

"The Downtowner"



KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER, Rochester, MN

www.kiwanisroch.org

Sept. 16, 2019

Sept. 19 Students of the Month

Sept . 26 Linda Freeman on school referendum

(Weltzin)

Oct. No programs turned in to date.







The Circle for Sept. is Dave Nelsen, Dan Nelson, Bill Kalmes and Dick Weltzin. (Circles should send Clare their



programs as quickly as possible so they can be included in the **Downtowner**.) It helps if <u>one</u> person reports for the entire circle. Circle October is not determined yet.

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

Significant Expenses since last issue: None except for our weekly meals.

The <u>Happy Hour</u> was a limited success the last time. I understand there were 4 present and they had a good time. The next Social time is September 25 at 4:30 at the Legion again. Austin promises to re-send directions. Take a dry run some day. I found it fine!

I heard that the food was good and "cheap", whatever that meant.

<u>We received a nice letter of thanks</u> from the YMCA for our contribution to their Kids Golf Tournament.





Pastor Aaron Wager from Bear Creek Church spoke to the club on their big adventure in affordable housing. Rochester residents are aware of the Crossroads

Bible College south of Apache Mall that has been around for many years. They had trouble financing their college program and were forced to sell. The Bear Creek Church went through a lot of detail to bring about its purchase of the 38 acre property and buildings. Pastor Wager went through a lot of detail about the hard work to make the financial deal work. He showed a short video of the property, what they have done already and what they expect to do.

As usual, don't go to the bank on details that I cite, but it will be a rough picture.

Wager says they came up with a 'business plan' that the financers could accept and now 2 years later, it is considered successful to a significant degree.

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23 Active members as of August 10, 2018

Privileged Member *Honorary Member *Senior 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.

District & International web sites: www.kiwanis.org www.mndak.org

PRIVILEGED & HONORARY MEMBERS

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The Kiwanis Club of Rochester meets every Thursday at the Meeting Room in Homewood Suites (next door to Courtyard Marriott 161 13th Avenue SW, Rochester, MN 55902

Parking is free at rear of Marriott Hotel. 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

Co-Presidents Linda Hull

David Nelsen Immed. Past Co-Presidents

Roger Krsnak

Co-Vice President Austin Jorgenson Treasurer Clare Warren Austin Jorgenson Secretary

Committees

Club Rep to District Membership, Growth & Education **Public Relations** Community Services Youth Service & YCPO

Programs

Circles of Service Human and Spiritual Values Finance

Donations/Charities

Co-Presidents next yr. are Austin Jorgenson & Dan Nelson

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They have turned the resident halls into apartments. There are some 2 bedroom units and some 1 bedroom units. These go for \$1000 and \$500 a month respectively. This includes all utilities. Of course, the residents are screened vigorously because they have to be eligible by showing 'Need' and 'ability to pay' the modest rent.

Currently they have about 150 residents.



Dick and Phyllis Weltzin were celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary last Thursday. We offer our **Congratulations** on a long

marriage. Takes more than one to make it work.



Boys and Girls Club, Rochester

Director, Jack Campbell received his education in Public Administration with a specialty in non-profits. He is now the new Exec. Dir. Of the local Boys and Girls club. He reviewed reasons for their existence, which was mainly to



provide a safe and Caring environment with adults. They now have a premier location in the old remodeled Holmes School. The local Head Start program is located in the building with them and is mutually beneficial.

Jack went through some the hoops in tax 'evasion' (he called it 'diversion') that made the purchase and remodeling possible. 90% of their operational funding comes from public donations and some of their projects like the Chili Contest later this month. We are all familiar with the 'Chair Affair' and now the 'Home Brew Challenge.' It's a going organization.



WORKING AS A PEDIATRIC NURSE, I HAD THE DIFFICULT ASSIGNMENT OF GIVING IMMUNIZATION SHOTS TO CHILDREN. ONE DAY, I ENTERED THE EXAMINING ROOM TO GIVE FOUR-YEAR-OLD LIZZIE HER INJECTION. "NO, NO, NO!" SHE SCREAMED. "LIZZIE," SCOLDED HER MOTHER, "THAT'S NOT POLITE BEHAVIOR." WITH THAT, THE GIRL YELLED EVEN LOUDER, "NO, THANK YOU! NO, THANK YOU!"