



Rochester Day Makers Kiwanis Club

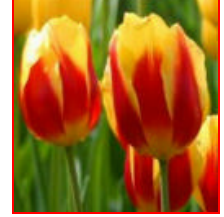
Tuesdays 9:00 A.M. at Flamingo Bingo,
Hwy 52 N., East Frontage Road

See Day Makers on the web at: <http://www.kiwanisrochester.org>
See MN-DAK District Site at: <http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org>

Newsletter for May 2009

Minnekotan for this month is available at:
<http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/newsletter.php>

MOTHER'S DAY



MAY FLOWERS !

OFFICERS

President Marie Alexander
Imm. Past Pres. Phyllis Jacobs
Pres. Elect Kathy Davis
1st Vice Pres. Don Wendt
2nd Vice Pres. Joanne Markee
Secretary/Treasurer Dick Lundberg

DIRECTORS (3 yr terms)

Frank Nichols 2008
Jim Morton 2009
Ken Reding 2009
Jerry Steinke 2010
Judy Lien 2010

CHAIRS & Meeting Dates

Membership	Don Wendt	1 st Thursday 9am
Program	Kathy Davis	3 rd Tuesday
Youth Services	Steinke/Wade	1 st Tuesday
Community Services	Joanne Markee	3 rd Tuesday
Human & Spiritual Values	Dallas Glaser	2 nd Tuesday
Young Children Priority One	Larry Scilley	4 th Tuesday
Operations	Phyllis Jacobs	1 st Tuesday
Public Relations	Jack Erickson	

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

Program Schedule :

May 5th Gangs in Rochester- Steve Thompson
May 12th Rochester Visitors & Convention Bureau- Brad Jones
May 19th George Gibbs Elementary School- Jane Drennan
May 26th Olmsted Public Defenders Office- Pam King

Dates to Remember:

May 21, 2009, Kiwanis Fundraising Luncheon, 11:30 to 1:30pm, Outback Steak House

June 4-6, 2009, The 42nd Annual Kiwanis International-European Federation Convention in Ghent, Belgium.

June 25-28, 2009: The 94th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee.

<http://www.kiwanisone.org/memberresources/convention/convention09/index.html>

If you would like to order a nice navy blue **Kiwanis Day Maker caps**. Let Richard L know, they are about \$10 each.

Richard L.

Presidents' Corner:

Happy May everyone. My pussy willows have burst open and the neighbors tulips are open. My dandelions are also in full bloom. My mother was a good gardener and so is our daughter. Unfortunately the skill completely missed me.

I received an e-mail from Kiwanis saying that the month of May we should all try to add some new members to our club. Talk with your friends and neighbors and invite them to a meeting. Remember it's not just up to the membership committee to find new members.

On May 21st we will be having a fund raiser at Outback Steak House. The cost is \$10 and our club will receive half of the cost. David and I have attended two of their fund raisers and the food is very tasty and the service is good. It runs from 11:30 - 1:30 but most of the people come at the beginning. The restaurant is pretty empty by 12:30. We will begin selling tickets next Tuesday, May 5th.

The student who will be receiving the \$1000 scholarship from our club has been picked and will be receiving their scholarship on May 18 at 7 o'clock at Century High School. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Thank you,
Marie Alexander

May Birthdays

4	Dick Odell	16	Roger Field
5	George Heyne	24	Ken Plummer
8	Merlyn Jeché	27	Don Birka
13	Bill Schneider	27	Gene Kivi
		28	Jerry Steinke

May Anniversaries

2	Jim & Becky Cook
7	Merle & Jean Dunn
12	Herb & Jerine Erickson
26	Hollis & Pat Feeser
28	Don & Sally Wendt
31	Dick & Doreen Severson

Secretary/Treasurers Report - April'09

Bank Balance 3/31/09:	\$ 13,010.90
Administrative Account:	\$ 11,209.31
Service Account:	\$ 555.33
Hockey/YCPO:	\$ 1,081.60
Bike Repair:	\$ 164.66

Day Makers on leave: Judy Lien

March Service Hour Statistics: 1138 hours by 54 members, 66% Participation.

