



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 2020

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

**DAY MAKERS
KIWANIS**



HOCKEY FESTIVAL

OFFICERS

President Kathy Davis
Imm. Past Pres. Jim Schwinghammer
Pres. Elect
1st Vice Pres. Open
Secretary/Treasurer Shar Hain/J Zierdt

DIRECTORS (3 yr terms)

Jim Decker 2020
Dave Bhaskaran 2021
Garry Post 2021
Bruce Keller 2022
Larry Scilley 2022

Chairs & Meeting Dates

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

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

Program Schedule:

01/07 Title 9 Women's Sports, Diane Ilstrup, Carolyn Heyne

01/14 Elder Network Transp / Caregiver Support, Greg Voss and Holly Brown, Carolyn Heyne

01/21 Opportunity Services, Laurie Ackerman, Kathy Davis

01/28 Veterans Cemetary-Preston, Robert Gross, Dallas Glaser

Dates to Remember:

Jan 07th – First Day Makers Meeting of 2020

Jan 17-18th - District Kiwanis Tri-K Board Meeting, Fergus Falls, MN

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#.WXtnWyovs0>

January Birthdays:

1/04 Steve Panetta	1/20 Jean Dunn
1/08 Dave Truxel	1/21 Jim Schwinghammer
1/08 Jim Decker	1/22 Wayne Harvey
1/11 Rick Johnson	1/22 Ella Van Laningham

Presidents' Corner:

New Years Greetings to All,
2019 is History and 2020 is the future !
Our club had a very active and busy year and 2020 looks to be the same. 😊
We had so many activities for the year that I'm not going to go into the year but I will recap December.
Christmas Anonymous was a success! A BIG THANK YOU to all of our members for all of their very hard work to make this program possible. 513 families were served which included over 1500 children who received gifts of food, clothing and toys. Yes, our club provided much of the man -power to put this on. Thank you all.

Once again we were out reading in the schools. We finished up our SMIF books by reading to the pre-school kids at Hoover. What a delightful program this is. I can't wait until we get more books next year.

Our Christmas party was a very fun event. We were joyfully entertained by the bell ringers from Homestead Retirement Community. Thank you Deedee Odell for bringing this fine group. The treat table was decked out with wonderful sweets that many of you brought for all of us to enjoy. Along with partying we were also thinking of others. Our club collected over 75 personal items for our friends at Hawthorn School. We collected items from tooth paste to soap to Kleenex and many other items plus 5 gift bags. Thank you all for helping to make life a bit easier for others.

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January Anniversaries:

None

Treasurer's Report - 12/10/2019

Bank Balance 11/30/2019: **\$15,954.58**

Administrative Account: \$ 146.37

Service Account: \$12,489.82

Charitable Account: \$ 3,318.39

K Dollars Collected: **\$ 269.00**

Jack Zierdt, Treasurer

Christmas Anonymous: Bicycles Delivered

Kiwanis Clubs and the Day Makers begin their setup activities for Christmas Anonymous by delivering 35+ tables and other furniture required to hold all the 1000's of Christmas gifts, books, clothing, etc.



The Setup Team under the leadership of Rick Johnson would like to encourage all Kiwanis Clubs to accept new members – stronger and younger than 65+, as our team is beginning to age.

Dave Bhaskaran and Dick Odell

Kiwanis Day Makers/Golden K:

Christmas Anonymous 2019

The 54th year of Christmas Anonymous is in the history books and once again our club played a vital role. The Golden K and the DayMakers headed up the logistical effort with the help of some outside groups and individuals.

- 511 families were served by Christmas Anonymous, (this included approximately 1500 children aged 1 to 18) and 300 seniors receiving food baskets
- Collected food clothing and toys from all participating grade schools
- Loaded food (4,500 lbs.), delivered and assisted in senior food packing
- Assisted with KTTC Toy Drive and moved gifts from Gibbs Elem to church
- Unloaded 81 plastic tables loaned to us by the fair board and moved 31 tables from storage to CUMC. Odell truck and trailer. Also reversed the process after conclusion.
- 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 didn't have to deal with any road construction this year or any remodeling at CUMC. The food was once again packed at Channel One and brought over by and distributed out of a Metcalf semi-truck which saved us a great deal of time.

Total Hours for Transportation Area including both DayMakers and Golden K was **approx. 200 hours**. Thanks to those who participated.

