



Dreamer!

The DOWNTOWNER"

KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER, Rochester, MN



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The Program will be club Business. We need to do this periodically. Let's have a good attendance!

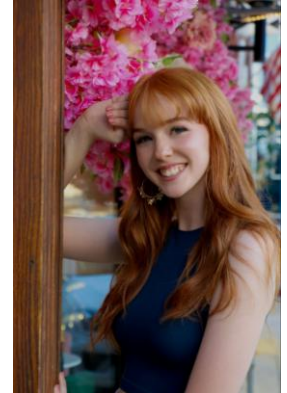


Professional Readers!

Club members Austin Jorgenson, Dan Nelson and Bonnie Schultz visited Civic League Day Nursery on March 2nd to read to 50 preschool children. Austin

read to 2 and 3 years olds; Bonnie to 3 and 4 year olds and Dan to 5 year olds. Each child then received their own book to keep. This is part of our ongoing club participation in reading to preschoolers and distributing books provided by the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation. Next stop, club members will be reading books to children at Meadow Park Day Care on April 20th. They have all done it before and really enjoy it. The kids appreciate having someone different in the classroom. It is one of those win-win situations. Thanks so much to our three readers this month.

Salvatora Sitenga
Sal really challenged herself to take both Honors Anatomy and Physiology and A.P. Biology. This was her senior year at Lourdes High School. Sal has a natural curiosity and her drive and interest in the advanced sciences is evident. She asks interesting questions and demonstrates the kind of creative thinking needed in science. She has demonstrated excellent professional laboratory skills and attention to detail which will help her in any health science related field in the future.



Summer Director at Zollman Zoo

A short presentation this past meeting was given by the summer Director of the Zollman Zoo. I couldn't hear what her name was or what she had to say specifically. My plea for better use of the microphone has fallen on deaf ears, so far. Anyway she was an attractive young lady and enthusiastic about her job there. We, as a club still have a sense of responsibility with our long connection with Paul Zollman. He was such a nice man with good sense of humor. This director says there are 635 acres in the zoo and park. Pretty remarkable.



*Jennifer ex. Gaul
Was guest at
last week's
meeting also. I
have asked her
to send me sort
of a 'bio' article
on herself and
years as Key
Club Advisor.
Maybe I will get*

*her married name correct another
time. Sorry, Jen..... I'm well aware of
the great job you have done with Key
Club over the years. I even knew you
got married at what would be a
'mature' age, even have a child. So,
I'm pleading that you do some kind of
write-up for me to put in our biweekly
Newsletter. Thanks for your years of
service. Let's spread the word a bit.*

Food For Kidz



The annual drive of Food For Kidz for us will be April 1st. in Stewartville. Again, Our club will be contributing \$2000 toward the purchase of the food materials. The mother organization has changed some rules over the years. So the clubs need to have their money in before they send the product. That seems to work better. You combine the the Club money with individual's, we can

cover the cost. We can never recall how many packets of food that we pack in one morning, but below is some idea of the actual cost.

\$.25 per meal - (6 meals/bag x 36 bags/box = 216) 1 box of Food for Kidz food (216 meals) Cost is \$54.00 1 box of food will feed a child for 7 months.

Come everyone. Besides the good you are doing to feed the hungry, it's fun. Anyone is able to help. We can train most any age.



Austin is sort of the organizer for the Last meeting of the month (March) It is to be a 'business' meeting. He has some things to bring up, but is

welcoming more suggestions. Let's have a good attendance for it and make the discussion and decisions true decisions of the members. Give him a call. His number in on the page 2 of every newsletter.

***** Last week Charlie G. led a discussion or telling time about how he and his son work meals by themselves. He says there are some real good deals around. He and son Paul like HyVee ready to eat meals. They like Texas Roadhouse as probably their favorite. Those two can work out some great meals at bargain prices. There are several widowers around clubs like ours. We don't always realize fully what a different life that can be. But, with some imagination, they do very well.



I didn't know what this bridge was, but Austin Jorgenson grew up in that area around Virginia, MN. The bridge was high enough to get ore ships under it. (he Says)

I guess when he tells us that he is pen-pal with some Harriet Bishop School people, we have to believe that also.

Dave Nelsen says he used to do some personal correspondence via audio tapes even with a person in Tasmania.



Irv Nehring announced to the club that he is engaged to a woman he knew in high school. They have marriage plans, but I don't know them. He is building a new home near Winona on the east side of the River. We are happy for Irv.

(Happy Birthday, Irv)

(from my TN friend)

A woman awakes during the night to find that her husband is not in bed. She puts on her robe and goes downstairs to look for him. She finds him sitting at the kitchen table with a hot cup of coffee in front of him. He appears to be in deep thought, just staring at the wall. She watches as he wipes a tear from his eye and takes a sip of his coffee. 'What's the matter, dear' she whispers as she steps into the room, 'Why are you down here at this time of night

The husband looks up from his coffee, 'It's the 20th Anniversary of the day we met'. She can't believe he has remembered and starts to tear up.

The husband continues, 'Do you remember 20 years ago when we started dating, I was 18 and you were only 16,' he says solemnly. Once again, the wife is touched to tears. 'Yes, I do' she replies.

The husband pauses. The words were not coming easily. 'Do you remember when your father caught us in the back seat of my car' 'Yes, I remember' said the wife, lowering herself into the chair beside him.

The husband continued. 'Do you remember when he shoved the shotgun in my face and said, "Either you marry my daughter or I will send you to prison for 20 years'

'I remember that, too' she replied softly.

He wiped another tear from his cheek and said "I would have gotten out today."