



# "The Downtowner"



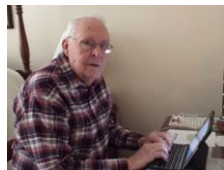
KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER

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## February 4, 2017 Coming Programs

Feb. 9 TBA  
Feb. 16 Students of Month  
Feb. 23 Regina Seabrook or co-workers will update their latest initiative.



February Circle will be Dan, Roger and Clare  
Circle of Service for March is: Bob McClocklin, Dick Weltzin and Charlie Graham. (Circles should send Clare their programs as soon as they can to have them included in the Downtowner.)

Stay alert for signup opportunities online at

[www.kiwanisroch.org](http://www.kiwanisroch.org)



**Mike Armstead**, once a member of Kiwanis West, passed away recently. He will be missed by his former club.



\*\*\*Carol Nelsen, wife of our member, David Nelsen, is busy fighting a cancer diagnosis. That keeps them very occupied. We wish her a successful outcome with her treatment.



**Lt. Gov. Elect**

**Randy Schmidt**

This week our speaker was the current Lt. Gov. Elect for our area. Randy is a member of the Sunrisers Kiwanis here in town. He is also a father of 3 girls in

college, so he jokes that he has to continue working at IBM for quite some time.

We had asked Randy to talk to us about the constant membership loss in service clubs across the nation. What are some suggestions that we might consider? We will list some of the ideas, but mention that his club isn't exempt from the problem. The Sunrisers have 21 members compared to our 22. So, here are some of his suggestions:

1. Don't be shy about talking about Kiwanis projects and emphases in the community.
2. Tell people some of the history of Kiwanis, why it was formed, by whom, what it attempts to do. Tell them about the Relay for Life, scholarships to students, bicycle program, food for Kidz, etc.
3. Emphasize the social aspects of Kiwanis, the food (for some) networking, focus.....
4. We might produce our own pamphlet to enclose with the International's free pamphlet.
5. Could consider some financial incentive.
6. Try to recruit program presenters and students of the Month Parents.
7. Don't forget current members!!



## Current Finances

Expenses since last NL:

- \$750 for SOM Scholarship
- 200 to Boys & Girls Club
- 300 to Web Site Hosting
- 515 to Doubletree, meeting exp.

Income

- 165 Cash & checks

Current Status:

- Admin. Checking \$1752
- Admin. Savings \$2872
- C&E Savings \$10691

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**Ron Ilvedson** presented his annual list of the movies of the year that are or will be nominated for an Oscar. (My wife and I, along with the Ilvedsons, attended one of the films, 'Hidden Figures' as recommended. Excellent. Worth the time spent.)

\*\*\*\*\*It was voted to send Boys & Girls Club Chair Affair \$200 as a contribution to the fund raiser. Done.



Although Don Borcharding did not come in uniform this past week as pictured, he did give another of his very interesting and knowledgeable talks on the history of our state of MN. This time it was more of an

overview on how the borders of Minnesota were developed and set. As the states east of us were settled, they would discuss, argue etc. to establish borders of the next state. A state could apply for statehood as their population

reached 5000. MN was once a part of the Louisiana Purchase, and then the Wisconsin Territory. The northern and southern borders were later established on geographic parallels. All this we take for granted, but it happened only 160-170 years ago.

Thanks again, Don, for keeping us informed. We all need to be reminded on how our boundaries were established.

*(Don is very active in the Learning is Forever program at RCTC. He encourages us to take advantage of the many topics offered.)*



Put on your calendar that **Food for Kidz** will be April first in Stewartville!

\*\*\*Bonnie is recovering for rotator cuff surgery. Doing well! Keep it up!



The dead horse.....

*A guy bought a Dead Horse without knowing it was dead. What he did with it is genius.*

A young man named Donald bought a horse from a farmer for \$250. The farmer agreed to deliver the horse the next day. The next day the farmer drove up to Donald's house and said, "Sorry son, but I have some bad news. The horse died."

Donald replied, "Well, then, just give me my money back."

The farmer said, "Can't do that. I went and spent it already."

Donald said, "OK then, just bring me the dead horse."

The farmer asked, "What ya gonna do with him?"

Donald said, "I'm going to raffle him off."

The farmer said, "You can't raffle off a dead horse!"

Donald said, "Sure I can. Watch me. I just won't tell anybody he's dead."

A month later, the farmer met up with Donald and asked, "What happened with that dead horse?"

Donald said, "I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at five dollars apiece and made a profit of \$2495."

The farmer said, "Didn't anyone complain?"

Donald said, "Just the guy who won. So I gave him his five dollars back."

Donald is now living in the White House.

(I felt safe in putting this old tale with the adaptation since it was sent to me by my sister who was a Trump Supporter)

