



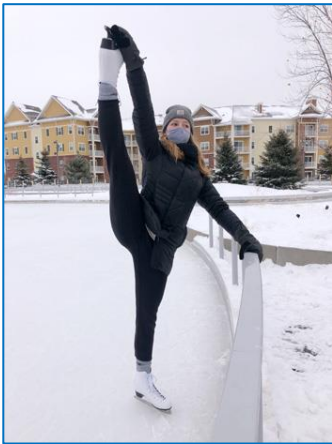
**Rochester Day Makers Kiwanis Club**  
 Tues 9:00 A.M. at Rochester Elks Lodge 1091 Building,  
 1652 US Hwy 52, Rochester MN 55901  
 See Day Makers on the web at: <http://www.kiwanisrochester.org>  
 See MN-DAK District Site at: <http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org>  
**Newsletter for January 2021**  
 Minnekotan for this month is available at:  
<http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/Page/1014>

**DAY MAKERS  
 KIWANIS**  
  
**COVID-19**  
  
**SOCIAL  
 DISTANCING  
 CONTINUES**

<b>OFFICERS</b> President Kathy Davis Imm. Past Pres. Jim Schwinghammer Pres. Elect 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres. Open Secretary/Treasurer Jack Zierdt		<b>DIRECTORS (3 yr terms)</b> Dave Bhaskaran 2021 Garry Post 2021 Bruce Keller 2022 Larry Scilley 2022 Jim Decker 2023		<b>Chairs &amp; Meeting Dates</b> Membership Jim Schwinghammer 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 9am Program Larry Segar 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 10:15am Youth Services Helen Kolb, Ken Redding 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday Community Services 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 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday Operations/Fund Raising Jim Schwinghammer 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday Board Meeting Kathy Davis 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 10am Strategic Planning Jim Cook	
Historian: Bruce Keller Interclub: Herb Erickson Asst Sec./Treas: Jim Decker		Pres. Advisor: Jack Zierdt Web/Newsletter: Dick Odell			

**Program Schedule:**  
**...Special Notice ...**  
**Our board of directors will let us know when to resume in person meetings.**  
  
**Two Zoom meeting in January:**  
  
**01/05 Kiwanis International Childrens' Fund,**  
 Angie Munger, Jim Cook  
  
**01/19 Make A Wish - St. Paul, Laurie Hansen, Jim Cook**  
  
**Keep in touch via email or phone and stay safe.**

**January Skate Time:**



Stretch and warm up first .....

**Presidents' Corner:**  
  
 New Year's Greetings Day Makers  
  
 Here we are hopefully starting a new and improved 2021. Keep you fingers crossed that that happens.  
  
 Though before we start 2021 I want to wrap up a few things from 2020. First of all a big thank you to Rick Johnson, Dave Bhaskaran and Helen Johnson for their help with this year's Christmas Anonymous. It truly was an event where everyone had to think and plan outside of the box. Well over 600 families were helped. Only time will tell how next years event be planned. Next I would like to thank Ruth Vrieze for organizing bell ringing for the Salvation Army and all of our bell ringers. A fun time was had by all.  
  
 We are starting off 2021 still zooming our meetings but hopefully we can begin meeting in person in the near future. Hope the vaccine works and all of you will get a chance to get your shot soon. We are paying the Elks \$50 a month for the storage of our meeting things until we are back meeting there.  
  
 We have a good group of members zooming with us, but I would love to see more of you joining in. If you need help or instructions on zooming please let us know and we can get Dave B to help you. 😊  
  
 In closing I want leave you with wishes, good thoughts and a little Irish Blessing for 2021.  
  
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**January Birthdays:**

08 Jim Decker	11 Rick Johnson	22 Wayne Harvey
08 Dave Truxal	21 Jim Schwinghammer	22 Ella Vanlangingham

**January Anniversaries:**  
 None

### Treasurer's Report – 12/28/2020

<b>Bank Balance 12/28/2020:</b>	<b>\$ 19,443.11</b>
Administrative Account	\$ 3,659.47
Service Account	\$ 11,551.50
Charitable Account	\$ 4,232.14

Total Membership	<b>46</b>
<b>“K” Dollars Total</b>	<b>\$142.00</b>
as of 12/28/2020	

**Jack Zierdt**, Treasurer

### Children's Fund: Amazon Smile Program

When you shop this fall, remember the Amazon Smile Program for boosting our fundraising projects.

