



Rochester Day Makers Kiwanis Club

Tuesdays 9:00 A.M. at Flamingo Bingo,
Hwy 52 N., East Frontage Road

See Day Makers on the web at: <http://www.kiwanisrochester.org>
See MN-DAK District Site at: <http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org>

Newsletter for January 2010

Minnekotan for this month is available at:
<http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/newsletter.php>

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OFFICERS

President	Kathy Davis
Imm. Past Pres.	Marie Alexander
Pres. Elect	Don Wendt
1 st Vice Pres.	Joanne Markee
2 nd Vice Pres.	Richard Odell
Secretary/Treasurer	Dick Lundberg

DIRECTORS (3 yr terms)

Jerry Steinke	2010
Judy Lien	2010
Steve Steele	2011
Dave Arlander	2012
David Moehnke	2012

CHAIRS & Meeting Dates

Membership	Joanne Markee	4 st Thursday 9am
Program	Don Wendt	1 nd Tuesday
Youth Services	Jerry Steinke	1 st Tuesday
Community Services	Richard Odell	3 rd Tuesday
Human & Spiritual Values		2 nd Tuesday
Young Children Priority One	Larry Scilley	4 th Tuesday
Operations	Marie Alexander	1 st Tuesday
Public Relations		

Historian: Bruce Keller	Pres. Advisor:
Interclub: Larry Krob	Web/Newsletter: Dick Odell, J im Cook
Asst Sec./Treas: Jack Looft	Regional Rep:

Program Schedule :

Jan 5 2009 Forecast Result and 2010 Projections ,
Kathy Davis

Jan 12 Childhood in Occupied Latvia

Jan 19 United Way, April Sutor

Jan 26 Volunteer Medicine , Dr Phil Karsell

See Day Makers 2009 Christmas Party Photos at:
<http://kiwanisrochester.org/Christmas09.htm>

Dates to Remember:

2010:
Feb 19-20th, K-Family Retreat, Ironwood Springs,
Key Club Div 9

April 10th, Kiwanis ONE DAY Event

April 16-18th, Div 9 Key Club Spring Convention,
Willmar, MN

Special Thanks:

A special thanks to all those Day Makers who helped with the Kiwanis Hockey Festival this year. Event funds will be distributed in February timeframe.
Dick Odell

Presidents' Corner:

(Thoughts while driving...no texting involved.)

This past week as I was driving home after singing at the Nursing Home and I was thinking about how glad and proud I was to be a member of our Kiwanis Club. Just seeing, hearing and witnessing how our members rallied around and volunteered to sing and help others have a bit of joy at Christmas was wonderful. It is what Christmas is all about. You are all a wondrous group.

Also want to thank Al Southwick for suggesting we go caroling and Paul Lamoreux for bringing the song sheets.

A couple of weeks ago many of you volunteered many hours with Christmas Anonymous and helped many people to have a more joyous Christmas. A big thank you to all who participated and especially Ken Plummer for heading up this important activity.

This final week of December brings the big Kiwanis Hockey Festival with lots of involvement by many area Kiwanians, especially Day Makers. Hopefully your favorite team won and lots of money was brought in to help pay for all our community activities.

We will continue to meet at Flamingo Bingo, so make sure you show up next Tuesday, Jan 5, 2010 at Flamingo Bingo. Happy New Year!

Kathy Davis, President

January Birthdays:

2 Paul Sodt	20 Jean Dunn	29 Shirley Rossi
8 Vern Knappe	22 Ella VanLaningham	30 Roger Haugen
8 Dave Truxal	25 Jerine Jones Erickson	
14 Bill Dunnette	27 Dave Arlander	

January Anniversaries:

None

Secretary/Treasurer's Report - Nov'09

Bank Balance 11/30/09:	\$ 17,169.40
Administrative Account:	\$ 15,934.11
Service Account:	\$ 864.94
Hockey/YCPO:	\$ 21.60
Bike Repair:	\$ 86.75
Key Club	\$ 262.00

Day Makers on leave: Marv Anderson, Dick Hall, Merlyn Jeche, Ron King, Sara King

November Service Hour Statistics: 579 hours by 54 members, 63% Participation.

December 1, 2009 and December 8, 2009 Board Meeting Highlights:

The board discussed the options that have come up, so far, for a new meeting site. The Elks Club will charge us \$50 per meeting which includes coffee and cookies. The type of table could change from week to week, from round to rectangular. Pax Christi Church would be willing to host us at \$300 per quarter. As discussed at the November board meeting, we can continue to meet at Flamingo Bingo, but in the main bingo hall.

The board approved a motion that will have us continue to meet at Flamingo Bingo by moving into the main bingo hall for a trial period, while continuing to look at alternative sites and keeping our options open for a future move.

The board approved sponsoring a Builders Club at Gage School with the Boys and Girls Club.

Our Treasurer is concerned that the club will not have sufficient service income to support our service projects this year. We have lost some of our best fund raisers like the calendar project, and have not replaced them. Ideas brought up were more restaurant events like we did at the Outback, and loose change jugs that members can fill at home and bring in when full. Dave Moehnke will pursue the restaurant idea, and the loose change idea will be proposed after the first of the year.

The board will continue to look for alternative meeting sites. (Continued on page 3→)

Kiwanis Mission Statement:

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

Kiwanis International One Day Event:

The power of One Day...

A lot can happen in one day. A lot will happen on **Kiwanis One Day**, April 10, 2010:

- **Service**
Kiwanis One Day projects aren't just token acts of goodness. Clubs worldwide have planned major activities that will change their communities. Collectively, those countless hours of hands-on service will make a difference in the world.
- **PR**
These projects attract news media coverage.
- **Membership**
People want to join clubs that are making an impact, and that's what Kiwanis One Day is all about.
- **Fellowship**
With so much Kiwanis service going on, there'll be plenty of opportunities for interaction with Circle K, Key Club and other Kiwanis-family members.

