

"The Downtowner"



KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER

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ROCHESTER, MN.

September 15, 2018, Coming Programs

Sept 20 Alzheimer's Assoc. Debbie Eddy, Bob McClocklin

Sept. 27 Students of the Month, Weltzin

(Circle of Service for Oct., please send programs to Clare for next NL)







The Circle of Service

The Circle for September is Bob McClocklin, Dick Weltzin, & Ron Ilvedson. The Circle of Service for Oct.. will be Austin Jorgenson & Al Lun. (Circles should send Clare their programs as quickly as possible so they can be included in the Downtowner.)

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



Expense Report:

Checks to meals at Saints on Second for meals. Income comes close to expenses for meals and location.

\$5200 has come in for Peanuts and Dues since last report.

\$50 sent to Courtney Lawson, Exec. Of NAMI at sudden death of her husband.

Meetings will be at the Hilton next door to Saints on Second. This is the 'Default' meeting room.



Rick Morris was speaker on Sept. 13. He works for the SIERRA CLUB of this district. Rick has degrees in theology and Climate Change studies. He waivered on the theology after hurricane Sandy hit the east coast. He worked in the aftermath of that storm and was inspired to continue a life path in making the planet a safer place to live as much as man can control that.

The Sierra Club was started by John Muir (philanthropist) and former president Theodore Roosevelt.

At Rick's current job, he is mainly promoting the use of renewable energy in the Rochester area. It was difficult for me to follow statistics, but it seems to me that this area is now 10-20% on this type of energy. The many windmills all over the southern part of MN and the bigger and bigger sun-farms is a testament to that progress.

We need to appreciate the work like this that is being done. Fossil fuels WILL run out at some point and they are a pollution problem currently. Let's get a head start on this. Battery progress is advancing to be able to store electricity from this source. Go Man!

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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 2017-18

David Nelsen

Roger Krsnak Co- Presidents
Dan Carlson Immed. Past President
Mary Tompkins & Linda Hull Co-Vice Presidents
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Club Rep to District Dan Carlson

Membership, Growth & Education

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Circles of Service

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Thursday, September 6, 2018

KIWANIS Club Meeting Notes

David Nelsen opened the meeting with a change in procedure to accommodate our speaker, Jim Franklin, the new Rochester Chief of Police, who needed to leave early. Following the song, pledge, and invocation Chief Franklin spoke and the club business followed. We introduced guests from Spring Valley, Lt. Governor Denny Cornwell and his wife Nancy, and also Cindy's guest.

By way of background, Chief Franklin was Captain with the Metro Transit Police in Minneapolis, an organization with 206 people vs. 260 in Rochester (140 police). He spoke of his wife and 6 kids who are in the process of finding a house in Rochester, with a walk-through today. He sought a job in a city the size of Rochester for a number of reasons including his family. He listed his primary goals, as follows: 1. Prevent Crimes and seek collective ideas to do this. 2. Establish a reputation for professionalism and develop people to do this. 3. Adapt to a growing city and keep ahead of the curve like using beat cops downtown, keeping cops out of cars and with the people. 4. Stress community engagement with a high priority on non-police activities like attending block club (140) parties, with an objective to be "physically felt" talking to people. Be a part of DMC and take initiative to build this destination.

He opened his talk for questions from club members. He was asked about space, which is now crowded and fragmented. The old THINK Bank building may be used for police. Like the Metro Police being the most diverse in their community he thinks the police should reflect the community it serves. Asked about "hot spots" in Rochester where prolific offenders reside, he is having weekly meetings about how to solve problems, like having mental health professionals go with the police. He answered a question about Body Cams used by Rochester

Police but not so much in other areas, as they are expensive.

The new Chief may have a honeymoon period for two years and finding more space is a high priority. He offered to provide speakers for our club meetings like K-9 Police or Police Drone Units. To do this we need to call his administrative assistant, Kari, on 507 328-6900 and say he asked us to call.

The club meeting agenda followed our speaker. Lt. Gov. Denny Cornell won the drawing. Happy dollars were given by Mary (thanking Bob for his work on peanuts), and Bob saying we took in over \$700 yesterday downtown, Roger, and Bonnie (about strong rain on Broadway S when her wipers quit this week - for no visibility). Dan Carlson fell asleep in the Dentist chair, so he was happy. Nancy Cornell spoke to us about the need to sponsor a Builder's Club for Middle School and Junior High students, in concert with our Key Club. There are no Builder Clubs in Rochester. Our club will induct new officers for next year on the 20th, this month, and the last week will be Student of the Month.

