



"The Downtowner"



KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER, Rochester, MN

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Feb Programs??



The Circle for January was: Linda, Mary and Cindy. (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 2019-2020 are posted with copies available.

February Circle is Dan Carlson and Dan Moore.

(I'm leaving the pictures of the ladies from January, since they are more peasant to look at than the two Dans)

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. (a check for \$750 to a scholarship winner. Paid to his college)

Remember, we need officers for next year. Co-Presidents has worked well, Consider it!!! Tell our current presidents for volunteers or suggestions.



Great, I am hanging it up after almost 46 years.....it is time. Yes, chemo is a long day.....about 6 hours. I am really whipped by the time I get home and just feel plain yucky.

O'well, it seems to be helping...:-)! Roger



April 4th will be our annual packing of food for Kidz in Stewartville. That is always a fun and interesting event. It is a good time working with other Kiwanians and friends. As has been our custom the past several years, Our club voted to send them a \$2000 contribution toward the acquisition of the dried food. When the signup sheet comes around, be sure to sign it and be a part of the event. More later.





CFR Community Food Response

How many times have you asked, "I wonder where all this extra

prepared food goes?" when you are eating at local eateries. Well, we got the real information last week. Beth Kosta from our local CFR had a lot of answers for us. It is a non-profit, volunteer led organization that provides prepared, fresh or frozen packaged food for hungry people to take with them. Food is donated by area restaurants/caterers, cafeterias, and grocery stores. Besides helping people in need, CFR helps reduce food waste generated locally.

CFR serves Adults and families with with children, including people who do not qualify for other forms of food assistance. Financial/ employment information is not required to receive food. On first visit, clients register with CFR to obtain a Community Information Sharing System ID card.

CFR offers food for meals to take home or elsewhere, plus extras like bread and fresh produce at two Rochester locations!

Registration is done in conjunction with Channel One in Rochester.

In 2018 CFR collected 117 tons of food and served 85,000 meals.

Volunteer drivers on 4 different routes pick up food from about 40 restaurants and cafeterias. Several 'Sorters' work at stations with walk-in coolers on M-W-F

Food donations: They welcome packaged food, food prepared in licensed/commercial kitchens, and farm/garden produce. Health regulations won't let acceptance of home prepared food. A Great Service!



Bonnie reports that the book program with Crisis Nursery is going well. They can always use donation of appropriate books or cash to buy them. See Bonnie.

Pancakes....Committee is meeting to prepare the the Annual event. I'm not clear WHO at this point, but details will be out before long. Usually it is the first Saturday in May.



Rochester Community Warming

Center was the subject of last week's program. Michael Wanje (from Uganda) filled us in on Rochester's latest attempt to assist the jobless and/or homeless. It is a joint project with Catholic Charities, City, Mayo and others. It is located in the small shopping mall across from Soldiers Field GC.

58% of the 'volunteer' shifts are currently covered. They have served 109 guests so far. On an average night there are 15 males, 5 females.

There are 'rules' that must be followed. No drink, drugs and some other 'don'ts' will get a police call.

Guests will have access to a snack, coffee or cold drinks, a warm clean bed.

Referral to appropriate services can be made. Games available. Laundry available. Showers available.

Needs: Hand and feet warmers, sanitizers (small) small packs of peanuts or candy, hand lotions.

Volunteers needed for night shift.

Drop off supplies on Thurs. 4-6 PM

They do not offer gift cards or equivalent for outside food or services.

There has been much time and effort setting this up. We hope it is a 'helping hand' to some of those in our city.

Not Necessarily Funny, but interesting.

