



The Downtowner

KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER, Rochester, MN

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3/17 Next week Don Borcharding will talk about Clark of Lewis and Clark...

3/24 will be student of the month...

3/31 Kimberly from the library will update us on the public library.

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Jennifer Gaul?? (Don't know her last name anymore) And fellow teacher, Mike Thompson, helper with the Key Club at Mayo High School. Jen has been the rep for the Key Club for many years. Her life has changed with the addition of a husband and child. We are glad to have her back. They talked about the activities of the Club at Mayo also with the Club's activity in the MN DAK branch for Key Club. A couple of the local members have been active as officers in the State organization. They are requesting their normal asking for money from our Club to help send 2 representatives to the state convention. That was approved unanimously by our Club. We like to get help from the local Key Club for projects like the Pancake Breakfast. It is a good contact for both groups.

Brief Report on Club Wellness

Dan Nelson reports that his son and daughter are progressing well after their recent auto accident. No more details.

Paul Austinson is keeping us updated on his treatment for lung cancer. Paul had colon cancer a number of years ago. Treatment for that was considered successful and he recovered well, but slowly. He is still looking great, but announced that he was beginning to take treatment for lung cancer. I'm not clear whether this is a spread of the earlier cancer, or something new. Our best wishes are with him as he goes into a new phase of treatment.

David Nelsen says that his wife, Carol, is now receiving home Hospice. She and Dave are appreciating the help at home. Dave appears to be holding up well, but we can all feel for them in this health struggle.

Irv Nehring's wife Nancy, is still in the hospital where she has been for about the 6 weeks. She had some heart valve repair done and then followed by a stroke. Irv assures us that she showing signs of improvement, but it is VERY slow.

Dan Carlson, our member, is struggling with some lung issue, but is still able to attend our meetings. He has complications with his diabetes. Dan, you are on our 'thinking of you' list also.

Meanwhile Colleen is spending some weeks in Hawaii. She's on our 'Thinking of you list' also'.



Since 1956, ABC has been providing services for individuals with disabilities through community inclusion.

Over 800 people with a variety of physical, emotional, and mental disabilities work in Rochester, La Crescent and Caledonia at over 100 community businesses. They are starting an indoor garden at ABC!

Ability Building Community was fortunate to receive a Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) grant from Olmsted County Public Health to start an indoor garden. They have received the equipment, lighting, and seeds to get started. Over the next 3-6 weeks we'll start to see some roots and, before you know it, we'll have tomatoes, lettuce, and herbs ready to eat.

ABC has many life enrichment services;

Abilities Integrated

Abilities Enterprises

Center based employment.

A Little Bit Better Project

They have a trip to Capitol each year.

They send workers to service other non-profits like Hiawatha Homes.

They have an annual Golf Tournament fund-raiser each year.

Houston Mobster Mash fundraiser has existed for 65 years.

Look it up on Google for any details.

ABC was asking \$1000 for their culturing trip programs for 18 yrs. or older. Our Kiwanis Club voted \$500 to their goal.

Food For Kidz Sat. Apr. 2

Our Club votes each year to support this food packing project. Our RST. Kiwanis of Rochester is asked for \$2000. We have done it when we can. The money has

Food for Kidz
Mobile Food Packing Events
Automated Food Packaging

to be in Stewartville before April 2, Saturday. They no longer send the food for packing without being paid.

Normally we pack about 20,000 meals. Be sure to sign up. It can be a lot of fun for a 2 hour shift. **The Packing is April 2 9 AM-12**



Thanks to our familiar member, Don Borcharding, we had a last minute fill-in program. This time Don filled us in on some of the details he gathered when he studied the

surveying of boundaries of the Red River in NW MN. Don reminded us that this river flows north, contrary to what we normally think. It actually flows 'down' north. My notes say that Don made a trip to the area in 1850. Don is getting older with the rest of us, but I'm pretty certain I should have put 1950 there. He was searching for some metal marker that was a part of the USA-Canada border. Apparently there is a joint Commission of the 2 countries that inspects and studies this boundary every 15 years. Don was searching for one particular metal marker that had been there for many years. He found it close to where he expected. It is on the 49th parallel in the Red River area. It was placed by astromers and surveyors back in the middle of the 19th century. Now this type of marking is done with use of sattelites and modern surverying

equipment. This can show how accurate the old measurements were. Another very interesting program by Don. I see that he is scheduled for another program on Clark, of the Lewis and Clark this coming week. You won't want to miss it. Thanks Don.

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**If anyone has Program responsibilities for April, Please get them to Clare so we can get them in a newsletter.
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