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



It Fell From Out Of The Sky!

Having spent years under water in service to our country, Jim Moorehead decided he'd go the opposite route in celebrating his 91st birthday. He arranged with the Chicago Sky-Diving Club, located here in Rochelle, to make his first sky-dive. Operations Manager Mike Wood jumped in-tandem with Jim to assure a faultless dive and landing (well, mostly...). He now claims he'll do it again next year.



Jim joined by some admirers...



Jim and Mike Wood on the way up...
More photos on page 2.

**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

Interclub Schedule

To be announced

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Kiwanis Education

Kiwanis Origins

Prior to developing Kiwanis clubs, founder Allen Simpson Browne organized Moose Lodges in the United States and Canada. A persuasive, personable super salesman, he often said, "Pluck will get you further along in a week than luck will in a year. Pluck will win, so make a noise about it".

Before the name Kiwanis was used, founder Browne dubbed the organization "The Supreme Lodge Benevolent Order Brothers". This quickly was voted out, because as one of the founding members noted, "Who wants to be a BOB?".

Detroit Michigan historian Clarence Burton, a noted expert in the Otchipew Indian language, suggested "Nunc Kee-wanis". The term has a variety of interpretations: "We have a good time", "We make a noise", "We trade", "We advertise". Shortened to Kiwanis, the new name was unanimously accepted by the original Kiwanians.

President's Korner



November is upon us and our annual Golden K Chili Day Saturday November 12, 2011 is arriving fast. Pal Colwill is busy with his kitchen crew preparing to cook chili on Saturday the 5th so we will be ready for the 12th. All products will be moved into the Church on Friday the 4th. Volunteers along with help from Focus House will also be available to help. Chuck McGrath and his crew will be in charge of the dining room. Again we will have help with from Focus House and we are expecting a large turn out. We will need some additional help during rush hours 11:00 to 1:00 and also 4:00 to 6:00. If you are available to help please let Chuck know.

This year the top ten (10) members selling tickets will be rewarded and you will be pleased with the items that will be given. Keep selling those tickets and remember to have the money turned in by 11-17. Lets make this the best year ever,

Jack

Spiritual Aims



Dear Father in heaven,

This month we again give thanks for the country we live in, and your blessings upon our great land and for your gifts of life, health and prosperity.

We are the freest nation on Earth yet it is up to us to maintain those freedoms so that our descendants may enjoy their benefit as well. Give us the strength to work toward the betterment of our country and society so that Your name will be worshiped above all. Your gifts are precious to us, and we must never forget what our responsibility is, to you foremost, and to others in your name.

Amen

It Fell From Out Of The Sky... (continued)



On the way out...



On the way down, and down, and...

Committee Assignments

Breakfast and Greeter Committee

7:15 am Setup
Cleanup after meeting

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

Pal Colwill 562-2659
Jack Gardner, Bill Gaston
Bob Felker, J B James

Committee Assignments

Meals on Wheels

Nov 03 – Arlie Jennings, Chas Reints
Nov 10 – Bob Elliott, Don Furland
Nov 17 – Bud Norcross, Carl Polstra
Nov 24 – No Meals (Thanksgiving Day)
Dec 01 – Al Hann, John Robbins

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

RTHS Key Club

Chili Day

The Key Club will again be participating in this year's Chili Day, conducting their raffle and having a table with items for sale. Chas Reints has made a beautiful wooden bowl (see below) he donated to the club. It will go up for raffle on Saturday. The club is also canvassing businesses in the area for donations of items to be raffled or made available for donations by customers.

Trick-Or-Treat For UNICEF

The Key Club was scheduled to go trick-or-treating for UNICEF on Sunday, October 30th. However weather didn't cooperate and the event was cancelled. Hopefully they'll be able to reschedule the event.



Chas Reints made this beautiful bowl which measures 5 x 10" and is made of maple and cherry hardwood. The bowl will be raffled off at this year's Chili Day event. Proceeds from the raffle will go to our RTHS Key Club

Builders Club

Our middle-school Builders Club is presently working on a project of writing letters to soldiers and personnel stationed in Afghanistan. Their recent meeting on November 1st had 25 in attendance. It appears it will be a good year for the club.

Annual Chili Day

This year's Chili Day, scheduled for Saturday, November 12th, at Rochelle United Methodist Church Hick's Hall, will hopefully be another successful event. Members have been cooking chili, getting the hall set up, and selling tickets. But much depends on ticket sales, and if you can't get all your tickets sold, consider making a donation to the event instead. All monies should be turned in no later than November 17th.

