



"The Downtowner"



KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER

ROCHESTER, MN.

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Coming Programs

No Circles.....No Programs????



The Circle in Sept. was Bob McClocklin, Ron Ilvedson, and Dick Weltzin. The Circle of Service for October is???? (Circles should send Clare their programs as soon as possible so they can have them included in the Downtowner.)

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



Charlie Graham and Bob McClocklin have once again been the standouts on the peanut sale. Despite a poor showing of members to help on the street sales, the boxes have sold out. Be sure to say a "thanks" to Bob and Charlie. I had Charlie down for \$2740 in sales.) (The figures above are close, but not final)

Thanks to President Dan!



This last Thursday Lt. Gov. Randy Schmidt attended our meeting to recognize last year's officers and install the new ones. Special emphasis is on Dan Carlson who completes a fine year of service to the

club. We hope Dan continues being active in leadership. I'm trying to get him to write something periodically for the Downtowner. We are going to include his year end summary and thoughts later in this edition! Thanks, Dan!



Expense Report:

Peanut Sales income
\$5687.93
Peanut expense \$2508
Current Net \$3179.93

Be Watching the Kiwanis web site for the sign-up sheet for Circle of Service!



Dave Nelsen & Roger Krsnak, Our new co-presidents for the year 2017-18

Students of the Month



Here we have Ron Ilvedson presenting Mayo's student of the Month, Alex Sedlack. He is the son of Bob and Carolyn Sedlack.

Alex was nominated by the Business Department. Pam Priebe, his nominating teacher was not present, but had this to say about him; Alex is a student of mine in both intro to Business and Accounting. He has a great work ethic and an ability to lead other students which was most recently shown when processing our large homecoming t-shirt order. He was willing to put in time outside of class to lead his peers in finishing the inventory of the t-shirts and preparing them to sell. He is also a very respectful and conscientious about his work!

Alex is active in the Robotics club and plays lacrosse. He is also a Channel One Volunteer.

He plans to attend a college majoring in Engineering or Business.



Austin Jorgenson presented Ryan Schaefer who was present with his parents Jeff and Michon. He is a Lourdes student. He was nominated by the Science Dept. at Lourdes. He was selected as the Science Student of the month for several reasons. He has continually

challenged himself academically, as he has taken Honors Chemistry, AP Biology, and is currently taking Physics and Anatomy & Physiology. Ryan is genuinely concerned with learning about science and has shown a high aptitude in scientific disciplines.

Not all seriousness, he is active in Track & field, Nordic Ski, Cross Country, SAAD, Science Club, Habitat for Humanity, Hospitality Minister, and Eagle Online

Ryan is considering several Universities in the Midwest and east coast area. He is planning on majoring in computer science with a focus on artificial intelligence and software development.



A Year that Was

(By Immediate Past President, Dan Carlson)

Next week this club will install Dave Nelsen and Roger Krsnak as co-presidents for the 2017-2018 year. I just want to briefly review the past year.

In our program areas we have continued to focus on children. We sponsor the Key Club at Mayo, Students and/or 4H-ers of the month. We do our share in the Hiawatha Children "Festival of Trees" and the Kiwanis Hockey Tournament. Colleen Maddox and Bill Kalmes are to be singled out here although literally dozens of us have delivered an ornament or worked at the hockey tournament. Likewise, we have bagged food in Stewartville and indeed two of our own were featured in the Kiwanis

International magazine. We read stories to children and picked up litter in city parks.

Largely because of Cambria's civic mindedness our hockey tournament has been given legs and those proceeds have supported many of our charitable ventures. And, while the tournament involves only boys, the scholarships help boys and girls. Our fundraising through serving pancakes and selling peanuts has also funded our efforts. Particularly we should salute Charlie Graham and Bob McClocklin's devotion for providing leadership here over the years. Likewise, we have rung the Salvation Army's Kettle Drive bell.

We have pulled through the year somewhat under duress. While Rochester's construction boom has employed the workers and advanced the city, it has forced us to decamp outside the heart of downtown. We have done this in unity. The work our committee did under Linda Hull and Austin Jorgensen and - maybe many others- is to be commended.

Our members have also survived the wear and tear of living. Del Lawson found a need to improve his baseline play as he severely injured his arm in a tennis match. Bonnie missed many weeks with surgery to her arm or shoulder. Not long ago Paul Austinson was hurt in a circumstance that could have been much worse. Others of us, such as Dave Nelsen and I, had wives face cancer. In Dave's case his wife continues to get mixed messages while my wife - so far - got a happy prognosis. Probably there are others who have had issues but soldier along in silence. Then one of our number, Bob Streyle, died. If anybody got a get well or sympathy card it was likely signed by Colleen Maddox.

