



# 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 2011

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APRIL SHOWERS



MAY FLOWERS

### OFFICERS

President	Don Wendt
Imm. Past Pres.	Kathy Davis
Pres. Elect	Joanne Markee
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.	Richard Odell
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 9am
Program	Joanne Markee	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 8:15am
Youth Services	Jerry Steinke	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday
Community Services	Larry Segar	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 8:35 am
Human & Spiritual Values	Herb Erickson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
Young Children Priority One	Larry Scilley	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday
Operations	Kathy Davis	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday
Public Relations	Open	

Historian: Bruce Keller	Pres. Advisor: Ella VanLaningham
Interclub: Larry Krob	Web/Newsletter: Dick Odell, Jim Cook
Asst Sec./Treas: Bob Mayhew	Regional Rep: Open

### Program Schedule :

- May 3 - Downtown Alliance**, Jon Eckhoff
- May 10 - Weight Training for Older Active Adults**, Linde Sifuentes
- May 17 - United Way Middle School Initiative**, April Sutor
- May 24 - K-Kids and Century Key Club**, updates
- May 31 - Sleep Apnea**, Dr. Carol Kosmicke

### Remember these dates:

- May 19** – Perkins South Coupon Day (20% to Club)
- June 17 – 26<sup>th</sup>** - RochesterFest 2011
- June 22<sup>nd</sup>** - KIWANIS Parent/Child Free Fair

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

### Web Humor: Overheard at church....

I'm getting so old that all my friends in heaven will think I didn't make it...

I once asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way, so I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.

### Presidents' Corner:

We are at the mid-point of our fiscal year and it is time to think about electing officers to lead us through 2011 and 2012. Al Strom, Ruth Vrieze and Jim Cook have graciously consented to serve on the Nominating Committee. By the end of May we must send an election form to Kiwanis international listing all our new officers and finally, in late September we will induct the new officers at our annual dinner meeting.

Those of us who participated in the Volunteer Tax Program are certainly feeling a sense of accomplishment, along with a sense of relief that our mission has come to an end. As with any kind of program of this magnitude, the "devil is in the details" and we're glad it's over.

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, we will have 2011 Club Leadership Education at the Senior Center. This is a requirement for the President-Elect and Club Secretary, but can be attended by any club member. I attended this event last year and found it not only informational, but interesting.

Registrations are due no later than one week prior to session date. Please let Secretary/Treasurer Dick Lundberg know if you want to attend.

Thanks to Larry Krob and all the volunteers for another successful American Cancer Society Daffodil Days fundraiser. This is a fun and easy volunteer project. If you didn't get a chance to volunteer this year, be sure to sign up early next year. Continued page 3 →

### May Birthdays:

4	Dick Odell	16	Roger Field
5	George Heyne	22	Gene Mullenbach
7	Marie Bellabe	24	Ken Plummer
8	Merlyn Jech	27	Gene Kivi
13	Bill Schneider	28	Jerry Steinke

### May Anniversaries:

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

## Secretary/Treasurer's Report – April 2011

<b>Bank Balance 3/30/11:</b>	\$ 9,389.14
Administrative Account:	\$ 8,075.54
Service Account:	\$ 2,003.45
Hockey/YCPO:	\$ -293.06
Bike Repair:	\$ 89.67
K-Family	\$ -289.00
Chili Feed	\$ -197.46

**Day Makers on leave:** Ron King, Sara King, Judy Lien

**March Service Hour Statistics:** 1,290 hours by 61 members, 71% Participation.

The board discussed further the possibility of setting up a 501c3 foundation within our club. One option would be to use a procedure obtained from Kiwanis International to initiate a 501c3 foundation within the club. A second option is to use an existing 501c3 called "Kiwanis Charitable and Educational Corporation of Rochester Minnesota". This corporation dates back to 1936 and needs to be updated and revised. It has been used, in recent years, for the Kiwanis Hockey Tournament. Bob Lahtinen is willing to pursue the second option, by first meeting with the corporation's known current officer Erv Nehring. The board decided to proceed by having Bob Lahtinen meet with Erv Nehring and investigate moving forward with the second option.

Dave Moehnke requested the board's approval to purchase two picker-upper devices to assist the Park Stewards in picking up trash at Quarry Hill Park. The board approved expending up to fifty dollars, from the administrative account, to purchase two devices.

The board approved thanking our four facility advisors by presenting each of them with a fifty dollar gift card.

It was brought to the board's attention that the Century Key Club adopted a cabin at Ironwood Springs Camp a year ago. The cabin needs a new floor, new roof, and exterior stain.

The Key Club raised funds to cover these expenses. The Key Club applied for a \$2,000 grant from Key Club International for a Low Elements Challenge Course at the camp, but it was rejected because the grant application had too much detail. They are considering re-applying.

The board was reminded to send dates for club activities to Dick Odell, our newsletter editor, so they can be included in the monthly newsletter.

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### **Kiwanis Mission Statement:**

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

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership** The committee is meeting monthly. The club needs 3-4 new members to maintain our distinguished status.