<https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/homepage?orig=%2F>

Same products, same prices, same service. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases.

What a good fundraising opportunity for our Kiwanis Clubs. Check it out at the web site shown above.

**Herb Erickson and Dick Odell**

### Day Makers ZOOM Meetings:

**Time: Jan 5, 2021 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89639034985?pwd=OHRzYUxrR0dXTU5ma2ZOTXZJS2NHQT09>

Meeting ID: 896 3903 4985

Passcode: goblue

**Time: Jan 19, 2021 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88582285531?pwd=YmVoTURiKzJMZWZBOEJJcFB0enRVZz09>

Meeting ID: 885 8228 5531

Passcode: goblue

**David Bhaskaran**

### KI Youth Protection Guidelines: Questionnaire

Here is the link to the KI Youth Protection (Questionnaire) Guidelines that Jack Z referenced in Nov.

<http://kiwanisrochester.org/KIYouthGuide2020.pdf>

### Board of Directors Meeting – Dec 8, 2020

Kathy called the ZOOM Board meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

**Board Members/Committee Chairs Present:** Jack Zierdt, Dave Bhaskaran, Jim Cook, Garry Post, Kathy Davis, Bruce Keller, Jim Decker, Ruth Vrieze, Larry Scilley, Jim Schwinghammer

**Board Members/Committee Chairs Absent:** Larry Segar, Ken Reding, Helen Kolb, Rick Johnson

**Others Present:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** Dave Bhaskaran moved and Garry Post seconded to approve the Agenda as presented.

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Garry Post moved, and Ruth Vrieze seconded to approve the minutes from the November 10th Board Meeting. **Approved**

**Treasurer's Report for November 30, 2020:** The printed report was sent out to all board members preceding the meeting. Following discussion, the report was filed as sent out. **Approved**

Dave Bhaskaran moved and Ruth Vrieze seconded to contribute the \$25.00 to Division 7 for the Education Day/Governor Visit.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

We will continue to hold our meetings via Zoom at least through March 2021.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held that our Key Club at Century High School and our K-kids club at Riverside are still not holding meetings during this Covid time. We were given a reprieve from paying dues for this year due to not holding meetings. However, our club is still credited with sponsoring the clubs and their listed under our Day Makers name. Our K-kids club at Harriet Bishop has held one meeting in December via Google Meets and will hold more meetings following the holidays on Google Meets.

Kathy, again, mentioned that she has been in communication with the Elks Club regarding our storage of belongings of Club items and especially the big white cabinet even though we are not holding meetings during this time. She has communicated to the Elks that we plan to return to in person meetings at their facility when this pandemic clears up for meeting attendance. She stated that they agreed on payment of rent for the storage at the rate of \$150.00 per quarter.

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**Kiwanis Day Makers Club Dues:**

January is the 1<sup>st</sup> month of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the Kiwanis year. Please send your check for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter dues to Jack.

The dues are as follows: Regular Membership \$45.00 @quarter; Spouse Membership \$25.00 @quarter and Life Membership \$35.00 @quarter.



**Jack Zierdt**  
DM Treasurer

**President's Corner:** (Continued from page 1)

Irish Blessing

May you have all the happiness and luck that life can hold-  
And at the end of all your rainbows  
May you find a pot of gold 🍀

**Kathy Davis**, President.

**Social Distancing on Ice:**

Take Some Kids Skating ... MN winter fun.



Figure skate or learn hockey ....

**Dick Odell**

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing:**

The Day Makers concluded their Salvation Army Bell Ringing on December 17. Everyone reported having a wonderful time and our location was very busy most all of the time.

Evidence that the "teams" were in place.



Yes, this is Jim Decker, Helen Kolb and Kathy Davis.



Thank you Dick and Ruth for your leadership in this important fund raiser for Salvation Army.



Our very own "Kiwanis Elf", Dave Bhaskaran ....

We were all impressed with the donations given. A small stick was needed to push the currency bills into kettle. Thanks again to all who volunteered.