This year, the top 10 ticket sellers will be rewarded for their contribution to the day's success. Ticket monies and remaining tickets should be returned to Gerry Wine. Let's make this an event to remember.

As in the past, our high school Key Club will be holding the 50/50 raffle, but this year it will be different. In addition to selling tickets for \$1.00 each, the prize will be a beautiful wood bowl made by Chas Reints (see above). The club also hopes to have additional items for sale or raffle so this should be a good event for them.

Also, we are fortunate to have the help of Focus House again this year. They will serve as waiters, and bus the tables, insuring our guests are well provided for. Each year Focus House looks forward to the event and we look forward to having them in attendance. It is a good program for both organizations.

Also, keep in mind that chili will again be sold in jars for take-home. The cost will be \$8.00 per jar and will be available from the kitchen crew.

Be sure to check your work schedule, whether for the kitchen or floor crews, and if you have additional free time, there's always room for you if you want to help further.

Upcoming in Rochelle

11/16 - The Fireman's pork chop dinner on November 16th. Location: Fireman's Social Hall. Volunteers are needed to serve. Shifts are at 5 pm and 6 pm. Contact Bob Elliott 562-6309 for volunteering.

12/8 - Children's Christmas Walk and Shopping Spree. Location: Hicks Hall, RUMC. Each year needy children are taken by volunteers to Wal-Mart for needy clothing and items. This year is no exception. Purchases are made through gift cards provided for the event. You'll remember the event and the child for years to come. See Bob Elliott.

Events in Illinois

Jonamac Orchard & Corn Maze

Each fall, Jonamac's store shelves are stocked with fresh apples, cider, sweet corn and pumpkins, while the bakery offers treats like apple donuts and fudge. Be sure to explore the corn maze, which features a new design each year. The orchard will be open until November 24.

Between the States Exhibit

Experience the Civil War through the lenses of early American photographers in this traveling exhibition from the collections of the George Eastman House International Museum of Photography. This poignant exhibit, on display for the first time in the Midwest, commemorates the 150th anniversary of "Mr. Lincoln's War" through a selection of rare facsimile photographs depicting historical Civil War sites and circumstances by amateur and well-known photographers including George Barnard, Mathew Brady, and Alexander Gardner and more. "Between the States" and its tour are organized by George Eastman House, 120 E. Park Ave. Elmhurst, IL Open until December 11th.

November Programs

November 03 – Board Meeting
 November 10 – John Bearrows - Auctioneer
 November 17 – Sheriff Michael Harn
 November 22 – Bill Gehant – Gehant Bank

Programs Presented in October

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

Kiwanis in 2011-2012

With The Eliminate Project, Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. This deadly disease steals the lives of nearly 60,000 innocent babies and a significant number of women each year.

The effects of the disease are excruciating — tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch. It will take US\$110 million — and the dedicated work of UNICEF and every member of the Kiwanis family.

Did You Know...

APRIL 1703 — The French Jesuits transfer their Illinois Indian mission from Des Peres (present St. Louis) southeast to a site near the mouth of the Kaskaskia River, thereby founding the town of **Kaskaskia**.

MAY 1779 — Kentuckian John Todd, first county lieutenant, organizes the civil and military government. About this time, **Jean Baptiste Pont du Sable** builds the first permanent settlement at what will become Chicago.

JULY 1787 — Congress passes the **Ordinance of 1787**, providing for the organization of the Northwest Territory, of which Illinois becomes a part.

1803 — American troops build and occupy **Fort Dearborn**, on the site of Chicago. Governor Harrison concludes a treaty with the Kaskaskia Indians at Vincennes, by which their claim to all land in the Illinois Country, except a small area around Kas -kaskia, is relinquished.

It is not the position but the disposition that makes men and women happy.

Circumstances may make a man, but circumstances never made a man out of unprepared material.

Good clothes on some folks remind you of pretty labels on empty bottles.

Character stands for all that this moral demanding century wants.

-Dinger-isms

November 2011

"O wild West Wind, thou breath of Autumn's being.
 Thou, from whose unseen presence the leaves dead
 Are driven, like ghosts from an enchanter fleeing."

- Percy Bysshe Shelley



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Rick Kasmar – B'day	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Don Furland – B'day	10	11	12 Chili Day
13	14 Jack Gardner - Anniv	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Jim Busse - Anniv	22 Breakfast Meeting	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26 Pat Lang – B'day
27	28	29	30			