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 March 2011

Minnekotan for this month is available at: http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/public_district/pub_Content.aspx?Page=82

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TO YOU ALL

OFFICERS
President Don Wendt
Imm. Past Pres. Kathy Davis
Pres. Elect Joanne Markee
1st Vice Pres. Richard Odell
2nd 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 1st Tuesday, 8:15am
Youth Services Jerry Steinke 1st Tuesday
Community Services Larry Segar 3rd Tuesday
Human & Spiritual Values Herb Erickson 2nd Tuesday
Young Children Priority One Larry Scilley 4th Tuesday
Operations Kathy Davis 1st Tuesday
Public Relations Open

Program Schedule:
Mar 1 - P.E.T., Shirley Russo
Mar 8 - Sales Tax Extension Projects, Mayor Ardell Brede and Gerry Newman
Mar 15 – Snowplowing, city Joseph Fitzpatrick, Street Manager
Mar 22 - Everything about Grocery Business, Melissa Draheim, HyVee North manager
Mar 29 - Training New Firemen Chuck Hermann, Battalion Chief

Remember these dates:
April 2, 2011 This is the annual Kiwanis “One Day”, Food Share, Stewartville.

Be generous with your service and $$s.

Web Humor: Think about it…
Did you ever notice:
When you put the two words "The" and "IRS" together, they spell "THEIRS"?

Presidents’ Corner:
Sally and I, along with other members of our Club, had an opportunity to join Diane Johnson at the K-Family Retreat at the Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch last month. Diane was clearly in charge and her smiling face and ability to delegate and appease was evident. It was also interesting to watch the leadership skills of the Key Club members as they all pitched in to help.

Judy Lien is heading up the Chili Feed and we urge all our members to support this project.

Jack Zierdt has taken on the formidable task of raising money for Food for Kidz. This is a Region 7 project that needs all the Clubs to become involved. The Stewartville Kiwanis team is heading this worthy project and I know you will do your best to make this a successful Kiwanian project by contributing your time and money.

Many thanks to Herb Erickson as we enjoyed another successful and entertaining Chanhassen trip. This was the tenth year that Herb as arranged these outings and unfortunately, Herb was unable to go with us due to health problems. Chuck Jacobson and Jack Zierdt took over the hosting duties and did a great job.

D on Wendt, President

March Birthdays:
7 Jim Cook
16 Eric Skuldt
22 Dick Hall
23 Bev Livesay
29 Bob Wenner

March Anniversaries:
28 Larry & Kathleen Krob
Committee Reports (continued)

Membership - Two new members need to be added by September 30

Operations - The committee is looking for new fundraisers. The Perkins (No Brainer) Fund Raiser is providing funds for our Service Account each month.

Community Service - The tax program and Chili Feed are active, and the Daffodil Days project is coming up soon.

Richard Lundberg, Secretary/Treasurer

Cutest Baby Contest Continues:
This is my granddaughter Madeline Davis. She is 18 months old and lives in Burnsville.

Kathy Davis

Secretary/Treasurer’s Report – Feb 2011

Bank Balance 1/31/11: $18,958.83
Administrative Account: $16,703.80
Service Account: $1,210.34
Hockey/YCPO: $81.94
Bike Repair: $89.67
Key Club: $1,000.00
Chili Feed: $-126.92

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

January Service Hour Statistics: 943 hours by 52 members, 61% Participation.

February 8, 2011 Board Meeting Highlights:

The board discussed further the possibility of setting up a 501c3 foundation within our club. Our advisor, Bob Lahtinen, explained the difficulty of obtaining a 501c3. He suggests that we look into using a 501c3 that already exists, like the one created years ago at the Downtown club. It was suggested that we check with Kiwanis International for advice on how to proceed.

The board decided to decline the request to participate in the skating event that is coming to Rochester.

The board agreed to participate in the Post Bulletin’s promotion to publicize Service Clubs and approved the $50 cost. Dick Odell agreed to write and place ad.

The board added Hiawatha Homes as an approved service project. The club has two members that are volunteering there.

Web Humor of the Week: Super Bowl Results

Tom Brady, after living a full life, died. When he got to heaven, God was showing him around. They came to a modest little house with a faded Patriots flag in the window. “This house is yours for eternity, Tom,” said God. “This is very special; not everyone gets a house up here.” On his way up the porch, Tom noticed another house just around the corner. It was a 3-story mansion with a GREEN & GOLD sidewalk, a 50-foot tall flagpole with an enormous PACKERS flag. Tom looked at God and said “God, I’m not trying to be ungrateful, but I have a question. I was an all-pro QB, I hold many NFL records, and I even won a few Super Bowls.” God said “So what’s your point, Tom?” “Well, why does Aaron Rodgers get a better house than I do?”

God chuckled, and said: “Tom, that’s not Aaron’s house......it’s Mine.” GO PACKERS!

Correct those email spelling errors…

Kiwanis Mission Statement:

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.
Eliminate - Clostridium Tetani:

Medical science has long known how to prevent tetanus; so why does it still kill nearly 60,000 babies every year?

Françoise Gasse, MD, remembers the remote villages in Sudan well, for the worst of reasons. Residents in those villages saw as many as 10 to 20 of their newborn infants suffer agonizing deaths each year from neonatal tetanus—or, as they called it “the black bird disease.”

