



"The Downtowner"



KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER

ROCHESTER, MN.

www.kiwanisroch.org

March 18, 2017

Coming Programs

Mar. 23 Club's 5th Thursday meeting. Agenda to be determined. Led by Pres. Dan.
Mar. 30 God-incidences in Kosovo by Les Kiemele. Intro by Charlie G.



March Student of the Month

Ellen Gorman, from Mayo High School, was the student of the month. She was present at the meeting with her mother. Ellen is one who thrives on languages. Along with English, French, she has studied Latin and Spanish.

We don't have any of her bio information except what we could catch from the answers to questions posed by our members.

She hasn't made a final selection of college, but definitely intends to aim toward some medical career, probably as a doctor with some specialty.

Ellen is a fine athlete, especially tennis.

Congratulations to her and our best wishes for her continuing education and life.

April Circle will be Mary, Linda & Del.

Circle of Service for March is: Bob McClocklin, Dick Weltzin and Charlie Graham. (Circles should send Clare their programs as soon as they can to have them included in the Downtowner.)

Stay alert for signup opportunities online at www.kiwanisroch.org



Expense Report:

Mayo Key Club	\$250 for convention Registration
Food for Kidz	\$2000
Pancake Breakfast Printing	\$130
No Income	





Something Different

Last week we were treated to a different presentation, one that was not a non-profit looking for additional funding.

Ron Elcombe, a recently retired

professor at Winona State, has a hobby of writing. He has been working on a novel for a year or so. If you are observant, you might find him at Panera South hiding behind the fireplace for an hour or so. Ron likes to do his first draft longhand and scribbling as fast as he can. Then will transcribe and edit to his laptop.

Ron has had a varied career starting out as a music teacher in high school. He holds a masters degree in a brass instrument. I can attest to his skill with that as he periodically plays in a brass group at our church. He is also a member of the bass section in the same church choir along with his wife Sharon.

The working title of Ron's book is "Prelude and Fugue." He started his talk by reading a few paragraphs from the prolog of his book. He hopes to have the novel ready to print by June. At that time he will find someone who will publish, or he says he will self publish.

He says the source for the book was from observation of a strikingly beautiful young woman at a graduation party. His imagination took it from there. I think our group was caught up in the reading of the prolog. I know I'll be there to buy the book in whatever form it comes out. I love mysteries, but the topic that Ron spins, minus the mystery, was captivating.

Ron has now taken some writing classes on writing 'flash stories' as well as novel writing.

He first wrote an 'outline'. He confesses that he is not sure of how the novel ends yet! He says you have to 'listen' to your characters. That has helped him a great deal. I'll let the club know when the book is published. Fun Program!

*Ron is Professor Emeritus in Mass Communication from WSU.

*Has taught Advertising and Mass Communication Theory for 25 years.

*Professional career in sales, marketing and advertising.

*Music teacher in several MN school districts.



Burma Shave

I'm sure that they actually saved some lives. People laughed were more careful! It was a REAL "service" to America, even though it was an advertisement and it was one of the RARE "useful" ones!

To My Old-As-Dirt Friends & Relatives who qualify "old as dirt".

For those who never saw any of the Burma Shave here is a quick lesson in our history of the 1930's and '40's.

Before there were interstates, when everyone drove on old 2 lane roads, Burma Shave signs would be posted over the countryside in farmers' fields. They were red signs with white letters. Five signs, about 100 feet apart, each containing 1 line of a 4 line couplet..... the obligatory 5th sign advertising Burma Shave, a popular shaving cream.

DON'T STICK YOUR ELBOW
OUT SO FAR
IT MAY GO HOME
IN ANOTHER CAR.**Burma Shave**

TRAINS DON'T WANDER
ALL OVER THE MAP
'CAUSE NOBODY SITS
IN THE ENGINEER'S LAP**Burma Shave**

SHE KISSED THE HAIRBRUSH
BY MISTAKE
SHE THOUGHT IT WAS
HER HUSBAND JAKE**Burma Shave**

DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD
TO GAIN A MINUTE
YOU NEED YOUR HEAD
YOUR BRAINS ARE IN IT**Burma Shave**

DROVE TOO LONG
DRIVER SNOOZING
WHAT HAPPENED NEXT
IS NOT AMUSING**Burma Shave**

BROTHER SPEEDER
LET'S REHEARSE
ALL TOGETHER
GOOD MORNING, NURSE**Burma Shave**

CAUTIOUS RIDER
TO HER RECKLESS DEAR
LET'S HAVE LESS BULL
AND A LITTLE MORE STEER**Burma Shave**

SPEED WAS HIGH
WEATHER WAS NOT
TIRES WERE THIN
X MARKS THE SPOT**Burma Shave**

THE MIDNIGHT RIDE
OF PAUL FOR BEER
LED TO A WARMER

HEMISPHERE**Burma Shave**

AROUND THE CURVE
LICKETY-SPLIT
BEAUTIFUL CAR
WASN'T IT?**Burma Shave**

NO MATTER THE PRICE
NO MATTER HOW NEW
THE BEST SAFETY DEVICE
IN THE CAR IS YOU**Burma Shave**

A GUY WHO DRIVES
A CAR WIDE OPEN
IS NOT THINKIN'
HE'S JUST HOPIN'**Burma Shave**

AT INTERSECTIONS
LOOK EACH WAY
A HARP SOUNDS NICE
BUT IT'S HARD TO PLAY**Burma Shave**

BOTH HANDS ON THE WHEEL
EYES ON THE ROAD
THAT'S THE SKILLFUL
DRIVER'S CODE**Burma Shave**

THE ONE WHO DRIVES
WHEN HE'S BEEN DRINKING
DEPENDS ON YOU
TO DO HIS THINKING**Burma Shave**

CAR IN DITCH
DRIVER IN TREE
THE MOON WAS FULL
AND SO WAS HE.**Burma Shave**

PASSING SCHOOL ZONE
TAKE IT SLOW
LET OUR LITTLE
SHAVERS GROW
Burma Shave

Do these bring back any old memories? If not, you
merely a child.
If they do - then you're old as dirt..LIKE ME!

Have a great day!

Colleen

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