



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 February 2011

Minnekotan for this month is available at:
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OFFICERS

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

DIRECTORS (3 yr terms)

Steve Steele	2011
Dave Arlander	2012
David Moehnke	2012
Diane Johnson	2013
Richard Vrieze	2013

CHAIRS & Meeting Dates

Membership	Richard Odell	3rd Thursday 9am
Program	Joanne Markee	1 st Tuesday, 8:15am
Youth Services	Jerry Steinke	1 st Tuesday
Community Services	Larry Segar	3 rd Tuesday
Human & Spiritual Values	Herb Erickson	2 nd Tuesday
Young Children Priority One	Larry Scilley	4 th Tuesday
Operations	Kathy Davis	1 st Tuesday
Public Relations	Open	

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

Program Schedule :

Feb 1 "Predictions"- Kathy Davis

Feb 8 "Electric Cars (Hybrids)" - Mike Schweyer

Feb 15 "Jon Francis Foundation"- David Francis

Feb 22 "Politics - a look back"- Bob Nowicki

Remember these dates:

Feb 1st Program committee meeting will be February 1 - 8:15 am - at Flamingo Bingo.

Feb 4 – 6 K-Family Retreat Ironwood Springs

Feb 16th – Chanhassen Trip, 9:15AM

Feb 17th Membership Committee Meeting at Perkins South, 9AM. Don't forget your coupon.

Be generous with your service.

Web Humor: Think about it...

A waitress gets 15%
But
God only gets 10%

February Birthdays:

1	Bob Mayhew	10	Hollis Feeser
1	Jack Zierdt	12	Diane Johnson
7	Tom Lemke	15	Marlys McCoy
9	Mike Siverling	26	Sally Wendt

Presidents' Corner:

We've survived record snow and the coldest month of the year (which didn't even produce a "January thaw") so with Tax Season starting, can Spring be far behind?

The Christmas Anonymous Committee did a tremendous job AGAIN. It was our Club's turn to head this project and Judy Lien stepped up to the plate. Ken Plummer, who has directed this project for our club for the past few years decided it was time to let someone else head this program. Thanks for all the years of service, Ken.

Congratulations to Joanne Markee and her Program Committee. The programs are interesting and diverse. Tracy McCray's presentation entitled "Communities" on Jan 25 was spell binding. According to comments I heard, it was one of the best. And how about the questions and comments which only proved how interesting and involved our members are. Be sure you attend as many meetings as possible, because you'll always wonder what you missed.

If you can, sign-up to help at the K-Family Retreat February 4-6 at Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch. Diane Johnson is heading this project and her interest and enthusiasm is heart-warming. This is what Kiwanis is all about - the children. I noticed on the sign-up sheet that Becky Chery is bringing our new adopted family to the K-Family Retreat so this is your chance to meet them.

Don Wendt, President

February Anniversaries:

12	Dick & Ruth Vrieze
14	Bob & Connie Mayhew
17	Merlyn & Margaret Jeche
17	Ron & Sara King

Secretary/Treasurer's Report - Jan 2011

Bank Balance 12/31/10:	\$ 15,561.12
Administrative Account:	\$ 14,094.51
Service Account:	\$ 1,170.00
Hockey/YCPO:	\$ 81.94
Bike Repair:	\$ 89.67
Key Club	\$ 125.00

Day Makers on leave: Marv Anderson, Merlyn Jeche, Ron King, Sara King, Paul Lamoreux

December Service Hour Statistics: 1,105 hours by 56 members, 65% Participation.

January 11, 2011 Board Meeting Highlights:

Bob Lahtinen explained the Downtown Kiwanis Club's Charitable Foundation that was set up years ago and is currently used for the annual Hockey Festival. We could explore using it for our club's purposes. Bob agreed to look further into the status of this foundation.

Karen Lee presented the findings of the group working to select a family for our Adopt a Family project. They have selected a family and asked for the board's approval to proceed.

The Board approved the recommended family be accepted as our adopted family for the next twelve months. Karen Lee will be the primary contact for the Adopted Family project.

