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



Interclub Schedule

December 21st
Mt Morris, IL
Leave: 11:00 AM
Meeting: 12:00 PM

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Chili Day 2011!

This year's Chili Day proved to be another success. Serving remained constant for most of the day, with a lull during the Hubs football game, then picking up again through closing. With approximately 870 tickets sold, and net income hovering around \$4,500, we can all be proud of the effort we put in, and the results attained. Thanks to all who participated including our RTHS Key Club and Focus House.

The Key Club also enjoyed a successful bake sale and 50/50 raffle, netting over \$400 for the event. Congratulations to them for a job well done.



Tom Villa keeping the chili hot...

Lee Harris...A Special Award!

In mid-November, Lee Harris received an award for his many years of service on the Board of Police and Fire Commissions. Presenting the award was mayor (and club member) Chet Olson. Congratulations, Lee, for all your varied and honored service to the greater Rochelle community.



Lee Harris accepting the award from mayor Chet Olson

**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

Worldwide Service Projects

At the 1994 Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans, LA, the organization initiated its first-ever Worldwide Service Project, vowing to raise \$75 million to virtually eliminate iodine deficiency disorders (IDD). At the time, more than 1.5 billion persons worldwide were at risk of IDD, which was the world's leading preventable cause of mental retardation. Kiwanis raised more than US\$100 million, which today is at work in more than 89 nations. The number of households estimated to be consuming iodized salt has jumped from 20 percent in 1990 to more than 70 percent, and the effort has been heralded as one of the most successful health initiatives in the world.

In June, 2012, again at the International Convention in New Orleans, La, Kiwanis International will announce its second Worldwide Service Project, joining forces with UNICEF 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. (Continued on page 2)

President's Korner



I wish to thank everyone for their help in making Chili Day a success. These things just don't happen, they are a result of your hard work and dedication. Remember the Salvation Army Bell Ringing is scheduled for December 9th and 10th and again on the 16th and 17. We again need your help. Christmas is here and there is a great need for funds for those who are less fortunate. Let's all step up and do our part to help.

Christmas brings the Birth of our Savior who came into this world to die for you and I. It also brings family's home to celebrate and give thanks for each other. We have so much to be thankful for, we live in a land where we still have our Freedom to move about in safety and to worship as we choose. We have food and warm homes and friends. Less not forget those who are sick and alone they need that friendly visit and assurance that they are not forgotten.

From our home to your home we wish you all the Blessings of Christmas and may good health, wealth and happiness fill your home now and in the year ahead.

Jack

Spiritual Aims



Dear Father in heaven,

The Christmas Holiday will soon be upon us. May we remind ourselves and others that the holiday is given to joyously sing your praises to the Heavens, telling one and all of your miraculous birth. A birth that was the advent of a renewed covenant between You and your people.

Instead of wishing "Happy Holidays" to all, let us recommit to honoring your season appropriately with an exuberant "Merry Christmas". And watch over us so that our celebration with loved ones, both near and afar, is one of love, companionship and devotion to all we hold dear.

In your name we pray,

Amen

Kiwanis Education... (continued)

The effects of maternal and neonatal tetanus are excruciating — tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch.

To eliminate MNT from the Earth, more than 100 million mothers and their future babies must be immunized. This requires vaccines, syringes, safe storage, transportation, thousands of skilled staff and more. It will take US\$110 million — and the dedicated work of UNICEF and every member of the Kiwanis family. It is hoped that by 2015, this disease will be eradicated, and children worldwide will have a new lease on life.

RTHS Key Club

This Christmas, the RTHS Key Club is participating in the following events:

- WRHL 2-ton Food Drive this Thursday
- Dec. 8 CAN Christmas Shopping Spree
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Needy Family Food & Toy Drive delivery Christmas Eve. 8 am Breakfast @ firefighter hall followed by delivery of gift boxes from fire station on Sat, Dec 24 Also, school photos will be taken December 13th, and the club is planning on having their Key Club T-shirts in time for the photo-op.

