



# "The Downtowner"

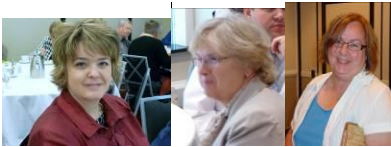


KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER  
ROCHESTER, MN.

## December 14, 2011 Coming Programs

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**Dec. 20 Holiday Party**

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



Dec. **Circle of Service** is Jill Roux, Bonnie Schultz, Peg Anderson.



### Community Gang Initiative

Randy Chapman, PB publisher, and Mark Ostrum along with Dennine McDonald presented a program on the efforts of the Gang Initiative being carried on in Rochester. They presented their goals and mission.

They say there are 13-15 gangs with a total of 300-400 members here in RST. There are some accomplishments: Team sports is a big help, mentors and someone to be a role model is very helpful as is job shadowing. These things are being done now with some success.

We can get involved by volunteering, being an advocate, hiring some of these youth and support a matching grant. We can work through the formal Initiative or the 'Y'.

## Christmas Party



**December 20**

### 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 100%

Dues are in! I always take this rather personally, so I appreciate that all have paid in full or in part. Bravo. Clare W.





## **Colleen Landherr Maddox**

I grew up on a farm just outside of Elkton, MN; the middle child of six siblings. So I am very much born and bred in white-bread southeastern

Minnesota. My brother, who was three years older than me, was killed in Vietnam in 1970 - the first time I really had to be an adult and help my parents cope. I was the first in my family to go to college - even though I stopped my college career with an AA degree when I got married in 1972. My work outside the home was as a "professional volunteer" in my children's schools, church and community organizations. After my three children got older, I returned to college as a "non-trad" at the age of 42, finally receiving my bachelor's degree from Winona State University in Organizational Communication. I served on the Stewartville School Board the decade of the '90's and joined the Stewartville Kiwanis Club one year after they were chartered and had the pleasure of being the President for one term. After my divorce in 2000 and move to Rochester, I transferred my membership to Kiwanis West where again, I served as President. I began working at Rochester Community and Technical College as the Community & Youth Program Director in December, 1999. I have the BEST job!! In 2004, I married Dan Maddox. I have the BEST husband!! We are now a blended family of six children, spouses and five grandchildren. We also sponsor a son, Elisha through Compassion International, who lives with his family in Tanzania. I am fortunate to be able to travel quite a bit with Dan to conferences throughout the United States and Europe.

I look forward to making new friends in our blended Kiwanis Club!

Circles of Service Signup is still being passed around. Be sure to signup now for your first choice of month and team! This will be around for a few more weeks.



## **Hockey Signup**

This signup board has been passed around for the last 3 meetings. If you didn't get a chance to sign up for the shift and location that you want, call Bill Kalmes at home, office or email. See Page 2 of the newsletter for these addresses and/or phone numbers.

### **Hockey Tournament**

**Wed. Dec. 28,**

**Thurs. Dec. 29 and**

**Fri. Dec. 30**

\*\*\*Wellness Report on Paul Austinson\*\*\*

We are told that Paul has had another setback, but is home now and very slowly recovering. We hurt for you Paul. May the healing proceed faster as time passes.....



Another successful night at the Pizza Ranch this week. Mary Tompkins reports that we made about \$200 from tips and percentage of income. Participation was excellent. We estimate that there were 10-12 members participating picking up from tables and cleaning them off for the next customers.



## Students of the Month

We honored the above students this month. Rachael Saltness, Katie Eckerman, Christina Hagen, and Ryan Alexander.

Dick Weltzin did a nice job introducing the students, parents and some teachers.

Rachael Saltness from Lourdes High School was nominated by the Theology department. Her teacher, Mary Lose, attended with her. She had many kind comments about Rachael's selection. She was described as a very stable and caring beyond her age young woman. Ultimately she hopes to attend medical school.

Katie Eckerman from John Marshall. She was described as attentive in class and participates in all activities and lessons. She is always prepared and has a 99% average.

Katie is kind and friendly with JM's classmates and willing to help others. She hopes to go to some regional university.

Christina from Mayo H.S. was nominated by the Science Department. She is a good role model for her peers. She strives for excellence and delves deeper into subjects than many of her peers. She is captain of the Tennis team, National Merit Finalist and 7 time winner at the state level of MMTA piano competition. Christina is worship team leader, choir member plus other activities. She is a 4.0 student. She hopes to attend college in MN, TN, or TX to pursue courses in music and business.

Ryan Alexander is also from Mayo H.S. He was nominated by the Social Studies Department at Mayo. He is proud of his golf team being all-state academic last year. He likes Spanish and had received National awards for last two years.

Ryan, like all these students finds time to volunteer. He works with the Salvation Army and takes mission trips with his church groups.

He hopes to attend Furman University because of it being a small college and in the south. He has some family connection there as well. He plans to attend medical school in the future.

## Adopt a Family

Incomplete information informs us that this project went off well. Those working on it had fun shopping for the designated family. Doug Coop says the Salvation Army has a event similar to Christmas Anonymous coming soon with 700 families eligible to participate. This is supposed to avoid people being a part of the earlier Christmas Anonymous.

There are many things in our community that offer opportunities to make some other family's holiday a bit brighter.



## Mudders

Doug Coop stated that his son Jeff came in the top 5% in a national competition of "mudders." Jeff is a former soldier who has been deployed several times. He was a Ranger. It is a 24 hr. competition, not for the faint of heart.

That about covers all the 'news.' Now we'll add a bit of wisdom and/or humor. You choose which it is.....



From a Kansas State Highway Patrol officer :

I made a traffic stop on an elderly lady the other day for speeding

on U.S. 166 Eastbound at Mile Marker 73 just East of

Sedan, KS.

I asked for her driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance. The lady took out the required information and handed it to me.

In with the cards I was somewhat surprised (due to her advanced age)

to see she had a conceal carry permit. I looked at her and ask if

she had a weapon in her possession at this time.

She responded that she indeed had a .45 automatic in her glove box.

Something---body language, or the way she said it---made me want to ask if she had any other firearms. She did admit to also having

a 9mm Glock in her center console. Now I had to ask one more

time if that was all. She responded once again that she did have

just one more, a .38 special in her purse.

I then asked her what was she so afraid of.

She looked me right in the eye and said, "Not a ["expletive deleted"] thing!"

I TRULY DID NOT KNOW THIS!

Las Vegas Churches accept gambling chips

THIS MAY COME AS A SURPRISE TO THOSE OF YOU NOT LIVING IN LAS VEGAS , BUT THERE ARE MORE CATHOLIC CHURCHES THAN CASINOS.

NOT SURPRISINGLY, SOME WORSHIPERS AT SUNDAY SERVICES WILL GIVE CASINO CHIPS RATHER THAN CASH WHEN THE BASKET IS PASSED.

SINCE THEY GET CHIPS FROM MANY DIFFERENT CASINOS, THE CHURCHES HAVE DEVISED A METHOD TO COLLECT THE OFFERINGS.....

THE CHURCHES SEND ALL THEIR COLLECTED CHIPS TO A NEARBY FRANCISCAN MONASTERY FOR SORTING AND THEN THE CHIPS ARE TAKEN TO THE CASINOS OF ORIGIN AND CASHED IN.



THIS IS DONE BY THE CHIP MONKS.

**DIDN'T EVEN SEE IT COMING DID YOU?**