



# The DOWNTOWNER"

KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER, Rochester, MN

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## Coming Programs

If anyone has given me the program list for July and August, I have misplaced them. Please, someone help me fill this space.

Jeff Feece from RST. Parks Dept. July 28  
Will speak on status of plans for Soldier's Field



Clare Warren made a presentation on the "Value of a Junior College". It was an autobiography of him. This had not been done since he joined Rochester Kiwanis in

1995. You can add that to the 35 years he had been a member of Kiwanis in Chelsea, MI and that's a long time. He related how he had started his college in Flint, MI Junior College. After completing 2 years there (with a tuition of \$75 a semester) he moved into the world of Big Ten schools at the University of Michigan. By then he had been recruited by the School of Dentistry and decided that was what he would pursue as a life career. 5 years at the U of M (That's Michigan) The education at J.C. was a great intro to educational life. It was very personal because of less students than the 55,000 at the big university. As is the case, often, you get into the groove of education and do better as time moves on. He spent a couple of years after graduation from Dental School in

the USAF in Madison, WI. Then it was back to MI and the Small town of Chelsea, near Ann Arbor. There he established a solo dental practice that lasted for 35 years. During those years he got married to June, and had a fine family of 1 boy and 3 girls.

He was active in Kiwanis, the Chelsea School Board for a brief 4 years, and lots of support for the Methodist church in town. It was a good life with a minimum of hiccups along the way.

By 1995 and the migration of some of the children to Rochester, MN, drew Clare and June to be more centrally located with the family. Clare had gotten his Dental Licensure for MN in case he wanted or needed to work after retiring at a relatively young age. He worked at RCTC for about 6 years in the Dental Assisting program part time. At the same time he got another part-time job at a local dental laboratory. This job he liked the arrangements and the people, stayed 18 years up to the Covid pandemic. I guess he is done now.

The point of going into this detail was to show that lack of funds is not a deterrent to achieving a good education. I still remember most of my teachers at J.C. with mostly fond memories. 2-3 of them were really outstanding teachers, including my German teacher. (No, she was not 25 and attractive)

Anyway, Junior College was a great and affordable start to a good education and career. I highly recommend consideration of the less glamorous surroundings. Don't ignore it.

Garage Sale: Once again this was amazingly successful thanks to a few who did a great deal in organizing and running the sale. I have to point out two members, Austin Jorgenson and Roger Krsnak as two of the 'drivers.' I can't be very specific on what exactly each did, but I think the whole club is aware of it. Austin has been talking it up for over a year and Roger jumping in a little later inviting us to have it in his garage as in the past. Members were good about signing up to help this year. For some of us the mountains in Roger's neighborhood are a bit more challenging each year, but we got great help overall. Roger reports that it brought in about \$1700.

Then this was followed by Roger with his organizing the Pizza Ranch fund raising project. He says he had \$100 in tips from our work that Monday evening, with a percentage of the day's receipts to be received soon. The people knew that they were indirectly supporting education awards by Kiwanis.

**A HUGE THANKS TO AUSTIN AND ROGER FOR THE TIME AND ENERGY THEY DONATED TO MAKE IT SUCCESSFUL!**

And a big thanks to those who were able to work a shift at the restaurant, especially you that could work the closing cleanup. That is a fun project with good camaraderie and laughs.



Happy Birthday Bonnie! Someone said 43, right?



Here we have Anna Walters-Smith from Mayo Key Club. The club contributed to her expenses going to the District Leadership Conference back in the spring. I did one of my stellar write-ups on her. The main thing I got was that she had a great time. She pointed out that several of Mayo Key Club have had State offices while Jennifer Gaul has been their Teaching Staff Leader. Anna plans to go to Luther College for nurses training. Good Luck to her.



Bill Kalmes (on the right) presents Elizabeth Wiederholt her Student of the Month certificate for May. Elizabeth is the daughter of Chris and Lisa Wiederholt.

She represents Mayo High School, month of May.

She was nominated by the Social Studies Dept.

