



Rochester Day Makers Kiwanis Club

Tuesdays 9:00 am at Senior Center

Use Senior Center Parking Lot

See the Day Makers on the WEB at www.rochesterusa.com/kiwanis

See the MN-DAK District Site at www.mndak-kiwanis.org

Newsletter for November, 2003

OFFICERS		DIRECTORS (3 yr terms)		CHAIRS & Meeting Dates	
President	Marv Anderson	John Bradock	2006	Membership	Al Strom
Imm. Past Pres.	Carolyn Heyne	Larry Mason	2005	Program	Last Friday Breakfast
Pres. Elect	Ella VanLaningham	Marlys McCoy	2006	Program	Ella Van Laningham
1 st Vice Pres.	Al Strom	Gerry Kratz	2004	Yout h Services	2 nd Tuesday
2 nd Vice Pres.	Richard Hall	Ken Plummer	2004	Yout h Services	3 rd Tuesday
Secretary/Treasurer	Dick Lundberg			Community Services	Marie Alexander
				Community Services	3 rd Tuesday
				Human & Spiritual Values	Frank Nichols
				Human & Spiritual Values	2 nd Tuesday
				Young Children Priority One	Larry Scilley
				Young Children Priority One	4 th Tuesday
				Operations	Carolyn Heyne

Program Schedule	
Nov 4:	<i>School Facilities Upgrades</i> Breanna Bly, School Board Member Fred Daly, School Board Member Jerry Williams, Superintendent
Nov 11:	<i>What Is Written Will Be Remembered</i> Michael Ransom
Nov 18:	<i>Down Memory Lane with Trains</i> Fred Hodges
Nov 25:	<i>Overseas with American Airlines – A Pilot's View -----</i> Patrick Murray
Motor over to the Senior Center for these great programs	

Spiritual Aims Committee

"Gratitude is a fruit of great cultivation: you do not find it among gross people." (Samuel Johnson)

We have a rich heritage in our country. We know the story of the three-day celebration after the first harvest of those who had come ashore at Plymouth Rock. That celebration was held even in the light of the fact that half of their number had died during the winter. Many communities repeated the celebration each year. But, it didn't become a national holiday until President Lincoln, in the midst of the Civil War tribulations, declared it to be so. We can conclude that thanksgiving is appropriate, even necessary, when life's circumstances are dire and threatening. A "cultivated" people look beyond their troubles and are grateful for the blessings of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." True, our country is being tested and our society is in much disrepair. Yet, Thanksgiving Day gives us a needed time for remembrance and reflection.... YES, we have received so very much.

Spiritual Aims Committee

President's Corner

Our daughter graduated from college a number of years ago with an art major. She was required to do projects in various art forms. One project was a mosaic. She gathered a few hundred small stones of various colors. No two stones were identical. Each was unique in shape, size, and color. By grouping and arranging these stones according to color she created various sea creatures and other objects found in the sea. Collectively these small stones became a work of art.

When I think of our Day Makers Kiwanis Club I also see a mosaic. Our club is made up of approximately 75 members. Each member comes to our club with different combinations of interests, talents, abilities, and experiences. No two members are identical. Each member is unique. A few members group together to work on bicycles. Others group together to help Christmas Anonymous. Still others join together to help with CFR, Channel One, YCPO, or the Hockey Festival, and the list of projects goes on. Collectively as Kiwanians we, too, form a mosaic.

Last week at the subregion meeting at St. Charles our Governor Chuck emphasized that each Kiwanian is a leader. Each member can and should use his/her talents and abilities to "lead" in our own club. In the same way that individual stones collectively can make a piece of art, individual members collectively will make a vibrant Kiwanis club.

My challenge to each of you is to LEAD according your abilities and interests in our Day Makers Club.

Marv

Secretary/Treasurers Report for Oct. 03

Bank Balance 9/30/03: \$12,944.38
Administrative Account: \$ 6,852.62
Service Account: \$ 5,281.10
Hockey/YCPO: \$ 652.04
Bike Repair: \$ 158.62

Day Makers Currently On Leave: Rosalie Rusovick, Duane Mathias

August Service Hour Statistics: 449 hours by 40 members, 53% Participation

10/7/03 Board Meeting Highlights:

The giving of bike helmets with bikes received the OK from Christmas Anonymous. Al Southwick wants to look at helmets from various vendors. The board approved buying sample helmets to inspect.

Day Makers Foundation update by Bob Lahtinen. Bob will need help defining the purpose of the foundation and other wording. Discussed whether or not a separate treasurer is needed for the foundation.

The board was reminded that the Red Wing Region 7 meeting is Saturday November 15. Our registration deadline is October 28.

The board discussed providing donuts at our weekly club meetings. Approved starting with two dozen donuts at 50 cents each. Marlys will check on donating ground coffee to the Senior Center. Marlys will check to see if ice water can be made available.

Rather than create a new service project for mock disaster volunteers, we will use our current Red Cross project.

The board approved donating the Annual Banquet silent auction proceeds of \$278.50 to IDD.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership- Accepted Hank Kliewer's application for membership.

