



"The Downtowner"



KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER, Rochester, MN

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June 1, 2019 Coming Programs

June 6	Tang Subject, Viet Nam	(Roger K.)
June 13	Jim Bier Olmsted Co. Commissioner	(Bill Kalmes)
June 20		(Roger K.)
June 27	Club Fundraising. May substitute with something else.	(Bill K.)
July 11	Fred Krebsbach on Viet Nam	(C. Graham)
July 18	(Irv Nehring)	
July 25	(Paul Austinson)	



Circle for June is Roger, Bill and Dan. 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. **The Circle for July is: Charlie Graham, Irv Nehring, Paul Austinson.**

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

Significant Expenses since last issue:
Only pay to Saints on Second for meals.
Balance of Pizza Ranch to CE fund....\$254

Special Reminder!!!
Our next Pizza Ranch work project is WED. MAY 22, ::::Whoops! Another blip in the Pizza Ranch programming. We weren't scheduled! Austin Jorgenson is working to see how all that can be resolved. It is such a good 'club' activity and earns some money toward our goals of service.

Pancake Summary

The summary of our annual Pancake project was emailed to members, but will be repeated again: This is a comparison for the last 5 years.

	Income	Net
2015	\$4048	\$3370
2016	3460	2856
2017	3551	2775
2018	3490	2734
2019	4316	3722

Once again a huge 'Thanks' to our Leadership in that program: Del and Kathy Lawson & Charlie Graham.



Even in 2008 they were working to make Pancakes a success!

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23 Active members as of August 10, 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.

at www.kiwanisroch.org **2018-19**

Mary Tompkins
 Linda Hull Co- Presidents



David Nelsen Immed. Past Co-Presidents
 Roger Krsnak
 Austin Jorgenson Co-Vice President
 Clare Warren Treasurer
 Austin Jorgenson Secretary

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Membership, Growth & Education
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 Mary Tompkins, Don Borcherding,
Programs
 Circles of Service
Human and Spiritual Values
 Colleen Maddox, Dan Carlson
Finance Irv Nehring, Chair., , Clare Warren, Bill Kalmes, Linda Hull
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District & International web sites:

www.kiwanis.org
WWW.MNDAK.ORG

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****Thank you note was received from Hannah Rud, recipient of one of our scholarships. She was a leader in the Key Club at Mayo.**

AARP Rochester

May 23 we had a program on AARP in Rochester and in general. The speakers were Marlene Jehnke and Margo Stich. (Sorry, I forget to take a picture).

They gave us a history of the organization. In the beginning the AARP acronym stood for American Association of Retired Persons. Now it is simply 'AARP' pronounced phonetically. It is now open to anyone 50 and older and you don't need to be retired.

They promote activities and areas of interest to people of this age. They attempt to be non-political, but urge members to be politically active.

There are local and state gatherings on topics of interest. This is all a part of their advocacy goals.



Bolder Options

This week I remembered to take a photo of the presenters, Sarah Schaler and Carla? From the non-profit called Bolder Options. It is a Youth Mentoring program for middle

school kids. The children must be referred due to any of several reasons. Some reasons: Boys 12 yr. old, low income family, mental health diagnosis, failing in academics, social skills, and lacking in physical activity.

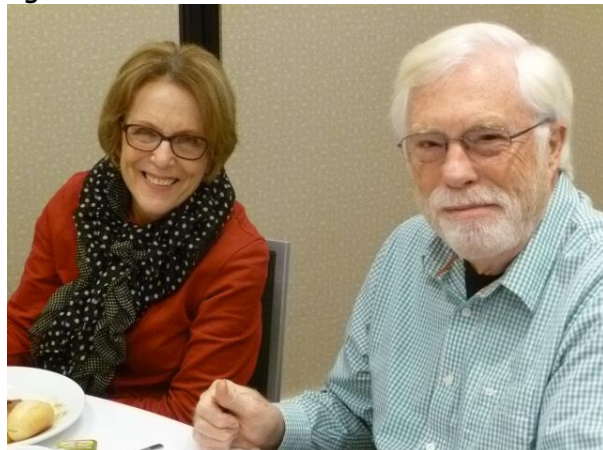
This program has been in Rochester for 9 years. Mentors will be with the student for 1 year. They must be 21 or older and anyone can do it if they are living a 'good' life style. They should be a good role model. All the kids are free

members of the The local Y. A couple times each season they might take a trip to such places like the Boundary Waters or something in Montana where the kids have never gone.

I'm sure the group will be submitting a request for funds, so be mulling it over in your minds and maybe doing a little of your own investigating.

(Did anyone else notice that Charlie won the raffle for the second week in a row? You all know the penalty for three in a row!)

Scott Oesterle and Colleen Maddox have consented to slowly take charge of the Peanut Project. It is in a state of 'evolution'. Bob and Suzie McClocklin have put in many years with the old peanut project. Their company has quit making 'Kiwanis Peanuts', so they are currently working a deal at Cosco, I believe.



BOB & SUZIE MC CLOCKLIN DESERVE MUCH OF OUR THANKS FOR KEEPING THE PEANUT PROJECT A SUCCESS FOR MANY YEARS AS THE LAWSONS AND CHARLIE HAVE DONE FOR THE PANCAKES. HIP, HIP HOORAY FOR MEMBERS LIKE THESE!

MY COMPUTER IS CURRENTLY STUCK IN CAPS., BUT WE'LL TRY TO GET SOMETHING THAT MIGHT BRING A TEAR OR TWO

I hope this is true, but even if not it contains messages we all need to read,

The American flag does not fly because the wind moves past it.....

The American flag flies from the last breath of each military member who has died serving it."

AIRLINE CAPTAIN

My lead flight attendant came to me and said, "We have an H.R. on this flight." (H.R. stands for Human Remains.)

