



"The Downtowner"

KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER, Rochester, MN

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Dec. 7, 2019

January TBA??



The Circle for December Circle is: Clare, Ron and Colleen. (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 posted with copies available.

January Circle is: Linda, Mary and Cindy. (Same as November)

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

Significant Expenses since last issue:

We have changed treasurers. Bill Kalmes has those duties now. If he sends me information for the Newsletter, I'll get it in there.

***Dues for next year are paid in full or in part. Thanks again to all the members who have responded so well.

The Happy Hour is scheduled next XXXX XXXXX. It will be held at the Legion at 4:30. (Stay alert for accuracy.) 3rd. Wed. of Jan???



Flowers and Card were sent to Roger Krsnak as he is fighting cancer. Roger, be aware that we are talking about you and sending thoughtful and kind words your direction. (Doesn't sound like the group you

know, does it?) The Best, Good Friend!



Special Treat

One of the students of the month in November was Sonya Penheiter from Mayo High School. She is into music, so she led the singing of 'God Bless America' for the group. Ron, our usual leader, didn't have anything to say but 'Thanks.' (Job security, you know) Sonya is daughter of Alan and Sumedha Penheiter, who has been selected by the PE/Health Department as the Kiwanis Student of the Month. Her nominator states that Sonya is a top student who has made Mayo a better school through her participation in many activities and her work in the classroom. Sonya participates in Mayo Stage Door, Southtown Singers and Honors Choirs of SE MN. She earned two superior ratings at the MSHSL Solo Competition. Additionally, she received a 2nd place award at the Rochester Music Guild Competition. She is a member of Mayo Honor's Society, Debate Team and she is an AP Scholar. She has earned letters in Drama, Choir, Key Club and Art. Sonya plans to attend a 4 year college and earn a BA degree in vocal performance.



Meeting & Program Dec. 11

Co President, Dan Nelson opened the meeting. He also provided a comedy moment (Dan Moore was missed!) Lucky Dave Nelsen was the raffle winner. Many happy

dollars were received as a result of Roger Krsnak attending today's meeting. Everyone was happy to see him and have a chance to visit.

Bill passed around sign-up for Hockey Festival and Christmas Anonymous. He also has Festival tickets for sale. If members want to purchase tickets and donate them - Colleen will take them to Hiawatha Homes.

Dan Maddox showed a powerpoint slideshow of pictures he had taken at the Charles E. Gagnon Museum and Sculpture Gardens while members enjoyed their lunch. As an introduction for our speaker, Dan played a short video of the making of the Peace Sculpture which was commissioned by the City of Rochester and how it was installed at the Peace Plaza. Colleen introduced today's speaker, Arlyn Gagnon, spouse of Charles E. Gagnon. Arlyn saw an ad for Director of Children's programs at the Rochester Art Center while she was attending college in Milwaukee. That is what brought her to Rochester where she met and married Charles in 1963. They then went to Italy for two years where Charles continued learning his craft and the 2000 year old art of lost wax casting. They chose to live in Rochester because they felt it was a quiet and peaceful place to concentrate on Charles' work. They "outgrew" their first home/studio so spent two years working with a local architect planning the current home/studio/museum and two more years working with a builder. The sculpture gardens phase one is complete and they opened one year ago. Another of Charles' sculptures is the St. Francis and the Birds placed at St. Mary's Hospital courtyard. Arlyn concluded with invitation to all to come visit the museum. The web site

where you need to schedule a visit and purchase tickets is: gagnonmuseum.org Tour times are Wednesday - Sunday; closed Monday-Tuesday and all major holidays. Admission is \$12, limit of 12 people per tour and children under 10 will not be admitted. She concluded with "Art as a language is therapeutic."



REMINDER - NEXT

WEEK, Dave Nelsen will conduct a trivia game. Spouses, friends, significant others are invited. Happy Holidays.