



# Rochester Day Makers Kiwanis Club

Tuesdays 9:00 A.M. at Rochester Athletic Club Building,  
3100 19<sup>th</sup> Street NW Rochester MN

See Day Makers on the web at: <http://www.kiwanisrochester.org>

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

## Newsletter for October 2016

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### OFFICERS

|                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| President                  | Nowicki/Zierdt |
| Imm. Past Pres.            | Joanne Markee  |
| Pres. Elect                | Peter Schuh    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres. | Shar Hain      |
| 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 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 9am     |
| Program             | Peter Schuh, Ella VanLan   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 10:15am |
| Youth Services      | Kathy Davis                | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday          |
| Community Services  | Helen Kolb, Rick Johnson   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 8:30 am |
| Human & Spiritual   | Ruth Vrieze                | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 10am    |
| Early Childhood Dev | Larry Scilley, Dick Vrieze | 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday          |
| Funds Raising/PR    | Joanne Markee/Bob Nowicki  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday          |
| Board Meeting       | Bob Nowicki                | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 10am    |
| Eliminate Project   | Jack Zierdt, Herb Erickson | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 10am    |

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

### Program Schedule:

- Oct 4 - RCTC Mad Scientist Program**, Larry Segar
- Oct 11 - Mayo Radio**, Tracy McCray, Ella VanLaningham (arranged by Jean Dunn)
- Oct 18 - Fraud Awareness**, Clayton Timmerman, Eric Skuldt
- Oct 25 - Rochester Area Foundation**, Amalie Frankel Philanthropy Officer, Jim Cook

### Dates to Remember:

- Oct 11<sup>th</sup>** - New meeting location – Elks Club again
- Oct 20<sup>th</sup>** – Membership Committee, Perkins South <http://www.kiwanisrochester.org/PerkinsCoupon.jpg>
- Nov 7<sup>th</sup>** – Pizza Ranch, Stewartville (see page 4)
- Nov 12** – Division 7 Gov / Club Educ Day, Red Wing

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

**Smile.Amazon.Com :** *Christmas is Coming ...Tell your friends and relatives*

Remember to register with Smile.Amazon.Com to help our club generate Service Dollars. It is “free” money. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/51-0155637>

### October Birthdays:

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 Carolyn Heyne | 8 Bob Nowicki   |
| 2 Dallas Glaser | 11 Dick Vrieze  |
| 3 Kathy Davis   | 13 Joan Olson   |
| 4 David Moehnke | 30 Bruce Keller |

### President’s Corner:

This is my last newsletter article and I just want to say it has been an experience! Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President this last year. I am happy to report as my last official act...we have secured a new (old) location for our meetings. We will once again be meeting at the Elks Club at Hillcrest starting October 11. The Operations Committee has done a lot of work on this – and I want to personally thank them. There is more room, easier accessibility, and there will even be coffee and cookies!

I want to say a big thank you to this year's Board as well as all of the Committee Chairs for 2015-2016. Also – thanks to all the special positions and the work done with little or no recognition. I owe a very special thank you to Judy Zierdt for working with me and helping me this year. It wasn't always easy, dealing with 55 different personalities each week, all with great ideas. It has been a lesson in listening, understanding and doing what is best for the entire Club. The lesson I learned: every member here has had a great career and life before Kiwanis...and each of you has a plethora of knowledge and wisdom to share. Each of you make the Day Makers the great Club it is. We should never sell anyone short because we do not know what their background is or the path they have walked. My philosophy is: It is always better to lift someone up – rather than talk down to them. Thank you for lifting me up this year. Remember: We don't have to agree on everything to be kind to one another.

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### October Anniversaries:

19 Jim & Anne Morton

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report – 09/13/16:**

|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Bank Balance 8/31/2016:</b> | \$16,328.21 |
| Bike Repair:                   | \$ 286.00   |
| Charitable Account             | \$ 199.27   |
| Administrative Account:        | \$ 6,837.36 |
| Service Account:               | \$ 9,005.58 |

**Members on Leave:** Don Cain, Judy Lien, Bob Mayhew, Connie Mayhew

**August Service Hour Statistics:** 521 hours by 30 members, 46% Participation.

**September 2016 Board Meeting Summary**

Updates from the Meeting Site Search Committee: Peace Church is still in the running. Elks Club looks the most promising at this point. The Search Committee will follow up with Charlie at the Elks Club to see if this location will work for us.

Reading Oasis at Gage School: Sufficient Funds have been gathered to send in. The project is moving forward.

