



"The Downtowner"



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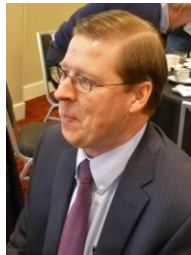
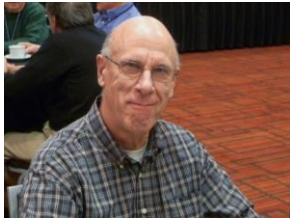
Coming Programs

July 5 NO MEETING

July 12 TBA

July 19 4-H member guest

July 26 Jerry Pruitt on Cuba trip



The Circle of Service

For July is Irv Nehring and Bill Kalmes

The Circle for August will be Charlie Graham, Del Lawson and Paul Austinson. (Circles should send Clare their programs as quickly as possible so they can be included in the Downtowner.)

Stay alert for signup opportunities online at

www.kiwanisroch.org



Expense Report:

Transferred Pancake Net to C&E Acct.
\$100 to YMCA Hole Sponsor for youth golf
\$50 to Kiwanis Parade for Rochester-Fest
Checks to St. on Second for meals.

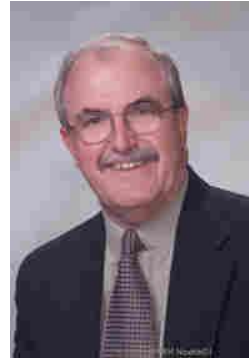
Meetings will be at the Hilton next door to Saints on Second. This is the 'Default' meeting room.



June 14 Austin Jorgenson gave us a short history on Bob Thomson, former pillar in this club. His legacy lives on with a scholarship given in his name from funds left to the club for this purpose.



Dan Nelson was a Kiwanis guest brought by Austin J. Let's all try to have one guest occasionally trying to spark interest in some new members.



Bob Nowicki, former IBM'er, city council member and long time active member in Day Makers, presented a film on the History of St. Mary's Hospital, its origin and some of the people involved. Another job that Bob has in his retirement is

Volunteering at Mayo. His latest gig there is showing historical films in the Judd Auditorium for patients and guests of Mayo. If you weren't already familiar with the story, it is very interesting. It was a result of a tornado passing through Rochester in 187? Killing 17 people. Ultimately, it was the collaboration of W.W. Mayo and Sisters of Assisi that started its long history.

That was one of Bob's missions, but the other more current one was to sell and promote RochesterFest held this past week. He's a busy man. We appreciate him spending a few minutes with us.



HeeJune Shin was introduced by Dan Carlson as speaker of the day. We see her here with some of her art work displayed behind her. She is a Korean-American and wife of local doctor with 3 girls.

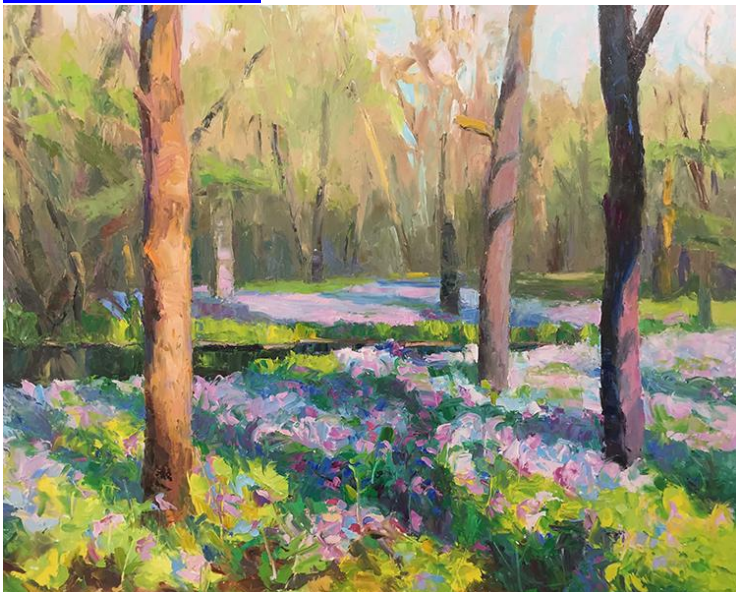
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She has had a long interest in art, but didn't really start into it seriously until she became an "empty nester." She says that she was never encouraged in early home life. It wasn't until she was in her 40's. Her work life was dominated with family and her profession as a dietitian. HinJune started her 'art' life by entering the state fair. She has taken many classes and continues her studies in her area of 'plein art'. This may not be the correct term, but it is a form where "color" in all its aspects is primary. If you chose to paint the 'real' colors as you see the outdoors, you must use smaller works, since the light will be changed significantly within a couple of hours. Her largest work so far is 16x20. She uses spatulas instead brushes. She started painting career with water colors, but I think uses oil on canvass now.

