



"The Downtowner"



KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER, Rochester, MN

www.kiwanisroch.org

October 2024

The Kiwanis Club of Rochester meets at noon every Thursday in the Meeting Room at the Eagles, 917 15th St. SE

Meetings last about one hour. Lunch is served including an entree, side, dessert and drink for (\$14.00)

Programs for October

Yet to be determined



*Dear Kiwanis Club of Rochester,
Thank you so much for the scholarship. It will greatly help me with my college endeavors. I am truly grateful.
Sincerely,
Caleb Lanners*

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13 Active members as of Oct 2024

*Senior Member **Privileged Member ***Honorary Member

****Senior & Long Term Perfect Attendance

*****Life Member

The preceding list reflects the official roster of active members according to Kiwanis International. If a name is missing or one is present that should not be, please let Colleen know.

District & International web sites:

www.kiwanis.org www.mndak.org

***Jim Bouquet 651-560-4292

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Newsletter Changes

Remember to call Colleen (280-7911) or email landherrmaddox@gmail.com if you have anything you feel is newsworthy. Feel free to contribute something for publication!

Be sure to read the roster once in a while and report any errors to Colleen

Why not! If you have a computer, why not try to receive the **Kiwanis Newsletter via e-mail**. It is a quick and easy way for us to get the letter to you on time.

Copy on our website: www.kiwanisroch.org



2024- 2025 Officers/Chairs/Committees

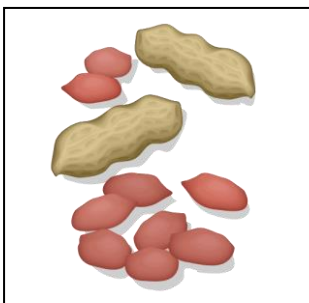
Austin Jorgenson - President
Bill Kalmes - Treasurer
Don Borcharding - Secretary

Committees

Club Rep to District – President
Membership, Growth and Education – Dan Carlson
Public Relations – Mary Tompkins, Al Lun, Webmaster
Newsletter Editor – Colleen Landherr Maddox, Associate Editor – Clare Warren
Community Services –
 Ditch Cleanup - Austin Jorgenson
 Veteran Liaison – Dave Nelsen
 Second Stork – Colleen Landherr Maddox
 Adopt-a-Family – Linda Hull
 Food for Kidz -
Youth Service - Key Club, Student of the Month Liaison, Scholarship Committee Chair, Reading Coordinator – Bonnie Schultz
PROGRAMS – CIRCLE OF SERVICE
Human and Spiritual Values –
 Colleen Landherr Maddox
Finance – Bill Kalmes, Linda Hull
 Cashier – Linda Hull & Mary Tompkins
Eagle Club Liaison - Austin Jorgenson
Fund Raising – Pizza Ranch -
 Peanuts - Austin Jorgenson
 Hockey Festival –
 Bill Kalmes, Del Lawson

PEANUT SALES

Thanks to everyone who helped with peanut sales at HyVee. And hats off to Austin for coordinating.



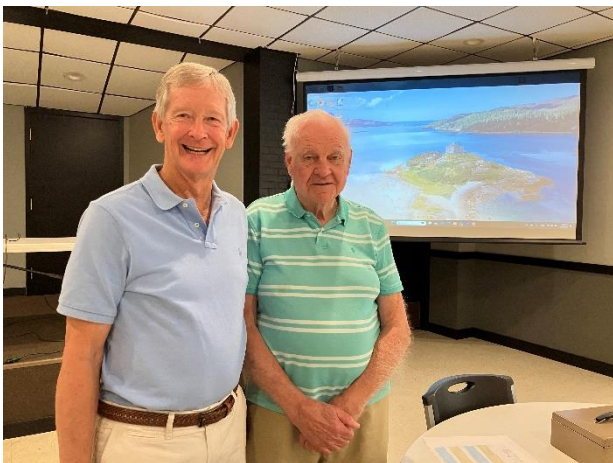
Kathy Scheid, Executive Director of Elder Network presented on their programs and offerings to the elderly in the Rochester Community. 60% of the clients qualify for poverty level services. Their mission is to help clients be as independent as possible and stay in their own home.



A visit to see the Nature Explore Certified Classroom at Civic League Day Nursery. Our members have read stories to the children on several occasions. This is a non-profit childcare and daycare center designed for children ages 16 months to 5 years. Thanks to Jackie Benoit-Petrich, Executive Director for the tour and information on future projects.



John Whelan was guest speaker of Del's. Mr. Whelan is a candidate for Rochester Public School District School Board. The club had several questions for him and he gladly shared his ideas.