Boys & Girls Club: Shar Hain has received an email from them. There will be a meeting with them at the end of September. It does not look promising.

The Annual Dinner Meeting is organized, and ready to go on September 27.

The board reviewed and approved a budget for the 2016/2017 Kiwanis year.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Community Service-** We are scheduled for Saturday Noon Meals on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Anonymous has awarded John Marshall High School the outstanding Philanthropic group of the year. The Bike Repair Project is losing its current work location, and is searching for a new one.

**Early Childhood Development-** 600 books, including kindergarten this year, plus 50 in Spanish are ordered. Volunteers will be needed to help distribute them.

**Faith & Spiritual Values-** We need members to sign up for meeting invocation. Salvation Army Bell Ringing coming up.

**Membership-** We will end the Kiwanis year on September 30<sup>th</sup> with 65 members.

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**Secy/Treas Report (Continued):**

**Program-** Programs are scheduled through October.

**Public Relations-** A press release is ready to go covering our clubs officers for the year beginning October 1.

**Youth Services-** Kathy Davis will be our liaison for the Century HS Key Club replacing Bill Schneider.

**Richard E. Lundberg, Secretary**

**Incoming Presidents' Message:** (Bob N. and Jack Z.)

First of all, thank you all for letting us two "retreads" act as your president for this next year. We are looking forward to continuing to make the Day Makers the Kiwanis club you loved when you joined. To do this we certainly need all of you to let us know if we're on the right track and what we can do to keep on it. A good start is for us to digest and work on the suggestions you brought forward in our recent survey. Thank you for participating.

We don't plan to make any drastic changes -- unless you feel it's necessary. We heard from you about trying to focus more locally with allocation of funds and service projects.

We are aging (thank goodness because the alternative isn't so great) so we need to open our eyes to bringing in younger members while we're still young enough to know some candidates. It's a problem every group has eventually and we're starting to experience it.

Having said that, we know that a number of you have health or other issues that don't allow you to participate in the numerous service activities our club offers and you feel that you must drop out. **DON'T DO THIS.** It simply means that we haven't found the right thing for you to do. There must be something you can contribute to that would further our Kiwanis goals, make you feel good about being a member, and give us all the benefit of your presence at our meetings. Work with us.

Please feel free to share any of your concerns, suggestions, ideas, whatever at any time with us.

Thanks,  
**Bob Nowicki and Jack Zierdt**

**Kiwanis Defining Statement:**

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

## Day Makers Making a Difference:

### Walter Zeller Diamond Level – Herb Erickson

Congratulations to Herb Erickson on being awarded a Walter Zeller Diamond Level Fellowship. The Diamond Level recognizes funding of “multiple” fellowships.

In the past, Herb has personally acquired several Zellers and Hixson fellowship for himself and his wife Jerine.



Herb always knows the answer to the question, “What More Can I Do?”

Jack Zierdt, Bob Nowicki and Dick Odell congratulated Herb for driving our Club’s commitment to pledge “Model Club” and in turn he took a leadership role in driving the fund raising campaign to save 39,000 women and their newborn babies from the deadly Tetanus disease.

It was announced that we still have 5000 more women who need our “altruistic giving” to accomplish our 5-year Model Club Pledge before 9/26/2017.

Again, congratulation Herb Erickson....well deserved.

**Dick Odell**, Lt Gov Div 7 (2015-2016)  
**Jack Zierdt**, Day Maker Co-President

## Induction of Day Makers Officers:

At the Annual Dinner, Dick Odell (Lt Gov Div 7) and Randy Schmidt (Lt Gov Elect Div 7) inducted our new officers and directors of our Club’s Board of Directors.



It was a short ceremony as 3 directors and the president-elect were not able to be in attendance. The following Day Makers officers and directors were inducted:

- Secretary – Richard Lundberg
- Treasurer – Richard Lundberg
- Vice President – Shar Hain
- Co-Presidents – Bob Nowicki and Jack Zierdt
- Outgoing directors – Joan Olson and Curt Pearson (were recognized for their service)



Lt Gov Dick Odell then thanked the club for their support and congratulated the club on the following:

- Meaningful service project and 10,000 hours/yr
- Scholarships, Reading, SLP for Pre-K thru 12
- Community Service like Taxes (1000’s hours), Hockey Festival, Meals on Wheels
- Fundraising projects like Herbergers, Golf Ball Drop, Kwik Trip Gift Cards, Pizza Ranch
- Altruistic Service/Giving via Eliminate M/NT, largest delivered donations in Div 7 and MNDak District

He then “thanked” the “Spouses” of our Kiwanians for their support and understanding of our members’ commitments of time, talent and financial donations as #KIDS NEED KIWANIS.