If you would like to peruse her work and techniques, go to her web site. You can also be placed on her Newsletter list. Try it. You might like it more than you think.

[Hee June Shin Art](#)



Since we are mentioning that Dan Carlson introduced HinJune Shin, Dan added another item to our meeting. We appreciate Dan's writing skills, but we also like to tease him about his "sermons". When we do this, we want him to

remember that this is our way of recognizing and praising him for these skills. We mean nothing negative. Keep it up Dan!



"This morning I heard that Ron Meshbesh, the Minnesota celebrated criminal lawyer died of dementia. This is yet another reminder of how this insidious robber of our memories has claimed yet another keen intellect of our day. Ron Meshbesh was eighty-five and he died in the Twin Cities.

I had occasion to interact with him when I was a lowly assistant deputy court clerk in the Hennepin County Clerk of Courts office. I had just graduated from college. Ron Meshbesh would then come by for what were called preliminary hearings which determined probable cause and whether there was reason to believe that the accused had committed the crime. Now these hearings are called omnibus hearings and are done in the district court.

Often there was down time in the hall as the wheels of justice run slowly and so I would strike up a conversation with him. I learned that he graduated from North High School which was then largely a Jewish community before many of those families resettled in Saint Louis Park. His dad had a meat market and I can imagine he made a lot of sausage to get both Ron and son Kenny through the University of Minnesota Law School.

I remembered many things about Ron. He wore well fitted suits that looked like they had just been pressed. His shoes were well shined, his tie was always snug to the Adams apple and his posture was erect. He was not that tall. He had an air of confidence that stopped just short of arrogance. When a police officer testified and Meshbesh disagreed with him, he just paused, looked to the ceiling and said nothing. The jury took the hint without any histrionics. The meaning to the jury was "In North Minneapolis we have a word for this and I'm sure you do too." He was never profane in my presence as were other

litigators. He didn't tell off color stories or smoke in the hall. He was always prepared, worked systematically and was a lawyer for which I would pay to watch work.

When I was a radio and TV news reporter, I was assigned to trials because of my experience in the clerk's office. One trial I covered was when the Boston Bruin hockey player, Dave Forbes, high sticked former Minnesota and Minnesota North Star hockey player Henry Boucha. Boucha was one of Minnesota's best high school products to that point. I saw him play against the Russian squad and he was the only player that matched up to them. The end result was that Boucha lost his eye and the Hennepin County prosecutor Gary Flakne pressed assault charges against Forbes.

This case drew national attention because people were wondering if criminal charges could come from unsportsmanlike conduct in an athletic venue. Most sports people thought this should be a league matter and be handled by the commissioner and resolved with fines and suspensions.

The short story was that Ronnie saved Forbes career but Boucha was never the same.

The judges all respected Meshbesh. At one time he was a prosecutor for the Hennepin County Attorney and they only had a handful of prosecutors. One was future State Supreme court Justice George Scott. Others were future trial judges Harold Odland and Chester Durda, the other was trial court judge Harold Odland. They handled Pretty much everything on the criminal side.

He was kind to young kids like me, respectful, generous and patient. Some of the lawyers I saw in court tested the limits of professionalism. Ronnie never did. I'm sure many of his clients were slimeballs that he set his fees high and demanded his money up front. Yet, if you wanted the best attorney money could buy, you got Ron Meshbesh and I saw them all. Doug Thompson was in his prime and Earl gray was just getting started.

I'm sure the Meshbesh and Spence name will be on their second street office in Rochester for some time. He left a name one could build on for future success, in my book. If he told you that you had a chance to win, he wasn't just blowing smoke.

---Daniel Carlson---

The 'Rules of the South' are as follows!!!



1. Pull your droopy pants up. You look like an idiot.

2. Turn your cap right, your head isn't crooked. (unless its firewalk time)

3. Let's get this straight; it's called a "gravel road." I drive a pickup truck because I want to. No matter how slow you drive, you're going to get dust on your Lexus. Drive it or get out of the way.

4. They are cattle. That's why they smell to you. They smell like money to us. Get over it. Don't like it? I-40 goes east and west, I-75 goes north and south. Pick one.

5. So you have a \$60,000 car. We're impressed. We have \$250,000 cotton pickers that are driven only 3 weeks a year.

6. So every person in the south waves. It's called being friendly. Try to understand the concept.

7. If that cell phone rings while a bunch of doves are coming in, we WILL shoot it out of your hand. You better hope you don't have it up to your ear at the time.

8. Yeah, we eat catfish & crawfish. You really want sushi & caviar? It's available at the corner bait shop.

9. The "Opener" refers to the first day of deer season. It's a religious holiday held the closest Saturday to the first of November.

10. We open doors for women. That is applied to all women, regardless of age.

11. No, there's no "vegetarian special" on the menu. Order steak. Or you can order the Chef's Salad and pick off the 2 pounds of ham & turkey.