



"The Downtowner"

KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER

ROCHESTER, MN.

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Coming Programs

May 10 Courtney Lawson on NAMI
 May 17 Scholarship awards
 May 24 Diversity & Inclusion
 May 31 Club Meeting as Whole.



The Circle of Service

For May is Al Lun, Don Borcharding and Dan Moore
 The Circle for June will be Bill Kalmes, Don Borcharding(?) Del Lawson, and Paul Austinson. (Circles should send Clare their programs as quickly as possible so they can be included in the Downtowner.)

Stay alert for signup opportunities online at

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Expense Report:

\$250 sent to Mayo Key

Club toward their Convention expenses(?)

\$150 spent for meals at Student of Month

Deposited \$2000 to CE account from Hockey Tournament.

Pancake income & exp. Will be next issue.

Meetings will be at the Hilton
 next door to Saints on Second.
 This is the 'Default' meeting
 room.

**** Keep in mind that the last meeting next month will be a "meeting of the whole" for the membership. Come share your thoughts. May 31**



Ron Ilvedson started the meeting this week telling how he lost \$400 in airline tickets when he overslept the 5 AM morning departure. He says the alarm clock was

faulty. (How many of us will believe that one!)

The trip will be planned for a later time.

The story brought some smiles and groans of sympathy from the group.

Kin Sin was speaker May 3. He is a former Cambodian refugee. He related his family history of persecution by the Khmer Rouge in his country. He basically gave us a thumbnail history lesson of that part of Asia. His description of the persecution was to (1) get rid of the educated population. (2) get rid of the families of those educated. The government could control the rest of the population easier.



People can be very cruel, as we know. His countrymen still have trouble with the thousands of land mines planted at the time of their war.

Kim is here permanently. He says there are about 3000 Cambodians in Rochester now. Most are invisible to most of the population, preferring to stay with their own people.

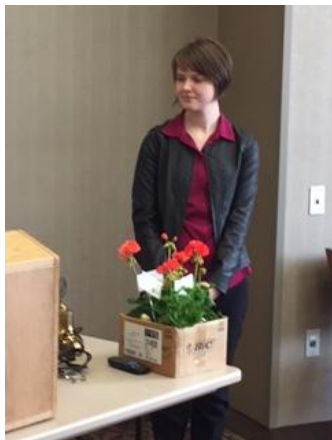
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Kim arrived in US in 1983. His family settled in a small apartment in Kutzky Park area. His mother was able to pay the \$800/month rent. Mother and 4-5 kids lived on one floor.

The Cambodians formed groups with leaders, but were very suspicious of people after living in such corrupt surroundings in Cambodia.

Kim works at integrating his people into the American way of life. The education dropout rate in high school is very high and low rate going on to college. Kim says this is slowly improving.

It is very different to move to a different country in a much different kind of climate and society. He is confident that they are making progress.



Students of the Month May 2018

Mackenzie Whalen is the SOM from Lourdes this month. She is the daughter of Denise Whalen. Mackenzie was nominated by the Art

department. They stated that she has shown a lot of growth and really tackled some heavy subject matter. Her focus for AP Art is putting a face or character to mental illness. She has recently had a painting entered in the MN High School Art Competition. She is a talented artist who encourages her peers. Mack has participated in plays, spring musical, art club and cultural exchange club.

She plans to take a gap year in order to fully flesh out her portfolio after which would apply to art school.



Lindsey Grafstrom is from Mayo High School. She was nominated by the Science Department. Lindsey is an enthusiastic learner who exemplifies excellence in her studies, as a role

model for her peers and is a compassionate person. She will be able to excel in any career field she chooses.

Lindsey has played HS hockey, cross country and other activities I can't read. Likewise, she is part of several honor groups. She intends to attend U of M, Twin Cities studying many things under the Science umbrella.



Tim Jirik is May's 4H Leader of the month. He is a senior at JM High School. He has a resume of 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ pages, so we'll condense seriously.

Tim has been active in everything you can think of. He is a very outgoing gregarious young man. He's been active in Band, Student council, Boy Scout Eagle, Church youth, photography, food and nutrition, Entomology, Rabbits, landscape, video,

He had held leader roles in 4-H. Tim says "I would like to be chosen the 4-H Youth Leader of the Month because leadership is one of the most valuable things I learned in 4-H. Starting in 4-H, then Cub Scouts, and moving into high School, I have always loved to be a leader. It is

how I have made many of my friends and I always seem to get back much more than I give.

In 4-H I was able to experience a more organized type of leadership, such as running a meeting using parliamentary procedure. I also like to volunteer. I plan to be a judge at the county fair level soon.

Time for some Smiles, don't you think?



For some Inspirational talk, try this link. It's been around for awhile, but very good.
<https://www.youtube.com/embed/OwMmcoPTmAs>

just think.....people get paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to dream this up!

TEN (10) THINGS I KNOW ABOUT YOU - -

- 1) You are reading this.
- 2) You are human.
- 3) You can't say the letter "P" without separating your lips.
- 4) You just attempted to do it.
- 6) You are laughing at yourself.
- 7) You have a smile on your face and you skipped No. 5.
- 8) You just checked to see if there is a No. 5.
- 9) You laugh at this because you are a fun person and everyone does it too.
- 10) You are probably going to send this to see who else falls for it. You have received this e-mail because I didn't want to be alone in the older category.

Can you cry under water?

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why do you have to 'put your two cents in'... But it's only a 'penny for your thoughts'? Where's that extra penny going to?

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up like every two hours?

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway..

Why is 'bra' singular and 'panties' plural?

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a

horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a stupid song about him?

If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?

Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours?
They're both dogs!

If Wile E. Coyote had enough money to buy all that ACME crap, why didn't he just buy dinner?

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

Do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

Why did you just try singing the two songs above?

Why do they call it an asteroid when it's outside the hemisphere, but call it a hemorrhoid when it's in your butt?

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

Why, Why, Why

Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Whose idea was it to put an 'S' in the word 'lisp'?

If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?
Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

Is there ever a day that mattresses aren't on sale?

Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?

How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?

And my FAVORITE.....
The statistics on sanity is that one out of every four persons are suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends -- if they're okay, then it's you.