To get the most of your Kiwanis One Day experience, plan now.

<http://www.kiwanisone.org/Pages/Resources/default.aspx?PageID=209>

Christmas 50's Web Music:

Click this URL for 1950's Christmas Music by the likes of Bing Crosby, Perry Como, Gene Autry, Andrew Sisters, Johnny Mathias, Dean Martin, Nat King Cole. And more!

http://heavens-gates.com/50s/50s_christmas.html

Program Committee:

We meet the 1st Tuesday of the month which will be January 5th this month to discuss Program for the following month. We'll meet after the formal meeting. If anyone has any concerns or suggestions, whether on the committee or not, please feel free to join us.

In February Sally and I will be out of town for two weeks so we would like to work on March presenters also.

Don Wendt

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership- Our membership is currently at 84, we have one prospect ready to join and two potential members.

Program- Christmas party will be next week, Social Security on 12/22, and Physical Therapy on 12/29.

Operations - Marie Alexander will be out for awhile, and someone else will have to chair the committee in her absence.

Public Relations - The Post Bulletin printed a listing of the new club officers. Bob Nowicki has some ideas concerning club publicity. Kathy has talked to Randy Chapman at the Post Bulletin on getting publicity for the Kiwanis Clubs and our involvement with the Tax Program.

Human & Spiritual Values- The invocation sign-up for the first quarter will be passed on a clip board.

Youth Services- The committee is attempting to get the other Kiwanis Clubs in Rochester to contribute to and participate in our youth projects.

IDD- There will be a new International Service Project announced at the 2010 Kiwanis International Convention. It will replace IDD. Feeding the Children International is in the running as a possible choice.

Richard Lundberg
Secretary/Treasurer

Web Humor – Oxymorons:

1. Is it good if a vacuum really sucks?
2. Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?
3. If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?
4. If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?
5. Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?
6. Why does "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?
7. Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?
8. Why do "tug" boats push their barges?

Game Day: Nebraska -36, Arizona -0



TIME

Time moves rapidly,
Too rapidly most of the time,
Like right now.
I want to remember the ride we took
Across the Dakota plains in that old Model T.
It was Christmas Eve.
It was bitterly cold.
We boys were bundled
In winter coats,
Mittens,
And stocking caps
Pulled snugly
Over our ears.
A carpet of newly-fallen snow
Lay smoothly atop the frozen earth.
A full moon transformed
The ever-changing landscape
Into a dazzling whiteness.
The trees and farm buildings
Became stunning silhouettes.
The heavens were radiantly blue.
The stars were sparkling jewels
Dancing to some heavenly tune.
The air was fresh and brisk and clean.
That glorious scene implanted
Itself deeply in my youthful mind.
Why?
My Father stopped that Model T.
He opened the door.
He stepped out into God's matchless display.
Spreading his arms as if he were absorbing it all,
He said,
"Children, look at what God has done
For us on this Christmas Eve."
I want time to stop.
I want to behold again
That wonderful scene of long ago.

Merle A. Dunn
Dec'09

Riverside Elementary K-kids:

Bird feeders were constructed by each of the Riverside K-kids during the last two meetings. The lumber was all recycled to add to the positive ecological impact of their service to the environment and to the birds in their back yards. Sunflower seeds were added to the feeders and they attracted a lot of birds. Kiwanis Day Makers Judy Lien, Bob Cook, Paul Lamoreux, and Dick Vrieze helped with the construction along with Gene Kivi seen in the photo below sacrificing his knees and potentially his fingers as Isaiah finishes his feeder. Aiden is admiring his good work.



The Key club members from Century High School were excellent helpers as they have been all year. The K-kids also collected re-cycling, wiped scuff marks off the floor, and worked on some ongoing craft projects.

At a recent Kiwanis Day Makers meeting the report on K-kids included plans to construct some bird houses to be part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network fund raiser in April. Day Maker members are requested to bring scrap lumber – 2x4's and 6" and 8" boards. K-kids will assemble and decorate the bird houses and donate them to the IHN fund raiser. In this photo an "official Peterson bluebird house" is seen along with a sample of the K-kids bird feeders. A variety of bird houses will be constructed. It will be fun.



Sue Thalacker and Al Strom

Post Office Web Humor: Christmas at USPS

There was a man who worked for the Post Office whose job was to process all the mail that had illegible addresses. One day, a letter came addressed in a shaky handwriting to God with no actual address. He thought he should open it to see what it was about.

The letter read:

Dear God,

I am an 83 year old widow, living on a very small pension. Yesterday someone stole my purse. It had \$100 in it, which was all the money I had until my next pension payment.

Next Sunday is Christmas, and I had invited two of my friends over for dinner. Without that money, I have nothing to buy food with, have no family to turn to, and you are my only hope. Can you please help me?

Sincerely, Edna

The postal worker was touched. He showed the letter to all the other workers. Each one dug into his or her wallet and came up with a few dollars. By the time he made the rounds, he had collected \$96, which they put into an envelope and sent to the woman. The rest of the day, all the workers felt a warm glow thinking of Edna and the dinner she would be able to share with her friends.

Christmas came and went. A few days later, another letter came from the same old lady to God. All the workers gathered around while the letter was opened.

It read:

Dear God,

How can I ever thank you enough for what you did for me? Because of your gift of love, I was able to fix a glorious dinner for my friends. We had a very nice day and I told my friends of your wonderful gift.

By the way, there was \$4 missing. I think it might have been those buffoons at the post office.

Sincerely,
Edna