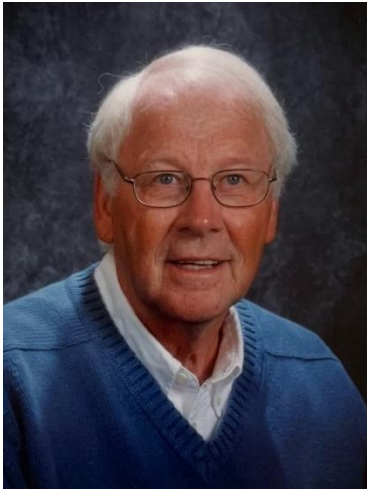
Del shared with spoken word, maps, travel book and a slide presentation his and his brave wife, Kathy's hiking adventure on the Emperior Hadrian's Trail. They started their 84 mile trek at the Irish Sea all the way to the English Channel. Altogether, they walked 115 miles and came out smiling in the end! Beautiful scenery and LOTS AND LOTS of mud!!



ROCHESTER AREA FACTS DID YOU KNOW???

- A growing Population
 - Olmsted County's population has grown by 22% since 2000 - nearly twice the statewide rate.
- Behavioral Health
 - There has been a 22% increase in adolescent depression since 2012.
- Financial Stress
 - 29% of residents report financial stress. Almost half of renters and 21% of homeowners are paying more than a third of their income on housing.
- People with Disabilities
 - Housing for children and adults with disabilities was identified to be the highest level of need in Olmsted County.
- Service Needs for Older Adults
 - Since 2000, the older adult population has grown by 68% (compared to 35% for the state), 10% of whom live alone.
- Veterans
 - 9,135 veterans live in Olmsted county
- Youth Homelessness
 - On any given night there are 60-100 youth experiencing homelessness.

As we make plans for this coming Kiwanis calendar year - let up remember the reason we gather together and the difference we can truly make in our community.



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Paul Austinson, a beloved husband, father, stepfather, grandfather, uncle, teacher, counselor, coach, swimming instructor, volunteer, and friend. Paul was a master encourager, an avid golfer, and a passionate sports enthusiast. He had an extraordinary ability to see the good in everyone and was known for his kindness, warmth, and fantastic sense of humor.

He died peacefully at home on the morning of Sunday, September 8th, 2024, surrounded by the love of his family after a long, courageous battle with cancer.

Paul was born at home on May 11th, 1937, in Lyle, Minnesota, to Herman and Selma (Nelson) Austinson. As the youngest of 11 children, he graduated from Lyle High School in 1955. He began attending Austin Junior College and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Mankato State University in 1959. Paul began his career teaching and coaching first, in Morristown, MN, for a year and then in Grand Meadow for five years. He obtained a Master's degree in Guidance Counseling in 1966 and worked as a counselor in Nashua and Mason City, Iowa. In 1967, he joined John Marshall High School in Rochester, Minnesota, where he served as Director of Guidance Counseling for the next 30 years, earning the title of Minnesota State Counselor of the Year in 1997. After retiring, Paul continued to make an impact as a substitute teacher and testing coordinator at Byron High School. He spent 11 summers as a swimming instructor; refereed volleyball, baseball, basketball, and football for 27 years; and volunteered at Mayo Clinic for 23 years until the spry age of 86. Paul was also an active member of the Downtown Kiwanis Club and the Quarterbacks Club, and participated in Mayo Clinic's

Research Study of Aging for 20 years. Last, but certainly not least, he had a deep passion for the MN Vikings, MN Gophers, John Marshall Rockets, Byron Bears, and loved telling Ole and Lena jokes.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents; 10 siblings; nephews, Arleigh and Carroll; and his cherished son, Mark. He is survived by "the love of his life", wife, Joan Austinson; his son, John (Julie) Austinson of Eyota, MN; his daughter, Jaci (Ron) Rietveld of Aitkin, MN; and his stepdaughters, Jennifer Jackson of Rochester, MN; Nicole (Anu) Pickett-Schwartz of Brooklyn, NY; and Molly (Dane) Peterson of Rochester, MN. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Ramon, Raquel, and Case Rietveld; Ben Kossman; Maxwell and Isabel Jackson; and Lila Schwartz; as well as great-grandchildren Ariyanna, Landon, and Jordyn Yeager.

He was dearly loved, was a friend to many, touched countless lives, and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

We are forever grateful for the incredible care Paul received from Mayo Clinic's Hospice and Transitions Care teams.

Service will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church, located at 810 Third Ave SE, Rochester, MN 55904 on Friday, September 27th at 11am with visitation starting at 10am. Reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Mayo Clinic Cancer Research Center, <https://www.mayo.edu/research/centers-programs/cancer-research/supporting-cancer-research>, or Bethel Lutheran Church, <https://www.bethellutheran.com/give> in his honor.

Online condolences may be left at www.hindtfuneralhomes.com

