



## Rochester Day Makers Kiwanis Club

Tues 9:00 A.M. at Rochester Elks Lodge 1091 Building,  
1652 US Hwy 52, Rochester MN 55901

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 2019

Minnekotan for this month is available at:  
<http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/Page/1014>

### KIWANIS SUPPORT



### CHRISTMAS ANONYMOUS EVENT

#### OFFICERS

President Jim Schwinghammer  
Imm. Past Pres. Shar Hain  
Pres. Elect Steve Panetta  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres. Kathy Davis  
Secretary/Treasurer Dick Lundberg

#### DIRECTORS (3 yr terms)

George Heyne 2019  
Larry Segar 2019  
Jim Decker 2020  
Dave Bhaskaran 2021  
Gary Post 2021

#### Chairs & Meeting Dates

Membership	Steve Panetta	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 9am
Program	Kathy Davis	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 10:15am
Youth Services	Curt Pearson, Ken Reding	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday
Community Services	Helen Kolb, Rick Johnson	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 8:30 am
Human & Spiritual	Ruth Vrieze	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 10am
Early Childhood Dev	Larry Scilley, Dick Vrieze	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday
Operations/Fund Raising	Shar Hain	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday
Board Meeting	Jim Schwinghammer	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 10am
Strategic Planning	Jim Cook	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 10am

Historian: Bruce Keller      Pres.Advisor: Jack Zierdt  
Interclub: Jack Zierdt      Web/Newsletter: Dick Odell  
Asst Sec./Treas: Jim Decker

#### Program Schedule:

- 1/08 - Salvation Army Warming Hut**, Alex Hurlebaus, Jim Schwinghammer
- 1/15 - Mayo films**, Bob Nowicki
- 1/22 - Park and Rec Update**, Mike Nigbur, Bob Nowicki
- 1/29 - Rochester Sports Commission**, Ed Hruska, Bob Nowicki

#### Dates to Remember:

- Jan 15<sup>th</sup> - Membership Committee**, 10am Club Room
- Jan 15<sup>th</sup> - Kiwanis Div 7 So Region Meeting**, R Schmidt VFW 5:15PM
- June 17<sup>th</sup> - Pizza Ranch Fund Raiser**, Stewartville
- June 23-26<sup>th</sup> - KI Convention, Orlando, Florida**, Walt Disney World Resort Learn more by calling (407) 566-5600
- July 30 - 25th Anniversary Party**, Willow Creek

**Be generous with your service and \$\$s.**

#### Kiwanis Children's Fund:

**Kids Need Kiwanis.** Gifts to the Children's Fund  
**Learn more at:**  
<http://www2.kiwanis.org/childrensfund/news/foundation/2017/07/19/talking-about-the-kiwanis-children's-fund-new-resources#.WXttnWyovs0>

#### January Birthdays:

4	Steve Panetta	20	Jean Dunn
8	Jim Decker	21	Jim Schwinghammer
8	Dave Truxal	22	Wayne Harvey
11	Rick Johnson	22	Ella VanLaningham

#### President' Corner:

It is very difficult to make changes in your life. You've been doing certain things the same way for many years. I tried to quit smoking for Lent one year and almost made it through Ash Wednesday!!! January is the time we all make resolutions to: lose some weight, quit smoking, start an exercise routine, get involved in a service organization. Usually that resolution fades by the end of January. One thing I resolve to do is to call people about joining Kiwanis. I've said at every membership meeting that I would call but somehow that gets lost in the hubbub of life.

Another thing you might try is taking a LIFE class at RCTC. They are informative, stimulating and thought provoking. Give it a try!

Much happened last month, and we were an integral part. Christmas Anonymous shows the heart and caring of this community and many people, especially the children, left in awe of the generosity of this event. Our Christmas party was joyous, the bells were ringing, and the voices were loud and clear! The hockey tournament raises money for our various causes and we also get to meet members from the other clubs in the city. Thanks to Bob Nowicki, Vern Yetzer and Bill Kalmes and a host of others for all they do to keep this activity going.

By the time you read these comments, you may have overdosed on football! Don't worry, in a month it will be over just in time for the baseball season!

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#### January Anniversaries:

None

## Secretary/Treasurer's Report – 12/11/2018

<b>Bank Balance 11/30/2018:</b>	\$13,332.96
Bike Repair Fund:	\$ 34.30
Charitable Account	\$ 4,220.43
Administrative Fund:	\$ -42.57
Service Fund:	\$ 9,120.80

**November Service Hour Statistics:** 610 hours by 31 members, 53% Participation.

### December Board Meeting Summary

Next year will our clubs 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, (July 26, 2019). An Ad Hoc committee of Shar Hain, Richard Lundberg, Bob Nowicki, and Jack Zierdt will begin making plans for a celebration. A line item is included, in the 2018/2019 budget, for expenses. Bob Nowicki will update our club's history. Kathy Davis and Jim Schwinghammer will call a meeting to review and select a date and venue. Willow Creek Golf, Castle (Old Senior Center), and VFW are being considered.

