



# "The Downtowner"



KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER, Rochester, MN

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## June 29, 2019 Coming Programs

### JULY 4 NO KIWANIS MTG.

July 11 Fred Krebsbach on Viet Nam (C. Graham)

July 18 (Irv Nehring) Kristin Mannix interim director of Rochester's Elder Network

July 25 (Paul Austinson)

Aug 29

The availability of low cost housing continues to be a serious issue in Rochester.

Aaron Wager, the Pastor of Bear Creek Church will be presenting a plan their church is pursuina to address this problem.(McClocklin)



The Circle for July is: Charlie Graham, Irv Nehring, and Paul Austinson.

(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. The Circle for August is Colleen Maddox, Paul Austinson and Bob McClocklin.

Stay alert for signup opportunities online at [www.kiwanisroch.org](http://www.kiwanisroch.org)

### Significant Expenses since last issue:

None except regular cost of meals averages about \$230/week. However, we are reminded that due to meals not eaten or paid for means that our intake is about an average of \$180/week. We can charge some speakers and guest meals to the CE account, but not all. No problem today, but keep in mind the difference. How will we make up the difference?

## Thank You Notes

**From: YMCA for our \$200 contribution to their Kids Golf Tournament, LiveStrong Fun Run.**  
**From: Virginia Kaczmarek, Exec. Dir.**

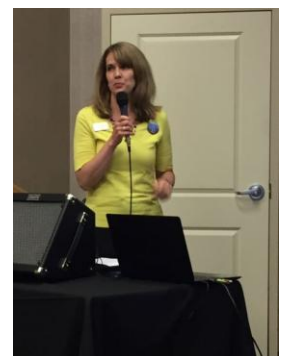


**From: Alex Smith**  
**Alex received one of our \$750 scholarships to attend ISU in Ames. "It will be most helpful in lifting some of my financial burden while in college." He thanks us for inviting his parents and him to the scholarship luncheon.**

**Signed Alex Smith**

**Kristine Ihrike, Director of this year's Rochesterfest.**

Kris presented an overview of this year's festival. She pointed out the main attractions such as the breakfast on a farm. Since the Fest had already started and is nearly over at this time, I'll simply direct all to Google and look up Rochesterfest, MN. You can get an excellent detailed description of everything. After 5 inches of rain the last 24 hours, there may be some changes.



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23 Active members as of August 10, 2018

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 \*\*\*\* Senior & Long Term Perfect Attendance  
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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**

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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.

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 Roger Krsnak

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**Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.**



Reminiscing by Dan Carlson

As a boy, Rochester, my home town, didn't have a Celebration of a City, we held a national birthday party. Each July Fourth we had a parade down Broadway, picnics in the park, a concert of Sousa marches and fireworks at dusk. Flags festooned every lamppost on the parade route and sometimes Uncle Sam himself was walking on stilts.

Parades sent our soldiers off to war and welcomed our heroes' home. I myself saw Colonel Roger Ingvalson welcomed home to Blooming Prairie as a Vietnam POW. We had circus parades, VFW and American Legion parades. I marched in a Soap Box Derby parade on race day. We had a city band that played *Stars and Stripes Forever* and a crowd that clapped wildly in approval. Now, the military bands at *Down By the Riverside* don't draw flies. We won't have a July Fourth parade this year because we just had the Rochesterfest Parade.

Some parades are really parodies such as the Whalen Stand Still Parade. In Grand Marais, where I will be this Fourth, if they have a parade, it will be an impromptu lap past the municipal liquor store.

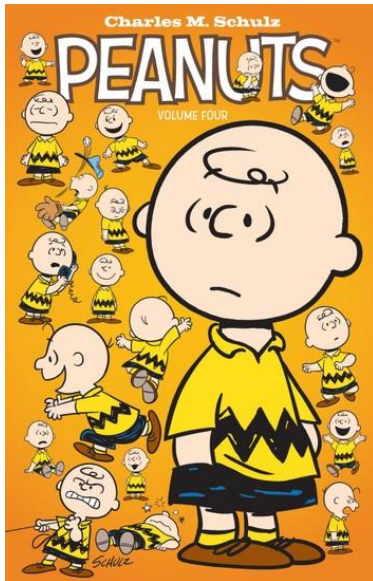
In 2018 the inaugural parade became a victim of fake news. Our president once advocated for a rousing military parade to rival that of Russia, France or North Korea, but so far he has not even appointed a temporary 'acting director.'

I've seen parades with school buses, garbage trucks, John Deere combines riding lawn mowers driven in formation, and politicians handing out penny candy. Where are the jugglers? The clown? The Princes Kay of the Milky Way? Did I hear that this was the year the Music Died as the City Band went silent? Except for the Chatfield brass Band, Local band shells stand empty. Will seventy-six trombones ever march in the big parade again? Meredith Wilson, a man born in Mason City Iowa-where are you now that we desperately need another Music Man?

Over the years I have watched parades celebrating the Orange and Rose Bowls, The Minneapolis Aquatennial, the Saint Paul Winter Carnival and Lake City's Water Ski Days. Only last month did I watch the Tulip Festival Parade in Holland, Michigan. Truthfully the, Rose Bowl is the Granddaddy of them all. But before you deduce that I hate parades, let me rain on your parade!

In 1969 I hitchhiked from Saint Paul to Rochester to watch my sister Patty ride in John Marshall's Homecoming Parade when she was up for queen. It was the last JM Homecoming Parade I ever saw. In 1991 I saw the twins World Series victory parade. Maybe we'll have another one this year. For me what I like is what parades represent. But isn't July Fourth worth celebrating? Can we at least have a stand still parade to rival Whalen, MN? Can't we get kids and adults and snake through Rochester's road construction to *The Theme from Rocky* and say the Pledge of Allegiance? Our nation is the cradle of democracy, a work still in progress. Please, please, please give it at least a little love!

(We always appreciate Dan's contributions for 'special' occasions. Thanks)



Colleen,  
Charlie, Bob M.  
The peanut people are hard at work making the change in source for peanuts this year. Since the former producer no longer does Kiwanis peanuts, there was extra work for our

people to do, if the club wanted to continue this important income producer. They have arranged to get the peanuts from costco.com The individual bags will have 1 full ounce instead of the former ¾ oz. Each box will cost \$25 instead of the former \$40. Of course the boxes have less bags of peanuts, but it should still be a good deal. The hope is to convince members and friends to buy 2 boxes instead of 1 this year.

Stay alert for details! Remember, it is not a 'requirement' that members purchase peanuts, but ALL members are encouraged strongly to buy at least 1 box! If our contributions to the community are important, then we have to keep the well supplied!



JoMarie Morris,  
Director of the JEREMIAH PROGRAM IN ROCHESTER.

Mrs. Morris gave us an introductory description of the local program.

Their Mission:  
End the cycle of poverty for single mothers and their children two

generations at a time.

Program Pillars

- Career track college education
- Quality early childhood education
- Safe, affordable housing

- Empowerment & life skills training
- Supportive community

Currently the group is meeting at Autumn Ridge at no cost. However, due to some healthy property and money gifts, their new facility is being completed off 19<sup>th</sup> St. NW across from the RAC. It will provide complete facilities for 40 families.

This is not a 'free ride' for these families. They must meet some rigid rules and guidelines aimed at changing their lifestyles.

The program has about an 80% success rate reaching these goals if the mothers complete the entire program.

Hopefully this kind of help will rub off on the male side of the equation. It is a difficult rut to climb out of.



"Where do you want me to wait?"