



Rochester Day Makers Kiwanis Club

Tuesdays 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 September 2017

Minnekotan for this month is available at:
<http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/Page/1014>

HURRICANE HARVEY



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OFFICERS

President	Nowicki/Zierdt
Imm. Past Pres.	Joanne Markee
Pres. Elect	Shar Hain
1 st Vice Pres.	TBD
Secretary/Treasurer	Dick Lundberg

DIRECTORS (3 yr terms)

Bruce Jawer	2017
Kathy Davis	2018
Gene Mullenbach	2018
George Heyne	2019
Jim Schwinghammer	2019

CHAIRS & Meeting Dates

Membership	Shar Hain	3 rd Thursday 9am
Program	Ella VanLaningham	1 st Tuesday, 10:15am
Youth Services	Kathy Davis	1 st Tuesday
Community Services	Helen Kolb, 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
Funds Raising/PR	Bob Nowicki	1 st Tuesday
Board Meeting	Bob Nowicki	2 nd Tuesday, 10am
Eliminate Project	Jack Zierdt, Herb Erickson	1 st Tuesday, 10am

Historian: Bruce Keller	Pres. Advisor: Judy Zierdt
Interclub: Roger Olson	Web/Newsletter: Dick Odell
Asst Sec./Treas: Jim Decker	Im Past Lt Gov Div 7: Dick Odell

Program Schedule:

Sep 05 - Tale of Two Sister Cities - Worthington & Crailsheim, Germany, Curt Pearson, Ella VanLaningham

Sep 12 - Amazing Life and Early Demise of Music Legend Glenn Miller, John Grabko, Larry Segar

Sep 19 - Silver Creek Corner, Ray Dunfee and Site Director Trent Fluegel, Ella VanLaningham

Sep 26 - Annual Meeting & Banquet at 5:15pm, Program Committee

Dates to Remember:

Sept 21st – Membership Committee, Perkins South
<http://www.kiwanisrochester.org/PerkinsCoupon.jpg>

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

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>

Co-Presidents' Corner:

As we come into the final month of our co-presidency of the Day Makers Kiwanis Club we would like to call to your attention some of the many projects that we as a club have participated in as service to the community or fund raisers for our club projects. To quote one of our members, "We are a Service Organization of which I am proud to be a part." We would like to take this opportunity to THANK YOU for all you do for our club and the community. We also, would like to have you think about how we can improve and/or change what we are doing for the community and ask for your suggestions.

It's important that we take stock now before the start of the new Kiwanis year to help Shar, our incoming president, lead us through the next year in the direction we all want to go.

We have a large number of service projects listed that our members are involved with. Some of the service projects involve only a few members and others involve a large number of our members. This is an area of satisfaction as well as concern within our membership. Do we have too many activities/projects and are they still relevant? Some of our larger projects are the AARP Tax-Aide Program (See Ella's article elsewhere in this newsletter); Channel One; Christmas Anonymous; Community Food Response; and Rochesterfest. Our involvement in these, as well as some of the smaller ones, are much appreciated and depended on by the organizations. However, can we continue to do justice to all of the projects that we list? Continued page 3 →

Sept Birthdays:

2	David Alexander
27	Marv Anderson
23	Ruth Vrieze
30	Richard Lundberg

Sept Anniversaries:

5	Richard & Deedee Odell	20	Frank Nichols & Helen Sanborn
10	Ken & Rosie Reding	29	Bruce & Margo Jawer
20	David & Renada Moehnke		

Secretary/Treasurer's Report – 07/11/2017

Bank Balance 7/31/2017: \$18,642.61
Bike Repair Fund: \$ 132.95
Charitable Account: \$ 5,948.04
Administrative Fund: \$ 6,516.33
Service Fund: \$ 6,045.29

Members on Leave: Don Cain, Tom Lemke, Judy Lien, Peter Schuh

July Service Hour Statistics: 353 hours by 29 members, 48% Participation.

August Board Meeting Summary:

The board approved procuring item(s) for the silent auction at the District Convention at a cost not to exceed \$75.00, with the cost coming from our Happy Bucks funds.

The board discussed our tradition of giving appreciation certificates to our speakers. For returning speakers, should we come up with another appreciation gift for them, possibly a frame for their certificate, or a pen? No action was taken.

Committee Reports

Community Service- The summer tax program is running. The committee is considering the best way for our club to volunteer at the Rochester Area ReStore.

Early Childhood Development- We have good club participation in reading programs during the school year. The committee is investigating ways to be involved during the summer months. The committee is also looking at ways that our club can be more involved in schools during the school year.

Faith & Spiritual Values- Continuing to send cards to members and family with health issues. A card was sent to the Darlene Brandt family letting them know how we used their memorial gift. A thank you note was sent to the Hawk and Sons Crane Service for their assistance with the Golf Ball Drop Fund Raiser.

Fund Raising- Ongoing Projects

Membership- Continue to seek new members. Encourage bringing guests when we have an outstanding speaker. The committee is looking into using Post Bulletin event calendar listing when we have an outstanding speaker scheduled.

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Secy/Treas Report (Continued):

Program- Programs are scheduled through September. Our Annual Picnic combined with the Club's 23rd Birthday party at Quarry Hill Nature Center is scheduled on August 22nd. Our Annual Meeting, with Induction of new Officers, will be on September 26th at Willow Creek Golf Course.

Public Relations- Looking into publicizing our events and meetings in the Post Bulletin.

Social Media/Web Site- Nothing to report concerning Social Media. Some suggested changes have been made to our Web Site.

Strategic Planning-

Youth Services- The committee will be ramping up their activity as school starts.

