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# KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER, Rochester, MN

February 2024

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

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

#### **Programs for February/March**

Feb 1 - Mary Brouillard - Food for Kidz Feb 8 - Don Borcherding - Basketball Tournaments Feb 15 - Students of the Month Feb 22 -Feb 29 -March 7 - Damascus Way? March 14 - Childhood Cancer Community March 21 - Students of the Month March 28 - Salt & Light Partners?

#### **Circle of Service for February**

**Circle of Service for March** Bonnie Schultz and Colleen Maddox

THANKS TO EVERYONE who helped with the Kiwanis Hockey Festival especially Bill & Del.

Pizza Ranch fundraiser was cancelled due to winter weather.

Thanks to everyone's concerns and prayers for Roger and Dave Nelsen. They are both doing better and returned to meetings February 8<sup>th</sup>.

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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: معرم فاملم مستبينين

| www.kiwanis.org | www.mndak.org |  |
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#### Newsletter Changes

Remember to call Colleen (280-7911) or email <u>landherrmaddox@gmail.com</u> if you have anything you feel is newsworthy. We are trying to get the newsletter out every other week. It can be effective if you feed in the right information. 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: <u>www.kiwanisroch.org</u>

#### 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 Borcherding - 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 - Dan Nelson Eagle Club Liaison - Austin Jorgenson Fund Raising – Pizza Ranch - Roger Krsnak Peanuts - Austin Jorgenson Hockey Festival -Bill Kalmes, Del Lawson Rummage Sale – Austin Jorgenson Donation/Charities contact – Dave Nelsen



### SPEAKERS:



Herold's Flags - Lee Herold and Father Becker designed a flag and submitted to the state. They were in the top 20 but did not go any further. When using colors on a flag, they must be separated by silver and gold. Silver being white and gold being yellow. The citizens have until May for comments. The new design has not been well accepted.

Cathy Davis - Ukraine Fund Raiser Pancake Breakfast



Much appreciation to the VFW for hosting this event. Not sure what the overall funds received were. This was a first time event, so the committee will be reviewing and coming up with improvements.

Borcherding spearheads Don α basketball tournament each year. Although they use school facilities, it is a private organization. My gosh, he and Pat put in a great effort each year. In the photo he is illustrating some of the charting he does on the computer. This is a tournament covering much of the state. They have a 15 team limit because of facility size. They use gymnasiums in Rochester, Byron and many others in the area.

The organization charges the attending groups a flat \$475 to enter. That is enough to cover the cost of attendance. This is kept to zero.

There will be a champion in each of the brackets. This has become really complex over the years. There are other similar organizations in the state. Rochester has a big advantage with the large supply of hotel rooms for the families. There is a modest kickback from these motels to help fund the tournament.

There are a maximum of 300 teams in the tournament.



### FOOD FOR KIDZ

Annual Kiwanis One Day Event April 6, 2024 starting at 9 AM Stewartville Civic Center



Mary Brouillard of the Stewartville Kiwanis and organizer of the event spoke to our Club about the 20 year history of Kiwanis clubs coming together along with various community organizations to pack food. Food is distributed to starving people in

countries such as Honduras, Haiti, Ukraine, Central America and Africa.



(Picture taken from 2017 article)

Sign up sheets will be available at next meetings.



Let me express my deepest appreciation for your monetary donation of \$1000.00 to Civic League Day Nursery. Your gift will directly help fund our Nature Explore Certified Classroom Initiative (Phase II -Toddler yard).

The Kiwanis Club has been active at Civic League for years by reading to the children and handing out free books! We look forward to these visits every year. Now, we thank you once again for being a part of our Phase II transformation. We'd love to have you over to take a look at the new space next summer!

Jackie Benoit-Petrich, Executive Director

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH - JANUARY



Nixon Shull is a student dedicated to bringing his best effort to everything he does academically, athletically, and through opportunities for service. He was nominated by the Religion Department. Nixon contributes and succeeds consistently, without ever drawing attention to himself but frequently encouraging and supporting others around him. He is respectful, thoughtful, and a young man of great character. Clare got a letter from Ron Ilvedson with his predictions for the upcoming Oscars.

Clare and I both were challenged to read his note - but I'll do my best.

- 1.) Oppenheimer
- 2.) Killers of the Flower Moon
- 3.) Barbie
- 4.) Poor Things
- 5.) The Holdovers

As in the past - there were more categories but the above five were repeated in those categories along with some I was unfamiliar with.

There were no predictions for the SUPER BOWL!!