Division 13 Meeting

Tuesday, November 29th, eight members of Rochelle Kiwanis Golden K traveled to Dixon, IL for the bi-monthly division 13 meeting. The honored guest was I-I District President John Vanderheyden and his wife Roxanne.

President Vanderheyden spoke about the upcoming schedule of events for 2011-2012, and presented ideas for club growth and development. Mrs. Vanderheyden spoke about their personal experience with Kiwanis success in our spastic paralysis program and how Kiwanis can achieve success through its dedication to the future of our children, both home and abroad.

Committee Assignments

Breakfast and Greeter Committee

7:15 am Setup
Cleanup after meeting

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

Harvey Folkerts 562-6682
Tom McDermott, Chas Reints
John Wanner, Bud Norcross

Committee Assignments

Meals on Wheels

Dec 01 – Al Hann, John Robbins
Dec 08 – Bob Erwin, Harvey Folkerts
Dec 15 –Rick Kasmar, Carl Polstra
Dec 22 –Bill Gaston, Dallas Schuler
Dec 29 – Carl Polstra, Dennis Swinton
Jan 05 – Don Horner, Jim Moorehead

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

December Programs

December 01 – Board Meeting
 December 08 – To be announced
 December 15 – Dave Plyman – City Manager
 December 22 – Joe Ebens- Coated Sands Operation (Project on Steward road)
 December 29 –

Programs Presented in November

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

Christmas in Illinois

Lambs Farm Holiday Lights Gift & Craft Fair
 Arlington Heights , Illinois December 2nd to 4th

ChristKindIMarketChicago
 The traditional holiday market, November 24 – December 24.

Christmas Around The World and Holiday Lights
 November 17 – Jan 8. Museum of Science + Industry

Morrison Christmas Walk
 December 1. Morrison, IL

Christmas in Rochelle...

12/2/11 The RTHS Madrigal Dinner comes home Friday & Saturday, December 2 & 3 at the Calvary Lighthouse Church, Rochelle. Tickets prices are reduced, too! \$25 tickets available at the RTHS Music Department. Call Cory Jones 815-562-4161 ext 6110

12/2/11 Downtown Rochelle Presents An Old Fashioned Christmas Walk: Beginning Friday, Dec. 2nd with Hospitality at many downtown businesses until 8:30 pm. The Lighted Parade at 5:30 then the lighting of the Community Christmas Tree at City Hall.

12/2/11 Annual Library Christmas Walk Celebration Friday December 2nd 6:30-8:30pm at Flagg-Rochelle Public Library. .

12/3/11 All Aboard The Polar Express! Saturday, December 3, 2011 Doors Open: 6pm Movie Starts: 6:30pm at Flagg-Rochelle Public Library. Come in your pajamas for a complimentary showing of "The Polar Express". Children are welcome to bring a canned good to donate to the Rochelle Christian Food Pantry.

12/17/11 Breakfast with Santa at the Creston Booster Hall. December 17th at 8am. Santa will be making his early appearance before heading off to the North Pole to ready his sleigh! Everyone is welcome. 10 and under Free. Over 10 \$3, Can't beat that for a nice warm breakfast.

December 2011

"Peace on earth will come to stay, When we live Christmas every day." - Helen Steiner Rice



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 Rochelle Children's Shopping Trip | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Salvation Army Bell Ringing | 10 Salvation Army Bell Ringing |
| 11 | 12 | 13 Harvey Folkerts – B'day | 14 | 15 Pal Colwill - Anniv | 16 Salvation Army Bell Ringing | 17 Salvation Army Bell Ringing |
| 18 | 19 | 20 Hugh McDermitt – Anniv | 21 | 22 Don Furland – B'day | 23 Dennis Swinton – Anniv | 24 Christmas Eve |
| 25 Christmas Day | 26 | 27 | 28 Paul Alongi – B'day Ken Esgar – Anniv | 29 Bob Colville - Anniv | 30 | 31 New Year's Eve Gerry Wine – B'day |

Bring in your recycling cans the first Thursday of each month