

"The Downtowner"



KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER, Rochester, MN

www.kiwanisroch.org

Dec. 7, 2019

January TBA??







The Circle for December Circle is: Clare, Ron and Colleen. (Circles should send Clare their programs as quickly as possible so they can be included in the Downtowner.) It helps if one person reports for the entire circle. Circles for the year 2019-20 are posted with copies available.

January Circle is: Linda, Mary and Cindy. (Same as November

Stay alert for signup opportunities online at www.kiwanisroch.org

Significant Expenses since last issue:
We have changed treasurers. Bill Kalmes has those duties now. If he sends me information for the Newsletter, I'll get it in there.

***Dues for next year are paid in full or in part. Thanks again to all the members who have responded so well.

The <u>Happy Hour</u> is scheduled next <u>XXXX</u> XXXXX. It will be held at the Legion at 4:30. (Stay alert for accuracy.) 3rd. Wed. of Jan???



Flowers and Card were sent to Roger Krsnak as he is fighting cancer. Roger, be aware that we are talking about you and sending thoughtful and kind words your direction. (Doesn't sound like the group you

know, does it?) The Best, Good Friend!



Special Treat

One of the students of the month in November was Sonya Penheiter from Mayo High School. She is into music, so she led the singing of 'God Bless America' for the group. Ron, our usual leader, didn't have anything

to say but 'Thanks.' (Job security, you know) Sonya is daughter of Alan and Sumedha Penheiter, who has been selected by the PE/Health Department as the Kiwanis Student of the Month. Her nominator states that Sonya is a top student who has made Mayo a better school through her participation in many activities and her work in the classroom. Sonya participates in Mayo Stage Door, Southtown Singers and Honors Choirs of SE MN. She earned two superior ratings at the MSHSL Solo Competition. Additionally, she received a 2nd place award at the Rochester Music Guild Competition. She is a member of Mayo Honor's Society, Debate Team and she is an AP Scholar. She has earned letters in Drama, Choir, Key Club and Art. Sonya plans to attend a 4 year college and earn a BA degree in vocal performance.

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*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 C. Warren know. District & International web sites:

www.kiwanis.org www.mndak.org

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The Kiwanis Club of Rochester meets every Thursday at the Meeting Room in Homewood Suites (next door to Courtyard Marriott 161 13th Avenue SW, Rochester, MN 55902

Parking is free at rear of Marriott Hotel. Meetings last about one hour. Lunch is a buffet including an entree, fruit, salad, and drink for (\$13.50)

Newsletter Changes

Remember to call **Clare Warren at 254-2087** 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 awhile and report any errors to C. Warren

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. We now have 21 ACTIVE members receiving it regularly. They enjoy the ability to get it in COLOR.

at www.kiwanisroch.org 2018-19

Daniel Nelson

Austin Jorgenson Co- Presidents

Immed. Past Co-Presidents Linda Hull & Mary Tompkins

Co-Vice President

Bill Kalmes Treasurer
Austin Jorgenson Secretary

Committees

Club Rep to District Membership, Growth & Education Public Relations Community Services Youth Service & YCPO

Programs

Circles of Service
Human and Spiritual Values
Finance

Donations/Charities

Co-Presidents next yr. are Austin Jorgenson & Dan Nelson



Meeting & Program Dec. 11

Co President, Dan Nelson opened the meeting. He also provided a comedy moment (Dan Moore was missed!) Lucky Dave Nelsen was the raffle winner. Many happy

dollars were received as a result of Roger Krsnak attending today's meeting. Everyone was happy to see him and have a chance to visit.

Bill passed around sign-up for Hockey Festival and Christmas Anonymous. He also has Festival tickets for sale. If members want to purchase tickets and donate them - Colleen will take them to Hiawatha Homes.

Dan Maddox showed a powerpoint slideshow of pictures he had taken at the Charles E. Gagnon Museum and Sculpture Gardens while members enjoyed their lunch. As an introduction for our speaker, Dan played a short video of the making of the Peace Sculpture which was commissioned by the City of Rochester and how it was installed at the Peace Plaza. Colleen introduced today's speaker, Arlyn Gagnon, spouse of Charles E. Gagnon. Arlyn saw an ad for Director of Chldren's programs at the Rochester Art Center while she was attending college in Milwaukee. That is what brought her to Rochester where she met and married Charles in 1963. They then went to Italy for two years where Charles continued learning his craft and the 2000 year old art of lost wax casting. They chose to live in Rochester because they felt it was a quiet and peaceful place to concentrate on Charles' work. They "outgrew" their first home/studio so spent two years working with a local architect planning the current home/studio/museum and two more years working with a builder. The sculpture gardens phase one is complete and they opened one year ago. Another of Charles' sculptures is the St. Francis and the Birds placed at St. Mary's Hospital courtyard. Arlyn concluded with invitation to all to come visit the museum. The web site

where you need to schedule a visit and purchase tickets is: gagnonmuseum.org Tour

times are Wednesday -Sunday; closed Monday-Tuesday and all major holidays. Admission is \$12, limit of 12 people per tour and children under 10 will not be admitted. She concluded with "Art as a language is therapeutic."



REMINDER - NEXT WEEK, Dave Nelsen will conduct a trivia game. Spouses, friends, significant others are invited. Happy Holidays.