Diane Johnson has received a \$1,000 Wal-Mart grant to be used for the K-Family retreat. These funds will be deposited in the K-Family fund, previously named the Key Club Fund.

Our club has been notified that volunteers are needed for a large ice skating event that is coming to Rochester. Dick Odell will follow-up on the particulars

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Post-Bulletin Photo of the Week:

Check out the landscape photo by fellow Day Maker Richard Odell at:
<http://kiwanisrochester.org/RJOPhotoPB012911.jpg>

Kiwanis Mission Statement:

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

Cutest Baby Contest Continues:

This is Alexander Steinke, son of Sean and Julia Steinke and Grandson of Jerry and Susan Steinke. We call him Xander for short (the letter X is pronounced like a Z – it's one of those "new" names in today's world). In February of 2010 Sean and Julia traveled to Utah to adopt their new child. They arrived just in time for the birth of Xander. As you can see, he is a serious candidate for the Day Maker's "Cutest Baby."

Our family, including Edwin and the other serious candidate for Cutest Baby, were all here for Christmas. There is something special about having small children around when you are celebrating Christmas! They add a whole new perspective to the celebration of this special time. Zander is just 10 months old and already he is figuring things out like his paternal grandfather. I'm sure he will be an Engineer when he gets bigger!



Grandpa Jerry Steinke

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

Membership- The committee is active and having meetings.

Operations - The committee is looking for ideas for a large fundraiser to help fund our Service account. Ideas from club members are welcome.

YCPO- A letter was sent to the Hockey Festival Board requesting funds to finance Family Fun Night at Rochester Fest.

Youth Services- All programs are going strong. The K-Family retreat should replace the Key Club Spring Rally for attendee reimbursement purposes.

Interclub- Looking at scheduling an interclub in the near future.
Richard Lundberg, Secretary/Treasurer

Web Humor: Retiree Questions

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Three hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

Answer: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Question: Among retirees what is considered formal attire?

Answer: Tied shoes.

Question: Why do retirees count pennies?

Answer: They are the only ones who have the time.

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Question: What is the best way to describe retirement?

Answer: The never ending Coffee Break.

Question: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

Answer: If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

Question: What do you do all week?

Answer: Monday through Friday, NOTHING.....

Saturday & Sunday, I rest.

CHANHASSEN TRIP: February 16th

We will board the bus at 9:15AM with departure at 9:30 AM, loading at the Walmart North parking lot, approximately across from Culver's. We should be back around 5:30PM.

For those concerned, vegetarian and gluten free meals are available - ask your server.

You are responsible for desserts and cocktails if you order them, otherwise dinner, tax and tip are included with your ticket.

Herb

Youth Services:

The Youth Services Committee is all about kids, at both the elementary and high school level. Youth Services supports a number of different programs including...

K-Kids – A “student led” community service club for elementary-age students that teaches members the value of helping others through participation in community service projects and club activities. We sponsor K-Kids at [Riverside and Harriet Bishop Elementary](#) schools.

Terrific Kids – is a student recognition program that promotes character development, self-esteem and perseverance. Students work with their classroom teacher and establish goals to improve behavior. Kiwanis members attend the recognition event and hand out pencils, Terrific Kid refrigerator magnets and a ‘I’m a Terrific Kid’ decal. We sponsor Terrific Kid events at [Riverside and Gibbs Elementary](#) schools.

Builders Club – is a program for middle school kids that is designed to build leaders by expanding their world through service and teaches life skills such as running meetings and leading groups. We sponsor a Builders Club at [Gage East Middle](#) school.

Key Club – is a program for high school students. Key Clubbers attend spring and fall rallies/retreats with Key Club students from around the state as well as internationally. The [Century High School Key Club](#), which we support, promotes leadership skills and community service and participates in many community service projects.

Elementary Reading Programs – many of our members participate in reading programs at [Elton Hills, Pinewood and Jefferson Elementary](#) schools

Adopt-A-Family Program – The Youth Services Committee annually selects from a number of candidates a Rochester family with a demonstrated need for help. The family receives periodic resource and emotional support from the Day Makers for a period of one year.

