

# "The Downtowner"



KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER, Rochester, MN

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## Nov. 16, 2019

Nov. 21 ??

Nov. 28 THANKSGIVING!

Dec. 5 Bob Larget, civil engineer, on Water Control in cities, farms and lakes.

Dec. 12 Arlyn Gagnon on Memorial to

husband.

Dec. 19 Trivia Party by David Nelsen. Guests

invited. (spouses included)(Need Count)

Dec. 26 Christmas Holiday







The Circle for November has been Linda Hull,

Mary Tompkins and Cindy Kerr. (Circles should send Clare their programs as quickly as possible so they can be included in the **Downtowner**.) It helps if <u>one</u> person reports for the entire circle. Circles for the year 2019-20 are posted with copies available.

December Circle is: Clare, Ron and Colleen.

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

Significant Expenses since last issue:

We have changed treasurers. Bill Kalmes has those duties now. If he sends me information for the Newsletter, I'll get it in there.

\*\*\*Dues for next year are paid in full or in part. Thanks again to all the members who have responded so well.

The <u>Happy Hour</u> is scheduled next <u>Nov 20</u>, Wednesday. It will be held at the Legion at 4:30. (Stay alert for changes.)(October's gathering was only 5, but quality is what counts)

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David Nelsen has suggested we have no program the week before Christmas. He would like to have a spouses & guests party for a TRIVIA game that he has done before. We thought it would be fun. Watch for more information.

\*\*\*Al, Austin and Bonnie read to kids on Oct 18.
This is a part of the Reading to Kids program
that we participate in.

Al Lun introduced Brittany Marshall for today's program on 'The United States Census.'

I can't find a photo of Brittany in my camera or on the Census web site. So, she gave a sketch of the history of the Census; First was in 1790, First Census in MN was 1849, now the First Digital Census will be in 2020.

Brittany handed out a couple of sheets that showed how important the census is for taxing and representation. The one sheet shows 55 large Federal Spending Programs guided by data derived from the taking of the census. It amounted to about \$15 billion. The second sheet was Census 101 on What you Need to Know.

- 1. Everyone Counts: The census counts every person living in the U.S. once and only once and in the right place.
- It's about fair representation: Every 10 years the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives determining how many seats each state gets.

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\*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 www.mndak.org

#### PRIVILEGED & HONORARY MEMBERS

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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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**Programs** 

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Co-Presidents next yr. are Austin Jorgenson & Dan Nelson

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- 3. It's in the constitution that the Census be taken every 10 years.
- 4. It's about \$675 Billion in federal funds in federal grants and support to states, counties and communities are based n census data. That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.

Brittany gave a good overview on why we should welcome and cooperate with accurate information for the Census.



"Justice for All" Phillip Wheeler led the team



of three presenting the 'immigration' complexities as they relate



to MN.
Maria Sovala along with
Michael ?? filled in the crew
to educate us on the situation.

10% of Olmsted residents

Are of foreign birth. (don't' take that to the bank. I may have been napping at that moment)

The threesome is all related to the Southeastern Mn Interfaith Immigrant Legal Defense. They are involved in providing legal representation for immigrants unable to afford private attorneys, in the pursuit of justice for all.

Maria came as representing DACA in this country. She was born in this country nearly 20 years ago to undocumented parents. Maria considers America to be 'her' country since it is the only one she has known. She talked about some of the

uncertainty she lives with not knowing how the Congress and/or Executive branch are going to handle the situation for the estimated 70,000 DACA in this country. Phil Wheeler came back the second week to tell us about the "Municipal ID" efforts by his organization. He estimates that Rochester has about 2800 undocumented residents. They are unable to get drivers licenses or other ID. MPLS and Northfield have eased the situation for their residents by passing 'local' laws that allows licensing for some. Phil says this is an unnecessary hardship on those trying to become citizens.

Phil says that the faith communities in the Rochester area are the most active.

This was an excellent program that is truly trying to see "Justice for All" in America. Now that we are a bit more knowledgeable, perhaps we can show a bit more tolerance and assistance in resolving the problems related.

"IMMIGRATION MYTHS AND FACTS FROM Rst. Interfaith Immigration Rights Coalition"

\*\*\*\*Our Club's annual participation in the 'Adopt a Family' is in motion. Linda, Mary and Cindy will take your calls for information and offers to help them buy the gifts for our family. This year our assignment is a grandmother helping to raise 4 grand children. They can use some help. Wrapping the gifts will come a little later. Our club usually contributes \$400-500 for this each year.



While you are offering your prayers and cares, direct some to Roger who is having the battle of his life with cancer. We are keeping you in mind, Roger



If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.

-- Mark Twain

Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But then I repeat myself.

-- Mark Twain

No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session.

-- **Mark Twain** (1866)

The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist are that the taxidermist leaves the skin.

-- Mark Twain

There is no distinctly Native American criminal class, save Congress.

-- Mark Twain