Richard Lundberg, Secy/Treasurer

Kiwanis International Scholarships:

Get to know our KI scholarship recipients (Aug 22, 2017) from grants of KI Children's Fund at:
<http://www2.kiwanis.org/childrensfund/news/foundation/2017/08/22/get-to-know-our-scholarship-recipients#.WacOB2yovs1>

Dick Odell

Annual Meeting & Banquet:

Please put Tuesday, September 26, on your calendars and plan to bring your significant other. We will start with our silent auction and social time, enjoy that yummy pork loin (penne pasta primavera vegetarian alternative) and then honor our outgoing Board members and induct our new ones.

You can sign up at a club meeting in September, or call Ella at 289-2668. Don't miss it ... our premier social event of the year!!

Ella VanLaningham

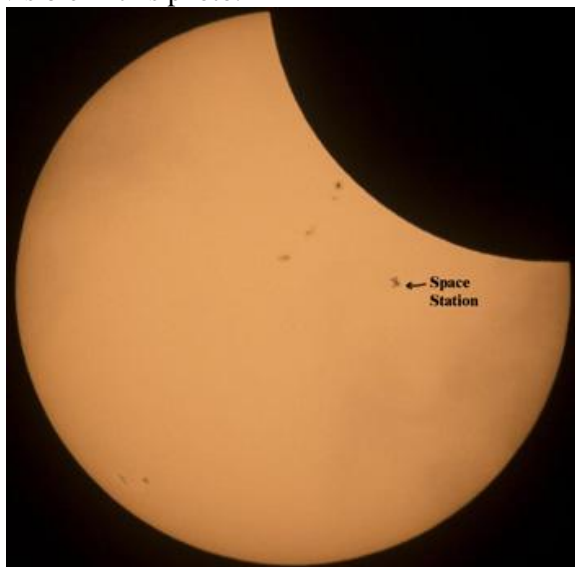
Kiwanis Defining Statement:

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



In Case You Missed It: August 21, 2017

The moon, sun and International Space Station are all visible in this photo.



Solar eclipse at the point of totality.



Totality in WY was 2:33 minutes, and the whole eclipse process was over 2 hours.



A good time was had by all.....

Dick Odell

Co-Presidents' Corner:

We also, have fund raising activities that help our club earn the dollars needed to contribute to support some community projects . The main fund raising activities that we are involved with are: The Kiwanis/Cambria Hockey Festival; selling of Herberger's Coupon Books; selling of Rochesterfest Buttons and our Club's Golf Ball Drop at Rochesterfest. If we decide not to participate in one or all of these, then where will our service budget funds come from?

These funds are reinvested in the community along with significant service hours mainly in our schools. Within the schools and community we have our scholarship program, the Reading Oasis at Gage, and other reading programs in other elementary schools. Equally important are the Student Leadership Programs at Riverside Elementary School (K-kids, Terrific Kids and popcorn parties); Harriet Bishop Elementary School (K-kids); and the Key Club at Century High School.

There's no doubt that our investment in our today's youth via these school projects will help build a better future for us all ... but we need your continued support.

Think about it!

Bob Nowicki and Jack Zierdt

2016 -2017 Co-Presidents

Kiwanis MN-Dakota District Convention:



Day Makers Team delivers and attends conference.



Dick Odell

Hollis Feeser Photo:

Back yard steak fry with Hollis and Pat Feeser with Granddaughter Erin.



Granddaughter is the one in the middle. Good genes make a difference.....

Dick Odell

AARP Tax-Aid Service Project:

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. A large percentage of our families include dependent children, and the refunds received by the families help contribute to the financial stability of the family. On income tax returns, many lower income working families receive an earned income credit or education credit. These, as well as many who do not even need to file an income tax return, also often qualify for a rent or property tax refund from MN Revenue which is based on the amount of rent or property tax vs their income. Because the program is operated completely by volunteers on all but the national level, 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. Overall this tax year, assistance was provided to 4008 taxpayers, representing 3458 families, and volunteers donated over 10,000 hours (including training).

DayMakers:

Special thanks to Kiwanians Dave Alexander, Jim Cook, Greg and Shar Hain, Carolyn and George Heyne, Pat Mann, Eric Skuldt, Ella VanLaningham, and Don and Sally Wendt. Between them, they contributed 2812 service hours this past year (WOW!) on behalf of families and children in need - helping them access funds they really need for their day-to-day living

Many thanks to Tax-Aide Volunteers...

Ella VanLaningham

Disaster Relief Fund:

Dear Day Makers,

Following the meeting this morning (7/29), an officer’s meeting was held with Richard Lundberg regarding the budget for next year. Once this meeting was coming to a close the topic of disaster relief help was brought up. Thanks to Bill Schneider for his comments during this morning’s regular meeting about considering helping with a donation to help the residents of the Houston Area.

If you listen to the TV and/or radio the comments are made that if you want to help you can contribute by texting a certain number and a \$10.00 donation will be charged to your credit card. It was discussed and decided by the officer’s committee that we would ask each of you to consider donating to the relief fund at our meeting next week, September 5th.

Please bring your cash donation, however great or small you would like to contribute to the relief fund. Our Kiwanis Club will match all contributed funds up to \$500.00. We will then send the monies into Kiwanis Children’s Fund or go through the Red Cross to donate these Disaster Relief Dollars in the Rochester Day Makers Kiwanis Club name.

You Co-Presidents
Jack and Bob

Herb Erickson Photo:

Herb Erickson (90 yrs) now enjoys a Five Generation Family photo party.



Left to right: Herb, Mark, Kristen, Gabrielle and Great-Great Grand Daughter Dove.

Well done Herb.....

Dick Odell