Many of our people work so routinely we almost take them for granted: Clare as our treasurer and newsletter editor and Dan Moore as our club jester. Ron collects our meal money and has also given us a true note for our patriotic song. What is more important than starting on the right note and a good laugh?

The one area we need shoring up is with membership. Hopefully now that we have free and sheltered parking we can bring a few more Kiwanians into the fold. You have brought us good programs and Kiwanis remains a Thursday oasis.

Kudos to Al Lun for reminding us of the importance of diversity. We need this. For years my wife was the only Asian at our church. Now our church sponsors a local Chinese congregation and so many Asians attend that we don't know them all. Sometimes, indeed, the mountain does come to us. Remember, the world is run by the people who show up. I likewise want to salute the ladies. This club needs your voices and is better for your presence.

When I was asked to be president I had self doubts. First, was I strong enough? But I consented. As a retired teacher, my core beliefs mirrored the Kiwanis motto of "improving the world one child at a time." As a husband of forty-six years, I have had loads of experience explaining to my wife why I forgot things and why I didn't set the table according to strict Victorian standards. This is a systemic problem not entirely explained away by the aging process.

I have received both compliments, laughter and criticism for what Ron has called my 'sermons.' Well, fear no more for this is my amen valedictory. And even though I grew up a Baptist, there shall be no altar call.

Next week, though I now own the microphone, I shall yield it to the able talents of Dave and Roger as I assume the club's most revered position, that of past president. I look forward to enjoying a more leisurely lunch!

Gratefully and Sincerely,
Dan Carlson

Time to lighten up a bit....

For us old people



ARE WE THE ONES
WITH DEMENTIA?

ARE WE THE ONES
WHO ARE AGEING?

REALLY???

NO!!

ONE

Recently, I went to McDonald's; and, I saw on the menu that you could have an order of 6, 9 or 12 Chicken McNuggets.

I asked for a half dozen nuggets.

'We don't have half dozen nuggets,' said the teenager at the counter.

'You don't?' I replied.

'We only have six, nine, or twelve,' was the reply.

'So I can't order a half dozen nuggets; but, I can order six?'

'That's right.'

So I shook my head and ordered six McNuggets (Unbelievable; but, sadly true...)

(Must have been the same one I asked for sweetener; and, she said they didn't have any, only Splenda and sugar.)

(And, they think they are worth \$15.00 per hour)

TWO

I was checking out at the local Wal-Mart with just a few items; and, the lady behind me put her things on the belt close to mine. I picked up one of those dividers that they keep by the cash register and placed it between our things so they wouldn't get mixed. After the girl had scanned all of my items, she picked up the divider, looking it all over for the bar code so she could scan it.

Not finding the bar code, she said to me, 'Do you know how much this is?'

I said to her 'I've changed my mind; I don't think I'll buy that today.'

She said 'OK,' and I paid her for the things and left. She had no clue to what had just happened.

(But the lady behind me had a big smirk on her face as I left.)

THREE

A woman at work was seen putting a credit card into her DVD drive and pulling it out very quickly. When I inquired as to what she was doing, she said she was shopping on the Internet and they kept asking for a credit card number, so she was using the ATM thingy.

(Keep shuddering!!)

FOUR

I recently saw a distraught young lady weeping beside her car.

'Do you need some help?' I asked.

She replied, 'I knew I should have replaced the battery to this remote door un-locker. Now I can't get into my car. Do you think they (pointing to a distant convenience store) would have a battery to fit this?'

Hmm, I don't know. Do you have an alarm, too?' I asked.

'No, just this remote thingy,' she answered, handing it and the car keys to me.

As I took the key and manually unlocked the door, I replied, 'Why don't you drive over there and check about the batteries. It's a long walk....'

PLEASE just lay down before you hurt yourself !!!

FIVE

Several years ago, we had an Intern who was none too swift. One day she was typing and turned to a secretary and said, 'I'm almost out of typing paper. What do I do?'

'Just use paper from the photocopier', the secretary told her. With that, the intern took her last remaining blank piece of paper, put it on the photocopier and proceeded to make five blank copies.

A Brunette, by the way!!

SIX

A mother calls 911 very worried asking the dispatcher if she needs to take her kid to the emergency room, the kid had eaten ants.

The dispatcher tells her to give the kid some Benadryl and he should be fine.

The mother says, 'I just gave him some ant killer.....'

Dispatcher: 'Rush him in to emergency right now!'

Life is tough. It's even tougher if you're stupid!!!!

Someone had to remind me; so, I'm reminding you too. Don't laugh....it is all true...