

"The Downtowner"



KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER, Rochester, MN

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Oct. 13, 2019

Oct. 17 Julie Brock...Cradle to career

- Oct. 24 Students of the Month
- Oct. 31 Monthly Club Business Meeting



The Circle for October is Al

Lun, Bill Kalmes. Help! (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 2019-20 are not posted yet.

Stay alert for signup opportunities online at

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Significant Expenses since last issue: None except for our weekly meals.

The Happy Hour is scheduled next Oct. 23, Wednesday. It will be held at the Legion at 4:30.



Dan Sepeda spoke to the Club a couple of weeks back. He was speaking for "Damascus Way" Recreation

Center. We have some notes but not by a member. It was a talk about a Department of

Correction Licensed Halfway House. Dan said they are a Christian organization that thinks God can provide exceptional guidance, wisdom, and love for you. You don't have to be a Christian. Their faith components are voluntary, but you'll be welcome to their bible studies, if you choose.

You may be on a work Release program or one that is mandated. They have different kinds of facilities for its residents; Single rooms, some community rooms with all normal utilities for 'normal living.' Damascus has some apartments available that are close to downtown Rochester. More information can be found on DamascusWay.com.

Dan handed out several pieces of literature on prison population in MN and the rest of the USA. Sobering commentary.



Family Services, RST.

April Sutor talked to us primarily about their activity in Meadow Park area in RST. She was urging members to

'vote' online in a manner that could give their Family Services program a multi

Thousand dollar contribution from Mayo. Our members got the information and many voted. Results will be announced soon.

The main goal of Family Services is to improve the lives in an area that has been judged in great need. This amounts to clean-up, ridding of trash, and set up some recreational areas for the youth. An example of cooperation with a church is seen in the Meadow Park project. All can learn with projects like this.

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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

PRIVILEGED & HC ***Peggy Anderson	288-3985
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The Kiwanis Club of Rocheste	er meets every Thursday at
the Meeting Room in Homew	vood Suites (next door to
Courtyard Marriott 161	13th Avenue SW
, Rochester, MN 55902	
Parking is free at rear of M	arriott Hotel Meetings last
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Co-Presidents next yr. are Austin Jorgenson & Dan Nelson

**Approved to participate in the "Adopt a Family" program. Agreed to make available \$400-\$450 for this project. (We provide the shopping and wrapping action)



Irv and Nancy Nehring celebrated 46 years of married life this past week.

Congratulations!

## Nate Redalen,

Al Lun introduced Nate as representing Township government in MN. He says there are 18 townships in Olmsted County. How many counties in MN? 83, I think. How many townships? 1781

As one can tell, this is the next step in our governmental tree. Federal, State, County, Township, City and where next? That is the pecking order in governing. Townships manintain approximately 39% of MN roads (over 55,000 miles) as well as 6,000 bridges of which 400 are on the deficiency list.

Roads and bridges are the largest expenditure for townships. \$170 million per year. The MN Association of Townships is asking the state for \$20 million more. Nate emphasized the importance of broadband technology for rural as well as urban. They are left behind currently.

He had a few comments about annexation of city expansion. It is always a conflict with the city being the ultimate winner with law on their side.

It was very interesting to hear the little known or publicized activities of the townships. If you have any specific question, call or write the MN Assoc. of Townships.

(Sorry, no photo)

Time to Lighten up again:







