



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 April 2020
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COVID-19

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 D I S T A N C I N G**

OFFICERS President Kathy Davis Imm. Past Pres. Jim Schwinghammer Pres. Elect 1 st Vice Pres. Open Secretary/Treasurer Shar Hain/J Zierdt		DIRECTORS (3 yr terms) Jim Decker 2020 Dave Bhaskaran 2021 Garry Post 2021 Bruce Keller 2022 Larry Scilley 2022		Chairs & Meeting Dates Membership Jim Schwinghammer 3 rd Thursday 9am Program Larry Segar 1 st Tuesday, 10:15am Youth Services Helen Kolb, Ken Redding 4 th Tuesday Community Services Rick Johnson 3 rd Tuesday, 8:30 am Human & Spiritual Ruth Vrieze 3 rd Tuesday, 10am Early Childhood Dev Larry Scilley, Dick Vrieze 4 th Tuesday Operations/Fund Raising Jim Schwinghammer 1 st Tuesday Board Meeting Kathy Davis 2 nd Tuesday, 10am Strategic Planning Jim Cook	
Historian: Bruce Keller Interclub: Jack Zierdt Asst Sec./Treas: Jim Decker		Pres.Advisor Jack Zierdt Web/Newsletter: Dick Odell			

Program Schedule:

...Special Notice ...

Kiwanis Day Makers weekly meetings have been cancelled until either MN schools resume classroom learning or the MN Gov declares meetings may resume.

Our board of directors will let us know when to resume meetings.

Keep in touch via email or phone and stay safe.

Presidents' Corner:

Greetings to all Day Makers,

It seems like forever since we have been together and it looks like it's going to be at least another month until we meet again.

I know for all of us this staying home and not being out volunteering is for the birds. We miss our times with the kids at Pinewood and Elton Hills and know they are missing us too.

As you know all of our April activities are cancelled , hopefully we will be up and running come May. Keep your fingers crossed.

Dates to Remember:

April 04th - Kiwanis One Day – Food for Kidz
 Postponed until October

June 15th - Pizza Ranch Fund Raiser, Stewartville

June 17-20th - KI Convention in Indianapolis

Aug 7-9th - MNDak District Convention, St Cloud, MN

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

I did hear that Herb Erickson is under the weather with pneumonia and we wish him a speedy recovery. If you know of any of our members who are not well and could use a bit of cheer please let me know.

Hopefully you are all doing your bit to combat Covid-19 by staying home and practicing social distancing .

One last thing, membership dues are due in April. Please try to get them into Jack Zierdt.

Kiwanis Children's Fund:

Kids Need Kiwanis. Gifts to the Children's Fund
Learn more at:
<http://www2.kiwanis.org/childrensfund/news/foundation/2017/07/19/talking-about-the-kiwanis-children-s-fund-new-resources#.WXttnWyovs0>

Take Care and Hang in There ! 😊

Kathy Davis
 Day Maker, president

April Birthdays:

05 Larry Segar	11 Becky Hobson
10 Frank Nichols	16 Roger Olson

April Anniversaries:

29 Carolyn and George Heyne
29 Rick and Sue Johnson

Treasurer's Report - 03/10/2020

Bank Balance 02/29/2020: \$19,514.74

Administrative Account: \$ 4,338.72

Service Account: \$ 9,841.19

Charitable Account: \$ 5,334.83

K Dollars Collected: \$ 630.00

AS OF MARCH 10, 2020

Total Membership: **52**

Jack Zierdt, Treasurer

Secretary Report: 3/10/2020 Highlights

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

An updated application for the Century Key Club Scholarships (up to 2-\$500 scholarships) was presented and is being reviewed by Helen Kolb and Garry Post. Helen will take the final copy to the Key Club at their next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jack Zierdt shared that with 2nd quarter dues, extra money was received by two members, Wayne and Bev. They both asked that the extra dollars be used for upcoming service projects.

Jim Cook moved "that these extra funds be added to the Food for Kidz collection." Garry Post seconded the motion. **Approved.**

Jack Zierdt shared an email from the RCTC Education Foundation requesting the Day Makers set aside funds on an ongoing basis for their workhouse development scholarships. After discussion, Jack moved "that Kiwanis Day Makers not participate at this time." Helen Kolb seconded the motion. **Motion to not participate at this time Approved.** Jack will notify Matt of the club's decision.

The board discussed the current COVID – 19 (Corona Virus) concerns. Some members, with underlying health concerns or other concerns, have already requested leave and more may follow. Should meetings continue and/or should we continue to volunteer in the community.

Kiwanis Day Makers current policy is if Rochester Public Schools close, our meetings are cancelled. Because no virus has yet been reported in Rochester and schools remain open, going forward, Bruce Keller recommended it be a personal choice if members wish to continue with their volunteer efforts. The board agreed.

