



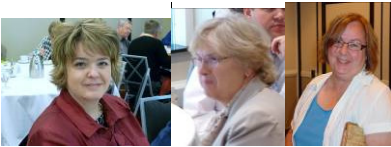
# "The Downtowner"



KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER  
ROCHESTER, MN.

November 30, 2011  
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**Dec. 20 Holiday Party**

**Dec. 27 No meeting due to Hockey Festival.**

**\*\*\*\*December "Students of Month" will be on Dec. 13. The change of venue will be to the Hilton Garden Hotel down the street\*\*\*\* (this is a one day change only!)**

## Circles of Service

We have now begun the new (for the Downtowners) system of Circles of Service. December's 'Circle' will be Jill Roux, Bonnie Schultz, and Peg Anderson. They have things well in hand including the Christmas party. Make a note of the date, **December 20.**



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## Club Annual Christmas Party

General guidelines for the party will be:

- December 20 at the regular meeting time and place.
- Guests are welcome, but let President Doug, or one of the Circles of Service know so we have enough food.
- There will be an organized gift exchange.
- If you want to participate in the exchange, bring a gift worth \$10-\$15. The gift should be appropriate to the gender bringing it. (Male, male gift, etc.) (Last year there was a run on the wine stores)
- This is not a 'white elephant' exchange. It should be 'useful' by someone's definition.

In the past we have had a good time with a few laughs. The exact rules will be spelled out on the day of the event. Bring your spouse or significant other. They will have fun too.

## Annual Dues

Dues continue to trickle in. There is only one member not heard from on dues. Let me know if there is some sort of problem. Clare W.





### Report on Bell Ringing

President Doug reports that our Club Bell Ringing was credited with \$560. This is not excessive, but certainly good and appreciated. There are still bell opportunities open. Just call the Salvation Army and sign up.



### Blue Light Project

We are reminded of the Blue Light Project during the Holiday

period. By placing one blue light in a window of your home, you'll be showing your support for those officers who have made the supreme sacrifice and honoring those officers who continue to work the violent streets of the nation. Ruth Freidli has lost a son on duty, so is most aware of the sacrifice.



### Kiwanis Hockey Festival

The signup sheets are going around for the Festival to be held Dec.

28, 29, & 30<sup>th</sup>. Remember this can be successful only to the degree that we work at it. There is a club reward in dollars dependent on the time put in and the type of work performed.

All members are expected to sell tickets or a minimum of purchasing 1 adult and 1 student ticket. (\$32) Dan Moore (alias 'The Hammer') has tickets for our members. Bill Kalmes and Bob Nowicki continue to head up the program this year.



Hey, did you know Charlie Graham had a birthday Nov. 22? He turned 82. It is not too late to wish him a happy one!

(I don't have good records on DOB of members.

Let me have it and you might get mentioned once in awhile too.)

### Special Thanks

President Doug Coop's family was thankful in a special way this year. This was the first time in eight years that all four of their sons were home with them. Most or all of them have been serving in the military on several deployments.



### Pastor,

Chaplain, Paul Baker was our speaker this past week. Paul was a reserve chaplain for the Pentagon 1997-2004. He was not in the pentagon at the time of the terrorist

attack, but was called in to deal with the aftermath. He and his 6 other chaplain members have an annual gathering after sharing the horrific aftermath of the crash.

Paul said that the odor of jet fuel 10 days after the crash was still very evident. In all there were about 188 killed either on the plane or in the building. The Sheraton Hotel down the street from the Pentagon was the base of operations for working with the survivors families.

Paul urges all of us to see the Pentagon Memorial when we can. It is impressive and emotional for him. He suggests we see it during the day and then at night.

Paul told of a family from Illinois that he visited with the Casualty Affairs officer. The officer handed the family a \$15,000 check from the Red Cross. This was a token of the 'care' of the American Red Cross.

Paul closed with some thoughts for the season of Thanksgiving. We should be grateful for our freedoms and not take them for granted.

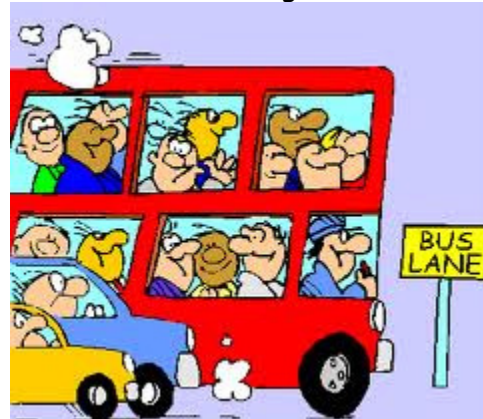
## Board Meeting

- Chili Feed is being put together by Don Johnson. Ron Ilvedson will be our ticket person and liaison for the project to be held on a date to be announced.
- The budget for next year is being put together (I think)
- Pancake breakfast will be the first Saturday of May led by Del Lawson. I think this is about year 11 for him. He does a great job, so be sure we give him lots of help!!!!
- Kiwanis International Eliminate Project is to raise awareness of Neonatal Tetanus. We will be working on a club goal as well as suggested goals for individuals. This project will be similar to the IDD project a few years back. The goal will be to eliminate this neonatal tetanus in third world countries through UNICEF.
- It was discussed how to honor Marc Carpenter for his 63 years in Kiwanis and his service to the community. An ad hoc committee is working on it.
- Discussion was held on getting a new banner that would more accurately portray the club now. On searching the archives, an appropriate banner was found.
- Colleen Maddox raised the topic of 'Adopt a Family' using the money from Happy Dollars. This past week she found that we were too late for the normal channel, but it was voted to work on the same goals with the Salvation Army. Approved by membership. This may be as much as \$600-\$700.
- Meeting adjourned 1:30
- Bill Kalmes is looking for volunteers to load cars at Christmas Anonymous. Bob McClocklin was recruiting escorts for the same event on Dec. 10.

## Program on Cremation

Mike Johnson and Carol ? presented an outline of services offered for funerals with emphasis on cremation at the Johnson facility. It was interesting and raised several questions from the audience. Carol is a licensed Pre and After funeral arrangements person. Call for her services. I think they are 'free.'

From a 'former' good friend of mine:



### BUS TRIP

To help save the economy, the Government will announce next month that the Immigration Department will start deporting seniors (instead of illegals) in order to reduce Social Security and Medicare costs.

Older people are easier to catch and will not remember how to get back home. I started to cry when I thought of you.

Then it dawned on me ... oh, ... I'll see you on the bus!