



Rochester Day Makers Kiwanis Club

Tuesdays 9:00 A.M. at Elks Club Building,
 Hwy 52 N., Hillcrest Shopping Center
 See Day Makers on the web at: <http://www.kiwanisrochester.org>
 See MN-DAK District Site at: <http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org>

Newsletter for April 2014

Minnekotan for this month is available at:
http://kiwanisone.org/public_district/pub_newsletter.aspx?NewsletterID=77

MINNESOTA WINTER



SO MUCH FUN !

OFFICERS

President	Jim Cook
Imm. Past Pres.	Mike Siverling
Pres. Elect	Judy Zierdt
1 st Vice Pres.	Nick Lauer
2 nd Vice Pres.	Open
Secretary/Treasurer	Dick Lundberg

DIRECTORS (3 yr terms)

Larry Scilley	2014
Rick Johnson	2015
Helen Kolb	2015
Joan Olson	2016
Curt Pearson	2016

CHAIRS & Meeting Dates

Membership	Nick Lauer	3 rd Thursday 9am
Program	Judy Zierdt	1 st Tuesday, 10:15am
Youth Services	Jerry Steinke	1 st Tuesday
Community Services	Diane Johnson	3 rd Tuesday, 8:35 am
Human & Spiritual Values	Ruth Vrieze	3 rd Tuesday, 10am
Early Childhood Development	Larry Scilley	4 th Tuesday
Operations	Mike Siverling	1 st Tuesday
Board Meeting	Jim Cook	2 nd Tuesday, 10am
Eliminate Project	Jack Zierdt	1 st Tuesday, 10am

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

Program Schedule:

Apr. 1-Local MN Adult & Teen Challenge facility Tour, Wendell Amstutz, Larry Segar
Apr. 8 - Update report on the New Sr. Center, Sally Gallagher, Dave Arlander
Apr.15 - Whitewater WWII prison camp, Jeremy Darst, Helen Kolb
Apr.22 - Kwik Trip story - its origins, philosophy, Steve Wrobe, Ella Vanlaningham
Apr.29 - Barry's Restaurant on Broadway, Renata Moehnke, Ella Vanlaningham

Dates to Remember:

April 5th – Food for Kidz -Food Pack, Stewartville
April 15th – Kiwanis Region 7 multi-club meeting
April 17th - Perkins South Kiwanis Coupon Day
<http://www.kiwanisrochester.org/PerkinsCoupon.jpg>
May 16th – 18th - Key Leader Event, Camp Victory

Be generous with your service and \$\$s.

New Eliminate Coordinators:

- Jack Zierdt will be Day Maker Coordinator
- Denis Cornell will be Region 7 Coordinator
- Bill Daugherty continues as MN-Dak Coord

<http://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/en/theELIMINATEproject/home.aspx>

April Birthdays:

4 Don Wendt	13 Ron King
5 Larry Segar	16 Roger Olson
10 Frank Nichols	

President's Corner:

Think (hard) – SPRING.

Although some personal issues with members remain, March has been a good Day Maker month. Members returning from absences, more Zeller awards, good programs, and last, (at least on paper) a good landing place for our meetings, starting in April.

Hopefully, by our first meeting in the Elks Lodge building, we will have enough of the logistic issues resolved to have a very good first meeting there on April 8th.

We continue to need a member to accept the 2nd vice presidency position. The primary “job” in this position remains chairing our Community Services committee. Feel free to contact me should to volunteer. Consider this position and eventual progression through the Membership, Programs committee chair positions to the Day Makers presidency. You might get a phone call,

And finally, please remember to support our Kiwanis One Day of Sharing by participating with either \$\$ or service time at the Food for Kidz event on April 5th in Stewartville with our other Kiwanis organizations. It is always a lot of fun to watch the youngsters “do their thing” and it is a very worthy cause. Food for the hungry never goes out of style.

Jim Cook,
 2013-2014 Day Makers President

April Anniversaries:

12 Bob & Pat Wenner	29 George & Carolyn Heyne
13 Ned & Marlys Brown	29 Rick & Sue Johnson
26 Bob & Kelly Kandels	

Secretary/Treasurer's Report – March 2014

Bank Balance 2/28/2014:	\$ 8,921.51
Administrative Account:	\$ 3,592.37
Service Account:	\$ 4,910.97
Bike Repair:	\$ 163.51
K-Family Funds	\$ 427.90
Chili Feed Account	\$ -173.24

Day Makers on leave: Dave Arlander, Don Cain, Herb Erickson, Ron King, Sara King, Ken Reding

February Service Hour Statistics: 963 hours by 33 members, 39% Participation.

March 11, 2014 Board Meeting Summary:

The decision has been made to stay with the Rochester Senior Center's Flamingo Bingo, and move with them to the Elks Club. Our last meeting at our current location will be March 25th. Our first meeting at the Elks Club will be April 8th. Our meeting on Tuesday April 1 will be off site. There will be wireless internet at the Elks, but maybe not immediately at move-in.

