



# "The DOWNTOWNER"



KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER, Rochester, MN

[www.kiwanisroch.org](http://www.kiwanisroch.org)

April 2025

The Kiwanis Club of Rochester meets at noon every Thursday in the Meeting Room at the Eagles, 917 15<sup>th</sup> St. SE, Rochester.

Meetings last about one hour. Lunch is served including an entree, side, dessert and drink for \$15.00. Please bring exact change or a check.

## Programs for April

**SPEAKER FOR: April 17 - Mary Nesberg from Olmsted County Extension Service Educator. Topic: Challenges & Changes in Agriculture in SE MN.**

**PLEASE CONSIDER HOSTING speakers for May 1 or 15.**

## 2024 – 2025 CLUB DUES - \$190

Please submit as soon as possible in the total or pro-rated amount per half year. Write a personal check to KIWANIS OF ROCHESTER.

Send dues payment to:

Bill Kalmes, Treasurer

2511 20<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Rochester, MN 55904

## CLUB BUSINESS

- LITTER BIT BETTER - April 19-27. Date TBD. Location will be behind Austin's home.
- GARAGE SALE - our Club will participate this year, but will not be the organizers. DayMakers and Sunrise Clubs have been contacted.

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12 Active members as of Oct 2024

\*Senior Member \*\*Privileged Member \*\*\*Honorary Member

\*\*\*\*Senior & Long Term Perfect Attendance

\*\*\*\*\*Life Member

The preceding list reflects the official roster of active members according to Kiwanis International. If a name is missing or one is present that should not be, please let Colleen know.

**District & International web sites:**

[www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org)

[www.mndak.org](http://www.mndak.org)

\*\*\*Jim Bouquet

651-560-4292

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507-254-2087

### Newsletter Changes

Remember to call Colleen (280-7911) or email

[landherrmaddox@gmail.com](mailto:landherrmaddox@gmail.com) if you have anything you feel is

newsworthy. Feel free to contribute something for publication!

Be sure to read the roster once in a while and report any

errors to Colleen.

Copy on our website: [www.kiwanisroch.org](http://www.kiwanisroch.org)



## 2024- 2025 Officers/Chairs/Committees

Austin Jorgenson - President  
Bill Kalmes - Treasurer  
Don Borcharding - Secretary

### Committees

**Club Rep to District** – President  
**Membership, Growth and Education** – Dan Carlson  
**Public Relations** – Mary Tompkins, Al Lun, Webmaster  
**Newsletter Editor** – Colleen Landherr Maddox,  
**Community Services** –  
    **Ditch Cleanup** - Austin Jorgenson  
    **Veteran Liaison** – Dave Nelsen  
    **Adopt-a-Family** – Linda Hull  
    **Food for Kidz** -  
**Youth Service - Key Club, Student of the Month Liaison, Scholarship Committee Chair, Reading Coordinator** – Bonnie Schultz  
**PROGRAMS** – CIRCLE OF SERVICE  
**Human and Spiritual Values** – Colleen Landherr Maddox  
**Finance** – Bill Kalmes, Linda Hull  
    **Cashiers** – Linda Hull & Mary Tompkins

## SPEAKERS



Member Don Borcharding gave us a preview of his presentation to the MnDOT Survey Technician annual celebration at Breezy Point. Approximately 300 were in attendance. The history of surveying the Minnesota territory was interesting, with a lot of questions from our members. Thanks, Don, for sharing your knowledge and passion.



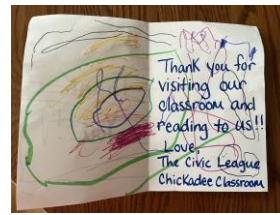
Kallie Kiefer, Development Coordinator at Jeremiah Program and Bonnie.

Jeremiah Program serves single moms and their children experiencing poverty in Rochester, Minnesota. Our mission is to disrupt the cycle of poverty for single mothers and their children, two generations at a time. JP believes that no mother should have to choose between investing in herself and her children.

They have a children's center and general library which does include a children's inventory. Bonnie will be taking some of the new books we received to place in it.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Thank you notes from Civic League Nursery.



Linda Reading to kids at Meadow Park.

All the reading books have been given out as of Wednesday.

They went to:

Civic League Day Nursery Child Care Center - 63 books

Meadow Park PreSchool & Child Care Center - 34 books

Middle School Alternative Learning Center at Friedell - 53 books

Thank you, Linda and Mary, for reading to the children at Meadow Park PreSchool this week!

Best, Bonnie

## FOOD FOR KIDZ



Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, the Kiwanis Clubs of Southeastern Minnesota and other community volunteers packed approximately 106,200 food bags for distribution. This is a picture of the last pallet. Thanks to Bonnie, Don & Pat for volunteering. Our Club donated \$1,000.