Bicycle Repair Project – Several Day Makers along with members of other local Kiwanis clubs repair bicycles during the summer for distribution to children during Christmas Anonymous. This group of dedicated Kiwanians refurbish nearly 200 bikes annually for Christmas Anonymous.

Jerry Steinke

Senior Humor: (Betty Kasel, Shorewood Apartments)

The Pills

A row of bottles on my shelf, cause me to analyze myself.

One yellow pill I have to pop, goes to my heart so it won't stop.

A little white one that I take, goes to my hands so they won't shake.

The blue one that I use a lot, tells me I'm happy when I'm not.

The purple pill goes to my brain, and tells me that I have no pain.

The capsule tells me not to wheeze or cough or sneeze.

The red one, smallest of them all, goes to my head so I won't fall.

Such an array of brilliant pills, helping cure all kinds of ills.

But what I'd really like to know is what tells each pill where to go!

Kiwanians Make It Happen:

Al Strom attended the Martin Luther King celebration at Riverside this morning. **It was wonderful!!!** We all (Day Makers) should go next year. It was all student participation. The 5th grade chorus was very good - 4 songs. About 35 students had 1-2 minute readings. It was so well planned and so wisely paced that all the kids K - 5th were completely tuned in. George Thompson gave a few comments at the end and said that he had lived in Rochester 43 years and that this was the best program he had seen.

Day Maker Sue Thalacker was the organizing force behind this program. It really was great.

Al Strom

Environmental Achievement Award: Dave Moehnke

Through his volunteer work with Quarry Hill Nature Center, Dave Moehnke has used the monarch butterfly program to help students understand the complexities of ecology. With students, Mr. Moehnke has assisted in monarch larva monitoring research each summer and fall migration studies. Kiwanian Moehnke has engaged students in real hands-on science, instilling strong science skills and fostering interest in helping researchers as citizen scientists. Photo available at:

http://rpu.org/images/2010_enviro_award_12.jpg

Food for Kidz:

Saturday, April 2, 2011, is the annual Kiwanis "One Day" and will again feature the packaging of food in Stewartville, MN, from 10:00 AM through 4:00 PM with cleanup time to follow. This will be held at the Stewartville Civic Center in downtown Stewartville.

Stewartville is hosting this service project day for Sub-Region 7 of the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District. In order to make this sub-region service day successful, we need to have volunteers and monetary donations from all of the Kiwanis Clubs in Rochester, Stewartville, Spring Valley, Lake City, and Winona.

For working, the shifts for Kiwanis members, will be as follows:

9:30 AM to 12:00 Noon

11:30 AM to 2:00 PM

1:30 PM to 4:00 PM plus cleanup help

There will be sign-up sheets for workers at our Kiwanis meetings starting on February 1st. Workers will get their choice of times on a first come basis. When you sign up early you will have a better chance of getting your choice of time. We are seeking help from all ages. If you have family and/or friends that you think might be interested in helping with this project, please check with them and get their permission to sign them up to work with you. We are looking for 100 to 120 people per shift to make this service project a success.

One Day Goal: 100,000 meals packaged at a cost per package of \$0.15 each = financial goal of \$15,000.00. In order to achieve or exceed the goal of 100,000 meals packaged on April 2, each club in our Sub-Region 7 needs to commit to a goal of \$2,000.00. The funds need to be raised in advance through club donations and personal donations. Since we do not have money budgeted in our club treasury, we are asking for personal donations. Here are two suggestions of amounts that could be donated by individuals. They will be asking for a donation of \$20.00 per worker per shift from those that sign up to help. A donation of \$32.40 will feed 1 child for 7 months or approximately \$4.63 a month. We will be accepting donations/pledges starting on February 1st. All monies need to be raised, and turned in to the Stewartville Kiwanis Club, by March 25th. Checks should be made payable to **Food for KIDZ**. We will accept donations/pledges of any amount between February 1st and March 22nd at our weekly meetings.

Jack Zierdt