Service for May is: Roger Krasnk, Al Lun, and Del Lawson. (Circles should send Clare their programs as soon as possible so they can to have them included in the Downtowner.)

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



Expense Report:

Mayo Key Club	\$250 for convention Registration
Food for Kidz	\$2000

Pancake Income dribbling in.....

We're Celebrating Ten Years!

Tell us how your experience as a participant has affected you. What do you remember from your event? Send us your stories and photos!

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Here are two of the volunteers who helped with the Food For Kidz (Charlie Graham & June Warren)

There was a pretty good turnout to help package 100,000+ plastic bags of dried food for the

hungry in the world, probably mostly African countries. There were 10 Circle K students from Winona State and many other students and young members of families helping. It may be in-accurate, but my observation was that there was less participation of actual Kiwanis members and/or their families. As you can see from the finance report, our club contributed \$2000 this year from our treasury. This is 4 times what we have sent in the past. It appears that it continues to be a very good program for Kiwanis to participate in. It is a fun work-together project. We can continue to support it with our dollars and our time. Most of the jobs are simple and easily accomplished. There is always a group of hearty men to do the heavy work. Mary Brouillard from Stewartville does a great job organizing it each year!



Bob McClocklin has won the raffle 2 weeks in a row. He felt so guilty that he put all his winnings into the Happy \$ fund

President Dan opened the meeting on March 23 by handing out a short survey to the members to see what some of the topics might be for this "Committee of the Whole" meeting to be held that day.



Some things discussed:

**Parking problem around downtown hotel

**Concern about cost, and related concerns with the downtown venue. Roger, Linda, Bob Mc, and Austin were named as a committee to look into the viability of moving to another location. To report later.

**Membership Diversity

**Cost of membership over period of a year can be significant to many. This will be evaluated to see if there are any suggestions for the future.

-----It was good to have this meeting. We will attempt to have something similar any month that we have the 5th Thursday. Well done, Dan.



Bill Kalmes reported that each Kiwanis Club will be receiving \$3000 from the Hockey tournament this year. This will go into the C&E fund to be used as we see fit. Thanks to Bill and all who organized this big event.



As Major sponsor for the Hockey Tournament for the second year, they will be having the recognition event in their place of business. It will be April 24 @ 5 PM More details to follow.



President Dan lectured us about 'Baseball' today. He even made us sing 'Take me out to the Ballgame.' That was sad!

Les Kiemele was introduced as a member from Charlie Graham's church who has done a lot of 'mission' type work in Kosovo. He had good pictures as well as comments. Your 'not so sharp' reporter forgot to take a picture and notes. I need a vacation and have Charlie do it for me. Les has made many trips to eastern Europe for these 'help people' trips. We appreciate what he is doing and his willingness to tell us about it.



If I give you \$1 billion and you stand on a street corner handing out \$1.00 per second, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week,

you would still not have handed out \$1 billion after 31 years!

A billion is a difficult number to comprehend, but one advertising agency did a good job of putting that figure into some perspective, in one of its releases.

- A. A billion seconds ago it was 1959.
- B. A billion minutes ago Jesus was alive.
- C. A billion hours ago our ancestors were living in the Stone Age.
- D. A billion days ago no-one walked on the earth on two feet.
- E. A billion Dollars ago was only 13 hours and 12 minutes, at the rate our US government is spending it.

- Stamp Duty
- Tobacco Tax
- Corporate Income Tax
- Income Tax
- Council Tax
- Unemployment Tax
- Fishing Licence Tax
- Gasoline/Diesel Tax
- Inheritance Tax (tax on top of tax)
- Alcohol Tax
- Property Tax
- Service charge taxes
- Social Security Tax
- Vehicle Licence / Registration Tax
- Vehicle Sales Tax
- Workers Compensation Tax
- Carbon Dioxide Tax

Not one of these taxes existed 60 years ago and our nation was one of the most prosperous in the world.

We had absolutely no national debt.

We had the largest middle class in the world.

Mom stayed home to raise the kids.

Dad and teachers were allowed to discipline kids.

A criminal's life was uncomfortable.

What the h*ll happened?

Political Correctness . . . Politicians . . . or both?



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- **Pilots** are cold, steely-eyed, weapons systems managers, who kill bad people and break things. However, they can also be very charming and personable. The average pilot, despite sometimes having a swaggering exterior, is very much capable of such feelings as love, affection, intimacy and caring. These feelings generally just don't involve anyone else.
- It's not that all pilots are good-looking. It's just that good-looking people seem more capable of flying.

ONE DAY, LONG, LONG AGO, THERE WAS THIS PILOT WHO, SURPRISINGLY, WAS NOT FULL OF Stuff; BUT IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO.....AND IT WAS JUST ONE DAY

<Any political bias by me is not intended. Veracity of information is not confirmed by me. It just sounded overwhelming and interesting, if true.