

"The Downtowner"



KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER, Rochester, MN

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March 14, 2020

March 12 Charlie Waite , volunteer at Mayo, information on Service dogs (D. Nelsen)
March 19 Students of Month (Cancelled)
March 26 Jeff Keiger from PB. Background in journalism & at PB. (B. Schultz)
(Cancelled)







The Circle for March is Bonnie, Dave N. and Clare W. (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 2019-2020 are posted with copies available.

April Circle of Service is: Don Borcherding, Irv Nehring and Roger Krsnak.

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

Significant expenses since last issue:

Remember, we need officers for next year. Co-Presidents have worked well, Consider it!!! Tell our current co-presidents for volunteers or suggestions.



Of course, the big news in this issue is the threat of the corona virus. Since it has just been declared a 'World-wide

Pandemic', the U.S. is now listening. Our Club held a special business meeting this past week. The problems associated with the spread of this virus were discussed thoroughly and then a vote was held that stated "WE WILL CANCEL THE METTINGS OF MARCH 19 AND 26" This passed unanimously. Sometime near the end of that time, an evaluation will be held as to whether to extend the period or not. Stay tuned. A notice will be emailed to all members when and if there is any change. Our club is made up of those most vulnerable to the virus and its effect. We are an older group with many 'co-morbid' health conditions.

With this in mind we are doing our part in reducing the effect and spread of the virus. Continue listening to radio and TV to follow the progress.

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****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 www.mndak.org

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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.

at www.kiwanisroch.org 2018-19

Daniel Nelson

Co- Presidents Austin Jorgenson

> Immed. Past Co-Presidents Linda Hull & Mary Tompkins

> > Co-Vice President

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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

(Still no names for co-Presidents next year)



If anyone needs some TP, I know a man with a garage full! What a deal!

Chaplain Paul Baker

was speaker for last week. Paul is a retired Chaplain from the Military. He presented a lot of interesting facts about the history and duties of the



Chaplaincy. (is that really a word?)
Clare introduced Paul. They are members of the same church in town, Zumbro Lutheran.
They both have been members there for several years and Clare had heard Paul do similar presentations at church and felt the club would enjoy the same. They did. It is a topic that we simply know little about.

Paul said that the Chaplaincy was included in the first drawing up of our constitution. It was felt that the moral and ethical needs of soldiers was a vital part of any military. There was a need for caring for the mind and soul of the soldiers.

The Chaplaincy is made up of 'Non-Combatants'. Therefore they are not armed. The cross or appropriate symbols are worn, so they are not meant to be targets for an enemy.

Chaplains are not 'drafted'. It is a voluntary service. So, as you might expect, their attitudes toward the soldiers can be a little different is some ways.

Paul told a story of 3 chaplains going down with a sinking ship in the WWII. Many were lost but 229 persons survived. As usual, I don't recall the details, but it was a good story of heroism on the part of the Chaplains. Good Talk Paul



From the look on Irv's face, you wouldn't know he just won the Raffle for the 4th week in row.



Paul Austinson
Was feeling extra grateful as
he was celebrating his score
of 4-0 on his battles with 4
cancers and feeling great
after all those years. Paul, we
celebrate with you!!!

Don't forget Kiwanis One DayPacking dry food for Kidz in Stewartville. Sign up or show up at

10AM.



Charlie Waite and Strudel

Yes, Strudel is the name of this German Short Haired Pointer. She is a Service Dog at Mayo. Charlie is a volunteer and

the owner of the dog. These dogs are 'specifically' trained in a purpose. Some are good in groups, others with individuals. All must be certified and some are certified with the Americans Disabilities Act.

Therapy dogs are different in that they are trained and have the temperament for working with individual patients. These dogs have privileges in all the hospitals at Mayo. Charlie gets emotional when he tells anecdotes about the dogs. He says he frequently gets more from the interaction than the patient.

Gentle animals, great service.

This is Buddy , I bought him as a surprise present for my husband but it turns out he's allergic to dogs . So unfortunately I'm going to have to find a new home for him , and I'm just wondering if anyone out there can help? . His name is Alan, he's 61, great at DIY, drives a nice car and plans wonderful holidays.



Two little boys were at a wedding when one of them leaned over to the other and asked, "How many wives can a man have?" His friend answered, "Sixteen... four better, four worse, four richer, and four poorer."