**Program-** Programs are scheduled well into May.

**Community Service-** The tax program is mostly complete and was very successful.

**YCPO-** Family Fun Night is coming up April 26<sup>th</sup>. Rochester Fest Parent/Child Fair will be June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Youth Services-** The school's reading programs have concluded. K-kids are still going. Another family is needed for the Adopt a Family Program.

Richard Lundberg, Secretary/Treasurer

### **Cutest Baby Contest Continues:**

"Now if we could just find our shoes."



### **Membership Committee:**

"Kiwanis is a Verb" booklet suggests that "Growth is the only evidence of life." Our Day Makers club hopes to continue our 16 year attainment of "Distinguished Club" awards. In order to accomplish our objective we will need four (4) new members before September.

Four new members will be challenging but with our strengths we should be able to interest others in joining.

I would suggest a recruiting technique of first inviting a prospect to several of our meetings to see what we are "all about" and for them to enjoy our camaraderie. Invite the prospect when we have a special speaker topic that would be most interesting for them. And rather than ask directly, "Would you like to join?" I would suggest something like, "Do you see why I'm so excited about our Kiwanis Club?"

Membership meeting at Perkins South, Thurs, 9am, 5/19.

Dick Odell, chair

**Community Service Committee:**

**Tax Program for Lower Income Families**

The AARP Tax-Aide Program helps lower income individuals and families fill out their tax returns – enabling them to meet their tax obligations and obtain the maximum refund for which they are eligible. The program is operated by volunteers and both the tax preparation and electronic filing is free. Help is provided at three major sites in Rochester, one in Stewartville and one in Dodge County and volunteers travel to various senior facilities in Rochester and surrounding communities.

So far this season, we have assisted over 4000 taxpayers and volunteers donated over 9500 hours (including training). Individuals and families can still get help during some limited summer sessions at our Rochester sites (Salvation Army, Senior Center and Hawthorne Education Center) by calling for an appointment in early summer; a special rent/property tax refund is available for lower income individuals/families for which a return can still be filed with the Minnesota Department of Revenue.

Appointments are made by calling the Salvation Army or Senior Center direct; for Hawthorne, calls are taken at the United Way. Many thanks to Dave Alexander, Jim Cook, Dallas Glaser, John Griffith, George Heyne, Marlys McCoy, Will Rasmussen, Bill Schneider, Eric Skuldt, Ella VanLaningham and Don and Sally Wendt for their many hours helping make the program such a success.

Special thanks to Dave, George, Ella, Eric and the Wendts for taking on extra responsibilities in leadership roles.

Ella VanLaningham

**President’s Corner:** (continued from page 1)

The annual Chili Feed, headed by Judy Lien, succeeded in raising \$2,971.31 for Rochester Senior Center. These donations go towards sustaining the many programs and services that the Senior Center offers for the elderly of our community.

Our Club continues to rack up the volunteer hours. In February our Service Hours totaled 1191 and involved 47 Day Makers. In March we did even better with a total of 1290 hours by 61 Kiwanians. Thanks to all of you.

Don Wendt, President

**Community Service Committee:**

**Eden Garden Club and the Heritage House**

A brief up-date on the Kiwanis volunteer activities in Central Park in down-town Rochester providing the Eden Garden Club and the Heritage House Associates with help on their projects.

Each these organizations are staffed by ladies who volunteer their time and talents towards maintaining and improving the sight and condition of these public amenities. The ladies in charge depend on organizations such as Kiwanis to provide help for a number of the chores necessary to keep the area and house attractive and presentable to the many visitors to the park and house.

Some of the projects that Kiwanis Day Makers have helped with are:

- Eden Garden Club
  - Trimming shrubs,
  - planting trees and flowers,
  - tilling the garden plots,
  - re-laying the brick walks,
  - adding soil and compost to the gardens and
  - fall clean up of the grounds and more.
- Heritage House
  - Install new lighting in the basement,
  - repair the house clocks,
  - install new front steps,
  - minor plumbing repairs,
  - rodent proof the areas under the steps and porches and
  - install decorative lattice,
  - fabricate and install two trellis's for vines,
  - repair and re-glue furniture,
  - clean and repair some of the artifacts in the house,
  - treat the roof for mold and fungus,
  - repair street side signage and more.

Many of the Day Makers have been involved in these and more projects in Central Park and the Ladies have expressed their thanks many times over and hope for continuing support.

Hollis Feeser

**Membership Comment:**

Many thanks to a very creative and persuasive Kathy Davis who found a way to get a Kiwanis Day Makers commercial on our local radio station for free!

**Easter Week:** "Where is that blue Easter Egg?"



**Easter Week:** "Grandpa, how about a little help?"



Anya Olson granddaughter of Day Maker Dick Olson at Rochester Covenant Church.

**Perkins South Coupon:**

**May 19<sup>th</sup>**



Cashier—Please attach coupon to restaurant copy of "check"

All you need to do is ...

- Present coupon to cashier
- Pay for meal, "to go", bakery
- Perkins office does the rest!

20% of sale to club



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**PERKINS SOUTH**

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**Easter Week:**

"Bubbles are so much fun."