Program- Programs are booked through November 11

Youth Services- No faculty adviser has been assigned to the Century Key Club. Two Century Key Club members are going to the fall rally in Fargo. Al Southwick is working on bike helmets. Volunteers are needed for vision and hearing screening at Riverside School on November 11.

Richard Lundberg
Secretary/Treasurer

Youth Services Committee

The Century Key Club boasts a membership of 45+ students. They meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 AM in the Forum, a circular classroom at the end of the hallway running west of the main office. They always welcome Day Maker visitors.

A big THANK YOU goes out to Marv & Elaine Anderson for escorting officers, Caroline Schimurek and Sara Meddock to the Fall Rally in Fargo, ND on Oct 25-26, 2003.

Al Southwick is heading up our bike helmet program and seeks input on helmet selection, distribution methods and storage. Check with Al if you would like to be involved.

Thanks to all who signed up to assist with Vision & Hearing screening at Riverside Elementary. The screening is scheduled for Tuesday, November 11.

The Pinewood Academic Club is up and running. They are always looking for more volunteers to work one-on-one with students after school. The group meets every Wednesday and Thursday from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. Volunteers should plan to be there by 3:50 PM. Please remember to sign-in at the main office. Also, please call the main office, 281-6104, if you have to miss an evening for which you signed up.

The bike project is wrapped up for another year. Jack Holmes reports that his crew repaired 247 units (bikes, tricycles and scooters) this season. Fifty-one bikes were distributed this summer leaving almost 200 for the Christmas Anonymous store.

John Wade reports that we have donated approximately \$40 in coupons to Riverside Elementary during the past three months.. You can find redemption coupons on Hy-Vee receipts, General Mill's products, Kwik Trip Moola Money – milk in a bag, and Kemps dairy products. Thanks to all who continue to eat in the name of education.

November Birthdays

1 _ Joan Erickson
1 _ Henry Jager
1 _ Judy Lein
4 _ Chuck Jacobson
9 _ Al Strom
20 _ John Griffith
22 _ Jack Holmes

November Anniversaries

2 _ Richard & Karen
Lundberg
6 _ John & Pat Wade
21 _ Bob & Jane Lahtinen

Community Services Committee

I would like to thank Marie Alexander for volunteering to be our next chairman for the coming year. I would also to thank all of the members of the Community Services Committee over the past two years for all their participation in updating our club service activities and the creation of the clubs Service Activity Document.

Ken Plummer

Member Salute! New Member, Gerry Wervyn

Gerry is an insurance agent with New York Life, and he loves the freedom it gives him to do things like joining a Kiwanis club that meets in the morning. He made a major career shift in February of this year when he left his position as a speech therapist with the Mayo Clinic because of increasing rigidity with health care rules. Beth, his wife of 19 years, is a former special education teacher, currently a stay-at-home Mom. Gerry and Beth have 4 children, ranging in age from 3 to 14.

Gerry and Beth spent 3 years in Milwaukee before moving to Minnesota. He went to school in Grand Forks and still has family living in North Dakota. Beth is from Grand Rapids. They moved to Rochester in 1992.

Gerry has always been active in the community, service-wise, and that is partially what attracted him to the Day Makers – community service is a priority and our values fit. In addition, the time of our meetings is a good fit with his work. Gerry has served as Chair of the Rochester Area Housing Council and has served on the Human Rights Commission and the Rochester Planning and Zoning Commission. He was introduced to our club by Pat Horlocker – a lucky happenstance when he delivered her newspaper on behalf of his son and they got to talking.

Gerry is a history buff, especially interested in U.S. Presidents, likes to read and write and has published a book about his grandparents who came from Norway. Be sure to give Gerry our special Kiwanis welcome – not only is he committed to service, but he helps bring down our average age!

Member Salute! New Member, Dick Odell

Richard has just retired from IBM after 36 years. While at IBM, he worked primarily as a new product planner and a competitive-performance analyst. He was able to travel extensively to over 58 countries giving presentations on IBM iSeries, System/36, 34 and 32 computers. He was a profession product presenter for IBM in Europe, Asia, South America, Central America and several other countries like Russia, Romania, Turkey, Pakistan, Botswana, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Lebanon, Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Dubai, Abu Dabi, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain, Sri Lanka, India, Iceland, and Australia.

Dick was born in Panama and lived his first 8 years in Central and South American countries. While he was growing up he lived in South Dakota, Georgia, Michigan, Ohio, Washington DC, Montana, Idaho, California and Washington state. He and his wife Deedee moved back to Rochester in 1981 with their two daughters, Suzanne and Jennifer. Deedee is very active as a director of church handbells and works as a piano sales rep for Hamilton Music on North Broadway in Rochester.

Dick's hobbies continue to include travel, digital photography, motorcycle touring and off-road ATV explorations. He looks forward to working with Kiwanis by using his computer, photographic and presentations skills to help spread the word about the good works of Kiwanis and encourage others to actively participate in community projects. He has basic computer skills, including PC, Internet and digital photography and is more than willing to help others who might just be beginning to use their PCs for email and the internet. Call him anytime (really ... he said this!). He also has access to...which is capable of hauling more than 6000 lbs of stuff (a diesel 4x4 truck and a 7'x16' enclosed cargo hauling trailer including pumpkins, George). Please welcome Dick Odell into the club – he looks like a great fit!