



# "The Downtowner"



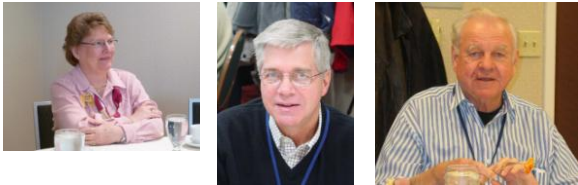
KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER

ROCHESTER, MN.

[www.kiwanisroch.org](http://www.kiwanisroch.org)

## March 17, 2018 Coming Programs

March 22 Students of the Month  
 March 29 "All Club" Board Meeting  
 April 5 ???  
 April 12 Amy Eich, on Community Ed.  
 April 19 Students of Month  
 April 26 ???



The Circle of Service

for April is Colleen Maddox, Don Borcharding & Austin Jorgenson, May's circle will be Al Lun, Don Borcharding and Dan Moore (Circles should send Clare their programs as quickly as possible so they can be included in the Downtowner.)

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



### Expense Report:

Nothing new this period.

Same old paying for meeting room and meals not covered by member's payment.

**Meetings will be at the Hilton next door to Saints on Second. This is the 'Default' meeting room.**

\*\* Keep in mind that the last meeting this month will be a "meeting of the whole" for the membership. Come share your thoughts. March 29



## Lou Kastler

You thought Bob Bardwell from Ironwood Spring Christian Ranch was a great promoter, well,

have we got news for you. Today we had Lou Kastler, the new person in Development at the Ranch. Lou is a Rochester resident with the gift of great enthusiasm for his job and product. It sounded like Lou has a background in radio, to what degree, I don't know.

He had many anecdotes to share from his experiences at the Ranch. These cover the many groups and families that pass through the Ranch in a year. Lou reminded us that the bluebells will be out soon and it is the largest concentration of them in the country. A few years ago, Kiwanis was at the Ranch for lunch and a wagon ride through the large fields of the beautiful bluebells. It is free anytime to stop in and see them. You can get a free tour if you choose.

Lou stressed that Ironwood Ranch is not a church, but a non-profit for the 'Underserved.' They are notable for their annual Returning soldier affair. It now draws from all over the country and world.

The short promotional movie stressed what the Ranch is and what it is about.

Good organization and doing good work. Thanks to Lou for reminding us.

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21 Active members as of January 8, 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.

**PRIVILEGED & HONORARY MEMBERS**

\*\*\*Jim Bouquet                      651-560-4292  
 \*\*\*Bob Fiss                              288-7480

The Kiwanis Club of Rochester meets every Thursday at the Meeting Room in the Hilton Hotel adjoining the Saints on Second Restaurant. Parking is free at rear of hotel & under the structure. 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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David Nelsen  
 Roger Krsnak                                      Co- Presidents  
 Dan Carlson                                      Immed. Past President  
 Mary Tompkins & Linda Hull              Co-Vice Presidents  
 Clare Warren                                      Treasurer  
 Austin Jorgenson                                      Secretary



**Committees**

- Club Rep to District** Dan Carlson
- Membership, Growth & Education**  
Roger Krsnak, Charlie Graham, Del Lawson, Paul Austinson
- Public Relations** Mary Tompkins, Colleen Maddox, Ron Ilvedson, Al Lun
- Community Services**  
Dan Moore, Austin Jorgenson, Bonnie Schultz, Bill Kalmes, Bob McClocklin
- Youth Service & YCPO**  
Chair, Dick Weltzin,  
Mary Tompkins, Don Borcharding,
- Programs**  
Circles of Service
- Human and Spiritual Values**  
Colleen Maddox
- Finance** Irv Nehring, Chair., Clare Warren, Bill Kalmes, Linda Hull
- Donations/Charities** Dave Nelsen, Chair, Scott Oesterle

**District & International web sites:**

[www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org)  
[WWW.MNDAK.ORG](http://WWW.MNDAK.ORG)

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

Pizza Ranch work night coming this month. Watch for signup sheet!

Hockey Recognition Night:  
Tues. March 27 5:30 at Cambria  
on S. Broadway. Social Hour  
followed by short presentation of  
checks to clubs for last Dec.  
Tournament.



Steve  
Borchardt

Return visit----  
We were pleased to  
have Steve back to  
update us on the status  
of affordable Housing  
in Rochester. As  
before, he had

statistics to illustrate his points in the progress of this very complicated problem. Steve says that a person needs to be making \$22.60/hr in his example of ability to buy 'Affordable Housing' in the Rochester market. Steve says that 65% in our area earn less than this. He used the example of single mom with 2 kids. He tries to get some solution for people like this.

Getting the financing for builders is one of the major hurdles. The costs of construction are nearly the same for any builder, so the financing is a variable they can work with to some extent. Currently there are 33 sales available in the county at \$200,000 or under. 6000 new apartments have been built in Rochester the last 3 years. The lowest rental in these is about \$1200/ mo.

We want to watch this perceived problem over the next years for innovation in housing.



**We must Stop This Immediately!**

Have you noticed that stairs are getting **steeper**. Groceries are **heavier**. And, everything is **further** away. Yesterday I walked to the corner and I was dumbfounded to discover how *long* our street has become!

And, you know, people are less considerate now, especially the young ones. They speak in **whispers** all the time! If you ask them to speak up they just keep repeating themselves, endlessly mouthing the same **silent message!** What do they think I am, a lip reader?

I also think they are much younger than I was at the same age. On the other hand, **people my own age are so much older than I am.** I ran into an old friend the other day and she has aged so much that she *didn't even recognize me.*

I got to thinking about the poor dear while I was combing my hair this morning, and in doing so, I glanced at my own reflection. Well, REALLY NOW -even mirrors are not made the way they used to be!

**Another thing, everyone drives so fast these days!** You're risking life and limb if you happen to pull onto the motorway in front of them. **All I can say is, their brakes must wear out awfully fast, the way I see them screech and swerve in my rear view mirror.**

Clothing manufacturers are less civilized these days. Why else would they suddenly start labelling a size 10 or 12 dress as 18 or 20? Do they think no one notices? The people who make bathroom scales are pulling the same prank. Do they think I actually 'believe' the number I see on that dial? HA! I would never let myself weigh that much! Just who do these people think they're fooling?

I'd like to call up someone in authority to report what's going on -- but the telephone company is in on the conspiracy too: they've printed the phone books in such **small** type that no one could ever find a number in there!

All I can do is pass along this warning: **WE ARE UNDER ATTACK!**

**Unless something drastic happens, pretty soon everyone will have to suffer these awful indignities.**

**PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN GET THIS CONSPIRACY STOPPED!**

**PS: I am sending this to you in a larger font size, because something has happened to my**

**computer's fonts - they are smaller than they once were.**

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Below is a copy of a Thank You note from one of our recent Students of the Month.

Dear Mr. Graham, I found your address on the attached letter you send with Pancake Breakfast tickets, so I hope it is Okay that I am sending you this at this address. I would appreciate if you could forward the following message to the Kiwanis Club members.

Thank You for honoring me and many other students at the Student of the Month luncheon. The work you do in the community, especially for students, has a great impact.

Thank You, Clare Brunn Lourdes HS '18