



Rochester Day Makers Kiwanis Club

Tuesdays 9:00 A.M. at Senior Center

Use Senior Center Parking Lot

See Day Makers on the web at: <http://www.kiwanisrochester.org>

See MN-DAK District Site at: <http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org>

Newsletter for **February 2005**

Snow Birds Go South



For A Reason!

OFFICERS

President	Ella VanLaningham
Imm. Past Pres.	Marv Anderson
Pres. Elect	Al Strom
1 st Vice Pres.	Dick Hall
2 nd Vice Pres.	Phyllis Jacobs
Secretary/Treasurer	Dick Lundberg

DIRECTORS (3 yr terms)

John Braddock	2006
Tom Lemke	2007
Larry Mason	2005
Marlys McCoy	2006
Al Southwick	2007

CHAIRS & Meeting Dates

Membership	Dick Hall	Last Friday Breakfast
Program	Al Strom	1 nd Tuesday
Youth Services	Rosalie Rusovick	3 rd Tuesday
Community Services	Marie Alexander	3 rd Tuesday
Human & Spiritual Values	Frank Nichols	2 nd Tuesday
Young Children Priority One	Larry Scilley	4 th Tuesday
Operations	Marv Anderson	2 th Tuesday

Historian:	Bruce Keller
Interclub:	Phyllis Jacobs
Asst Sec./Treas:	Jack Looft
IDD:	Phyllis Jacobs

Publicity:	Tom Lemke
Web/Newsletter:	Dick Odell
Regional Rep:	Norm Morrison
Pres. Advisor:	Pat Horlocker

President's Corner

December is always a high month for us in service hours, starting with bell ringing and Christmas Anonymous, which I talked about last month, and ending with the Rochester Kiwanis/ Wells Fargo Hockey Festival. Thanks ... thanks ... thanks to all who helped with the festival this year, from selling ads and tickets (and buying tickets) to hanging banners and helping at the event sites. Special kudos to four of our members who have served all year on the festival planning committee – Bob Nowicki, Co-Chair; Jack Holmes, Recording Secretary; Barry Woodle, Treasurer; and Dick Odell, Hockey Webmaster.

Besides adding up service hours, the Hockey Festival is our primary fund-raising activity. After each tournament, a fairly large amount of the profits (\$5000-7000) is set aside for distribution to each of the clubs. Distribution of the money to each club is a percentage based on a combination of total hours worked by each club on the festival, advance ticket sales, and \$\$ amounts each club raised from ads and sponsors. The announcement about this year's awards will be made at the awards ceremony on February 24. The festival committee has contacted all presidents asking that new faces step forward to serve on committees. Most of the committee people have been the same for 7 to 10 years. Please consider talking to one of the committee members to discuss options. We'd like to have Day Makers be even more represented.

I could wax eloquent about every member of our club. You all do so much for your community. I received a letter from our Lieutenant Governor, Denny Harris, recognizing all of you with the following:

"I was just reading your wonderful website. Your club in my mind is the best club in our whole Region 7. I watch all of what you folks do and I am overwhelmed by all your projects and the amount of service hours each month.

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Program Schedule

Feb 01 Community Clothesline, Sister Chrishelle Jaspers; M Sorensen – JM tutoring

Feb 08 Pinewood Elementary School Testing Update, Roxanne Nauman, Principal, Pinewood School

Feb 15 The Muslim Community in Rochester, Shareef Al Shinnawi

Feb 22 Birds (Wildbirds of Rochester), Dave and Mary Newhouse

Mar 01 Junior Achievement, Bekka Meyer

Day Maker Web Site

The Day Makers web site has moved to a more appropriate URL. So reset your browser favorites to the following: <http://www.kiwanisrochester.org>. There are many cross-Kiwanian linkages from our web site. Check them out!

The **Kiwanis / Wells Fargo Hockey Festival** web site is located at: <http://kiwaniswellsfargohockey.com>

Dick Odell, web editor

February Birthdays

3	Vivain Wissink
7	Tom Lemke
9	Mike Siverling
10	Hollis Feeser
11	John Braddock
15	Marlys McCoy

February Anniversaries

17	Merlyn & Margaret Jeche
17	Ron & Sara King

Secretary/Treasurers Report – Jan '05

Bank Balance 12/31/04:	\$ 12,330.73
Administrative Account:	\$ 9,451.80
Service Account:	\$ 2,315.47
Hockey/YCPO:	\$ 402.04
Bike Repair:	\$ 161.42

December Service Hour Statistics: 1,032 hours by 57 members, 70% Participation.

Day Makers on leave: Marv Anderson, Bill Dunnette, Merlyn Jeche, Craig Martens, Frank Nichols, Rosalie Rusovick, David Truxal, Gerry Werven, John Wade

January 4, 2005 Board Meeting Highlights:

Skip-a-Meal will be done by January 25th. We should encourage donations. The board approved membership applications from Robert Mayhew and Connie Mayhew.

