



# "The Downtowner"

KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER, Rochester, MN

www.kiwanisroch.org

### July 12, 2019 **Coming Programs**

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 pursuing to address this problem. (McClocklin)



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

(Circles should send Clare their programs as guickly 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

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 quest meals to the CE account, but not all. No problem today, but keep in mind the difference. How will we make up the difference?



Children's Book and Reading Project Review Our club's participation

in the Kiwanis Children's Reading Project for 2018 - 2019 resulted in 150 books given to preschool children, ages 3 – 5, in Rochester. This reading project is a partnership between Kiwanis Clubs and the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) who provides all the books.

The following daycare centers children were read to and each given a book by members of our club: Mondow Bark Day Caro Contor

Meadow Park Day Care Center -	32
children	
Civic League Day Nursery -	50
children	
Rochester YMCA Early Childhood -	31
children	
Good News Children's Center -	37
children	

Thank you to our club's volunteers who read to children one time or more this past year. They are Mary Tompkins, Linda Hull, Cindy Kerr, Dan Carlson, Bonnie Schultz, Colleen Landherr Maddox, Al Lun & Dick Weltzin.

Some historical information about this project. It began about 8 years ago, when Stewart Ross of Mankato, came to club meetings in the district and asked for participation in a partnership with (Cont'd on Page 3)

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#### 23 Active members as of August 10, 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. **District** 

& International web sites:

www.kiwanis.org www.mndak.org

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The Kiwanis Club of F	Rochester meets every Thursday at		
	Homewood Suites (next door to		
	t 161 13th Avenue SW,		
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Rochester, MN 55			
-	ar of Marriott Hotel. Meetings last		
about one hour. Lunc	h is a buffet including an entree,		
fruit, salad, and drinl	< for (\$13.50 )		
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Nei	wsletter Changes		
	Warren at 254-2087 if you have		
anything you feel is newsworthy. We are trying to get the			
	her week. It can be effective if you feed		
	. 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 hav	e a computer, why not try to receive the		
Kiwanis <b>Newsletter via</b>	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 re	gularly. They enjoy the ability to get it in		
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at www.kiwanisroc	h.org 2018-19		
Mary Tompkins			
Linda Hull	Co-Presidents		
David Nelsen	Immed. Past Co-Presidents		
Roger Krsnak			
Austin Jorgenson	Co-Vice President		
Clare Warren	Treasurer		
Austin Jorgenson	Secretary		
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Club Rep to District	Dan Carlson		
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Bob McClocklin			
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	Don Borcherding,		
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#### (Continued from Page One) SMIF. Our club approved going forward. This year past year, 2018 -19, SMIF provided 5000 to the participating clubs. In the prior year, 6000 books were provided.

For the past 8 years, our club has had between 150 to 200 books that we have been responsible for distributing in our community.

As one of our primary service projects, this means that well over a thousand children have received a book because a Rochester Kiwanis member took time to read to them and give them a new book. **Thank you to everyone who has participated over the years!** 

Project Coordinator – Bonnie Schultz



Al Lun Shared an invitation from the Diversity Council to attend the fund raising

dinner at the Markt Platz next Wednesday July 17. The Diversity Council is requesting support for their fundraising event. Given that Dee and Diversity Council have given quite a bit of their time to talk to our club and have offered future effort to help our area's clubs to be more inclusive, He is suggesting we support as follows:

- Our club sends one of our co-presidents to this event by either fully paid or subsidizing the ticket of \$65.
- Our club to donate up to \$300 to support the Diversity Council at the event. More information can be found on the website <u>dees@diversitycouncil.org</u>

\*\*\*It was voted at the meeting to send a check for \$250 for their support.



**Fred Krebsbach** was speaker on July 11. He is originally a farmer just over the IA border, and eventually a long time employee of IBM. His topic was about his experience in the military in Viet Nam.

We all know the controversy of the war then, and the way some of the soldiers were treated back home.

(Personal Opinion: Fred's stories and the writing of the book, were some symptoms of what would be considered PTSD today)

He is a very good speaker and speaks from the heart. He felt that troops were sent over there as 'individuals', not as a cohesive group. Hence they always felt that they were on their own. A major help in his learning to live with the experience was to write a book about it. Fred had a pile of the books with him which he passed out to those who wanted. Then he was personally signing them.

It was a tough story to tell, hear, and ponder. Most of us know other soldiers of that war that don't offer to talk about it. War is tragic and sad for those who are the targets and those waging the action. Lacking a clear goal and cohesiveness among the troops makes it even tougher. Thanks to Fred for sharing this perspective. We need to hear it.

\*\*\*\*\*If you are interested in the Summer Fruit Sale, go to: <u>www.teenhopeministries.org</u> Recommended by Colleen. Let's lighten up a bit......



## We need to work on vour KISSING skills!







Thank you note from Bolder Options: Kiwanis Club of Rochester,

When we came to speak to you about our Bolder Options program, we were just thrilled to share information. The more we can help each other is the community, the better. So, thank you for that opportunity and of course, thank you for the \$300 donation. Some kids will get a bike with that!

Thanks, Bolder Option