The board decided that our current years budget allotment of \$1,750 for Century HS Key Club Conventions and Retreats be divided equally between those Key Club members attending, and that no graduating seniors be compensated financially for attending a convention.

Dick Odell is continuing to follow up on Downtown Kiwanis Club's Web Site sharing ideas proposed by Al Lun of the Downtown Club.

A decision was made that our club, along with the other three Rochester Kiwanis Clubs, provide \$50 dollars, each, for a Post Bulletin Ad that will promote Kiwanis and other service clubs in the area.

No progress has been made on recruiting a member to fill Diane Johnson's officer and committee chair positions.

Food for Kidz will be our Kiwanis One Day Project this year on Saturday April 5th in Stewartville.

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Kiwanis Mission Statement:

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

Sec/Treasurer's Report: continued

Food for Kidz is looking for \$2,000 to fund the food that we will be packing. Some matching funds have been given to encourage member giving.

The board discussed ways to handle non-payment of dues. Board members who are familiar with the non-paying member will give reminders to them.

Our club has been asked to financially support both the Veterans Museum and Oxbow Park. The board decided that our club will support these organizations with volunteer hours, if requested, but we must stick to our current budget and provide no monetary donations.

Kiwanis International is requiring that all Kiwanis volunteers, who work with children, have documented background checks. There are specific requirements that have been defined by KI, and may be stricter than those required by the school district. Our club members are currently working with children in the public schools, and at the Boys and Girls Club. Jack Zierdt will look into the requirements and determine what is required to satisfy them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program- Programs are scheduled through April, and the first two meetings in May

Public Relations- The committee is looking into the Lions Club PSA's that were broadcast on TV stations, and what would it take for Kiwanis to do a similar promotion.

Richard Lundberg, Secy/Treasurer

KI Convention Theme: What More Can I Do?

March turned out to be another exciting month for the Day Makers Club as another member has answered the question, "What more can I do?" With his financial commitment and our other club members help, another 690 mothers and their babies will have a better chance at life in a very harsh environment by avoiding the devastating Maternal / Neonatal Tetanus disease.

Let us remember the number of lives we intend to save with our Model Club Pledge, i.e. save 39,000 mothers and babies with our club MNT Eliminate project. As we enter our 3rd year of our 5 year pledge we need to stay focused on the remaining 25,000 babies and their mothers, who are still counting on our commitment.

So please answer for yourself, "What More Can I Do?"

Dick Odell

Walter Zeller Fellowship: Bruce Jawer

Congratulations to Bruce for showing us all another creative way to establish a Walter Zeller Fellowship.

Bruce decided to honor his father Robert L. Jawer, by funding a Zeller Fellowship in his father’s memory rather than himself. What a wonderful creative way to honor another while saving 690 mothers and their babies by funding a Zeller Fellowship by helping to eliminate Maternal /Neonatal Tetanus.

Bruce has found his personal answer to a very important question, “What More Can I Do?”



With the help of fellow club members, Bruce has honored his father by saving another 690 mothers and their future babies.

The Day Makers say, “Thank you, Bruce.”

Dick Odell

Key Leader Event: May 16-18, 2014
Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District is once again hosting a Key Leader event for youth in grades 8-12. The Kiwanis sponsored leadership weekend will be held at Camp Victory in Zumbro Falls, MN. The event is open to all youth and all schools and all youth organizations. Details and Registration are at: <http://www.key-leader.org/Find-Key-Leader-Events.aspx>
Dick Odell

Quarry Hill Nature Center:

It was the volunteer appreciation dinner at Quarry Hill. Great food and a little wine....smile.

Thank you for your support - John Ryder, Rick Johnson, Dave Moehnke and Helen Kolb.



Yum yum Good people do good things and the Quarry Hill staff are grateful. Now back to walking those trails and working off those delicious calories.

Helen Kolb and Dave Moehnke

Try This - Just for the Fun of It:

1. Order a Diet Water whenever you go out to eat, with a serious face.
2. Sing Along At The Opera.
3. When there are people in line behind you at the ATM as the money comes out ...Jump up and down and Scream - “I won!, I won !”
4. Tell Your (Grand) Children over Dinner: “Due to the economy, we are going to have to let one of you go...”

This is called “therapy for the soul when you are retired.”

Santa Dave

Just How Smart Are You: It's elementary.

1. Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April The second child was named May. What was the third child's name?

Answer: Johnny of course

2. There is a clerk at the butcher shop, he is five feet ten inches tall, and he wears size 13 sneakers. What does he weigh?

Answer: Meat.

3. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?

Answer: Mt. Everest; it just wasn't discovered yet. [You're not very good at this are you?]

4. How much dirt is there in a hole that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?

Answer: There is no dirt in a hole.

5. What word in the English Language is always spelled incorrectly?

Answer: Incorrectly

6. Billy was born on December 28th, yet his birthday is always in the summer. How is this possible?

Answer: Billy lives in the Southern Hemisphere

7. In California, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not?

Answer: You can't take pictures with a wooden leg. You need a camera to take pictures.

