



# Kiwanis Klarion



Elmira Kiwanis Club - Thursdays, 12:00

Downtown Holiday Inn

[www.elmirakiwanis.org](http://www.elmirakiwanis.org)

President: Sharon Sitrin-Moore

Secretary: Nancy Nicastro

President Elect: Mike Wayne

Treasurer: Joe Klaiber

Vice President

Imm. Past President: Ron Allison

December 21, 2017

Next meeting, December 28, 2017 – Round table

**This Week: December 21, 2017**

**Welcome Table: Susan Husted**

## Today's Program

Rabbi Paul Solyn has been with the Jewish Community Center for 10 years after receiving his Master's Degree in Jewish education.

Hanukkah (and all other Jewish holidays) changes dates every year because they use a lunar calendar with 29 1/2 days per month. Rosh Hashanah is traditionally in the fall and Passover in the spring, so a leap year adds a month. The menorah is the only Hanukkah tradition. The center candle is lit first and used to light the others. The second night, two are lit and so on. Celebrations are held as they burn down. 2200 years ago Jerusalem was occupied by Greeks who forbade the Jewish religion. When Jews came back to the temple, the oil left could light the lanterns for one day but it lasted for 8. There is no historical basis for this story, it is thought to be borrowed from the oil gathering festival. The giving of small gifts to children is only in America. It is the year 5778 on their calendar. Food cooked in oil like potato pancakes and donuts is usually served.

He explained the dreidels and how their symbols spell out A great miracle was there.

**Invocation: Susan Husted**

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Dec. 23 – Salvation Army bell-ringing at the Arnot Mall 10AM-8PM Sign up sheet attached

Gift wrapping at Bon Ton – If you need packages wrapped come see us!

**December 28 – round table**

**January 4 – Megan Wise, Drug Free Coalition**

Jan. 27 -- Community Kitchen – past presidents

Jan. 26 & 27 Wine on Ice – see Ron Tunison for raffle tickets - \$5 each or 3 for \$10

Jan. 28 Foundation Pancake Breakfast -- need servers, greeters, etc. See Alison Mandel

## HAPPY DOLLARS

\$Sharon M. – for speaker

\$Tony P. – speaker and thanks to all in Elmira Kiwanis; enjoyed his time with us immensely

\$Mike Wayne – Speaker and the fact he and his wife wrapped last night, busy but not much money made

\$Nancy N. – for the speaker

\$Susan H. – speaker and for 8 days of Hanukkah and 12 days of Christmas

\$John K. – speaker and missed meetings

\$TJ – confused because sign says Capabilities meeting here and message from Bob Grissom

\$Ron. T – speaker and Aktion Club Christmas party.

\$Ron A. -- speaker

**Hometown Heroes Banner Program** is underway, think about all contributing to a banner for your loved one(s) who has served our country. (Application on Elmira Downtown Development website).

Starting in January, Ray's Pay Day will change. If someone wins, Kiwanis will pay for their lunch. If they are not there, it will pay for lunch the next week.

Elmira Kiwanis and Key Clubs will be serving coffee/donuts to volunteers waiting in line to pick up Arctic League bags to deliver on Christmas morning.

Aktion Club held White Elephant styled Christmas party

4700 wreaths were placed at Woodlawn Cemetery on Saturday

## Ray's Pay Day & 50/50

Ray's Pay Day: would have gone to Bob Kramarik

50/50 – \$8 won by Carolee Sherman but not the \$234