## Our sympathies to Austin and Bill who recently lost loved ones.



Darlene "Dee Dee" Jorgenson  
October 24, 1939 - March 6, 2025

Darlene Delores "Dee Dee" Jorgenson died peacefully in her sleep on March 6, 2025, at the age of 85.

She was born on October 24, 1939, to Grover and Agnes Dodds in Minneapolis. She and Austin moved to Rochester in 1963. Married for 65 years, she built a life centered around family, friends, and neighbors. Dee Dee and the other Manor Moms raised their children together, creating a neighborhood filled with joy and laughter.

She spent many years dedicating her time to helping others, volunteering with Bear Creek Services and Hiawatha Homes. While raising her children, she worked at International Transport and supported Austin's career with IBM and his involvement with the Kiwanis Club. Her greatest joy was the people in her life, through summers spent welcoming all to Lake Vermilion, gathering with their card club for over 50 years, and sharing laughter over Wednesday coffee with her Coffee Ladies. Her hobbies included knitting, bird watching, playing games, and visiting with neighbors.

Dee Dee will be remembered for her warmth, humor, compassion, and unconditional love for those around her. She will be greatly missed by her doting husband, Austin; her children, Scott (Lisa) and Sue (Tony); her grandchildren, Erika, Spencer, Sina, and Sara (Bob); and is especially proud of being a great grandma to Nikolai. Dee Dee included her dear friend, Darlene Mielke, as a part of her family. Dee Dee was preceded in death by her only brother David "Pink" Dodds and son-in-law Tom Lee.

Dee Dee's memory lives on in the kindness she showed, the relationships she built, and the love she so freely gave. A celebration to remember



Dee Dee will tentatively be held on Saturday June 28th at Maxon Family Cremation and Life Celebrations. Final details will be published in June. To honor her generous spirit, Dee Dee requested that memorials be made to Hiawatha Homes.

The family thanks and appreciates the care and compassion of the Mayo Clinic and Seasons Hospice teams. Please visit [maxonfamilycremation.com](http://maxonfamilycremation.com) to send the family an online



Richard (Dick) Peter Kalmes, age 82, of Rochester, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 1, 2025, following a courageous battle with cancer and heart disease. He was

surrounded by his loving family at St. Mary's Hospital, Mayo Health Systems.

Richard was born on February 3, 1943, to Arnold and Delphine (Rivers) Kalmes in Rollingstone, MN. He graduated from Rollingstone High School in 1961 and married the love of his life, Marcia Rose Loecher, on May 14, 1966. Together, they raised their family in Rochester, while also spending winters in Apache Junction, AZ.

Dick had a long and successful career as a dedicated salesman and sales manager in the flooring industry. He began his journey at Jerry's Carpet and spent over 25 years with Hiller's Flooring America before retiring in 2012. Outside of work, he cherished time spent at the family's farm in Rollingstone, where he enjoyed the solitude of the woods. A skilled outdoorsman, Dick spent more than 60 years perfecting his deer hunting abilities, passing on his knowledge to his sons, grandchildren, and many others. He also loved fishing with family during annual vacations to Upper Cullen Lake in Nisswa, MN, where he was often the one to out-fish

everyone, using his signature mushroom-head jig or daredevil.

A meticulous gardener, Dick was known for his beautiful yard and bountiful vegetable garden, with potatoes and tomatoes being among his favorites. He was an avid sports fan who loved cheering on his favorite teams, including the Minnesota Timberwolves, Vikings, Twins, and Gophers. He also treasured the times spent playing cards with friends and family, and his grandchildren were always the light of his life. Dick is survived by his sons, Bill Kalmes and Jeff (Mari Jo) Kalmes, both of Rochester; his grandchildren, Jacob Kalmes of Rochester, and Jackie (Reece) Lemke of St. Charles; his sisters, Margaret (Steve) Daley of Lewiston, MN, and Carolyn Kalmes of Winona, MN; and his brother, Stephen (Bonnie) Kalmes of Rollingstone. He is also survived by his brothers-in-law, Mike Gilson of Spicer, MN and Kevin (Maggie) Loecher of Rochester; sisters-in-law, Lin Rud of Rochester and Sandra (Al) Quintana of Thornton, CO; as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, and friends.

Dick was preceded in death by his wife, Marcia, and his parents, Arnold and Delphine Kalmes.

A Memorial Mass to celebrate Dick's life will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. in the River Park Chapel at Macken Funeral Home, with a luncheon to follow. Visitation will be on Friday, March 21, 2025, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the River Park Chapel at Macken Funeral Home, as well as one hour before the Mass on Saturday. Burial will follow at Holy Trinity Cemetery in Rollingstone, MN at 2:30 p.m. that afternoon.