A final note that JM raised and donated \$39,612.50 for next year, which included a \$5000 donation from Mayo Clinic.

Rick Johnson

MN-Dak District Star Awards:

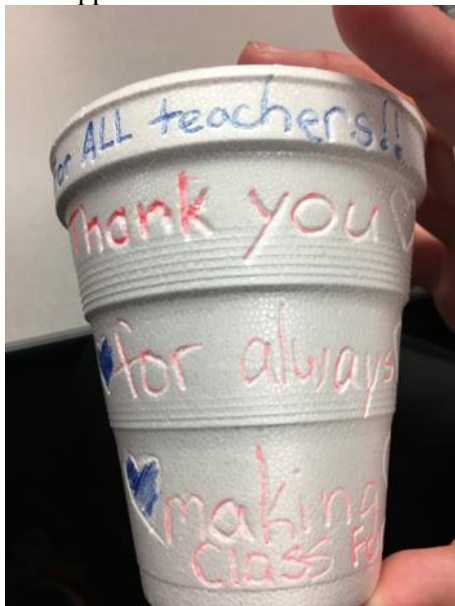
The Division 7 Star Awardee is Walt Sentyrz from the Kiwanis Club of North East Minneapolis.

<https://portalbuzzuserfiles.s3.amazonaws.com/ou-87/userfiles/files/final%20booklet%20for%202019.pdf>

Harriet Bishop K Kids: Holiday Cheer

Today, they were also making something for their teachers.

The Harriet Bishop K Kids served up hot chocolate for their teachers and other school personnel this holiday season. They decorated styrofoam cups with drawings and words of appreciation at their December meeting.



I'm sure it was a welcome treat on those cold days.



Rick, Herb and Helen

President Corner: Continued from page 1

We finished off the month and the year with a Big Bang! Yes once again all the Kiwanis Clubs of Rochester pulled together and put on the Kiwanis Hockey Festival . Lots and lots of hours are put in to make this happen and thank you to all that helped. Many children will benefit from this event.

May you all have a wonderful New Year!!!!

Kathy Davis
President, Day Makers Kiwanis

Holiday Concert Event:



The December 7 Rochester Barbershop & Sweet Adeline Holiday concert at Charlies was a success. 130 people enjoyed the concert and treats. A big thank you to Day Makers Kiwanis for co-sponsoring this fun event!

Gary Post

SMIF Reading Program: Hoover Elementary

The final Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation Reading and book giveaway was held on November 18, at Hoover Elementary Pre School.



The Kiwanis Reading Team read to 142 children that morning.



Many thanks to all who participated.

Dick Vrieze

Secretary Report: 12/10/19

December Board Meeting Highlights

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Evaluative comments about the Rochester Barbershop Concert scheduled for December 7th, were that it was very successful with over 130 people present for the performance. Garry Post commented that he was very pleased with the Kiwanis Club help and the great audience.

NEW BUSINESS:

A concern was brought up regarding people's cell phones being on and used during our meetings. "It is very disrespectful and annoying to have people talking on their cell phones during our meetings." If it is necessary to take a call during the meeting the person should step out so as not to disrupt the program or meeting. A reminder will be announced at the beginning of our meetings to turn off or put your phone on silent mode. It was, also, stated that there should be no playing on phones or tablets during the time the speaker is presenting.

It was announced that we will be receiving a new member after January 1st. Lisa Linn (friend of Kathy Davis) is transferring from the Sunrisers Kiwanis Club to our club January 1.

Jack Zierdt will be sending out newsletters to those members that aren't able to read it online as they don't have a computer.

Ruth Vrieze commented that she was saddened that our club was not involved in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing this year. Ruth, under the Human and Spiritual Aims Committee will be handling this project for the 2020 year.

Dick Vrieze moved "that the scholarship committee further investigate the possibility for Day Makers to offer 1 or 2 - \$500.00 scholarships to Century High School Graduates to attend RCTC." Jim Schwinghammer seconded the motion. **Approved**

Comments were made on the fact that we all need to invite friends, neighbors, or relatives, to our meetings and/or service projects to see what we are all about. Don't push the membership immediately

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Secretary Report: Continued

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Service:

We are in need of workers and volunteers for Christmas Anonymous. Hockey Festival will be coming up – the committee is working hard to fill in gaps from losing our major sponsor. The new warming center for the homeless was brought up by a club member with the question what can we do? It will be discussed at the next committee meeting as to the possibility of staffing or other help for the center.

