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KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER, Rochester, MN

www.kiwanisroch.org

February/March 2025

The Kiwanis Club of Rochester meets at noon every Thursday in the Meeting Room at the Eagles, 917 15th 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 February/March

Feb 6 - Amanda Grayson, Communications Coordinator, and Officer James Bradley, Rochester Police Department
March 6 - Don Borcharding
March 20 - Mary Nesberg, Olmsted County Extension Service Educator
Topic: Challenges and Changes in Agriculture in SE Minnesota

SPEAKERS NEEDED FOR:

April 3 and 17

PLEASE CONSIDER HOSTING.

Ask for suggestion list from Austin, Don or Linda

2024 – 2025 CLUB DUES - \$190

Please submit as soon as possible in the total or pro-rated amount per half year. Reminder that the club will no longer be able to subsidize our meals. The meal price is now \$15. You can pay at the door for meals. Please try to have accurate change or write a personal check to KIWANIS OF ROCHESTER. Send dues payment to:
Bill Kalmes, Treasurer
2511 20th Ave SE, Rochester, MN 55904

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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 www.mndak.org

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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

Copy on our website: 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
Eagle Club Liaison - Austin Jorgenson
Fund Raising – Pizza Ranch - Peanuts - Austin Jorgenson
Hockey Festival – Bill Kalmes, Del Lawson



Special Thanks !

The Rochester Area Kiwanis Clubs would like to offer a special thanks to all our [sponsors](#) and [supporters](#) for their ongoing support of this exciting Hockey Festival. Their generous support is critical to the activities of this community supporting event each year.

Thank you all!

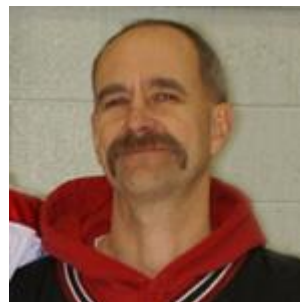
Other [supporters](#) of the Hockey Festival are those individuals and organizations that support the event with their ads and services to produce the Hockey Programs and other signage. These supporters are:

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A special thank you goes to **Major Sponsor** for their creative genius in composing this year's hockey poster and cover design.

And finally, we should thank all the teams, players, and coaches for their participation in the event this year.

Thanks, for the smiles!



**Kiwanis
Festival
Directors
for 2024:**

Bill Kalmes

Vern Yetzer



Officer James Bradley, Rochester Police Department and Amanda Grayson, Communications Coordinator, Public Information Office were our speakers on February 6th. Officer Bradley gave an overview of the multiple scams that unsuspecting victims have encountered and the financial costs. They distributed pamphlets with valuable information on how to avoid scams which included:

- DON'T SEND MONEY TO ANYONE WHO CALLS, EMAILS, OR TEXTS AND SAYS THEY ARE FROM THE GOVERNMENT
- HANG UP ON THE CALL
- BLOCK UNWANTED CALLS AND TO FILTER UNWANTED TEXT MESSAGES
- RESIST THE PRESSURE TO ACT IMMEDIATELY
- NEVER PAY WITH A GIFT CARD, CRYPTOCURRENCY, OR A WIRE TRANSFER SERVICE
- BEFORE YOU RESPOND TO THE CALL OR TEXT - TALK TO SOMEONE YOU TRUST
- DON'T GIVE OUT PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION

PROTECTION SUGGESTIONS:

- Shut down your computer when not in use
- Training for employees in banks, convenience stores is available through the Better Business Bureau
- Report Scams to the FTC. If you were scammed or think you saw a scam, Tell the FTC - ReportFraud.ftc.gov
- Sign up for Consumer Alerts at: ftc.gov/ConsumerAlerts
- Check your credit card and bank accounts every other day

CLUB BUSINESS

- Speakers will now be scheduled for the first and third Thursday of the month
- Austin has a plethora of Kiwanis "stuff." If you are interested - please contact him
- Salvation Army "Taste of Town" is April 25th
- Scholarship notifications (Dan Moore and club awards) have been distributed to the High Schools thanks to Bonnie
- Dues invoice distributed (see page 1)
- Austin and/or Bonnie will again try to make contact with Mayo Key Club Advisor
- Don will connect with other Clubs to gauge if they are interested in taking on the organization duties of the Kiwanis Clubs Joint Garage Sale. Consensus that we will participate - but not organize

St. Patrick's Day? Why we celebrate with pubs, pints and shamrocks

Shamrocks, green clothing and a trip to a pub for a pint of Guinness. The bold may even put on a "Kiss me, I'm Irish" shirt. For many of us, St. Patrick's Day boils down to the tropes.

While St. Patrick's Day is not recognized as a federal holiday in the U.S., it gives both Irish and non-Irish Americans a themed reason to celebrate. It is a national holiday in Ireland, and while the celebration kicks off tourist season now, 40 years ago, the day was marked with religious observations that even closed down bars.

American celebrations of St. Patrick's Day has morphed the occasion into the festive bar crawl that is seen today, however the rich history behind this day of laughter and libations that shan't be forgotten in the surge of shamrocks and drunken shanties.

St. Patrick's Day, the feast day of the patron saint of Ireland, falls on March 17 every year. In 2025, March 17 is a Monday.

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Who was Saint Patrick?

Saint Patrick wasn't Irish - he was born in Britain near the end of the fourth century and was taken prisoner by Irish raiders when he was 16. He spent six years in captivity in Ireland, according to the History Channel, where he eventually became a devout Christian.

According to Patrick's writing, he believed God's voice spoke to him in a dream and told him to leave Ireland - and he escaped. Later, in another dream, he wrote that an angel had told him to return to Ireland as a missionary, and he became a priest after 15 years of study.

While many believe St. Patrick was responsible for bringing Christianity to Ireland, the History Channel reports his mission was to minister to existing Irish Christians as well as convert non-Christians.

He became a significant figure in Ireland in part because he chose to incorporate traditional Irish culture and ritual into his practice, like merging the sun (an existing Irish symbol) with the traditional cross to create the famed Celtic cross.

Why do we celebrate St. Patrick's Day?

Ireland and neighbors across the pond have commemorated Saint Patrick since the ninth or 10th century, according to the History Channel.

St. Patrick was never canonized by the Catholic Church but has enjoyed longstanding historical popularity. [Saint Patrick died](#) on March 17, 461, which later became the day we celebrate him and the Irish.

America's first St. Patrick's Day celebration was in 1600 in the Spanish colony of present-day St. Augustine, Florida. [Spanish colonial records](#) mentioned a celebration for Saint Patrick in 1600 and the first known St. Patrick's Day parade was held on March 17, 1601. The tale of Saint Patrick likely traveled from Ireland to the Americas in the 16th century by way of Richard Arthur, a priest in St. Augustine and an Irish soldier, The Washington Post [reported](#). Records of St. Patrick celebrations died with Arthur, but additional records show [Irish soldiers in the English military](#) marched in celebration of Saint Patrick in Boston in 1737 and New York City in 1762.

Decades of growing Irish patriotism resulted in Irish Aid societies and annual parades of bagpipes and drums. They united to form [one official New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade](#) in 1848, according to the History Channel.

While rowdy celebrations occurred in the U.S., Irish laws mandated pubs be closed on St. Patrick's Day until the 1970s. In 1995, the Irish government began campaigning for bigger March 17 celebrations to [drive tourism](#).

Patrick's legacy continued in the U.S., particularly in areas with large groups of Irish immigrants. St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City is one of the most recognizable churches in the country and was "created to affirm the [ascendance of religious freedom](#) and tolerance," according to the Cathedral's site.