**Ruth Vrieze and Dick Odell**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: Dec 8, 2020**  
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Comments and discussion about the importance of finding someone to become our President-Elect for this Kiwanis Year and becoming President for the 2021-2022 Kiwanis Year if we are going to be able to continue as the Day Makers Kiwanis Club. This is a very pressing issue that we need to solve in the immediate future as Kathy is presently Div 7 Lt. Governor Elect and will be the Lt. Governor next year for Division 7 of the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District.

As a District officer she can not hold a club office therefore, we need to have someone step forward.

Kathy adjourned the meeting at 10:55 AM

**Jack Zierdt (Secy/Treas)**

**MN-Dak District Job Opening:**

*Please note that application deadline has been extended until January 8th.*

**Job Opportunity for a Kiwanian to Serve as the Minnesota-Dakotas Secretary-Treasurer**

*Are you committed to Kiwanis and energized by serving?*

[Click here for more information and application details](#)

Steve Handegaard  
District Secretary-Treasurer  
Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis International



**Kiwanis**

(You will notice that this is a “part time job”, so there are some \$\$ and travel opportunities associated with this job. Dick Odell)

**K-Dollar Challenge Fund Raising:**

Continue saving your “K Dollars” for the Children’s Fund once again. The “K Dollar” Challenge will be held again for this next 2020-2021 Kiwanis year according to Kathy Welle, District Chair of Kiwanis International Foundation Children’s Fund.

I will gladly collect your “K Dollars” whenever we meet once again as a club at the Elks. Until then, you can either send your “K Dollars” to me via US mail or just meet up with me to donate to this challenge.

K-Dollars are readily available in SD/WY and McDonalds Drive-up window, just ask Farmer Dick Odell.



The Kiwanis Children’s Fund is a way of reaching children through grants, scholarship programs, and Kiwanis youth programs.

At the present time we have \$142.00 in “K-Dollars.”

**Judy Zierdt**

And yes, there is such a thing as a K-Dollar in the \$100 currency .... Keep your eyes open when spending.



**Dick Odell**

**One last joke:**

Why did the girl smear peanut butter on the road?  
- To go with the traffic jam.

**Kiwanis Mission Statement:** "Fund Raising"

I have missed saying the mission statement at meetings so I'm doing it here.

*"Kiwanis Day Makers is a local organization of volunteers, dedicated to improving our service fund, one gift card and one car wash card at a time."*

WOW, that really inspires me. I'm going to gas up and wash my car right now. See ya later.

**Herb Erickson**

**Kwik Trip Car Wash or Gift Cards:** Winter is Here !



Our club uses this opportunity as a fund raiser project.

**Herb Erickson and Dick Odell**

**Future Hockey and Figure Skaters:**



**Christmas Anonymous Recap:**

Just as everything else that has taken place in the last 10 months, Christmas Anonymous was no exception. The board was determined to find a safe way to continue the tradition and with the safety of both volunteers and clients in mind, a workable solution was developed.

Our transportation groups tasks were greatly reduced with no bikes, school pick-up, or fruit. Clean-up could also be accomplished in a more relaxed time frame on the following Monday rather than Saturday night. We were limited to just moving items from storage to Toys-R-Us and bringing excess back to storage, helping unload the food truck, and breaking down cardboard.

We were greatly aided by the Grizzlies hockey team who helped in the afternoon after practicing in Onalaska, Wi. In the morning because of the pandemic.

Also, although Sentence to Serve was not available, the Olmsted County deputies brought over the fa board plastic tables.

Food was packed at Channel One for 735 families and 248 seniors and was picked up and brought over by Metcalf on the Saturday of store day. Volunteers picked up the senior food and delivered it.

The various social service agencies distributed forms online with more detail than in the past, asking for not only family size and ages, but also sizes and preferences.

Then, the various departments; including Kathy Davis with the knits, spent many hours assembling bags to be passed out on Saturday morning when clients came at their assigned time to pick up.

I do not have the exact numbers but approximately 650 families including roughly 1700 children had a happier Christmas in what has be undoubtedly a rougher year for them.

Thanks to all who helped or offered to help.

**Rick Johnson**