

"The Downtowner"



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Coming Programs

January 25 Students of the Month and 4-H Student Leaders February 1

Feb.8

Feb. 15 Bob Giere A career with many turns.

Feb. 22 Students of the Month







Service for February is Scott, Dan, and Clare. Circle of Service for <u>March</u> is Dick Weltzin, Bob McClocklin, and Ron Ilvedson.

(Circles should send Clare their programs as soon as possible so they can to 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 Jan 25 is in Hilton Hotel next door.

Olmsted County Drug Court

We had a very information heavy program this week. Unable to get last names of the three participants, I'll use only the first name. Pete is the leader of the group and a counselor or employee of the court. Jeff and Bob were participants in the program with varying degrees of success.

Jeff is a admitted alcoholic. He has been arrested many times and imprisoned. He gave little of his personal background. He is a man about 55 years old. This reminds us that drugs can be a problem at all ages.

Bob was more interesting in that he was 25 years old. He was from a 'regular' family. He graduated from college with a bachelor's degree and had taken opioids at some time and became hooked on them quickly, gradually moving on to crime to support his habit. He is good looking, clean appearing young fellow that got lost. He eventually had the opportunity of taking part in the Drug Court system in Olmsted county. He is currently clean and signed up to continue working for his M.A. degree in accounting.

We wish them both well, but can see the uphill struggle. Both have 'felonies' on their records, so employment is going to be difficult. There is a way to clean that from the record, but is very difficult.

The Drug Court is an all voluntary road to take to sobriety. It is time consuming and demanding. It is not a part of the 'justice' system, but runs separately. It demands attendance and participation. It is more demanding than AA but builds self respect, and self value in the participants. Olmsted county has room for 30 in its program, 26 are currently filled. Self respect and responsibility paramount. Good luck to those who are successful.

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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 ***Jim Bouquet 651-560-4292 ***Bob Fiss 288-7480 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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Thursday, January 18, 2018 KIWANIS Meeting Notes David Nelsen was president of the day



for the meeting in the Carpenter Room. We will move to the other room next week. David won the drawing again, so he had another ticket drawn with Irv winning this week. Happy dollars were given by Mary, Austin, Al, and Linda gave \$2 for two weeks away (in Florida last week). Mary introduced the program about "Sanctuary and Immigrant Justice" with Christina Fernandez, who is with Mayo Clinic. She introduced others with her, namely Phil Wheeler, now retired from the Olmsted Planning Dept., Michael Resman a Quaker and retired as an Occupational Therapist with Rochester Schools, and Kathy Roberts a volunteer with the program.

The Sanctuary program has four Christian Churches and a synagogue in Rochester, with only one that provides housing (Peace United Church of Christ). The basic needs of migration workers are provided as free services in Rochester and many places in the Twin Cities (over 100 congregations) associated with ISAIAH. There are over 11 million immigrants in the US where we are short of workers. 2800 needing amnesty reside in Olmsted County. In Minnesota there are 6,000 who are Dreamers and 1,000 of these are in Olmsted. The path to citizenship can take 20 years, and an example is an immigrant who was 17when he came and is now a 30 year old father facing deportation to Mexico, although his children are citizens. Olmsted deported 19 immigrants last year.

The chances of avoiding deportation is 10 times better with legal representation, but the cost is \$4,000/case. Bail bonds can cost \$5,000 to \$7,000. The Sanctuary Group is trying to set up a legal defense fund. They have spoken to two KIWANIS Clubs and other groups to inform the public, and we should try to get help from our churches. The revenue for the United States would greatly increase with legal immigration. It is immoral not to help immigration like 200,000 from El Salvador being deported in spite of their personal safety, as Canada recognizes, but not the US. The program concluded and was adjourned at 1 PM. Per Charlie Graham

The Other Side.....

Subject: Super Bowl Tickets



Greetings:

I know it's late notice, but a friend of mine has two tickets for the Super Bowl in Minneapolis, MN at the new U.S. Bank Stadium on Sunday February 4th. They are box seats and he paid \$3,500 per ticket, which includes the ride to and from the airport, lunch, dinner, a \$400.00 bar tab and a pass to the winner's locker room after the game. What he didn't realize when he bought them last year was that it's on the same day as his wedding. If you are interested, he is looking for someone to take his place. It's at St. Paul's Church at 3 pm. Her name is Ashley. She's 5'4", about 115 pounds, a good cook, loves to fish and hunt and will clean your truck. She'll be the one in the white dress.