April 14, 2009 Board Meeting Highlights:

Jim Cook and Frank Vondrashek were approved for membership.

The board discussed the following: The sign-up clipboards have not been passed for a one month trial. The clip boards have rather been laid out on tables near the entrance to our meeting room. Some members felt that it was disruptive to be passing clipboards during the program. It was the consensus of the board that the club should return to passing the clipboards at our meetings. The clipboards are being bypassed and missed by members entering and leaving the meetings.

The board approved a recommendation that we revert to passing the clipboards in orderly fashion. (There was a request for a show of hands at the April 21 club meeting, and all present were in favor of the board's decision.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership- Two new members recently have been, or will be inducted.

Program- Programs have been scheduled through May

Operations - Outback Steakhouse fundraising event is scheduled for Thursday May 21. The cost will be \$10 per person and up to 150 people can be accommodated. Tickets will be sold in advance.

Human & Spiritual Values- Frank Nichols will backup John Looft on the Salvation Army bell ringing project. The committee is working on a protocol to be followed when they are notified that a member, member's spouse, or others close to the club have issues where a card or other follow-up is appropriate.

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YCPO- Family Fun Night is scheduled for May 5th. Our club will help with set-up, and maybe moving table and chairs. The Rochester Fest Parent Child Fair is scheduled for June 24th.

Youth Services- Members of the committee are meeting with club officers rather than the whole club. The Key Club appreciated the willingness of Jerry Steinke to drive them to the Key Club Spring Rally.

IDD- A program on IDD at Kiwanis International and how our club is responding to it would be appropriate, especially for new members.

Richard Lundberg, Secy/Treasurer

K-Kids Litter Map: Riverside School

Created by **Riverside K-Kids** and Riverside School Age Child Care - Trash is a problem all over the world.

This is a small portion of the trash that we collected from our school playground. In the United States, each person generates 4.3 pounds of trash a day.

Do your part in making the world a cleaner place

- Recycle newspapers, cans, plastic, and glass.
- Bring your own bags to the store.
- Use both sides of paper before you throw it away.



Riverside Elementary K-Kids observed Earth Week by cleaning up the planters at the front entrance of the school. They also picked up litter from the school ground and neighboring streets. Earlier in April they decorated paper grocery bags with ideas for conserving energy and reducing waste. These grocery bags were returned to HyVee North and to Silver Lake Foods to be handed out on Earth Day reminding shoppers of good practices in waste and energy reduction.

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K-Kids also constructed a map of the United States using garbage collected from the school ground. This map is displayed at Riverside and is generating lots of discussion. It is very likely K-Kids have changed their choices and influenced others regarding waste and energy.

Century Key Club members and Day Makers have been a great help in the clean up activities and other projects the K-Kids have done. Century students brought treats to observe both St Patrick's Day and Earth Day. They also have adopted K-Kids for a letter exchange. The interactions between Key Club members and K-Kids have been very positive parts of this year's program.



Sue Thalacker, Family Liaison, Riverside Central Elementary and Kiwanian Day Maker - *Al Strom*

Kiwanis Fundraising Luncheon:

The date has been set for the Kiwanis Day Makers fundraising luncheon. It will be May 21 (Thursday) from 11:30 to 1:30 at the **Outback Steakhouse** at Crossroads Shopping Center. Tickets will be available at two upcoming meetings and also from Phyllis Jacobs.

Cost is \$10 for the following: Chicken and Ribs, potato, salad, vegetable, beverage, and cheesecake for dessert. A real bargain! You may sell to your friends that are not Kiwanians as well as Kiwanians from another club. Capacity at Outback is 150.

Phyllis

Kiwanis Mission Statement:

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

Walking School Bus: Live for others - Healthy Community Award

This Olmsted County Award was established in Dr. Lyle Weed's memory to recognize citizens whose contributions have made Olmsted County a healthier place to live.

