



"The Downtowner"



KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER, Rochester, MN

www.kiwanisroch.org

August 2024

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

Meetings last about one hour. Lunch is served including an entree, side, dessert and drink for (\$14.00)

Programs for August

Yet to be determined

Circle of Service for August

Don Borcharding

Circle of Service for September

Del Lawson

Note from Roger's family:

"During a time like this, we realize how much our family and friends really mean to us ... Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered."

Dear Kiwanians – The family of Roger Krsnak wishes to thank you for the scholarship donation you are making in his name to RCYBA to help youth who have financial needs. That was a passion of his. He also loved Kiwanis and disliked missing a meeting or a chance to serve because of his poor health. Also thanks for attending Celebration of Life. Sincerely, Sharyn, Josh, Ben & Tim



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17 Active members as of Oct 2023

*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

www.mndak.org

***Jim Bouquet

651-560-4292

***Bob Fiss

288-7480

Newsletter Changes

Remember to call Colleen (280-7911) or email 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

Why not! If you have a computer, why not try to receive the Kiwanis **Newsletter** via **e-mail**. It is a quick and easy way for us to get the letter to you on time.

Copy on our website: www.kiwanisroch.org



2023- 2024 Officers/Chairs/Committees

Roger Krsnak and Austin Jorgenson - Co-Presidents
Colleen Landherr Maddox and Roger Krsnak – Immediate Past Presidents
Bill Kalmes - Treasurer
Don Borcharding - Secretary

Committees

Club Rep to District – Co-Presidents
Membership, Growth and Education – Dan Carlson
Public Relations – Mary Tompkins, Al Lun, Webmaster
Newsletter Editor – Colleen Landherr Maddox,
Associate Editor – Clare Warren
Community Services –
Ditch Cleanup - Austin Jorgenson
Veteran Liaison – Dave Nelsen
Second Stork – Colleen Landherr Maddox
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
Cashier – Linda Hull & Mary Tompkins
Eagle Club Liaison - Austin Jorgenson
Fund Raising – Pizza Ranch - Roger Krsnak
Peanuts - Austin Jorgenson
Hockey Festival – Bill Kalmes, Del Lawson

PEANUT SALES

September 6 & 7 at the 37th Street HyVee



CLUB DUES

Message from Club Treasurer Bill Kalmes

Dues for the Kiwanis Club of Rochester for the year October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 are now due in the amount of \$190. Please submit as soon as possible in total or pro-rated per half year. Remember the club will no longer be able to subsidize our meals. The contract at Fraternal Order of Eagles meal price is \$14.00. Members can pay at the door for the meals. Please try to have accurate change to create a smoother entry or write a personal check to Kiwanis of Rochester

Send dues payments to:

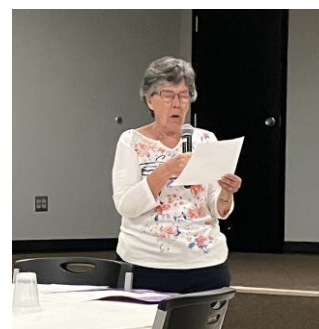
**Bill Kalmes, Treasurer,
2511 – 20th Ave SE,
Rochester, MN 55904**

or deliver in person at our meetings.

Remember – your dues cover the cost of International Dues - \$57; Divisional Dues - \$30; Kiwanis Magazine - \$8; Liability Insurance - \$13; Director and Officer Insurance - \$4; Downtowner Newsletter and other administrative costs of our club, so prompt payment is important.

Thank you for your prompt response.

SPEAKERS:



Kathy Davis presented on the many opportunities to volunteer in our community and what a gift that is to yourself as well as others. Kathy's

mother instilled in her the importance of giving back. She would provide meals to the people who were homeless in her community. Kathy has a goal of making a difference in people's lives. At 125 Live Center for Active Adults, she makes food deliveries to the Food Pantry, gives tours, scan members coming in, and hosts trivia games during the lunch provided by SEMCAC. "Why do it?" HELPING OTHERS, making things better for someone, see a need - HELP, giving back to the community. Kathy just loves being with people and that is why she is successful in being a volunteer.

Kristy Flannaghan and Terry Thronson



Terry Thronson, Vietnam veteran and Kristy Flannaghan, RPS teacher, presented on the Soldiers Field Veterans Memorial and the five-year journey to have it built. Now the plans are in the works to

have it expanded. They shared stories of the barriers to construction; board member's dedication; tours for school children; and the different opportunities the community has to donate toward expansion. Website: <https://soldiersfieldveteransmemorial.org>



CLUB ISSUES TO DISCUSS

A small group of members met to discuss challenges Rochester Kiwanis is having as we go forward into the next year.

It was suggested that we get together with the other Clubs to discuss possibilities:

- * merging
- * impact on community
- * meeting times & place

Challenges

- * recruitment of new members
- * cost of dues
- * students of the month
- * scholarships
- * Key Club sponsorship
- * Treasury
- * challenge to secure speakers

Note from Lara Pavlenko

Hello Clare

A few days ago, Kyiv and other cities of Ukraine were bombed. . 2 hospitals were destroyed, one children's hospital to which children were brought from all over Ukraine. The most complex diseases in children were there. And they also bombed a maternity hospital and killed many people. They destroyed houses in 3 more districts. Many people were killed. the children died. Russia is simply a curse and a killer, they are obsessed with the idea of destroying Ukraine. They kill children and destroy the entire country. The stations that supply electricity were again destroyed. We only have light for a few hours a day. Today they are clearing away the rubble of houses and finding corpses of people. Yesterday, torn corpses of people were scattered around all the places. This is scary. The explosions were far from our house, but the smoke and burning smell covered the whole of Kyiv. Rocket fragments fell near our house and nearby windows in the house were broken and balconies were destroyed. Our house was bouncing from the explosions. We collected the documents and sat in the corridor, not knowing what would happen next. We don't have a bomb shelter. We all cry so many deaths. Yesterday many cities were bombed and many people were killed everywhere. And these are peaceful people, not military people. All the people of Kyiv yesterday brought water, medicine, and clothing to the places where people were injured. We all understand that every day we are in danger of death. Pray for us. All people have panic attacks and depression. There is no money, most businesses are closed, people have lost their jobs. Every man expects to be mobilized for war, but people don't want to fight. And we don't want to be Russia. We have a very good country and kind people. We

love people. We don't have nationalism, it's a hoax. Everyone is preparing for a difficult winter, without food, light and heat. God put us in this country to serve people, support the weakest, and take care of children and teenagers. We really need your love. Thank you for your heart. Love Lora

Response from Charlie

Dear Lara.

I received your note to Clare with a copy of my KIWANIS note to you last year. I am sending it to Colleen Maddox who has assumed the KIWANIS newsletter that Clare did for years. She will send it to other members who care about Ukraine and the hardships you all face. We are very aware of the Russian missile strike in the world news this week that hit the children's hospital in Kyiv, where the most complex diseases were treated, as you said. We all send our love and prayers for the suffering you must endure. The financial problems with no money or jobs along with bombing destruction is hard to fathom. It has to end with God's care for you and others. Bless you! Charles Graham