8. What was the President's Name in 1975?

Answer: Same as is it now - Barack Obama [Oh, come on ...]

9. If you were running a race, and you passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in now?

Answer: You would be in 2nd. Well, you passed the person in second place, not first.

10. If a farmer has 5 haystacks in one field and 4 haystacks in the other field, how many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in another field?

Answer: One. If he combines all of his haystacks, they all become one big one.

Dick Odell

Terrific Kids: **Gibbs Elementary**

We were there for the terrific kids program at Gibbs. Marcus Sherels was there to give the message that

- No matter who you are,
- Never let anyone tell you, you can't do something.
- Never give up, work hard and
- You can accomplish anything you dream.

He told the kids to work hard, dream big and they would be able to be successful. Just like he is.



There were two different sessions of Terrific Kids - first and second graders and then the third, fourth and fifth graders... a lot of kids were there.



Marcus played football for John Marshall... He was a walk-on at the University Minnesota and graduated in four years while playing football. Then he made the Vikings roster and this year he got a two-year contract.

And no, we didn't get his autograph but we did get our picture taken with Marcus. Notice our Day Maker logos.



He's a local kid and really a nice guy.

Joanne Markee

Bicycle Repair Project:

Did you ever wonder which is the longest running continuous Day Makers project?

During the mid 1980's, Fred Pexton of the Kiwanis Golden K Club, began repairing used bicycles for distribution by Christmas Anonymous. Fred and several other Golden K members used the Pexton garage as their base of operations and turned out several dozen bikes each year.

In 1994, the newly chartered Kiwanis Day Maker Club was invited to participate with the Golden K Club in this venture. Kiwanis members active in this project in 1995 were Fred Pexton, "Mal" Malcomson and Ed Walsh from the Golden K Club along with Jack Holmes, Jerry Kratz, Dave Alexander, Gene Skjeveland and Bruce Keller from the Day Makers. Gene Rowecamp, a non-Kiwanian was also active for many years. The larger group outgrew the Pexton garage and the project relocated to Jack and Lois Holmes's garage in 1995. They generously hosted the group for 15 the next years.

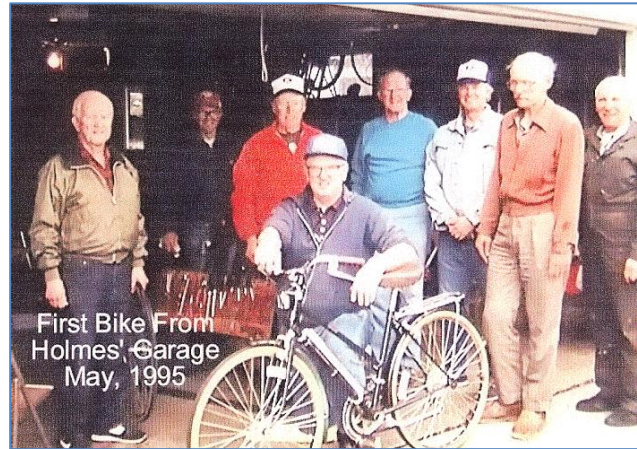


The new group would finish about 75 bikes per year during the early years. John Willaman's barn West of Rochester was the main storage location of finished and unfinished bikes. Phyllis Jacobs also stored unfinished bikes at her farm. Finding vacant storage sites for a steadily increasing number of donated bikes was met by a number of generous individuals. A large shed at the Boys Ranch South of Rochester was utilized for several years followed by a vacant horse barn West of Rochester and a barn on the home-site of Bob and Shirley Rossi. The Rossi barn, now owned by Heartland Homes, Inc. (Jay Burke and sons), is still used along with a machine shed on Jim Decker's farm and vacant buildings on Jim Bier's farm to fulfill our storage needs.

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Bike Repair Project: Continued

The year 2010 brought many changes to the project. Jack and Lois downsized to a new home and several long-time bike repairers left the project. John Case, owner of Rhino Linings of Rochester, volunteered space at his site for our new location. Non-Kiwanians Dan Hicks and Paul Clause offered assistance in repairs and Paul also set up a web page, "Peddle It Forward Rochester." It is used to coordinate requests for bike donations. Joe Falcone of the Golden K and Al Southwick, Don Wendt, Larry Krob and Bruce Keller of the Day Makers along with non-Kiwanian Doug Welte made up the 2013 repair team. Jim Decker and Dick Odell pick up and transport many donated bikes.



Over 200 bikes have been repaired annually in recent years. The bulk of them go to Christmas Anonymous but some go to approved individuals recommended by Social Service agencies. None of this would be possible without the many Kiwanians who donate their efforts in transporting them to the yearly Christmas Anonymous distribution.

The bike repair project will be starting our 20th year in 2014 and is overseen by the Youth Services Committee.

Volunteers are always needed and appreciated and this is a great way to make a child very happy.

Bruce Keller