David Berg is the driving force behind the Elton Hills **Walking School Bus**. As a parent volunteer, he worked with the Elton Hill's staff and Olmsted County Public Health to map out walking routes around the school. He recruited other volunteers to help him "drive" the bus. Nineteen families and twenty-four kids are now walking to and from school year-round! David is influencing the next generation of healthy Minnesotans by promoting physical activity and green living.

In addition to family members, David recruited several of our **Kiwanis Day Makers** to "drive". Among the regular Day Makers are Al Southwick, Ken Reding, and Jim Cook. Bill Schneider, Bob Wenner, and Bev Livesay have assisted by shuttling the "drivers" back to their cars, a real boon in cold weather.

Al Southwick

Cutest Grandchildren Photos:

The "cutest grandchildren" entries in our newsletter continues, so keep those photos coming....



The puppy is "Buddy" and is my "Grand Dog". He's the best I can do at this time. My son and daughter are still childless but there is always hope... he loves slippers. Jerry

Some Kiwanians have "really cute granddogs"for details see Jerry Steinke.

**MED-CITY MARATHON VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES
OPPORTUNITIES TO DO SERVICE HOURS**

On Monday, May 11th we will have the opportunity to do a K-Family service project for the Y. We will meet at the Y at 5:00 PM to stuff 1500 packets for the runners that will be participating in the Med City Marathon on Sunday, May 24th. This is being advertised to all of the Key Clubs in Rochester and the K-kids Club at Riverside Elementary as well as our Day Makers Kiwanis Club.

A clip board for sign up will be passed around at our meeting this coming Tuesday, May 5th. Please sign up and join us in this K-Family service project. The Y will be furnishing pizza and beverages.

Here are some other opportunities for service hours during the Med City Marathon sponsored by the Y.

- Course Marshals – Many Volunteers needed along route
- Packet pick-up and Race Day Registration in Byron - 8 to 10 People needed from 5:15 to 7:00 am.
- Packet Pick-up and Race Day Registration for the 5k at the Y – 4 People needed from 5:30 to 7:30 am
- Finish Line Medals and t-shirts- 2 volunteers from 7:30 AM to 1 PM and 2 volunteers from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- Finish Line Food – 8 volunteers from 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM – this could be divided in to two shifts.
- Bus Monitoring – 2 volunteers from 5:00 AM to 11:00 AM

All volunteer jobs except packet stuffing include a t-shirt.

If any of you have interest in any of the above service opportunities, please contact Jack Zierdt ASAP. You can also contact Teresa Byland, Marathon Coordinator at the Y at the following phone number: 269-6591.

Jack Zierdt

Human and Spiritual Values Committee:

The NBC Nightly News, some time back, conceived a series of Friday stories, under the banner “Making a Difference,” in response to a rising number of complaints from viewers that only “bad” news was being presented. That idea has morphed into something more. As the economy has turned bad and positive news seemed to be hard to find, the show requested viewers to share stories of random or regular acts of kindness. Those have been posted on their web site; in addition, the show has been running one of these at the close of each nightly newscast. As members of Kiwanis, we have observed numerous such acts right here in Rochester on a regular basis for years.

I offer this thought for us to consider. A case, it seems, could be made for service clubs like ours to make a more concerted effort to make some of our activities more public. In other words, our random or regular acts of kindness may very well serve a broader purpose than the target individual(s). If the premise of NBC News that the general community is helped by hearing about positive acts within our society done for reasons other than monetary gain holds true, publicizing programs and actions like ours might take on a greater role. I, for one, have tended to feel that kind acts are best done without expectation of reward or public notice. Maybe tooting our horn is not a selfish act. Let’s talk about this possibility.

Dallas Glaser, Chairman

Out of a child’s mouth: (from web)

Dear God, Thank you for my new baby brother but what I prayed for was a puppy.... Joyce

Dear God, If you watch in church on Sunday, I will show you my new shoes....Mickey

Dear God, I bet it is very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it.... Nan

Dear God, I am American, what are you? Robert

Dear God, I think about you sometimes even when I am not praying.....Elliott

Dear God, Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don’t you just keep the ones you got now? Jane

Dear God, I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church. Is that OK? Neil