The reasons she was nominated are because she is an outstanding young human! Zibby is constantly seeking to learn more about the world around her, not just to understand it, but also to effect change. She is involved in many school organizations that allow her to apply what she has learned to her school community. She has a very positive attitude and seeks to be kind and compassionate to those around her. She has made Mayo HS a better place and will no doubt make the world around her better in the years to come!

Extra curricular activities:

- Cross country
- Track and Field
- Student school Board
- Model United Nations
- Nordic Skiing
- Concordia Language Spanish Immersion Camp

Speech team  
 Bella Voce Choir  
 Future Plans include: Gap year in Germany with the congress-bundestag youth exchange program and then studying global international relations at American University.

About 10 honor awards in athletics and things like Economic and Social Council, Sorbonne University.  
 Congratulations to another of our outstanding Mayo Students.

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19 Active members as of April 4, 2022

\*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](http://www.kiwanis.org)    [www.mndak.org](http://www.mndak.org)

**PRIVILEGED & HONORARY MEMBERS**

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 \*\*\*Bob Fiss     288-7480  
 \*\*\*Richard Kersten, Deceased. One of origian members.  
 \*\*\*Dick Weltzin, Deceased

**The Kiwanis Club of Rochester meets every Thursday at the Meeting Room in The Eagle's Club SE Rochester.**  
 Meetings last about one hour. Lunch is served for \$14 and includes a generous entrée, salad or veggie and light dessert.

**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 19 ACTIVE members receiving it regularly. They enjoy the ability to get it in **COLOR**. It will be sent as .pdf file to you directly of can see on the web site at [www.kiwanisroch.org](http://www.kiwanisroch.org)  
 2018-19



Daniel Nelson  
 Austin Jorgenson     Co- Presidents

Immed. Past Co-Presidents  
 Linda Hull & Mary Tompkins

Co-Vice President

Bill Kalmes     Treasurer  
 Irv Nehring     Secretary

**Committees**

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

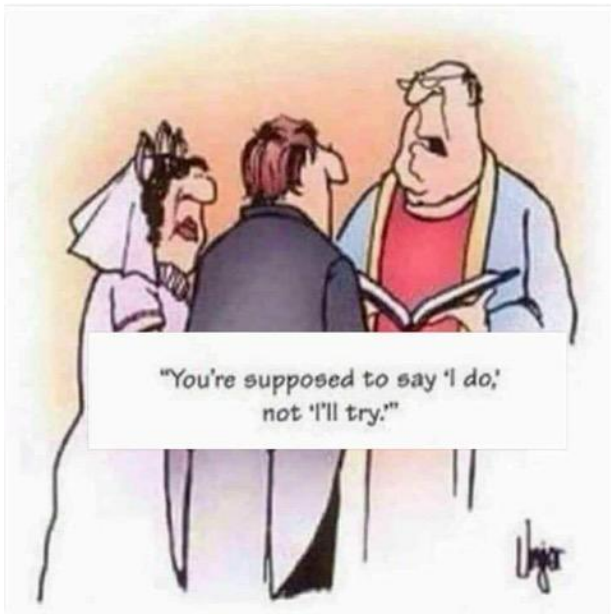
**Programs**  
 Circles of Service  
 Human and Spiritual Values

Finance  
Donations/Charities

Co-Presidents next yr. are

**Colleen and Roger.....**

**If you are responsible for getting a program, please drop an email note to [Clarew60@gmail.com](mailto:Clarew60@gmail.com) so he can get it in the Newsletter. That helps a lot to know before a meeting**



More: The article below was in the last Newsletter. Sorry to say, there is an addendum: Ron's wife Bobbie past away several weeks ago. Ron is living in Hudson, WI at a Senior living facility. As I find out more about them, I'll pass along.



Ron Ilvedson, M.D. We lost a good member this past 2 weeks as Ron Ilvedson moved from Rochester to Hudson, WI. His wife, Bobbie, has had lingering health problems, so they have moved to an assisted living facility. This will give her the type care she needs, and will provide supportive living that Ron needs with her. They have a daughter who lives only 2 miles from them now. That will help everyone concerned.

We will keep Ron's email address on the newsletter for his interest and anyone who might like to send a note. God Speed to both.