



Rochester Day Makers Kiwanis Club

Tuesdays 9:00 A.M. at Senior Center
Use Senior Center Parking Lot

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

Newsletter for **May 2005**

April Showers



Bring May Flowers!

OFFICERS

President Ella VanLaningham
Imm. Past Pres. Marv Anderson
Pres. Elect Al Strom
1st Vice Pres. Dick Hall
2nd 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 Program	Dick Hall Al Strom	Last Friday Breakfast 1 st 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 nd Tuesday

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

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

President's Corner

Over half way through my year as President – unbelievable – must be having fun (isn't that what they say?). And I am having fun, because our club sails along with all of you who follow through, pick up any slack, and do the job of the club without any prodding. Thank you for all you do. What a great club we have!

A good example of this was the recent project initiated by Carolyn Heyne, Pat Horlocker and Hank Kliewer. They saw the need to help with the upcoming homeless awareness project, *Cardboard City*, and made a creative presentation to the club with little construction paper houses. The result ... we will have more than **NINE** lots with a cardboard box home for members of our club on October 21. Please write this date on your calendars right now, because we hope that everyone can attend (and some volunteer to sleep overnight). This event is co-sponsored by Interfaith Hospitality Network, Dorothy Day House and Salvation Army – all resources for the homeless.

Another example is our upcoming joint project with the four other Rochester Kiwanis clubs. We try to do at least one joint project each spring and this is it! We will be providing sweat equity for the construction of a new playground at Soldier's Field, May 18-22. Phyllis Jacobs will be spearheading that project. Phyllis or I can provide either a hard copy or e-mailed version of the sign-up form. There is a wide range of possible activities, even for the less skilled or more sedentary among us. Take a look at the plans on <http://www.soldiersfieldplayground.com> and consider joining in. In addition, the Hockey Festival Committee pledged \$5000 to kick-start the effort and our Board agreed to join in with other clubs to purchase a chain-supported balance beam. What a perfect YCPO project. (Continued on page 2, column 2 →)

Program Schedule

May 03 Radio Theatre, Bob Nowicki, Zanti Squillace
May 10 Social Security, Ray Johnson
May 17 Weather Forecasting, Randy Brock
May 24 Rochester Sports Commission, Ed Hruska
May 31 Lewis and Clark Expedition Jim Vowels

Day Maker Web Site

Look for many new club activity photos this month on our web site as Spring arrives and the camers come out of the closets. Check for photos and activities at: <http://www.kiwanisrochester.org>

May Birthdays

4 Richard Odell
5 George Heyne
8 Merlyn Jeché
13 Bill Schneider

May Anniversaries

7 Merle & Jean Dunn
26 Hollis & Pat Feeser
30 Fred & Joan Buechler
31 Dick & Doreen Severson

Secretary/Treasurers Report – March '05

Bank Balance 3/31/05: \$ 15,029.35
Administrative Account: \$ 12,677.09
Service Account: \$ 638.80
Hockey/YCPO: \$ 1,552.04
Bike Repair: \$ 161.42

Day Makers on leave: David Truxal

March Service Hour Statistics: 1,031 hours by 54 members, 68% Participation.

April 8, 2005 Board Meeting Highlights:

The board approved that our 2005 Kiwanis International Convention delegates be Ella VanLaningham and Al Southwick, and alternates be Ron King, and Sara King.

The New Sudan-American Hope project was discussed. No action was taken.

At the May board meeting, it will be decided how the budgeted allocation for the International Convention will be divided between the two delegates and two alternates.

The cardboard city homeless awareness project was discussed. Ella will discuss with other Rochester presidents whether to participate together. The board approved participation in the Cardboard City Project with a contribution proportional to club membership, if the other clubs are interested.

Participation in the designated scholarship program of the Minnesota-Dakotas Educational Foundation was discussed. It would involve a \$15,000 donation from our club to the foundation over a five year period. Then a scholarship would be awarded, from the foundation, each year to a student at a high school of our choice. This will be discussed again in May.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership- Ray and Sue Ricketts have resigned due to their out of town commitments. Current membership is 78.

Program- Programs are booked through mid May. President Ella congratulated the committee on the fine programs this year.

Operations - The committee is working on the calendar project. Five of the ads will not be renewed.
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Community Service- The Feeding the Children project in Stewartville went well, however they had 100 fewer volunteers than last year. Seventeen Day Makers participated.