The board approved the distribution of \$2,000 from the Service Account as follows:

Channel One	\$100
IDD	\$500
Adaptive Floor Hockey	\$200
Bundles of Love	\$100
Interfaith Hospitality Network	\$ 75
Junior Achievement	\$125
Olmsted Co. History Center	\$150
Quarry Hill Nature Center	\$150
Rochester Senior Center	\$450
Salvation Army of Rochester	<u>\$150</u>
	\$2,000

The International President will visit our district April 8 - 10, 2005. The Kiwanis International Convention will be in Hawaii in June.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership - We have three candidates ready to join.

Program - Programs are scheduled through March 15th.

Operations - Senior Center coupon books will wrap up the end of January. George and Carolyn Heyne are working on development of our club foundation. Bob Wenner will be chairing committee while Marv Anderson is on leave.

Community Service - Bruce Keller will be an every other Tuesday driver for CFR. Chili Feed tickets will be here soon.

Human & Spiritual Values - A women's prison book project was announced. Books will be collected on the last meeting of the month for several months.

Youth Services - 140 bicycle helmets were distributed at Christmas Anonymous. The committee is looking for a better way to distribute them. There were also bicycles left behind, presumably because of lack of transportation. Century Key Club needs help conducting meetings in an organized fashion. JMHS tutoring is getting off the ground with a few members signed up to participate.

IDD - More emphasis and information on IDD donations will be coming. Members will be encouraged to place coin containers in businesses and follow up on them regularly.

Richard Lundberg, Secretary/Treasurer

Human and Spiritual Values Committee:

The tradition followed on **Saint Valentine's Day** in the United States includes romantic valentines, flowers, and candy. The school children exchange valentines. It is surprising to learn that historians have produced no records to unveil the origin of our Saint Valentine's Day in the United States.

The *World Book* lists three different martyrs named Saint Valentine who possibly had connection with our tradition but suggest that would only be a guess. One Saint Valentine was a Roman priest and doctor, who was beheaded about 269 A.D. The cemetery he was buried in was named after him. Another Saint Valentine was beheaded in Rome about 273 A.D. He was a bishop. The third Saint Valentine was a little known martyr who lived and died in Africa.

The *World Book* proposed that the most plausible origin of our Saint Valentine's Day celebration extends from a Roman festival held on February 15th. On this day, the men draw lots to see which young man and which young lady will be their "valentines" for the coming year. Gifts are exchanged. Now and then they became betrothed.

Merle A. Dunn

President's Corners : (Cont from page 1)

It must be because Herb is in the club!!! Keep up the good work. I'm really proud of your club!" I'm really proud of our club, too.

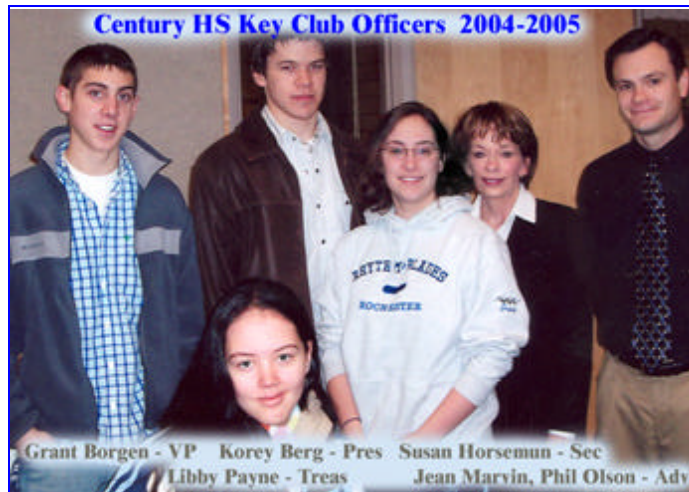
Another letter from Rod Milbrandt of RCTC:

"I would like to recognize and thank the members of your group who have given of their time and helped us greatly here at RCTC. They have come weekly to our physics lab area and repaired equipment, sometimes purchasing parts that were needed themselves. This has allowed our student to do experiments and use apparatus that otherwise wouldn't have been available. The help of your members has been of great value: Bruce Keller, Bob Nowicki, Zanti Squillace, Dave Truxal, Mike Siverling and Larry Segar."

Time now to close. Thank you for your participation, your service and your friendship.

Ella

Century HS Key Club Officers:



Special Events:

- Feb 24 Thurs - Hockey Festival Luncheon, Holiday Inn South, \$8.50
- Feb 27 Sunday - Food Distribution at Century HS with Key Club members

Chili Feed:

The five Rochester Area Kiwanis Clubs are sponsoring a **Chili Feed** on Saturday, **March 5, 2005**, at the Rochester Senior Citizens Center at 121 N. Broadway. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children (5 thru 12 yrs) and children under 5 are FREE. All proceeds go to Senor Citizens Service, Inc., a non-profit agency serving the needs of elderly persons in Rochester and Olmsted County. SCS provides recreational, social, and leisure time activities in addition to many services and programs for the elderly.