**Dick Odell** - Lt Gov Div 7 (2015-2016)

**Presidents Corner:** (continued from page 1)

Last year in my acceptance talk I had just five things on my agenda:

**First:** not to mess up and thanks to all of the “type A” personalities in this Club, you didn't let me stray, forget anything or mess up!

**Second:** continue the great programs and we did. We instituted an 'education' program every month – and these were welcomed by most of the members. I enjoyed giving out quarterly President's “Certificates of Awesomeness” to members...but in reality each Day Maker has their own wonderful awesome qualities and so all of you should have gotten a certificate!

**Third:** encourage members to bring friends and join Day Makers. This one, we didn't do as good, but after all we are a work in progress, right?

**Fourth:** move forward to try to reach our Eliminate goal ... and we have come so close. We had a new fund raising event this year – Golf Ball Drop – as well as Herbergers coupons, Kwik Trip cards, the Eliminate can and Zeller and Hixsons.

**And Fifth:** to try to have some great, sometimes thought provoking, sometimes humorous, thoughts for the week. Hopefully I met this one.

This year we had approximately 9,856 volunteer hours with about 28 regular volunteers continually working to helping children and our community be a better place. My last “Certificate of Awesomeness” was given to Ella VanLanningham for her 1,000+ hours this year. Big KUDOS to all who volunteer. That being said, I want to recognize all of our members, because each of you, even if you cannot actively volunteer or work on projects anymore, still bring so much wisdom, joy and sense of purpose to our club. You all are what make Day Makers what it is.

My last and parting “thought” ... “It doesn't matter if the glass is half empty or half full. Be thankful you have a glass and grateful that there's something in it!”

**Joanne Markee, Im.Past Club President**

**Day Makers Annual Dinner:**

A good time was had by all at our Annual Banquet on Tuesday evening (9/27), but we missed those of you who couldn't make it. In all, there were 47 in attendance, including Lt. Governor Elect Div 7 and his wife, Randy and Jane Schmidt and our own Lt Governor Div 7 Dick Odell and his wife Deedee Odell.

We are happy to report that we had some great contributions to the Silent Auction (thanks to you wonderful donors) and a great deal of fun with the Live Auction. In particular, Curt Pearson (auctioneer extraordinaire) auctioned a surprise offering of jokes by our comedian-in-residence, Herb Erickson. We think that Herb should take to the road with a new career as stand-up comedian.

In total, we collected \$343 for Eliminate through the auctions. Thanks so much to all who contributed.

**Ella VanLanningham, Program Committee Chair**

**Day Makers Co-Presidents: (2016 - 2017)**



Welcome to our new Day Makers Club Co-Presidents

- Bob Nowicki
- Jack Zierdt

PS: Ella VanLanningham ...thank you for driving our annual dinner program and Shar Hain for Silent Auction.

**Pizza Ranch "Tip Night" Fundraiser:**

Where: Stewartville Pizza Ranch  
When: Monday, November 7, 2016  
Time: 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM (buffet open)

We will need several Day Maker volunteers to sign up for setting up at 4:00 PM and "working the tables" over 3 shift time slots from 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM; and 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM.

Please mark your calendar and plan to come, eat, and help work a shift. Remember that our club will earn 10% of the night's profits plus all of the tips; and all will be donated to the Eliminate project.

**Judy Zierdt and Jim Cook, co-chairs**



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Bob also shares his legal skills with the club and has kept track of birthdays and anniversaries for club meeting recognitions.

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**Richard Odell**, Lt Gov Div 7

## Kiwanis International Magazine:

The current (Oct/Nov 2016) is available online and I would suggest all Day Makers to be sure and review two of the “Featured Articles”, found on page 12 and page 22.

<http://www.kiwanis.org/docs/default-source/kiwanis-magazine/archive-issues/ki-1016.pdf?sfvrsn=2>



The first article features our new KI President Jane Erickson – her Midwest background, family time, her grandchildren and her objectives for Kiwanis.



The second article is 10 pages (8 of the pages are just pictures of children from four countries) just having fun, reading, eating and medical treatment.



You will be seeing and hearing a lot more this year about #KIDS NEED KIWANIS.

**Dick Odell**