Human & Spiritual Values- There was a good response from club members to the books for women in prison project. It may be repeated in future months.

YCPO- Family Fun Night for CCR&R will be April 26th. Parent/Child fair at Rochester Fest will be June 22nd.

Youth Services- Century HS Scholarship applications are being reviewed, and a candidate will be selected by early May. Volunteering at John Marshall is "iffy".

IDD- Two salt cans are out at local businesses.

April 19, 2005 Special Board Meeting Highlights:

It was decided by the Rochester Kiwanis Club presidents that our Kiwanis Day of Caring project this year would be the Soldiers Field Playground project, and not the Cardboard City project. As a group, we would contribute \$500.00 for a balance beam. A plaque would be attached for recognition. The board approved making a donation of approximately \$165.00, based on our proportion of membership, to purchase a balance beam for the Soldiers Field Playground Project, contingent on the other four Rochester Kiwanis clubs participation.

Richard Lundberg, Secretary/Treasurer

President's Corners : (Cont from page 1)

Attendance at the special weekend for the International President's visit on April 8-9 met expectations and showed off what our Region 7 can do. In addition, Herb Erickson as past Lieutenant Governor hosted a subregion meeting on April 19 for clubs he oversees and each club reported on its activities.

April was as busy as ever for our own club, and we had an awesome 72% of our members involved in at least one service project for a total of 778 service hours. We had members helping with Community Food Response, Mayo Volunteer, Rochester Public Library, bike repair, Salvation Army, Channel One, public school, American Cancer Society, Interfaith Hospitality Network, YCPO, Senior Center, Historical Society, Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association, nursing home, United Way, Key Club, Feeding Children International, Meals-on-Wheels, American Red Cross, Saturday Noon Meals, Quarry Hill and RCTC projects. You deserve a gold crown, for sure!

Ella

Human and Spiritual Values:

Many of the religions of our world emphasize one of the chief teachings of Jesus of Nazareth: "Love God with your whole self and love your neighbor as yourself." Related to this statement is another, "Do unto others as you would have them do to you." These give us an excellent way of relating to the Universe and to each other.

Religions generally teach us that we are servants of the Creator. We are called to respect and care for one another as Jesus taught and is found in the Torah.

Unfortunately, now, as too often in the past, many are not serving our Creator, but are using religion to further their own purposes—to gain power, prestige, and wealth. This is shown by leaders who promise rewards to those who commit suicide to kill others. It is also illustrated by leaders who use religion to support certain positions, to influence others to vote for them, and to support their lust for power and wealth. This abuse of religion is a very present danger to our country. Isn't it amazing that the same religion can be said to support opposite points of view?

During the Civil War President Lincoln was talking with one of his cabinet members who declared he hoped that God was on the side of the Union. Lincoln replied that he hoped the Union was on God's side.

The question for us is this: are we being servants of our Creator with broad concern for the whole world and the universe, or are we using religion for our own narrow purposes??

Larry Mason, Spiritual Aims Committee

Youth Services:

Youth Services Committee met on April 19. We discussed the Kiwanis scholarship and asked for volunteers to read the applications after the meeting April 26 to select the student we feel most fits the criteria.

Our club along with Sunrisers award a \$500 scholarship each year to a graduating senior from Century. Our president, Ella Van Lanningham, will present the scholarship to the student at the Awards Night in May at Century High School. Al Southwick and Will Rasmussen will be going to a number of schools in Rochester to present a program on bike safety and repair. Jack Holmes reported on the Bicycle Repair Project which will get started the end of April.

Rosalie Rusovick

Membership:

We have inducted six people into our club this Kiwanis year. However, as many or more have left or are expected to leave. The time has come for each of us to start thinking about inviting new people to become members. This is best done on a one-on-one personal basis. Large scale, impersonal membership drives just don't seem to have as much impact and success as an invitation from a friend or known associate.

Each of us should start thinking about who we know who could become good members of our club, who would be good contributors and who we would like to be associated with our organization. Invite them to attend a well chosen, interesting meeting or two and sponsor them as a new member.

As one of the best Kiwanis clubs in the region we need to focus on maintaining and increasing our membership. You will hear more about this in the future!

Dick Hall

Playground Equipment:

Be sure and remember to help out with Rochester's playground equipment construction project this month (May 18-22). This is certainly one way we can definitely support our Kiwanis International's defining statement: *Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.*



Read more about other clubs projects in this month's Kiwanis magazine at: <http://www.kiwanis.org>

Dick Odell