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President: John Schinzer; Secretary: Carl Polstra; Treasurer: Bill Paulin; President-Elect: Chuck McGrath
Vice President: Larry Wing; Editor: Jim Busse

**Proud sponsors of
the following service clubs...**



Interclub Schedule

To be announced

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Installation Banquet

The annual installation banquet was held September 29th at the Rochelle Country Club. Newly installed officers are:

President: John Schinzer
President Elect: Chuck McGrath
Vice President: Larry Wing
Secretary: Carl Polstra
Treasurer: Bill Paulin

Board Members (3 yr. term)
Jack Gardner
Don Romes

Thank you to our retiring officers and board members for a job well done.

President: Hugh McDermitt (now Past President)
Board members Lee Harris and Bud Norcross



2011-12 Officers (L-R): Carl Polstra, Bill Paulin, Larry Wing
Chuck McGrath, John Schinzer

**We proudly support the
following Service
organizations and projects...**

Big Brothers & Sisters
Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts
Community Leader
Focus House
Habitat for Humanity
Hand in Hand
HOPE
Hospice
Hub City Senior Center
Junior Tackle
K-Foundation
Little League
Little Miss Peanut
Pegasus
Rochelle AYSO Soccer
Rochelle Food Pantry
Rochelle Track Club
Rock River Senior Citizens
College Scholarships
Spastic Paralysis & Bowling
Village of Progress
Young Children Priority One
Youth Christmas

Kiwanis Education

The Kiwanis District

The mission of a Kiwanis district is stated as follows: As a thriving organization of men, women, and youth, we are dedicated to serving the children of the world and improving the quality of life worldwide. Being committed to this mission calls each of us to live by the following Objects of Kiwanis:

- To give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life.
- To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationship.
- To promote the adoption and application of higher social, business, and professional standards.
- To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.
- To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.
- To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism, which makes possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

The vision of a Kiwanis district is stated as follows: We will be the world's premier organization engaging adult and youth volunteers to improve the quality of life worldwide.

President's Korner



Thanks for the warm welcome given me as your new President. I am excited and looking forward to serving as your president. I also want your suggestions for improving our club. I can't believe how fast this past year went by and I now realize how much there is to be done. I am proud to be associated and able to work with such a fine group of men. I respect and admire each and every one of you for the work you continue to do each year.

This past year has been great and I only hope we can make this year and even better one. I have a big pair of shoes to fill you did an excellent job Hugh and have helped prepare me for the job ahead. It's hard to believe but Chili Day is fast approaching and we are already getting things in place. Please remember I want your help and suggestions to enable us to continue to grow please contact me at any time you have questions or ways to increase our membership. Thanks and let's have a great month and the best year ever.

In Memory



Eloy Gehring
1934-2011

Jack

Spiritual Aims



Dear Heavenly Father,

We are reminded again how our lives are in your hands, with the passing of our good friend and neighbor Eloy Gehring. Eloy enriched us all with his life, a life spent to honor you.

May we as well honor you in all we do, our work, our families and friends, our play time. You give us life. We give you our love and honor.

October will bring the change of seasons to us. Let us look forward to the change with hearts of joy for the gift of nature you have provided. Your world is a blessing, and may we take care of it so that it reflects your love and goodness toward us.

Amen

First Annual Golf Outing

The first annual golf outing fundraiser was held at Rochelle Country Club September 19, 2011. Three foursomes competed in a best-ball scramble. Foursomes in order of score were:

3 over par 69
Tom Plumb
Ken Esgar
Don Romes
Leroy Shoemaker

8 over par 74
Dean Herrmann
Larry Wing
Rick Kasmar
Rex Johnson

13 over par 79
Bob Elliott
Jim Moorehead
Al Hann
Tom Hill

Although the day started with slight rain and drizzle conditions, it was cloudy at tee time and the sun came out soon after, making for an enjoyable afternoon. A banquet held in the late afternoon included prizes for first through third place. First place won tickets to the Bears/Lions game on Sunday, November 13. Second place won four golf umbrellas and third place four Rochelle Country Club golf hats. A special prize, provided by Moore True Value Hardware, was an electric drill kit won by Larry Wing. Participants and dinner guests enjoyed a roast beef buffet, with drinks preceding dinner.



Showing off for the camera



On the green

More photos on next page...

Committee Assignments

Breakfast and Greeter Committee

7:15 am Setup
Cleanup after meeting

OCTOBER

Jim Busse 751-9895
Bob Erwin, Bud Norcross
Archie Millotte, Arlie Jennings

NOVEMBER

Rick Kasmar 562-5325
Tom Plumb, Don Romes
Jim Buckler, Ken Esgar

Committee Assignments

Meals on Wheels

Oct 06 - Ken Esgar, J B James
Oct 13 - Pal Colwill, Marvin Winkel
Oct 20 - Rick Kasmar, Carl Polstra
Oct 27 - Hugh McDermitt, Juan Roman
Nov 03 - Arlie Jennings, Chas Reints

If you cannot work as scheduled, please arrange for your own replacement, and advise your partner.

Golf Playday Fundraiser continued...



We need another beer...



