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KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER, Rochester, MN

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Programs for April

April 7 Paige Jehnke from Jehnke Gear
 April 14 Nick Campbell---Adult & Teen Challenge
 April 21 Students of the Month

Special Message from our Co-President!

Greetings! I was hoping that we would be meeting regularly by now, but that has not happened, but -

STAY TUNED - Stuff is happening! See below.

- Starting last October, we asked every current member to **pay dues at about half the normal rate** assuming we would be meeting normally by April 1, 2021. The response was astounding! Dues have been collected from nearly all members and we have paid dues to international Kiwanis for **all** our current members. We have a few members that have health issues that have not let them consider participation - their dues have been paid and we will keep them involved. Thanks to everyone. I cannot report on individual members' status, but they are ALL members!

- I want to have **regular weekly Thursday noon meetings starting April 1**. This is now possible, from a legal standpoint, if all attendees have had two COVID prevention shots at least two weeks prior to April 1 (March 18). Let me know when you were vaccinated. I will soon meet with **Saints-on-Second to arrange the April 1 meeting**. Also, I would like to have informal meetings



Austin Jorgenson, Co-President by Accident

The previous column is from last year! It was word for word, except the box with April's programs. You can see that things do change even in these confusing times. We are meeting regularly. We are at a new venue, the Eagles Club on the East side of town. The setting is different in a large meeting room. The sound system is as bad as ever, some of us have new hearing aids and we are complaining about food. (some are). We are being served (plated) our food instead of the buffet as in the past. We have the same President and Vice President. No one is complaining about that. We are very grateful for Austin and Dan L. for agreeing to be our leaders as long as it takes to get things back to 'normal.' Yes, we have lost 3 members for various reasons, which we regret, but still between 18 faithful. We guarantee the Eagles 15 meals and we are meeting that most weeks. The food is being rated as very good. The main complaint that I hear is that the servings are too large for a bunch of 'seniors.' So, the Eagles provides us with a supply of 'take-home' boxes. We have the option to purchase our food from the Eagle's Club menu and pay directly to the restaurant. We don't encourage that, but they are willing to provide that service. At the end of the year the Eagles pay our Kiwanis something equivalent to their tax saving feeding a non-profit like us. That helps us with our projects. Great Parking available.

March Student of the Month



Conor Kane with his parents Garvin & Karina

He has been nominated by the Science Department. I'll put just a few things in this write-up and you will see why. Conor is a 'nice' kid and very bright. (Aren't they all?) His teacher says Conor is extremely interest driven abilities in Honors Anatomy and Physiology this semester. He has recently completed a Mentorship at the Mayo Clinic Cardiology Dept. where he was investigating the novel PAPI index. I won't go into that. We are all aware of its importance. (tch) Besides his broad interest in medicine, is Captain of Lourde's soccer team. Conor has been on the School Student Council, BSA (Scouts) Boy's State in 2021, On the on the Golf Team, and on the Olmsted

County Youth Commission for a couple of years. He plans to attend Medical school in Ireland. He is clearly an 'over achiever.' Conor has done research papers already in high school. The titles all sound related to something related to medicine.

I have skipped a lot of stuff that I didn't understand. But, what the hey, Bonnie liked him. We wish him great success in his work and life.



Major Talcott Returns

Don Borcharding returned to do a program on Lewis and Clark with some of their adventures as they found their way to the Pacific via water from New Orleans or St. Louis. They went from the Mississippi, Colorado, across the upper northwest ending on the Oregon coast on the Columbia R. As usual, the accuracy of details from programs is not guaranteed accurate.

This program was especially interesting with all the details of the hardships met on the wild terrain. The Major did his usual great job of story-telling. One fact that stuck in my mind was that it was Clark that did all the maps as the boats were floating along. Amazing! Again, we thank Don for sharing the history that he loves. We always learn something new.

BRIEF WELLNESS REPORT:

Irv Nehring's wife Nancy passed away a week ago Sunday. She had been spending many weeks in the hospital. Funeral arrangements will be detailed later, but will be in Byron later in April. We will make details available later.

We don't have the latest report from David Nelsen regarding his wife Carol. She is on home Hospice. Details later.

Ron Ilvedson's wife Bobbie is in a rehab facility here in Rochester. She is fighting complications of diabetes and pneumonia. Status report may be ready at the meeting this week.



Paul Austinson has been working on our Pizza Ranch fund raiser project this year. It was held March 2. It was a success as we see from his report. The club recieved all the tips for the evening plus a % of the sales. The latter was \$150.

Usually the tips are another \$150 or so. Thanks to all who showed up to work. A special thanks goes to Paul and his setup crew. It is a good 'work group' project. We try to do this project once a quarter when it is available to us.



RPL

The Program last Thursday was on the Rochester Public Library. The long time head of the RPL was Audrey Betcher. She has recently retired

and has been replaced by the lady seen here. (She needs to remain nameless because I can't find it in my notes or online.) She did a nice job a reminding all of us what the library was, is, and will be in the future. We could list these things, but I found there was a great list and explanations on the Internet. Just ask for Rochester, MN Public Library. It will be a learning exercise for some of you.

M-TH 10-8 PM

FRI-SUN 10-6 PM

Adjusting hours will be coming soon after completion of a survey.

As with most public libraries, the source of money is a struggle depending on what the local tax payers are willing to pay and the quality of the facility they want available.



"Siri, why am I so bad at relationships with women?"

"This is Alexa."