



"The Downtowner"



KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER

ROCHESTER, MN.

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Coming Programs

- October 6 Installation of Officers
"Spaceship Earth" by Tom Brinkman
- Oct. 13 "Oakwood East Future Planning" by Don Borcharding
- Oct. 20 Students of the Month
- Oct. 27 TBA



Oct. Circle of Service
(Circles should send Clare their programs as soon as they can to have them

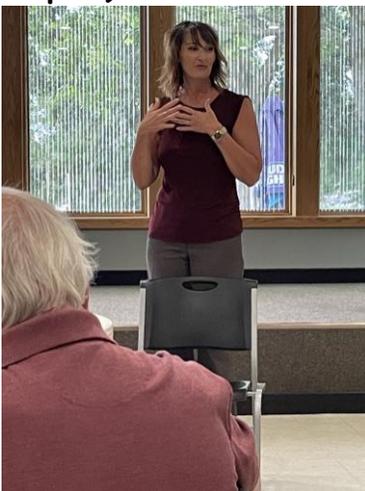
included in the Downtowner.)

Charlie Graham & Del Lawson



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

(Above you can see what info we would like to start every Newsletter. Please be helpful)



Real Estate World

Jennifer Mitchell Was our guest this day. She is currently with Edina Realty. She tried to describe how the real estate business has changed in her 21 years with Edina. One of the biggest

changes is in how they communicate with potential customers. Now the Internet is used in some very clever and quite effective ways. You

can see pictures of what is the plan as well as pictures of what the finished product should look like. These comments were aimed at new construction. The same process is used in selling existing properties. You can put out information this way before wasting gasoline travelling around only to find many 'dead ends.'

Most of the growth of the area is logically in peripheral areas around the city. Building and sales in the city are a little more restricted in space. Growth around the edges is more unlimited in possibilities. These areas have the major problem related to water supply, sanitary sewer service and storm sewer service. In Rochester City proper and areas in and close to the existing city limits, the construction of these services is paid by the persons or companies doing the building. This is always a major concern. "So called affordable housing" seems to be the biggest concern for many cities. There are federal, state, and local programs trying to encourage this type of growth. Whether these projects meet all the requirements is problematic. But, you can bet the builder, investors, are scrambling to get any financing they can acquire. Look around our City. Can you pick out any of these projects?

Jennifer urges you to use a 'professional' realtor when investing in any kind of real estate. They should be more current than trying to do the business yourself or using a 'friend.'

Always consult with a Realtor on what you should do when getting ready to sell your home. They can help with existing rules and regs and contacts with builders, plumbers, electricians, and others that may be involved.

*Note: Bonnie Bickle, former member of the West Kiwanis, passed away recently. Our condolences are passed on to her family.



This is a file picture of our member Dan Carlson. In the past we have teased Dan for some of his 'sermons.' But, teasing aside, we all appreciate his ability to tell stories. We listen intently as he spins his tales. This month

he claims to have been inspired by another member who told a modified autobiography. Dan did a masterful job on some high points in his life that got him where he is today. I asked for a copy of his notes for an article in the "Downtowner". He was gracious and handed me the ream of notes he used in his presentation. Since I was unable to lift it, I'm going to give a condensed version for the NL.

Dan was a Rochester kid. Even his dad was a member of Kiwanis in his lifetime. We were pleased to get Dan when he retired. He and his wife Hope have been gracious additions to our group. Dan appears to have spent the bulk of his working life as a Special Ed teacher in public and private school settings. Some of the kids he had would be real problems for most of us. Not Dan. He had a real love of what he was doing and the satisfaction he got in guiding some of these kids to a more 'normal' life style. I'll pick out one of his stories, but, there were many more in his talk that Thursday.

Here's one tale and how he handled things.

Sometimes I used the VCR as a reward for good behavior. When Indiana won the NCAA Final Four in about 1988 all my students were in therapy that night. So, they saw the final ten minutes in my social studies room. That showed

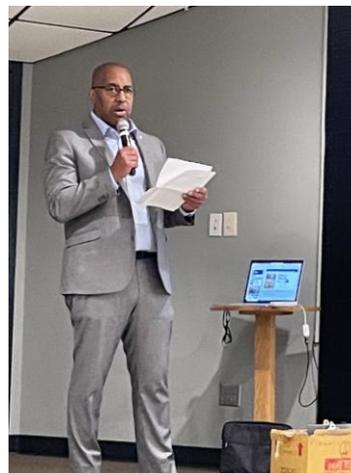
them that I was game and, with this group that mattered.

Gerard drew students from coast to coast and border to border. For some it was an alternative to lockup. A high percentage were adopted. Maybe ten percent or more had sexual identity issues. Quite a few had parents in the military partly because the government paid more than \$100K per for placement. About maybe one in four were kids of color, Korean, American Indian, African American. Basically it was my job to reach them when every other teacher had failed. Bear in mind, I was a first year teacher but I had been a coach and bus driver. What could possibly go wrong?

Three or four of my classes had about a dozen kids. We were crowded in Jay Hormel's old garage. This was where Mr. Hormel parked his old Packard. Across the way were the ruins of the old Hormel Institute. The main home was a French Chateau in deference to his wife who he had met in France during WWII.

This is just a small sample of Dan's document detailing his journey through life. Is it any wonder that a man with constant stress should retire and have some important heart surgery right away?

Thanks Dan for your life of service to those disadvantaged youth. May your retirement, wife, family, church, help you enjoy this part of your life.



Dr. Jeffery Boyd

President of RCTC here in Rochester.

Dr. Boyd was our guest for lunch this week. After a time to eat and get a little

familiar with some of us, we heard about his arrival and tenure in Rochester. He has been here 4-5 years. He has been around ILL & CA getting his education which includes a PhD in college administration.

He talked about the problem that Covid has been with the advent of many online courses. After this experience, he is still convinced that face to face teaching in the classroom is infinitely better for all concerned. The online classes worked to a certain degree, but lacked the value one gets with live personal contact.

Dr. Boyd started his career with 8 years as a cop. This experience convinced him that he had more to offer in educational administration. He saw the need for strong leadership with youth to help lift them from the problems of growing up in urban settings whether color or economics were stunting the growth of youth lacking privilege. So, after 9 years in criminal justice, he started down a new path.

At RCTC he is ultimate leader of 400 employees and 5000 students.

He gave a very relaxed view of his job at the college. This led to a number of good questions from the audience. This group is always ready for that.

Dan Carlson had 5 flowers in glass bowls that he handed out to Dr. Boyd, Colleen, and Charlie for their long service to Kiwanis. (Didn't get all those honored)

Colleen made a motion to honor the long service of our President, Austin Jorgenson with a \$100 contribution to the Kiwanis Children's Fund. He has served all through the Covid Pandemic without being asked. He continues to the bitter end October 6 when new officers will take over. Thanks Many Times over to Austin. We may kid you, but will always be grateful for what you have done leading this Kiwanis club for at least 3 years. When are you going to run for office again????



**Dr. Boyd also says that students haven't changed. Parents have!



Norm is running to replace Nick Campion who is stepping down this year. Norm won in the primary with 4 running.

He is a strong advocate that all problems can be solved 'if' both sides will sit down and talk seriously and honestly.

Norm is knocking on about 100 local doors every night. We wish him good luck no matter who is the ultimate winner. We need people like him in public office.



Most of us know him as Pastor Norm Wahl, retired pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church. Now he is tossing his hat in the ring for Ward 3 representative. It's his first try at public politics after 24 years avoiding saying much from the pulpit. (That didn't come out right, did it?) Now he can say what he believes without offending some of his parishioners. From the pulpit it was safe to mention policies, but not individuals. This is a simplification of all of that. He still could be an example for the policies and persons he supported in his living.

**Since I bought this toy for my dog...
no more salesmen,
break-ins, or friends popping in
unannounced.
Just peace & quiet.**



With all the politicians knocking on doors, do you want one of these?