First place foursome



Second place foursome



Third place foursome

In all, it was a successful event that generated **\$1,231.60** to the club's income. Thanks go to all who worked very hard to make this event a success. We're now looking toward next year. We plan to begin working on next year's event this fall in order to solidify more sponsors and donors early on.

RTHS Builders Club



The Rochelle Middle School Builders' Club recently selected their officers. L-R: Gabrielle Chamness - President, Treavon Huff - Vice President, Jacie Wyatt - Secretary, Ande Madsen - Treasurer, Dani Hurst - 7th Grade Representative, Tiffany & Christine Newman-Askins - 8th Grade Representatives.

RTHS Key Club

Homeless Sleepout

Advisor Danae White reports this year's sleep out was awesome! "We had 34 kids declare themselves homeless by raising \$20 or donating 20 canned goods (basically about 600 food items and \$200)! We got rained on; light showers here & there. Kids just raced to their boxes when that happened, although some were proactive and brought tarps to shelter cardboard top & bottom." She said one group even brought a canopy and made a little homeless condo unit with 8 boxes all opening up to a common area for social time!

As always, "Our greatest thanks go to the Golden K, our sponsors," she said. "They brought us pizza & pop at midnight and supplied the firewood, too. A few brave Golden K members and a Mrs. Golden K (Kay McGrath) even stayed to hang out while we had getting-to-know-you activities." White said, "All in all it was a great success. We will deliver food on Wednesday to both the Hand in Hand Mission and the Rochelle Christian Food Pantry." Chelsea Erickson builders created the condo winning 1st place (\$30 from the Golden K) while Cody McMurray won 2nd place (\$20) and Carly won 3rd (\$10).



Key Club International Alumnae Association

Dear Key Club Advisor,
Welcome back to school and the new academic year. As you may recall, last spring, Kiwanis International launched the Key Club International Alumni Association designed to keep Key Clubbers – like those in your club – engaged in a life of service and leadership. As of this month, I happy to report there are more than 3,000 alumni who are not only interested in reconnecting with each other, but also engaging in service opportunities after Key Club to help children all over the world who need it most.

We have big plans and we need your help to further establish momentum. The week of November 14—18 has been declared "DO MORE WEEK," and we are asking each Key Club to commit 15 minutes (or less) to promote the association by asking your members to join. There is no cost for membership. We know you are busy. That's why we've made Do More Week participation easy

Homecoming Parade

The RTHS Key Club sponsored a float in this year's Homecoming Parade held on October 29th. The clubbers gave out peanuts to all parade attendees.

II District Key Club Leadership Conference

Saturday, October 1st, the II District Key Club held their leadership conference at Rochelle Township High School, between 12:30 PM to 4 PM.

Drake Siwicki, II District Treasurer, and past-president of our RTHS Key Club, helped host the event. Forums were held in various classrooms on training in the offices of president, secretary, treasurer and other offices. Discussions also centered around the overall operation of key clubs within Kiwanis.

Bring A Friend

Tuesday, October 4th, would be a great chance to introduce a new person to RTHS Key Club. We are in a joint effort with the International Club for a walk on Sunday. I just wanted to remind you that the International Club will be giving a short presentation tomorrow about the Crop Walk this Sunday. EVERYONE is welcome to attend and the walk starts at the Presbyterian Church at 1:30pm THIS SUNDAY, October 9th. As a group we are just going to give one envelope to them on Thursday, so feel free to bring in any spare change you have throughout the week. There is no donation too small. If you would like to donate as a club, let me know. See you tomorrow for the presentation and to wrap up HC events along with FLR discussion!

October Programs

October 06 – Board Meeting
 October 13 – Jim Harrison
 October 20 – Mayor Chet Olson
 October 27 – John Koltenbach

Programs Presented in September

September 01 – Board Meeting
 September 08 – Jim Haager – Wal-Mart Manager
 September 15 – Dick Harms - Antiquing
 September 22 – Chuck Hendrickson – Hendrickson Flying Service (Crop dusting)
 September 29 – No Meeting: Installation Banquet 5:30 PM

Kiwanis in October

October is the month of the young adolescent, an annual international collaborative effort of education, health and youth-oriented organizations like Kiwanis. During October the National Middle School Association brings together a wide range of organizations to focus on the needs of this important age range, ages 10 to 15. October would be a great time to charter a Builders Club, the Kiwanis Service Leadership Program for middle school and junior high students.

Did You Know...

- 10/07 - 10/09, 2011 - Saint Charles Scarecrow Festival
- 10/08, 2011 - Savanna's Oktoberfest Fleamarket & Craft Fair
- 10/21 - 10/22, 2011 - German Society of Rockford 47th Annual Oktoberfest

All higher motives, ideals, conceptions, sentiments in a man are of no account if they do not come forward to strengthen him for the better discharge of the duties which devolve upon him in the ordinary affairs of life.

Henry Ward Beecher

October 2011

"The leaves fall patiently
 Nothing remembers or grieves
 The river takes to the sea
 The yellow drift of leaves."
 - Sara Teasdale



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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 Tom Villa | 10 | 11 Bob Dennis – B'day | 12 Gordon Carlson – B'day Ken Esgar – B'day | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Don Horner – B'day | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |