



"The Downtowner"



KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER, Rochester, MN

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July 12, 2019 Coming Programs

Aug. 1 ??

Aug. 8 ??

Aug. 15 ??

Aug. 22 **Speaker** will be Rick Indrelie from Small Business Development Center. ----Colleen

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 August is Colleen Maddox, Paul Austinson and Bob McClocklin. (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. Circle for Sept. is Dave Nelsen, Dan Nelson, Bill Kalmes and Dick Weltzin.

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

Significant Expenses since last issue:

Approved to send \$250 to Diversity Council and \$65 for one ticket to their fund raising dinner.

The Peanut money income is up to \$1945. Guess who has \$1615 of that total? ! seem to be selling at least better than the old product. Remember, it is



The new boxes as well or vender's not a

'requirement' that members buy peanuts, but it is encouraged that all members purchase at least 1 box at the \$25 price. (Treasurer's note:) The CE account remains healthy, the club fund stays near life support. AOK



Jim Miner

Program on July 25 was a presentation by Jim Miner. Jim is a real estate broker in the city and formerly a teacher in the Rochester Schools.

He described the housing supply and needs in this area.

Mostly he skimmed the issues related to our housing as it is, its needs, costs, and where we are currently.

Here are a few of the items:

- Cost of new construction is high
- Labor cost is high and rising
- Codes imposed by the city are costing more
- Inflation
- Fees such as connections, sidewalks, streets, etc.
- Buyer's requests for the options in the new construction
- Profits for the developers are high

Apartments are being built because of lack of single family homes in a price range that people can afford. Condos and townhouses are a part of the same phenomenon.

The few lots in Rochester available for single family units are very limited. Jim says when these are available the lot will cost 50-75 thousand for property alone. He says a downtown complex is in the works and will be 'High' and 'Expensive'.

Jim has organized a couple of sheets with many statistics that he keeps current. Anyone can request him to put you on his email list for the latest compilation.

He points out that home ownership has traditionally been the major asset in ones net worth. He feels that wages 'must' increase if that tradition is to be maintained. How important is it to you? Are the alternative housing methods going to fulfill your needs?

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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 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**

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Linda Hull

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Donations/Charities Dave Nelsen, Chair, Scott Oesterle

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As stated earlier, The peanut sale has gotten off on a great start. We have sold \$1945 to date. The boxes this year sell for \$25 instead of

the \$40 last year. Each sack of peanuts has a full ounce of product opposed to $\frac{3}{4}$ oz in the past. There are 48 bags in each carton instead of 100 before. It's a good deal as a product and fresh. Bob McClocklin is heading it up once again this year. Since he simply orders online he doesn't have to estimate the need. He orders as he sees the need and they are here in 2 days. We owe Bob a lot of thanks for doing it all these years. A McClocklin replacement will be here sometime this year. I thought it had been accomplished, but may be wrong. Keep posted.

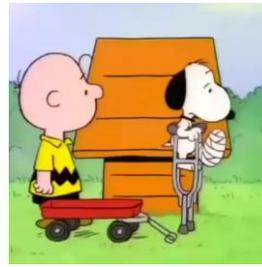


Kristen Mannix

Interim Director of ELDER NETWORK

Their non-profit attempts to make aging easier. We are experiencing

a 'Senior Tsunami' Most of us choose to retain our independence. Elder Network is attempting to 'build the ARK'. There is a lack of 'care givers', so they try to match volunteers with the appropriate and needy persons to spend at least one hour a week with that person. They also have a 'drive to ?' program which is part of their 'Pool of help.' Maybe you know someone who could use some of the many services they provide. Give them a call.



(This is a pretty cynical viewpoint, but can be humorous, if you take it right.)

Since our Club supports many non-profits in this medically oriented community, I thought I would include some Medicare assistance sent to me by my 83 old sister:

Medicare Part G

You are an older senior citizen and you can no longer take care of yourself and need Long Term Care, but the government says there is no Nursing Home care available for you, what do you do?

You may opt for Medicare Part G.

The plan gives anyone 75 or older a gun (Part G for gun) and one bullet. You may then shoot one worthless politician of either side. This means you will be sent to prison for the rest of your life where you will receive three meals a day, a roof over your head, central heating and air conditioning, cable TV, a library, and all the health care you need. Need new teeth? No problem. Need glasses? That's great. Need a hearing aid, new hip, knees, kidney, lungs, sex change, or heart? They are all covered! As an added bonus, your kids can come and visit you at least as often as they do now!

And, who is paying for all of this? The same government that just told you they can't afford for you to go into a nursing home, And you will get rid of a useless politician while you are at it. And now, because you are a prisoner, you don't have to pay taxes. Is this a great country or what? Now that you have solved your senior Long-Term Care problem, enjoy the rest of the week!

****Induction of new officers will be one week in September. Our new Club year and fiscal year begin October 1.**