Dave Nelsen adjourned the meeting at 12:55 with the KIWANIS pledge to improve the world one child at a time. Submitted by Charlie Graham



Stephanie Hatzenbihler



Stephanie spoke to us on storm water management in Rochester. She talked to us about the path of runoff for this water and its unintended pollution. She reminded us that

the storm water and waste water are two separate systems, sometimes running parallel to each other. With all the runoff water to the storm sewer system, it requires constant attention and planning. Some of what we didn't realize about the infra-structure in a city!



Dan's Labor Day Thoughts.....

This coming weekend is Labor Day - a time for Americans to pay

tribute to working people across the land and to display our colors with pride. The first time I joined the workforce was on Easter Sunday 1959 when, as a fifth grader, I started delivering the Minneapolis Tribune. I got the routes guite by happenstance when, as a Jefferson School crossing guard, I was helping kindergarteners cross the street. A car stopped by me and the driver identified himself as Mister Ramsey. He told me that a route was opening up no more than a block from where I stood. The route had about thirty daily Tribunes and a few more papers on Sunday. Besides the delivery I had to collect and pay my bill each week. For my trouble I might clear about four dollars a week. If I was interested he would come to our house and explain my job responsibilities to my parents. He did and for the next two and a half years I carried the Tribune through rain, snow and winds. Mom may have driven the route once or twice

when it was raining but never did she wake me up or get me dressed. The job was, as we say, more than a paycheck. I came to meet dozens of families along my route: I met Joe Smetka who was the brother and business partner of Rochester's mayor. I met Reverend O.E. Carter who preached over KROC every Sunday for the Assemblies of God Church. Ozzie Saint George lived on my route but he did not subscribe. Later Mr. Saint George was a longtime Saint Paul newspaper columnist. There were the Scholers whose son won a duck stamp contest as a wildlife artist. And Karl Postier, the Olmsted County Treasurer, got the last paper I delivered. His granddaughter, Andrea, later played soccer with my daughter. so often I got enough new subscriptions to win a jacket, a miniature camera (for which I never found film for) and a few plastic model kits. I won a trip to Sandy Point where I got up on water skis for the first time and sunburned myself so badly that I had to limit myself to pinch hitting duty in my little league baseball game. I went to the Minnesota State Fair with Larry Johnson partly because my principal gave me his blessing

For missing school. My principal was Bob Swanson and he was on my route and also at different times coached my baseball and hockey teams. The money was nice too. It helped me pay for my cornet which I started to play in fifth grade. I bought a clock radio to listen to the top three songs on WLS Radio just before bedtime. And I also bought a threespeed Schwinn which I peddled until my midthirties when I got a ten-speed and my hockey gloves and shin guards. With Dad's help I bought five shares of Josten stock which split three for one and five shares of Gould National Battery which neither went up, down or But mostly I bought baseball cards sideways. hoping that I would one day open the package and find Mickey Mantle's face. That day never arrived and like an alcoholic wanting just another drink, I persisted in this fool's errand

and never held Mickey's card in my hand. guit the route in eighth grade to play sports. Dad sold my cornet to pay for my sister's clarinet something I never questioned his authority to do. Mom sent my Topps baseball cards to the attic crawl space. Twenty years later she reminded me of them. They still had the odor of bubble gum. I found a card dealer and sold them, put the money in an IRA for Hope and me and let the investment ride. Today, through the miracle of compound interest, I have enough to pay for both our funerals - money I never would have had without Mr. Ramsey's tantalizing business offer. So when I'm asked, "Were you ever selfemployed? I say, "Yes, I carried the Tribune. I collected the money, sold and delivered the product, and served my customers. I managed my earnings so that my funeral mourners can eat a ham sandwich, potato salad and drink coffee from my Tribune route proceeds. But let's be clear. I was not rich enough to be a capitalist - I was just a nickel and dime free enterpriser - a laboring And so I say to workers everywhere as boy. Labor Day arrives: Take pride in your work, be honest to your customers and someday you too will have a ham sandwich waiting for your friends who took the time to attend your funeral.



1]UST discovered my age group!

1 am a Seenager (Senior teenager).
1 have everything that 1 wanted as a teenager, only
55-60 years later.

1 don't have to go to school or work.

1 get an allowance every month.

1 have my own pad.

I don't have a curfew.

1 have a driver's license and my own car.

1 have 1D that gets me into bars and the wine store. 1 like the wine store best.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant, they aren't scared of anything, they have been blessed to live this long, why be

scared?

And I don't have acne.

Life is Good!

Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this, if you are a Seenager.

Brains of older people are slow

because they know so much.

People do not decline mentally with age; it just takes them longer to recall facts because they

have more information in their brains.

Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem;

it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

SO THERE!!

1 have more friends 1 should send this to, but right now 1 can't remember their names.

So please forward this to your friends; they may be my friends, too.