



"The Downtowner"

KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER, Rochester, MN

www.kiwanisroch.org

August 23, 2019 Coming Programs

Aug 29 Aaron Wager, the pastor of Bear Creek church will be presenting a plan that their church is pursuing to address affordable housing (McClocklin)
Sept. 5 Dan Sepeda on Damaskus Group
Sept. 12 Chad Campbell on Boys & Girls Club
Sept. 19 Students of the Month
Sept. 26 Linda Freeman on school referendum (Weltzin)



The Circle for August is Colleen Maddox, Paul Austinson and Bob McClocklin. (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. Circle for Sept. is Dave Nelsen, Dan Nelson, Bill Kalmes and Dick Weltzin.

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

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

The Happy Hour was a limited success last week. I understand there were 4 present and they had a good time. We will work harder next time to be sure more have clear directions on exactly the Legion location.

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



Bonnie Schultz is retiring! There is to be a Retirement Party for her at the United Way building. Ask someone for details. (I missed them) We will send out a special email note along with

the coming programs. Colleen is great on these details. No pressure.



We have Colleen presenting Emily Siem a certificate of achievement for 4-H for the month of June. There will be pictures of the other students on Page 3. Details of each

student will be sparse since we are having 'technical' difficulties getting the information to the Downtowner. We'll figure it out one of these days.

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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. **District**

& International web sites:

www.kiwanis.org www.mndak.org

PRIVILEGED & HONORARY MEMBERS

***Peggy Anderson	288-3985
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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
Linda Hull

Co- Presidents



David Nelsen
Roger Krsnak
Austin Jorgenson
Clare Warren
Austin Jorgenson

Immed. Past Co-Presidents

Co-Vice President
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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

****Dues statements will be coming out in a few weeks. Dues still \$190. Act as promptly as you can. They will be mailed to your homes for your convenience.**



Here is Bob McClocklin presenting to Talia Mentjes representing 4-H for August.



Lastly, we have Paul Austinson presenting the certificate to Macy Loechler for month of June. Again for 4-H

These students are very similar to the Students of the Month that we honor. At least one of these girls fits that situation. They are all very bright and active in many things with some emphasis on 4-H activities. We congratulate them all for their achievements.

Rick Indreli, Business Consultant, Spoke this week on his job at RCTC. He works for the SE MN Small Business Development Center with office at



RCTC. Rick spoke knowledgeably and with humor about assisting people trying to get into 'small business.' I won't attempt to try to cover all the things he brought. 2 things stayed with me. One: You need a written Business Plan before anything else.

Two: You need a prospective budget before getting to him to assist in finding funding for your small business.

Someone asked, 'What is the definition of a small business?' He hedged and said it can be one with about 50 employees and maybe a million dollar product in a year. Pretty wide open, wouldn't you say? Rick's talk was good and the Q&A from members was helpful and lively.

His services are Free to those seeking help. He often works with SCORE, but that is a volunteer group.

Not too late for some smiles, is it????

How about a 'world view' commentary?



The **English** are feeling the pinch in relation to recent events in Syria and other middle Eastern areas and have therefore raised their security level from "Miffed" to "Peeved." Soon, though, security levels may be raised yet again to "Irritated" or even "A Bit Cross." The English have not been "A Bit Cross" since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out. Terrorists have been re-categorized from "Tiresome" to "A Bloody Nuisance" The last time the British issued a "Bloody Nuisance" warning level was in 1588, when threatened by the Spanish Armada.

The **Scots** have raised their threat level from "Pissed Off" to "Let's get the Bastards." They don't have any other levels. This is the reason they have been used on the front line of the British army for the last 300 years.

The **French** government announced yesterday that it has raised its terror alert level from "Run" to "Hide." The only two higher levels in France are "Collaborate" and "Surrender." The rise was precipitated by a recent fire that destroyed France 's white flag factory, effectively paralyzing the country's military capability.

Italy has increased the alert level from "Shout Loudly and Excitedly" to "Elaborate Military Posturing." Two more levels remain: "Ineffective Combat Operations" and "Change Sides."

The **Germans** have increased their alert state from "Disdainful Arrogance" to "Dress in Uniform and Sing Marching Songs." They also have two higher levels: "Invade a Neighbour" and "Lose."

Belgians, on the other hand, are all on holiday as usual; the only threat they are worried about is NATO pulling out of Brussels ..

The **Spanish** are all excited to see their new submarines ready to deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so the new

Spanish navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish navy.

Australia , meanwhile, has raised its security level from "No worries" to "She'll be right, Mate." Two more escalation levels remain: "Crikey! I think we'll need to cancel the barbie this weekend!" and "The barbie is cancelled." So far no situation has ever warranted use of the last final escalation level.

Regards,
John Cleese ,
British writer, actor and tall person

And as a final thought - Greece is collapsing, the Iranians are getting aggressive, and Rome is in disarray. Welcome back to 430 BC.