Early Childhood Development:

The final (SMIF) Book reading is scheduled. December 18th at Hoover. It was, also, announced that the 350 packets from the public library will include the alphabet song for new mothers to sing to the newborns.

Human and Spiritual Values: Ruth will be sending a Thank You to Bev Livesay for the two binders that she put together on Invocations and Thoughts For The Day. These binders will be kept in the white cabinet for use by any member and/or president at our meetings.

Membership: There are 2 packets for potential members in the podium. There will be a Membership Committee meeting on December 19th.

Operations:

It was asked that a committee meeting be held to discuss Fund Raising plans for the 2020 year. It was, also, announced that the Hockey Festival is coming up on December 26, 27, 28, and help is needed.

Program:

Speakers/programs are scheduled in January with some open dates and working into the 2020 year. December 17th Christmas Party – Audience for a group practicing at Christ United Methodist Church.

No meetings will be held on December 24th and 31st

Youth Services:

The committee will be meeting in January

Jack Zierdt, Acting Secretary

Kiwanis Hockey Festival:

The 2019 Hockey Festival was another success for our Rochester Kiwanis clubs. Thanks to everyone for your continued support of our Kiwanis Hockey Festival. This was our 27th Annual Event and hopefully one of our best as Bob said in his KTTC interview, “we’re finally getting it right.”

KTTC TV gave us great TV coverage this year for the event and interview.



And our Hockey Festival spokesman did a great on camera interview ... well done Bob Nowicki.



Ticket sales were brisk each day and especially when Rochester Century Varsity made it to the finals and won the Gold Championship.



Kiwanis Hockey Festival: (Continued)



Even the K-Kids got into the spirit of the event with a special “Chuck-a-Pucks” opportunity. The K Kids helped with selling the Chuck a Pucks. Thanks to Helen for pointing that out. The young lady 2nd from the left is Kennedy, Vern Yetzer’s granddaughter who helped Bob most of the festival.



Many thanks to all Kiwanians who supported and worked this important Service Project Fund Raising event.

A special thanks to the team coaches and to KTTC’s Pat Lund for all your support of this important holiday event.

The 2019 Kiwanis Hockey Festival web site is available at: <http://kiwanisrochester.org/hockey> and it shows team scoring grids, event history and has full sized photos of the championship winning teams.

Bob Nowicki, Helen Kolb and Dick Odell

Riverside K-Kids:

Please save your HyVee receipts for Riverside elementary school. The school turns them in to the store and receives a percentage of the sales. Easy way to earn money for our kids!

Thanks, and Happy New Year!

Helen Kolb

Riverside K-Kids: Thank You Teachers

The Riverside K Kids spent their December meeting decorating Christmas cookies. The cookies were given to all the teachers and other personal at their school.



No frosting or sprinkles were spared in the preparation!!!



Helen Kolb

Riverside K-Kids: Popcorn Fun

One of our club's very first school projects was Terrific Kids. At the very first assembly we discovered that classes had a traveling trophy for the class that brought in the most box tops and redeemable milk bottle tops. To help further incent students to bring in these items (the school would receive 5 cents per item and use this to purchase additional playground equipment) we volunteered to hold a popcorn party for the winning class.

This was 25 years ago, at Hawthorn School with one class of about 28 students.



Since then the Hawthorne School expanded to the Riverside School and we have been making popcorn and providing juice boxes to 4 classes, one each in K-1; 2-3; and 4-5 with an average of 25 students in each class. Bob Nowicki has been involved since the beginning and thanks to Dave Truxal, Dave Moehnke, and most recently, George Heyne, we continue. Everyone is welcome to help and share seeing the enjoyment the kids and teachers show. Helen Kolb did her first visit this month.

This year Riverside implemented the Awesome Class Award. Once a month the phy-ed teacher, the art teacher, the music teacher, and the media teacher each choose one classroom that has shown exemplary behavior during the month. These classrooms receive a certificate, trophy, and the popcorn party. This has helped motivate students to be respectful and responsible during their phy-ed, music, art, and media classes.



Once a month we become very popular throughout the school as the scent of fresh popcorn penetrates the hallowed halls of learning.

Bob Nowicki