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Secy Report:

As committees hear otherwise, they will notify the club of any cancellations (i.e channel one, school reading volunteers, etc.)

Herb Erickson brought forward the concern about setting up banners for meetings as some are having difficulty carrying the banners/stands and there have been some tripping issues. Jack Zierdt noted that the Kiwanis Day Makers banner is required. All others are optional, and should be used if at all possible, when visitors from other clubs and/or the governor, etc. are present. After discussion, it was determined that the setup person for that week could determine which banners, in addition to the required Day Makers banner, would be set up based on their ability to carry/set up banners.

Dick Odell thanked everyone for their contributions to the newsletter and requested that submissions be in a column format, with no indenting, if possible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Service: Rick Johnson noted that the "Litter Bit Better" campaign is April 23 – May 3.

Recommendations were for the same area around 20th Ave SE, noting that there will not be a need to go to the river, in the woods, etc. Rick will provide more information about sign up once a date is finalized.

Channel One still needs volunteers for the Peanut Butter drive taking place on Saturday, March 14th. The sign-up procedure by Channel One was not working so no sign ups from our club. Rick with share with the club should he find out any other information.

Volunteers are still needed for the Noon Meals on Saturday, March 28. Clip board sign-up sheet available at meetings.

Jim noted that the Food for Kidz committee is meeting later this month to determine if the event should go on as planned, with the recent COVID-19 outbreaks nationally. Jim will hold the club donation checks until he hears what decision they make.

Early Childhood Development: The (SMIF) Book reading for this year has been completed.

Human and Spiritual Values: Judy Z is filling for Ruth, while she is gone. She announced that she had sent out 3 sympathy cards to Marv Anderson, Jim Schwinghammer and Bob Lathinen family. She also stated that she had sent out 2 thinking of you cards (Herb Erickson and Denny Cornell) and will be sending out 2 more this week (Jean Dunn and Merlyn Jeche)

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Harriet Bishop K-Kids: (early March)

As a follow up to last month’s article regarding the Bishop K-Kids and their efforts to collect school supplies for the school in Tanzania, the good news is they were very successful in their efforts. The unfortunate news is that due to the Coronavirus Ms. Williams and the other three that were going to Tanzania the end of March will not be making the trek.



However, the collected supplies will be shipped to the school; so, the final goal will be eventually completed. It is disappointing from the standpoint that they will be unable to hear first-hand and see pictures of the school and learn more about it. To personalize the shipment the kids created some journals to ship with the supplies, and some were very creative; including decorating the front with drawings. In a few instances they looked up Swahili translations of words of encouragement and writing them on the cover and signing their name.



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I’m sure at some point they will hear back and hopefully be able to view some pictures.



Rick Johnson and Helen Kolb

Reminder: Save Receipts

Please continue to save HyVee receipts for Riverside and Harriet Bishop schools. For every \$250.00 in receipts, the schools receive \$1.00.

The principal at Harriet Bishop told me that they had parents adding the receipts and it was going very well. He also thanked us for helping with this fund raiser.

Thanks so much.

Helen Kolb

Herb and I took a walk the other day to Soldiers Field and we found the Kiwanis Clubs of Rochester paver.



Social Distance Learning: Real “homework”...



Secretary Report: (Continued from page 2)

Membership: There are 2 packets for potential members in the podium. A reminder that personal contact is most viable. Membership is at 52. Jim Morton will be staying on.

Operations: Nothing new

Program: Speakers/programs are scheduled through May 5th.

Public Relations: Nothing new

Strategic Planning: Nothing new

Youth Services: Helen noted that everything is going well. Nothing new to report.

Lisa Linn, Acting Secretary

“K” Dollar Challenge:

So—the “K” Dollar Challenge continues until the District Convention in St. Cloud in August. I have heard, plus read in the Minnekotan, that there are quite a few clubs in our district that are collecting “K” dollars for the “K” Dollar Challenge this time. It will be fun to see how we do this year come the District Convention. A number of you are having fun looking for the “K” on your dollar bills and bringing them to our weekly meetings. So far, we have collected \$634 as of March 10th. Thank you. So keep looking for those “K” dollars!

Dick Odell keeps finding several K-dollars each week at the McDonald’s drive-up coffee window.

All of your “K” dollars go into the Children’s Fund to help children in many places and ways. It is a way of reaching children through grants, scholarships programs, and Kiwanis youth programs.

Judy Zierdt

A Blast from the Past:



Kiwi Trip Fund Raising: We will not be having meetings for several weeks, during that time we will still be selling Kiwi Trip gift and car wash cards. If you need a card please call me (289-8550) and we can make arrangements to get a card to you. I will deliver, you can come to me, or we can use the mail. Let's keep this fund raiser going.

Herb Erickson