



Rochester Day Makers Kiwanis Club

Tuesdays 9:00 A.M. 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 **December, 2003**

Happy Holidays



OFFICERS

President	Marv Anderson
Imm. Past Pres.	Carolyn Heyne
Pres. Elect	Ella VanLaningham
1 st Vice Pres.	Al Strom
2 nd Vice Pres.	Richard Hall
Secretary/Treasurer	Dick Lundberg

DIRECTORS (3 yr terms)

John Bradock	2006
Larry Mason	2005
Marlys McCoy	2006
Gerry Kratz	2004
Ken Plummer	2004

CHAIRS & Meeting Dates

Membership	Al Strom
Last Friday Breakfast	
Program	Ella Van Laningham
2 nd Tuesday	
Youth Services	Dave Arlander
3 rd Tuesday	
Community Services	Marie Alexander
3 rd Tuesday	
Human & Spiritual Values	Frank Nichols
2 nd Tuesday	
Young Children Priority One	Larry Scilley
4 th Tuesday	
Operations	Carolyn Heyne

Historian:	TBD	Publicity:	Tom Lemke	Pres. Advisor:	Pat Horlocker
Inter-club:	Phyllis Jacobs	Newsletter:	Dick Odell / Zanti Squillace		
Asst./Sec./Treas:	Jerry Kratz	Regional Rep:	Rosalie Rusovick		
Activity Patch Coordinator:	TBD				

Program Schedule

- Dec 2: History of the Mayo Civic Center**
 - Alberta Chance, Former Business Manager
- Dec 9: Accordions and Concertinas**
 - Merlyn Jeché (our very own!)
- Dec 16: History Center Cemetery Walks**
 - Pat Pennington
 - Coralee Grebe (as Elizabeth Graham Lowry)
- Dec 23: Christmas Party**
 - spouses especially invited
 - Senior Center Dining Room (lower level)
- Dec 30: Ready 4 K – On Behalf of Young Children**
 - Kate Zabertini

President's Corner

The Region 7 Kiwanis Education Day at Red Wing was held on November 15. Our own Lt. Governor Herb Erickson put together an excellent program. One of the speakers was Brian Crees, Kiwanis International Club Development Manager. Brian told us that worldwide Rotary and Lions are the two largest service clubs. Kiwanis is number three and Key Club International is the fourth largest in membership. However, Kiwanis ranks number one of all service clubs in the amount of money raised. Kiwanis raises over 100 million dollars a year around the world. The mission of Kiwanis is: "To improve the quality of life for children and families worldwide." As Day Makers we can feel proud we can do our part in accomplishing this mission.

When you read this newsletter, we will have just celebrated Thanksgiving. I am thankful I live in a free country. I am thankful I can be a Day Maker. I am thankful that we have already inducted one new member, Hank Kliewer. I am thankful for all the opportunities we have to serve our community, our country, and the world through Kiwanis.

Now we are entering into the Christmas season. This is always a busy season both in Kiwanis and in our personal lives. We have a myriad of opportunities to serve through Christmas Anonymous. Many of you have signed up to be bell ringers for the Salvation Army. There will be many opportunities to help with the Hockey Festival.

Thanks for volunteering and making a Kiwanis presence in the community. May you and your families enjoy a Blessed Christmas.

Marv

Human and Spiritual Values

As we come closer and closer to celebrating Christmas - the celebration of your birthday - and then hurry to meet the demands of starting a new year, we experience both joy and frustration in our zeal to be ready for the big days ahead.

Please help us to remember two things as we deal with the people around us: First that they are probably trying to do the very best that they can, and second that when we deal with them, we are dealing with creatures who, like ourselves, were created by God. Mike Siverling

Thinking About Christmas!

A few days after Halloween, I walked into Snyder's Drug store. I was abruptly jolted into the realization that the Christmas buying season was well underway! Brightly colored decorations shouted at me from every possible angle, saying "buy me".

We need the divine light of wisdom. Whether that light be the star that guided the wise men to a Bethlehem stable or the Hanukkah Jewish Festival of Lights, we need an inner light that illumines a word in need, a world torn apart by hate and strife.

We Kiwanians are noted for our generosity. May God's light nudge us beyond family giving to new and unexpected challenges! Chuck Butler

Secretary/Treasurers Report - Nov'03

Bank Balance 10/31/03: \$13,816.55
Administrative Account: \$ 8,877.14
Service Account: \$ 4,169.17
Hockey/YCPO: \$ 652.04
Bike Repair: \$ 118.20

Day Makers Currently On Leave: Bill Dunnette, Rosalie Rusovick, Duane Mathias

October Service Hour Statistics: 737 hours by 47 members, 62% Participation

11/4/03 Board Meeting Highlights:

Al Southwick is evaluating helmets from various vendors, and one will be selected.

