



"The Downtowner"



KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER

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Coming Programs

Feb. 8 Anita Otterness from NAMI
 Feb. 15 Bob Giere, A career with many turns.
 Feb. 22 Students of the Month
 March 8 Steve Borchert—update affordable housing.



The Circle of Service for February is Scott, Dan, and Clare. Circle of Service for **March** is Dick Weltzin, Bob McClocklin, and Ron Ilvedson. (Circles should send Clare their programs as soon as possible so they can have them included in the Downtowner.)

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



Expense Report:
The only activity this period is the continued exp.

in paying the Hotel for our space and meals. The income taken at the door covers the meals, but the room and gratuity come out of the treasury. Any specific questions, I'll always try to dig out an answer.

Meeting Feb. 8 is at the Hilton next door to Saints on Second. This is the 'Default' meeting room.

Star of the Show



5 ½ year old Danielle was star of everyone's show this week. I wasn't clear if she was the granddaughter Dan and Hope Carlson, simply good friends. We all have known very bright young kids (our own) but I think Danielle was the closest thing to a true genius that I have encountered.

Dan is married to Hope, a Philippino, so I'm sure they have connection to Danielle. Dan liked to introduce her as having the same name as him except the female version. He tries to get us to believe he is the same stock and genius too. Dan likes to sing, he writes and reads good 'sermonettes', but he's not as cute as Danielle!

She sang 3 songs very comfortably from memory with accuracy and right expression.

Danielle's mom said a few words about how she was 13 weeks pregnant before she realized that she was truly pregnant with Danielle. The parents had spent years attempting to have a child, so were pleased. Danielle was about 3 yr old when she was reading books, and was even bi-lingual by then. Dad plays a smooth and quiet guitar and even sings a little back-up. Thanks so much for this special treat!

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21 Active members as of January 8, 2018

*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.

PRIVILEGED & HONORARY MEMBERS

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The Kiwanis Club of Rochester meets every Thursday at the Meeting Room in the Hilton Hotel adjoining the Saints on Second Restaurant. Parking is free at rear of hotel & under the structure. 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**.

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 Roger Krsnak Co- Presidents
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Jan. Students of the Month



Kiwanis Student of the Month - Jennifer Clark, daughter of Stephen and Karen Clark, has been selected as the Kiwanis of Rochester Student of the Month for January by the Mayo High School Social Studies Department.

Her nominator states that she excels academically and is a role model to other students because of her study skills and dedication to learning difficult content. As a member of the Mayo Honor Society, she goes above and beyond in terms of her volunteer hours and helping out wherever needed without complaint or expectation of recognition, and she always has a great attitude. As a student aide, she always completes her tasks above the expected level of quality and provides informal and impromptu tutoring sessions to help other students grasp concepts. Jennifer has earned 3 letters in track, 2 cross country letters, a letter in Nordic skiing, as well as all-conference honors in both track and cross country. She plans to attend Northern State University in South Dakota after graduation.

Skylar Liang from Lourdes High School Skylar is very interested in mathematics, and wants to pursue math in some way during college. She always wants to understand the concepts and why they work, not just how to do the problem at hand. Extracurricular Activities: I was in Astronomy club of my Junior high school and after I graduate from there, I established an Astronomy club in my Senior high school in China. After I came to Lourdes High School in 11th grade, I participated in the Math League until now and became the captain this year. I am also a part of Cultural Exchange Club since my junior year. In addition, I joined the Science Club started from my senior year. I was qualified for the Lourdes National Honor Society my senior year. Outside of school, I volunteered in Camp

Invention the summer of my junior year as a Leadership Inter.

Future Plans Beyond High School: I plan to go to college after graduating from high school. After achieving my Bachelor's degree, I would continue pursuing my Master's degree in the major I select while studying as an undergraduate. Beyond that, I would consider to find myself a career first and further consider the necessity of obtaining a Doctor's degree



Jessica Zacher Youth Leader of the Month for December, 4H

Congratulations to Jessica Zacher, who is recognized as the December 4-H Youth Leader of the Month by the

Kiwanis of Rochester Club. Jessica is a senior at Byron High School. School, community, and church activities that she is involved with are: FFA, NRHA, APHA, Christ the King, Island Riders Saddle Club, and the North Central Reining Horse Association. She is also the vice president of 4-H Horse Project Development Committee (HPDC). In Jessica's 13 years of 4-H, she has been active in the following projects: Photography - 13 years, Horse - 9 years, and Dog - 4 years. On the 4-H club level, Jessica has served as one of the leaders of the Salem Sailors 4-H horse project since 3rd grade and when she was active with the dog project, she was the leader for her group. Through 4-H, Jessica has participated in many community service projects. For her 4-H Club, she has offered assistance to members who are interested in the dog and horse projects. When asked what other activities Jessica has been involved with, she said, "For the last three years, I have brought at least one horse up to the State Fair to represent Olmsted County. While at the state fair in 2015, I won my

keyhole class, received 4th in the training program, and our drill team placed 7th. I brought photography twice and a craft once. Every year I have received a blue ribbon. At the County level, I have earned the title Grand Champion in Photography twice. Jessica said, "My favorite 4-H activity has been being involved in the horse project. Every year I feel like I have grown significantly and learned how to have patience, work hard, and celebrate small successes. The horse project has taught me how to accept defeat and learn from my experiences. "I have worked diligently to convince my parents that I was ready to train my own horse. We looked all summer and into the fall for a weanling or a yearling. When I had almost given up hope, I found Chance. For the last three years, I have been training Chance and found the experience very rewarding. He trusts me fully and has always been willing listen to my commands." In being chosen 4-H Youth Leader of the Month, Jessica said, "This is nearly my last year in 4-H. I am aspiring to become a neurosurgeon and feel that being Leader of the Month will promote my presence in 4-H. I want to continue helping others recognize the importance of 4-H and how they will learn leadership and how to expect the best from themselves" When asked about her hobbies, Jessica said, "I have two main hobbies, riding horse and wood burning. Since I was a little kid, I have been riding horse. I started riding pleasure horses, moved to gamers, and now am learning how to ride reiners. Wood burning is a relatively new hobby I have picked up from watching my mother, I find the process very rewarding and calming." She is the daughter of Ronald and April Zacher and a member of the Salem Sailors 4-H Club.



