



"The Downtowner"

KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER, Rochester, MN

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Dec. 7, 2019

- Dec. 5 Bob Larget, civil engineer, on Water Control in cities, farms and lakes.
- Dec. 12 Arlyn Gagnon on Memorial to husband.
- Dec. 19 Trivia Party by David Nelsen. Guests invited. (spouses included)(Need Count)
- Dec. 26 Christmas Holiday



The Circle for December Circle is: Clare, Ron and Colleen. (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. Circles for the year 2019-20 are posted with copies available.

January Circle is: Linda, Mary and Cindy. (Same as November)

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

Significant Expenses since last issue:

We have changed treasurers. Bill Kalmes has those duties now. If he sends me information for the Newsletter, I'll get it in there.

***Dues for next year are paid in full or in part. Thanks again to all the members who have responded so well.

The Happy Hour is scheduled next XXXX XXXXX. It will be held at the Legion at 4:30. (Stay alert for accuracy.) 3rd. Wed. of Jan???



Flowers and Card were sent to Roger Krsnak as he is fighting cancer. Roger, be aware that we are talking about you and sending thoughtful and kind words your direction. (Doesn't sound like the group you know, does it?) The Best, Good Friend!



Special Treat

One of the students of the month in November was Sonya Penheiter from Mayo High School. She is into music, so she led the singing of 'God Bless America' for the group. Ron, our usual leader, didn't have anything to say but 'Thanks.' (Job security, you know) Sonya is daughter of Alan and Sumedha Penheiter, who has been selected by the PE/Health Department as the Kiwanis Student of the Month. Her nominator states that Sonya is a top student who has made Mayo a better school through her participation in many activities and her work in the classroom. Sonya participates in Mayo Stage Door, Southtown Singers and Honors Choirs of SE MN. She earned two superior ratings at the MSHSL Solo Competition. Additionally, she received a 2nd place award at the Rochester Music Guild Competition. She is a member of Mayo Honor's Society, Debate Team and she is an AP Scholar. She has earned letters in Drama, Choir, Key Club and Art. Sonya plans to attend a 4 year college and earn a BA degree in vocal performance.



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Maggie Suino from Lourdes High School was nominated by the English Department. Unlike Sonya's information,

we have very little to work from on Maggie. I guess there was a bit of confusion getting things on time. So, we will work with what little we have. Maggie is the daughter of Sara and Bruce Suino.

Maggie has been active at Lourdes, as we have come to expect. She has a strong interest in the Arts. She hopes to continue her education at a four year college studying Graphic Design.



Did ya know that Dan and Hope Carlson just celebrated their 48th wedding Anniversary!



Charlie Graham just turned 90

Dan Carlson got permission from Dan Moore to do the 'joke of the day'. DM, you do that again and there will be a Penalty to pay!



Bob Larget presented our program this past week. Bob is a recently retired Civil Engineer who specialized many years in the handling of waste, rain and other water not Sanitary products. That is a separate sewer line that ultimately goes to the city plant which handles and cleans human waste.

Bob described all the red tape that is involved and the expense. Regulations history was interesting. It wasn't that many years ago that efforts started to be made to quit dumping just anything in the waste water sewers. (System) It appears that the rules started at the Federal level and slowly worked down to the State, City, and Township level.

The topic of 'Holding Ponds' was covered. For someone wanting to build in a city or state, they have to have land elsewhere that can be used as wetland covering the loss in building. Bob feels that the different units of government all try to 'one up' the next layer of government. Despite this conflict, Bob feels that there is some improvement in water quality. He compares it to using a tea cup to empty a body of water. (or something along those lines.)

I can't take notes to cover the details, but Bob very expertly hit the high spots for us.

As we makes ponds and attempt to filter out contaminates from the air and surrounding soil, Bob feels that we are making some slow progress there. These ponds slowly fill up with sediment, and that needs to be disposed of. It will have all kinds of chemical particles and unwanted bacteria. This whole process is very expensive. Who is going to pay for it?

Reminder: There will be no Kiwanis meetings on Dec. 26 or Jan. 2, the Following week.

We all have Hockey Tournament responsibilities Starting Dec. 26 Be sure you are signed up for 2 shifts.

FYI David Nelsen has resigned his position of caring for details of club's charitable giving. He has done it for several years and besides he has home duties he hadn't asked for.

Jan. COS, Linda, Mary & Cindy. I don't have a list of programs from you yet.

Sometimes, the first step towards forgiveness is realizing the other person was born an idiot.

I finally realized it.. People are prisoners of their phones that's why they are called Cell Phones.



Got tasered picking up my friend from the airport today. Apparently security doesn't like it when you shout, "Hi Jack!"