"Are they military?" I asked.

'Yes', she said.

'Is there an escort?' I asked.

'Yes, I've already assigned him a seat'.

'Would you please tell him to come to the Flight Deck. You can board him early," I said...

A short while later a young army sergeant entered the flight deck. He was the image of the perfectly dressed soldier. He introduced himself and I asked him about his soldier.

The escorts of these fallen soldiers talk about them as if they are still alive and still with us. 'My soldier is on his way back to Virginia,' he said. He proceeded to answer my questions, but offered no words.

I asked him if there was anything I could do for him and he said no.

I told him that he had the toughest job in the military, and that I appreciated the work that he

does for the families of our fallen soldiers. The first officer and I got up out of our seats to shake his hand. He left the Flight Deck to find his seat.

We completed our preflight checks, pushed back and performed an uneventful departure. About 30 minutes into our flight, I received a call from the lead flight attendant in the cabin.

'I just found out the family of the soldier we are carrying, is also on board', she said. She then proceeded to tell me that the father, mother, wife and 2-year old daughter were escorting their son, husband, and father home. The family was upset because they were unable to see the container that the soldier was in before we left.

We were on our way to a major hub at which the family was going to wait four hours for the connecting flight home to Virginia. The father of the soldier told the flight attendant that knowing his son was below him in the cargo compartment and being unable to see him was too much for him and the family to bear. He had asked the flight attendant if there was anything that could be done to allow them to see him upon our arrival. The family wanted to be outside by the cargo door to watch the soldier being taken off the airplane.

I could hear the desperation in the flight attendants voice when she asked me if there was anything I could do. 'I'm on it', I said. I told her that I would get back to her.

Airborne communication with my company normally occurs in the form of e-mail like messages. I decided to bypass this system and contact my flight dispatcher directly on a secondary radio. There is a radio operator in the operations control center who connects you to the telephone of the dispatcher. I was in direct contact with the dispatcher. I explained

the situation I had on board with the family and what it was the family wanted. He said he understood and that he would get back to me.

Two hours went by and I had not heard from the dispatcher. We were going to get busy soon and I needed to know what to tell the family.

I sent a text message asking for an update. I saved the return message from the dispatcher and the following is the text: 'Captain, sorry it has taken so long to get back to you. There is policy on this now, and I had to check on a few things. Upon your arrival a dedicated escort team will meet the aircraft. The team will escort the family to the ramp and plane side. A van will be used to load the remains with a secondary van for the family.'

The family will be taken to their departure area and escorted into the terminal, where the remains can be seen on the ramp.. It is a private area for the family only. When the connecting aircraft arrives, the family will be escorted onto the ramp and plane side to watch the remains being loaded for the final leg home.

Captain, most of us here in flight control are veterans. Please pass our condolences on to the family. Thanks.

I sent a message back, telling flight control thanks for a good job.

I printed out the message and gave it to the lead flight attendant to pass on to the father.. The lead flight attendant was very thankful and told me, 'You have no idea how much this will mean to them.'

Things started getting busy for the descent, approach and landing.

After landing, we cleared the runway and taxied to the ramp area..

The ramp is huge with 15 gates on either side of the alleyway. It is always a busy area with aircraft maneuvering every which way to enter and exit. When we entered the ramp and checked in with the ramp controller, we were told that all traffic was being held for us

'There is a team in place to meet the aircraft', we were told. It looked like it was all coming together, then I realized that once we turned the seat belt sign off, everyone would stand up at once and delay the family from getting off the airplane. As we approached our gate, I asked the copilot to tell the ramp controller, we were going to stop short of the gate to make an announcement to the passengers He did that and the ramp controller said, 'Take your time.'

I stopped the aircraft and set the parking brake. I pushed the public address button and said: 'Ladies and gentleman, this is your Captain speaking: I have stopped short of our gate to make a special announcement. We have a passenger on board who deserves our honor and respect. His name is Private XXXXXX, a soldier who recently lost his life. Private XXXXXX s under your feet in the cargo hold Escorting him today is Army Sergeant XXXXXX. Also, on board are his father, mother, wife, and daughter. Your entire flight crew is asking for all passengers to remain in their seats to allow the family to exit the aircraft first. Thank you.'

We continued the turn to the gate, came to a stop and started our shutdown procedures. A couple of minutes later I opened the cockpit door. I found the two forward flight attendants crying, something you just do not see. I was told that after we came to a stop, every passenger on the aircraft stayed in their seats, waiting for the family to exit the aircraft.

When the family got up and gathered their things, a passenger slowly started to clap his hands. Moments later, more passengers joined in and soon the entire aircraft was clapping. Words of 'God Bless You', I'm sorry, thank you, be proud, and other kind words were uttered to the family as they made their way down the aisle and out of the airplane. They were escorted down to the ramp to finally be with their loved one.

Many of the passengers disembarking thanked me for the announcement I had made. They were just words, I told them, I could say them over and over again, but nothing I say will bring back that brave soldier.

I respectfully ask that all of you reflect on this event and the sacrifices that millions of our men and women have made to ensure our freedom and safety in these United States of AMERICA.

Foot note:

I know everyone who reads this will have tears in their eyes, including me. Prayer chain for our Military. Don't break it! Please send this on after a short prayer for our service men and women.

Don't break it!

They die for me and mine and you and yours and deserve our honor and respect

Prayer Request: When you receive this, please stop for a moment and say a prayer for our troops around the world... There is nothing attached. Just send this to people in your address book. Do not let it stop with you. Of all the gifts you could give a Marine, Soldier, Sailor, Airman, and others deployed in harm's way, prayer is the very best one.

GOD BLESS YOU!!!

Thank you all who have served, or are serving.
We will not forget!