Congratulations to Johanna Welter, who is recognized as the January 4-H Youth Leader of the Month by the Rochester West Kiwanis Club. Johanna is a senior at

Stewartville High School where she has been active in National FFA, Business Professionals of America, Stewartville Key Club, Stewartville Jr. Auxiliary, National Honor Society and the Olmsted County Pork Producers. At her church, Johanna is a member of St. John's Youth Group. In Johanna's 12 years of 4-H, she has been active in the following projects: Swine - 12 years, Crafts and Fine Arts - 12 years, Photography - 11 years, Clothes You Make and Fashion Revue - 6 years, Demonstrations/Performing Arts - 5 years, Goat - 2 years. On the 4-H club level, Johanna has served as President, Vice President, Secretary and Reporter. Johanna said, "My duties as an officer require me to help in organizing events for our club. I have also taken one of our monthly meetings and organized a fun activity after the meeting." Another way that Johanna helps the county 4-H program is by judging herdsmanship, helping to set and take down the swine show ring, and help at the Farm Bureau Scavenger Hunt during the County Fair. Johanna reaches out to younger members and assists them with their fair projects, especially swine & goats. When asked what other 4-H activities she has participated in, Johanna said, "I have participated in many other 4-H activities such as attending 4-H camp. I have attended livestock encampment for State Fair for the past six years and attended non-livestock for four years." When asked if she could highlight one event or experience, Johanna said, "The biggest 4-H highlight for me was showing animals. This past year at fair was a very rewarding fair. I spend numerous hours outside working with my pigs and goats for the week of fair. I started showing goats just 3 short years ago. When fair finally came around I was ready to show off what arduous work my goat, Fluffy, and I had accomplished. Show day came, and my class for showing was about to start. I was a little nervous like always, a bunch of people were

there to watch me show. I walked in the ring and set up Fluffy just how I had practiced. In the end, I won Reserve Champion Goat, the smile on my face was bigger than Texas! Showing animals for 4-H has showed me to never give up on anything and to always have fun. Even though I had not received Grand Champion I was happy with what I got and look forward to trying to get Grand Champion next year." In being chosen 4-H Youth Leader of the Month, Johanna said, "I would like to be chosen as the 4-H Youth Leader of the Month because 4-H is so much more than showing animals and making projects. I have learned so many life lessons throughout the years. The people you meet during fair week and other activities are friends and family. Anyone will go out of their way to help you and make sure you are safe. I want to give back to 4-H throughout my whole life and give kids the experience of a life time." Johanna's hobbies include helping on the family farm, doing fun projects to help veterans, preparing animals for the fairs, and going on relaxing bike rides. She is the daughter of Randy and Myrna Welter and a member of the High Forest Chippewa Champions.

Feeling Ugly?

**Go chill in walmart for
2 hours.
you'll feel a lot better.**



War of 1812 at Wal-Mart

Yesterday, I wore my Vietnam Veteran cap to Wal-Mart. There was nothing in particular that I needed at the world's largest retailer;

but, since I retired, trips to "Wally World" to look at the Walmartians is always good for some comic relief.

Standing in line to check out, the guy in front of me, probably in his early thirties, asked, "Are you a Viet Nam Vet?"

"No," I replied.

"Then why are you wearing that cap?"

"Because I couldn't find the one from the War of 1812 . . ."

I thought it was a snappy retort.

"The War of 1812, huh?" the Walmartian queried, "When was that?"

God forgive me, but I couldn't pass up such an opportunity. "1946," I answered as straight-faced as possible.

He pondered my response for a moment and responded, "Why do they call it the War of 1812 if it was in 1946?"

"It was a Black Op. No one is supposed to know about it." This was beginning to be way fun!

"Dude! Really?" He exclaimed. "How did you get to do something that COOOOL?"

I glanced furtively around me for effect, leaned toward the guy and in a low voice said, "I'm not sure. I was the only Caucasian on the mission."

"Dude," he was really getting excited about what he was hearing, "that is seriously awesome! But, didn't you kind of stand out?"

"Not really. The other guys were wearing white camouflage."

The moron nodded knowingly.

"Listen man," I said in a very serious tone, "You can't tell anyone about this. It's still 'top secret' and I shouldn't have said

anything."

"Oh yeah?" he gave me the 'don't threaten me look.'

"Like, what's gonna
happen if I do?"

With a really hard look I said, "You have a family
don't you? We wouldn't
want anything to happen to them, would we?"

The guy gulped, left his basket where it was and fled
through the door. The
lady behind me started laughing so hard I thought
she was about to have a
heart attack. I just grinned at her

After checking out and going to the parking lot, I saw
dimwit leaning in a
car window talking to a young woman.

Upon catching sight of me he started pointing
excitedly in my direction

Giving him another 'deadly' serious look, I made the
'I see you' gesture.

He turned kind of pale, jumped in the car and sped
out of the parking lot.

And these people VOTE!

What a great time! Tomorrow I'm going back
wearing my Homeland Security cap

Then the next day I will go to the driver's license
bureau wearing my Border
Patrol hat, and see how long it takes to empty the
place.

Whoever said retirement is boring? You just need to
wear the right kind of
cap!

See you guys at Walmart!!