The board discussed a Rochester School District initiative to pursue a grant, which would assist homeless families that have children attending our schools. The Youth Committee will follow up.

The membership committee met with the executives at Shorewood, and will meet with them again in January with a PowerPoint presentation. We may have an off-site club meeting there in 1Q19.

A Pizza Ranch Fundraiser is available on Monday June 17, 2019. The board passed a motion to direct scheduling this fundraiser with Pizza Ranch. The board encouraged scheduling another Pizza Ranch Fundraiser in early fall 2019.

The board discussed the possibility of trying Genius Software in our elementary school reading programs. The board encouraged pursuing this further, at Pinewood School. The board also, directed that board members be put on the list to sign-up and try the software.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Community Service-** The committee is very busy with Christmas Anonymous, and the Hockey Festival. The committee wants to look into "Sentence to Serve People" which could be a future meeting program.

**Early Childhood Development-** Currently doing pre-school reading - 30 books left. We have until the end of April to finish.

**Program-** Programs are booked through February with the exception of 1/15. 3/19 is also booked. The next Education Program will probably be in April.

**Strategic Planning-** The next meeting will be on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

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## Secy/Treas Report: (Continued)

**Human & Spiritual Values-** Sent a sympathy card to Mayor Ardell Brede on the passing of his spouse. Also, sent cards to those members who missed all club meetings in November and December. There are lots of openings for Salvation Army Bell Ringing.

**Membership-** Since Perkins has closed, the Membership Committee Monthly Meetings will be moved to Charlie's.

**Operations/Social Media/Web Site/Fund Raising-** The committee plans to meet on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Relations-** Lots of banners and other Kiwanis promotion will occur at the Kiwanis Hockey Festival later this month. Considering a Kiwanis Table at the Hockey Festival.

**Youth Services-** The committee is looking for help at Gibbs School.

**Richard E. Lundberg**, Secretary

### Harriet Bishop K-Kids:

The Bishop K Kids had their first meeting of the year in October and 38 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are signed up.

President Hamza Al-Zuhairi, who was vice president last year and lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Kids pledge. Advisors this year are Katie Schafer and Amanda Sikkink. Initial project was to make, sign and send thank you cards to Knudsen Construction office in Rochester and Minneapolis for their donation of the bases for the Buddy Benches at the school.

The role of the officers was also explained and those interested were asked to submit a copy of their speech to Mrs. Schafer and if approved they were allowed to make campaign posters.

At the Nov 14 meeting those running for office read their speeches, and in a new twist voting was done electronically on I-pads. Those elected were:

- President Hamza Al-Zuhairi
- Vice President Carina Johnson
- Secretary Kaylie Reiland
- Treasurer Ben Stolz
- Publisher Jack Wynia

The group then broke into subgroups to brainstorm possible projects they would like to work on during the upcoming months. Their next meeting is Dec 18.



**Richard Johnson**

**Presidents Corner:** Continued from page 1

Of course, I would like to see my Vikings win their first Super Bowl but coming back to earth I think it will be the New Orleans Saints! Remember when they were called the Aints?

On the Lighter Side – Buddy Hackett and Jimmy Durante played a round of golf, Buddy did quite well, Jimmy’s round was a disaster from the get-go. Walking off the 18<sup>th</sup> green, Jimmy asked Buddy what he should give the caddy. “Your clubs” said Buddy!!!

Thoughts for the New Year –  
Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors,  
and let every new year find you a better man.

Benjamin Franklin

The secret of getting ahead is getting started.

Mark Twain

One more because I like Twain:

Go to Heaven for the climate, Hell for the company.

Mark Twain

**Jim Schwinghammer,**  
President 2018-2019

**Kiwanis Hockey Festival Web Site:**  
<http://kiwanisrochester.org/hockey>

**Christmas Anonymous: 2018 Table Moves**

Twenty+ (heavy) tables and moving carts for upcoming Christmas Anonymous event were delivered to CUMC for the big event with a big truck and a big trailer.

The real work begins soon when the food semi-trucks arrive and the gift distribution began. Then our rebuilt Kiwanis bicycles arrive for distribution, etc.



Be sure and thank Rick Johnson, Jim Decker and the rest of our Kiwanis team for helping many families have a joyful Christmas this year. Think, “What more can I do?”

**Dick Odell** (More on Page 6)

**Kiwanis Day Makers /Golden K:  
Christmas Anonymous 2018**

Once again our club along with the Golden K and with support of some outside help provided the logistical support for Christmas Anonymous, and much appreciated thanks to all who helped.