“They believe that when a newborn has tetanus, it means there was a crow, a black bird, sitting on the top of the house at the time of delivery,” Gasse explains.

A renowned expert on the disease—he’s known as “Dr. Tetanus” by his colleagues—Gasse was in Sudan as part of his impassioned mission to eliminate Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus (MNT), initially doing extensive work with the World Health Organization and UNICEF and now as a freelance consultant. While rarely seen in Western society, MNT is shockingly common—and just as shockingly under-reported—in some of the world’s most remote regions, such as Southern and East Asia and Africa.

For the whole story and how we can help ....visit: 

K-Kids News:

February was a busy month.

The Riverside K-kids brought valentines that they had made to the residents at Golden Living Center to celebrate Valentine’s Day. The K-kids helped the people play bingo to win chocolate candy prizes.

The K-kids and the residents were successful at bingo and enjoyed the treats as well as the Valentine Day celebration. Several Kiwanis Day Makers helped with the bingo playing and the candy eating. Both residents and K-kids remembered each other from the Christmas party earlier in the year.

Dave Arlander, Mike Siverling, Dick Vrieze, and Al Strom helped judge the science fair at Riverside Elementary School. Several K-kids had projects in the fair that were quite impressive.

Essays, vocal solos, and readings by K-kids were an important part of the Martin Luther King program in January.

K-kids are anxiously waiting for the snow to melt to allow them to see how their fall plantings come up near the school sign. Spring plans include possibly more plantings and other ecological projects.

Sue Thalacker and Al Strom

What’s all the honking about??

Program Committee:

Thanks to everyone who keeps giving us ideas for programs. We are booked through April - with lots more great ideas to come.

Joanne M. arkee
Community Service Committee:

Senior Center Chili Feed – We are gearing up for the 2011 Chili Feed which will be March 5, 2011 at the Senior Center from 11 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Here is a little history of the event:

The Chili Feed started in 1991, when the Westside Kiwanis held a fund raiser at the Salvation Army on behalf of The Lynn Dollerschell Liver transplant Fund. It was very successful.

Later the presidents of the five Kiwanis clubs in Rochester decided it would be a good idea to do a chili feed every year, with a different club heading the effort each time.

In 1992, the Golden K Kiwanis agreed to coordinate a chili feed on behalf of the Rochester Senior Citizens Services, Inc. All five clubs (Golden K, DayMakers, Sunrisers, Downtown and Rochester West) put on the fund raiser to benefit the Senior Center, which is a non-profit agency serving the needs of the elderly in Rochester and Olmsted County. The proceeds will help the Senior Center to provide recreational, social and leisure activities in addition to many services and programs for Rochester’s seniors. Tickets are sold in advance by the five clubs and also at the door on the day of the event.

Community Service Committee: (Continued)

The club members also provide the working staff along with the Senior Center staff.

Money is turned in from ticket sales to the treasurer of the club coordinating the event. The treasurer then writes checks to pay the invoices of the product suppliers for the event. The net profits are given as a donation to the Rochester Senior Center. Since the event started in 1991, the five Kiwanis Clubs of Rochester have donated $51,495.30, an average of $2,710.30 per year.

A huge thanks to all the volunteers who are selling tickets, working the event and placing posters around town. Only through your efforts will the Chili Feed be a big success again this year! Coordinator: Judy Lien

Daffodil Sales for the American Cancer Society starts Tuesday March 8th at Hyvee North and continues through Saturday, March 12th. The sign up sheets have been circulating at our meetings with good response from our club members. Coordinator: Larry Krob

Community Food Response – Community Food Response continues to need drivers, either for long term or short term driving. We have added some weekend pickups if that suits you. Hundreds of pounds of excess food is picked-up from hospitals, schools, restaurants and grocers each week and distributed to families several afternoons each week at Bethel Lutheran Church. Coordinator: Phyllis Jacobs

AARP Tax-Aide Program – The AARP Tax-Aide program is in full swing and helping even more people than last year. We have over 76 volunteers helping with the effort, including 56 who have certified as tax counselors. We are doing taxes on a regular basis at the Rochester Senior Center, Salvation Army, Hawthorne Education Center and Stewartville Senior Center. In addition, we take laptops to many senior residences. At this time last year, we had helped over 1300 families and it is estimated we are well over that this year.

Many thanks to our Kiwanis volunteers, Dave Alexander, Jim Cook, Dallas Glaser, John Griffith, George Heyne, Marlys McCoy, Will Rasmussen, Bill Schneider, Eric Skuldt, Ella VanLaningham and Don & Sally Wendt - many of whom have also taken on some special extra tasks. Coordinator: Ella VanLaningham

Library Host Program – I have had excellent help with Library Hosts. I would like to work more but the slots are quickly filled. Coordinator: Jim Morton

We keep hoping the snow will go away so we can all get out our spring work clothes. It won’t be long before we start our activities at Quarry Hill Nature Center, Bear Creek Trail Clean-up and Heritage House Gardens. And don’t forget to take a coupon and support our Perkins South No Brainer Fund Raisers – $260 was added to our club’s service income last month.

Larry Segar, chair

Perkins South Coupon: March 17th

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All you need to do is:
Present coupon to cashier And Perkins SOUTH will do the rest!

CASHIER: Please attach coupon to Receipt

20% of sale go to club

THURSDAY MARCH 17th

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