Hixson Award Winner: Fred Buechler

The George F. Hixson Fellowship was established in 1983, to honor the first president of Kiwanis International, George F. Hixson, with the current objective of the worldwide virtual elimination of Iodine Deficiency Disorders. The Rochester Day Makers have collected sufficient funds since the onset of this project to honor over thirty of our members with induction into this remarkable fellowship. Each thousand-dollar contribution touches the lives of twenty thousand children throughout the world. So we are justifiably proud of our club for serving six hundred thousand children. Hixson Fellowship info is avail at: <http://kif.kiwanis.org/kif/giving/hixson.asp>

This year's first Day Makers Hixson Award was presented to **Fred Buechler**. Fred Buechler received his Hixson Award on January 11. It was fun to surprise him with a well-deserved award. Fred has been a member of Day Makers since March 1995, and has been an active participant all those years. He enjoys the meetings and the programs – always interesting to find out about the community. He has been a regular on many service projects over the years, including the Terrific Kids program (first at Hoover and then at Riverside), popcorn parties, Bear Creek trail clean-up with John Wade, library hosting, Meals-on-Wheels, bike transport, and Christmas Anonymous (from hauling to food delivery). He and co-Kiwanian, Merlyn Jeche, used to be a team for Community Food Response and on golf courses down south on trips the families took together. Fred grew up in northern Minnesota, but moved “south” to Rochester in 1964. He was a long-time teacher of chemistry, and some physics, at John Marshall HS. He and Joan have seven children, 16 grandchildren, and (unbelievably) two great-grandchildren.

Congratulations to Fred!

Chuck



New Member Bios:

Connie and Bob Mayhew

02/01/05

Bob is a Rochester native and Connie is close, having moved here to study nursing in the sixties (I guess Bob might have had a hand in her remaining here!). Connie spent her last 21 years as a medical/surgical floor nurse at Olmsted. Now we have two nurses in our midst (Betty Morrison being the other), so we should be in good hands. Bob worked as a design engineer with MNDOT, and as Consultant Coordinator during his last six years – so he had his hand in the beginning plans for ROC52 before retiring. Both Connie and Bob retired 3½ years ago and are enjoying the diverse opportunities available.

Connie and Bob have two children, a son who has returned to Minnesota to go back to school and a daughter in Oronoco who has a 9 year old son – nice to have the grandson so close. Bob is Vice President of the LIFE (Learning Is Forever) program at the college, and Connie attends many of the classes. They are active in church, belong to an Investment Club, attend a Civil War Roundtable and a more recent World War II Roundtable, and enjoy old movies, history and travel. Connie has also been dabbling in genealogy and needlework.

Connie and Bob were attracted to our club because of its service focus and because they already know a number of us.

Welcome to *Connie and Bob Mayhew!*



Rochester Regional Science Fair:

Request for Display and Safety volunteers (Free training! Free science fair pin! Free COOKIES!) Training will be provided. The Regional Science Fair will be at RCTC the beginning of March. Here is one request for assistance that may be of interest to many of us Daymakers.

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Science Fair (continued):

They are looking for a few good people -- 20 to be exact --to help me for 2-4 hours the day of the fair by talking to the kids setting up their posters and making sure the displays are safe!

WHEN: Thursday, March 3rd from about 2:30 to 6:30pm (shorter periods available!). I'll also pass on other requests for help as I receive them.

Larry Segar

Competition or cooperation?

Competition is often touted as necessary to bring out the best in people. We live in times of intense competition. Companies are cutting benefits (essentially cutting pay) to stay competitive. The company is more important than those who do the work. The larger our cities grow, the more people compete and the less polite they are to one another. I have seen this change in Rochester from the time it was a town of 25,000 to a city of 85,000. While good things have happened through this growth, there is a danger that we will lose our humanity, that we will lose our concern for one another as we compete for space and time for our activities. I feel this in the sometimes intense effort some drivers make to get somewhere on the roads—weaving in and out, speeding, impatience at slower drivers. I find I have a better day when I treat other drivers with consideration and politeness instead of trying to get there first.

Cooperation is a healthier way to live than competition.

Larry Mason

Think About It !

Since the Post Bulletin recently tried making me somewhere between famous and infamous, I thought I'd relate a couple of thoughts that got me through things like my hand ordeal.

- **Don't give up in time** of trouble. Generally, things don't work better if you give up.
- **God Works!** There is scientific proof. Whether you use success statistics from a "higher power based step programs" like AA, or the recent newspaper statistics for those prayed for vs. those not prayed for when having similar problems, God works. Don't forget it.

Remember, life is your test not God's. You may do better if, rather than saying, "God you do it", try saying, "God help me to use the gift's you gave me to get through this" and then leave him in charge.

Mike Siverling