



"The DOWNTOWNER"



KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER

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Coming Programs

Jan. TBA
Jan. 19 Students of the Month
Jan. 26 Meeting as a whole ???
Someplace this month, Don Borcharding will do program.



January Circle will be Dave N, Scott Oesterle, and Austin J.

Circle of Service for February is: Dan Moore, Roger Krsnak, Clare Warren (Circles should send Clare their programs as soon as they can to have them included in the Downtowner.)

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



Recess!

We have had some weeks off from our regular meetings. Some of that time was spent with members and friends working the Kiwanis-Cambria Hockey Tournament. With no report, I'll just make a few comments. It appeared that the membership participation was about as usual. Attendance for the games seemed 'good.' For us non-hockey fans, it was good to see a Rochester team in the finals. (JM Rockets) I don't even know who won. Help!! Bill Kalmes and Bob Nowicki did their usual stellar job in organizing all details. A big thanks to them and to Cambria for being a major sponsor!



Jorgenson Saga

This week we had the Austin Jorgenson clan as guests and program. If you had any doubt on the parentage of Scott Jorgenson, all you had to do was visit with him. He and father came from the same mold.

Austin, Dee Dee, his wife, Sarah, Scott's daughter and Pastor Scott Jorgenson were all present to show pictures and have a narration for their huge trip across the Boundary Waters between MN and Canada. Their trip was done in May of last year. Why May? Their reasoning was 'no mosquitoes' and 'not many people'. After all the description and great pictures, most of us would still question the early trip.

Scott spent 25 years in IT at Mayo before turning to the church leadership role. He is now pastor of a baptist church in Hudson, MN. (I wonder if his prayers are as unique as his father's)

Sarah is a college student at UM Duluth where she is studying Chemical Engineering and Music.

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Scott and Sarah were true voyageurs with small aluminum canoe and some pretty huge back packs. They crossed the boundary from West to East taking prevailing winds and the elevation difference into consideration. There is over a 600 ft. elevation change from the western source to the end at Lake Superior. It is a trip of approximately 370 miles in rain, snow, rain, snow, rain, snow and you're getting the picture. Scott says that the first 85 miles were the worst. It was the entry in the Rainy River and was 85 miles of the 'same thing.'

Apparently they crossed 40 bodies of water and had 21 miles of portages. The last portage to Lake Superior was 8.5 miles and appropriately called 'Grand Portage.'

They had 2 re-supply stations set up ahead of time, so they weren't totally out of civilization contact. The entire trip takes you through Voyageurs National Park.

It looked like a great adventure for a father and daughter. Talk about 'bonding.'

It made one appreciate the beauty in that part of the world, but grateful that we could sit in a warm room with a nice meal and enjoying someone else's

Adventure! Thanks to the Jorgensons for sharing it with us.

"6 VERY LITTLE STORIES" - well worth the 30 seconds to read!

{1}

Once all villagers decided to pray for rain.

On the day of prayer all the people gathered,

but only one boy came with an umbrella.

That's **FAITH**.

{2}

When you throw babies in the air,

they laugh because they know you will catch them.

That's **TRUST**.

{3}

Every night we go to bed

without any assurance of being alive the next morning,

but still we set the alarms to wake up.

That's **HOPE**.

{4}

We plan big things for tomorrow

in spite of zero knowledge of the future.

That's **CONFIDENCE**.

{5}

We see the world suffering,

but still we get married and have children.

That's **LOVE**.

{6}

On an old man's shirt was written a sentence

'I am not 80 years old;

I am sweet 16 with 64 years of
experience.'

That's *ATTITUDE*.

Have a happy day and live your life like
the six stories

When I was a child, I thought nap time
was punishment. Now it's like a mini-
vacation.

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DIFFICULT TO FIND AND
IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLACE!**