Here is a summary of our efforts.

- 518 families were served by Christmas Anonymous, (this included 1590 children aged 1 to 18) and 330 seniors receiving food baskets
- Collected food clothing and toys from 18 grade schools
- Loaded food (4,500 lbs.), delivered and assisted in senior food packing
- Assisted with KTTC Toy Drive
- Moved 70 - 8 ft. tables from Graham Arena to Christ United Methodist Church and returned same, and ~21 - 8ft tables to CUMC from storage and back ... DickO’s truck/trailer
- Moved all clothing, toys, racking, etc. from storage to CUMC
- Moved 220 bikes to CUMC from storage
- Assisted on store day with cardboard breakdown, checkout, clean up etc.
- Returned all leftover items to storage. This was accomplished by the transportation volunteers.

Many other Day Maker volunteers worked in food packing, drop off contribution center, bike repair, used toys, store day support, escorts and other areas.

We encountered many changes this year because of road construction and remodeling at CUMC. Food packing was done at Channel One and brought over and distributed out of Metcalf semi-truck which saved us a great deal of time.

Total Hours for Transportation Area including both Day Makers and Golden K was approx. 220 hours.

**Rick Johnson**

**See page 6 for photos gifting at CUMC.**

**Kiwanis Hockey Festival: Dec 26-28th**

This is a major fund raising event for all Rochester Kiwanis clubs and the funds are shared between the clubs based upon each club’s participation in supporting the event. Kiwanis clubs sold tickets, took tickets, worked the arena, did setup and take down ...lots of activities. Check out the website at:

<http://kiwanisrochester.org/hockey> and see page 4.

**Dick Odell**

## SMIF Reading Program Nov'18:

Day Makers read and gave books to 97 students at Mighty Oaks Pre School Learning Center in a morning and afternoon session on Nov. 9th.



On Nov. 26 Day Makers read and gave books to 25 children at the Listos Pre-School. Several Spanish books were also given during these reading and book give away sessions.



A big **Thank You** to all who helped. The children are so excited to receive their own books. We appreciate the generous gift of books from the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation.

**Dick and Ruth Vrieze**

## Kiwanis Hockey Festival: Dec 26-28<sup>th</sup> 2018

Colorful posters were put up around town.....



The Kiwanis Hockey Festival was well attended (first day estimate), ticket sales brisk and crowd was vocal.



Kiwanians at work selling tickets....



All 4 Rochester Kiwanis Clubs participated in planning, selling tickets and covering the required festival volunteer jobs at the arenas. The weather was even reasonable for late December.

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**Kiwanis Hockey Festival:** (continued from page 4)

Kiwanians and friends are ready to cheer their favorites.



Fans were ready to cheer their teams and snack and hot coffee is always a best seller...



The Gold Medal Varsity Champs were Roch Century...



Great event ...many thanks to all Rochester Kiwanis Clubs for their efforts.

**Dick Odell**

<http://kiwanisrochester.org/hockey>

**Kiwanis SMIF Reading Program:**

Our final Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation reading event of this calendar year was held at Early Childhood, Northrop School on December 11. This was one of the three classrooms we read and gave books to the children.



Thanks to all our faithful readers this year.

**Dick Vrieze**

**Day Makers Future Big Events:**

**Pizza Ranch "Tips Night" Fundraiser Dates**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Our club is scheduled for the two following dates in 2019:

**Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> and Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

Even though our club didn't make as much at the last PR Fundraiser as it had made in 2015 and 2016, it is still a very good fundraiser when we can make that amount of money in one night. Remember, we get all of the tips plus 10% of the night's profits. And our total earnings go into our club's Service Fund.

**Judy Zierdt and Jim Cook, co-chairs**

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**Celebration Time is coming in July of 2019.**

On July 26, 2019 the Rochester Day Makers Kiwanis Club will be 25 years old. We will be celebrating this 25th anniversary on Tuesday, July 30, 2019.

We will have a banquet that evening at the Willow Creek Golf Course Clubhouse. We will not be having a morning meeting on this date. Place it on your calendar!!

More information, regarding this anniversary celebration, will be forthcoming during the coming months of 2019 leading up to this date.

**Jack Zierdt**

## Christmas Anonymous Gifting at CUMC:

Gifts for Christmas... <http://www.christmasanonymous.org/>



More Toys....



Lots of Books...



Warm Clothing...



Sweaters, Hats and Gloves...



518 Families and 330 Adult Boxes of Gifts and Food provided in December 2018.

## Then The Kiwanis Bicycles Arrived:

And the Kiwanis boys delivered....



Jim, Larry, Ken, Dave, George and several others...



200+ bicycles to select from.....



We even had wrapping paper and ribbons.....



Thank you all for your support. Photos by Dick Odell