The board started to review our current service projects and decide which should be approved for 2003/2004 Kiwanis year. The service projects will be evaluated by the committee chairs to be sure they are in the appropriate committee. The project approvals will be done at the December board meeting.

Members will be asked to submit funding requests to consider for distribution of service funds. The decision of how to distribute service funds will be made at the December board meeting.

The club will apply for a \$200.00 grant from Insty Prints to fund the current year copying expense.

The board will continue to evaluate the parking situation at the Senior Center to ensure there is adequate parking for all of our members.

The board discussed the screening form that is required for volunteering in some of the schools.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership- A "membership day" will be considered as a way to recruit new members.

Community Service- Christmas Anonymous is the major current project.

Richard Lundberg
Secretary/Treasurer

Progress Report: (Day Maker Gift of \$200 to student)

Dear Haleh Malek,

I am writing to keep you up to date with the progress of the scholarship student who has received such generous support from one of our Rochester service organizations. Our student is a ninth grader who emigrated to Rochester from Nigeria several years ago. She has played viola in her middle school orchestra, and joined SEMYO during the 2002-03 season. Her conductor identified her as a student who would likely benefit from private lessons. With the support you have provided, our Community Relations committee asked one of our local viola teachers to provide lessons, and those have now begun. The teacher told me that she expects to teach a lesson every two weeks.

I have agreed to keep in touch periodically about the student's progress, and I plan to provide you with a progress report every six months. The student has asked me to thank you and the donors for the financial support, and I would also like to add my personal thanks.

Please let me know if you would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

Juan Bowen
Nov 11, 2003

December Birthdays

7 Gerald Kratz
9 Alvin R. Southwick
10 Kenneth Reding
25 John Looft
25 Robert Rossi

December Anniversaries

6 Don & Barbara Cain
6 Roger & Joan Olson
23 Donald Bonnie Birka
28 Hank & Rose Kliever

Member Salute!

New Member, George Heyne

George, better known to us as the Pumpkin Man (grower extraordinaire of giant pumpkins), was brought into our club by “you know who”. It was a fitting end to Carolyn Heyne’s year as President to welcome in her husband as a new member.

George grew up in Manhattan, Kansas, and is a great sports fan of Kansas State University where he attended college and graduated in 1963 with a degree in mathematics. He earned the Eagle Scout Award as a member of Boy Scouts. His dad was a Kiwanian for over 40 years and received the Hixon award.

George worked for IBM for over 32½ years and 5½ years for Ciber as a computer programmer. While working for IBM, George received his master’s degree in computer science at the University of Minnesota.

In 1965, George met Carolyn within her first week in Rochester. They were married in 1967 and raised three girls and one boy, the latter, a construction engineer, married to another construction engineer (those dinner hour conversations must be interesting!). Only their youngest daughter, Deborah, lives in the area, and she took up her mother’s profession of physical therapy.

George has a passion for giant pumpkin growing which consumes his time from early spring until fall. He enjoys philately (and has the entire collection of U.N. stamps which was started in Cub Scouts), softball, and bridge. And now he is taking the H&R Block tax class (a potential service hours tax volunteer??).

Welcome, George!

Member Salute! (continued)

New Member, Will Rasmussen

Will was born, and grew up in, Richland Center, Wisconsin. Following graduation from high school, he was in the navy for four years and then went to work for IBM in Milwaukee as a fire control technician. Subsequently, he became a service representative; lucky for him, his territory was around Fond du Lac because that was how he met his wife, Phyllis, who was working for one of his customers (are you supposed to fraternize with the customers?).

Will and Phyllis moved to Rochester in 1964, to what was supposed to be a two-year temporary position – a management stepping stone – and turned out to be 30. For most of that time, Will was a Field Manager for Service – serving the southern third of Minnesota and some of Wisconsin. He retired from IBM in 1993 but went right to work for Eastman Kodak, later called Technology Service Solutions, joint venture company with IBM (can’t keep a good man down!). He finally really retired in April 2000.

Will and Phyllis have two children, a son in Minneapolis and a daughter in Rochester (working for – who else? – IBM). Will worked with the Boy Scouts when his son was young and used to do a lot of canoeing, but has turned to more manageable activities like walking and volunteering. He has worked with ElderNet and a United Way Allocation Committee, and most currently, has served many hours as a tax counselor for the AARP Tax-Aide Program.

Will thought about joining a service club many times over the years, but time did not permit. After retirement (according to Will), his wife told him he should “get out of the house”, for which we are very grateful.

When he came to our club on a visit, he was very impressed with how organized we were and how sociable and friendly everyone was, and the fact that the tax program was one of our service activities was icing on the cake!

Welcome, Will!