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## Coming Programs

July 20 Randy Schmidt (Lt. Gov. Elect) talking on 'Cardle to Career'

July 27 TBA

August 3 Michael Wojcik, RST councilman speaking on council activity.

August 10 Dr. Tyler Oesterie, Mayo Med. Dir. To speak about Fountain Centers

August 17 Brian Crabtree, Olmsted Co. Water Lab Coordinator.

August 24 Jessica Markley from Cambria



## Sheriff Kevin Torgerson

The sheriff presented an update on the activities since he took over the office a year + ago. He gave a brief talk on the derivation of the word 'sheriff' back in jolly old England. The first sheriff in the U.S. was in Virginia in 1654. Duties of a sheriff varies somewhat from state to state, but the main responsibilities in Rochester are:

- Maintain a Jail. It is for Olmsted County but is used by other counties on a contract basis. This varies all over the place.
- Oversee District Court activities.
- Police bodies of water in the area.

The Sheriff had a slide of the 'Tree of Responsibility' for his department. I don't recall the number of officers he has, but it seems it was in the neighborhood of 50. (Rochester City Police have about 3 times the number of staff)

Most of the sheriff's staff are paid. Divers are volunteers when needed. Olmsted County



The Circle of Service for July is Bonnie Schultz and Dan Moore. August Circle of

Service is Charley Graham and Bill Kalmes. (Circles should send Clare their programs as soon as possible so they can have them included in the Downtowner.)

Stay alert for signup opportunities online at [www.kiwanisroch.org](http://www.kiwanisroch.org)



## Expense Report:

\$125 to Zumbro River Catering for box lunch meeting at RST Foundation.

\$213.00 to DoubleTree for balance of June. Included 5 scholarship meals.

[We are back at the DoubleTree for awhile.](#)





Former Sheriff Steve Borchardt

Steve currently leads Olmsted County Workforce Housing Initiative.

We are constantly bombarded on the need for affordable housing during this period of DMC growth. There is a huge amount of construction going on in this city, but not in the defined 'affordable' range. It sounded to me that his definition is \$800-1500 per month. The availability of small homes in the \$150K range in this whole area is almost non-existent.

Steve presented a complex discussion of the finances needed to construct and fill this type of housing. I never understood this before, and still don't.

Someone has established that the area median income is \$68,000

In Rochester 1/3 of households are making less than \$50,000

If you want or need further background, call the Housing Initiative. They can guide you through the maze.

This was a very good presentation, but very complex if you are not a part of society working in it.

Temporarily we are being told that our new meeting place will be at Saints on Second sometime near the start of the school year. More info will be coming.

Remember! Free Parking

You may remember the old Jewish Catskill comics of Vaudeville days:  
Shecky Greene, Red Buttons,  
Totie Fields, Joey Bishop,



Milton Berle, Jan Murray,  
Danny Kaye, Henny Youngman,  
Buddy Hackett, Sid Caesar,  
Groucho Marx, Jackie Mason,  
Woody Allen, Lenny Bruce,



George Burns, Allan  
Sherman,  
Jerry Lewis, Carl Reiner,  
Shelley Berman, Gene Wilder,  
George Jessel, Alan King,



Mel Brooks, Phil Silvers,  
Jack Carter, Rodney Dangerfield,  
Don Rickles, Jack Benny  
Mansel Rubenstein  
and so many others.

**There was not one single swear word in their comedy.**

**Here are a few examples:**

**\* I just got back from a pleasure trip.  
I took my mother-in-law to the airport.**

**\* I've been in love with the same woman for 49 years!  
If my wife ever finds out, she'll kill me!**

**\* What are three words a woman never wants to hear when she's making love?  
"Honey, I'm home!"**

\* **Someone stole all my credit cards but I won't be reporting it.  
The thief spends less than my wife did.**

\* **We always hold hands.  
If I let go, she shops.**

\* **My wife and I went back to the hotel where we spent our wedding night; only this time I stayed in the bathroom and cried.**

\* **My wife and I went to a hotel where we got a waterbed.  
My wife called it the Dead Sea .**

\* **She was at the beauty shop for two hours. That was only for the estimate.  
She got a mudpack and looked great for two days.  
Then the mud fell off.**

\* **The Doctor gave a man six months to live. The man couldn't pay his bill so the doctor gave him another six months.**

\* **The Doctor called Mrs. Cohen saying, "Mrs. Cohen, your check came back. " Mrs. Cohen answered, "So did my arthritis!"**

\* Doctor: "You'll live to be 60!"  
Patient: "I am 60!"  
Doctor: "See! What did I tell you?"

\* **Patient: "I have a ringing in my ears."  
Doctor: "Don't answer!"**

\* **A drunk was in front of a judge. The judge says, "You've been brought here for drinking."  
The drunk says "Okay, let's get started."**

\* **Why do Jewish divorces cost so much? They're worth it.**

**There is a big controversy on the Jewish view of when life begins.  
In Jewish tradition, the fetus is not considered viable until it graduates from medical school.**

Q: Why don't Jewish mothers drink?  
A: Alcohol interferes with their suffering.

Q: Why do Jewish mothers make great parole officers?  
A: They never let anyone finish a sentence!

A man called his mother in Florida ,  
"Mom, how are you?"  
"Not too good," said the mother. "I've been very weak."  
The son said, "Why are you so weak?"  
She said, "Because I haven't eaten in 38 days."  
The son said, "That's terrible. Why haven't you eaten in 38 days?"  
The mother answered, "Because I didn't want my mouth to be filled with food if you should call."

A Jewish boy comes home from school and tells his mother he has a part in the play. She asks, "What part is it?"  
The boy says, "I play the part of the Jewish husband."  
The mother scowls and says, "Go back and tell the teacher you want a speaking part."

Q: How many Jewish mothers does it take to change a light bulb?  
A: (Sigh) "Don't bother. I'll sit in the dark. I don't want to be a nuisance to anybody."

**Short summary of every Jewish holiday:  
They tried to kill us. We won. Let's eat.**

Did you hear about the bum who walked up to a Jewish mother on the street and said, "Lady, I haven't eaten in three days."  
"Force yourself," she replied.

Q: What's the difference between a Rottweiler and a Jewish mother?  
A: Eventually, the Rottweiler lets go.

A-a-h! Memories of the good ole days!

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