



# Rochester Day Makers Kiwanis Club

Tuesdays 9:00 A.M. at Senior Center

Use Senior Center Parking Lot

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

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

Newsletter for **December 2004**



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### OFFICERS

President Ella VanLaningham  
 Imm. Past Pres. Marv Anderson  
 Pres. Elect Al Strom  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres. Dick Hall  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres. Phyllis Jacobs  
 Secretary/Treasurer Dick Lundberg

### DIRECTORS (3 yr terms)

John Braddock 2006  
 Tom Lemke 2007  
 Larry Mason 2005  
 Marlys McCoy 2006  
 Al Southwick 2007

### CHAIRS & Meeting Dates

Membership	Dick Hall	Last Friday Breakfast
Program	Al Strom	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
Youth Services	Rosalie Rusovick	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Community Services	Marie Alexander	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Human & Spiritual Values	Frank Nichols	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
Young Children Priority One	Larry Scilley	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday
Operations	Marv Anderson	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday

Historian: Bruce Keller  
 Interclub: Phyllis Jacobs  
 Asst Sec./Treas: Jack Looft  
 IDD: Phyllis Jacobs

Publicity: Tom Lemke  
 Newsletter: Dick Odell  
 Regional Rep: Norm Morrison  
 Pres. Advisor: Pat Horlocker

### Program Schedule

**Dec 7 Rochester – 150 Years Part 2**, John Hunziker,  
 Director Olmsted Co Historical Center

**Dec 14 Sexual Offenders**, Natasha Poeschl, Olmsted  
 County

**Dec 21 Christmas Party**

**Dec 28 Update on Africa**, Ken Olson

**Jan 04 Merle Dunn's Poetry Reading**, Merle Dunn

**Jan 11 What the Library Does that no one knows!,**  
 Tom Dyer, Rochester Public Library

### Day Maker Web Site

The Day Makers web site has moved to a more appropriate URL. So reset your browser favorites to the following: <http://www.kiwanisrochester.org>. The photos from Key Club – Century HS are posted in the Club Activities – Detail Report.

*Dick Odell*, web editor

### December Birthdays

5	Sara King	10	Ken Reding
7	Gerald Kratz	25	John Looft
9	Al Southwick	25	Bob Rossi

### December Anniversaries

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

### President's Corner

Thanksgiving was family time for many, as it was for us. We felt so fortunate that our daughter and grandsons, as well as my sister, could join us for a wonderful time together. No matter how the day was spent, however, we have much to be thankful for in our little part of the world . . . particularly in our own Kiwanis Day Makers. Let's all take the time to count our blessings as we enter the season of peace and hope.

Day Makers continue to give of themselves in various service projects – the hot ones right now being Christmas Anonymous and Salvation Army bell ringing where our Day Maker elves have already been very busy. And, of course, the Hockey Festival follows shortly afterwards. Thank you all for the countless hours you contribute to help others. I am so proud to be a member of Kiwanis, and even more especially, of the Day Makers.

Region 7 Kiwanis Education Day was on November 6 in Red Wing. There was an opportunity to visit with Governor Walt Roetter and his wife and hear about his vision for Kiwanis, and in particular, our District. The program was organized by our Lt. Governor, Dennis Harris, with able help from our own Herb Erickson, Past Lt. Governor, who is still responsible for the sub-region that includes our club. There were presentations by Circle K and Key Club officers – it is always fun to see the enthusiasm of the young people. Of particular note is that the Key Club hopes to have a regional event on January 23, packaging food for Feeding the Children International. The Stewartville club is going to repeat their packaging event again on March 28.

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## Secretary/Treasurers Report – Nov '04

<b>Bank Balance 10/31/04:</b>	\$ 16,193.37
Administrative Account:	\$ 12,004.14
Service Account:	\$ 3,625.77
Hockey/YCPO:	\$ 402.04
Bike Repair:	\$ 161.42

**October Service Hour Statistics:** 633 hours by 48 members, 60% Participation.

### 11/9/04 Board Meeting Highlights:

The board tabled a motion to pay a stipend of \$400 to the Century High School Key Club Advisor at the end of the school year contingent upon a good year.

The annual Kiwanis Chili Feed, to benefit the Senior Center, was discussed. Ella will find out which Rochester club has responsibility in 2005. The Community Services Committee should provide a liaison from our club. A suggestion was made that we place IDD coin containers in businesses again. We need to pick a month to do Skip-a-Meal. The last week of January was suggested.

The board approved a proposal that the "Volunteers in Public Service" be incorporated into an umbrella service project encompassing all Rochester City Government projects.

The board directed the Operations Committee look at avenues to establish a separate Day Makers Foundation rather than pursuing further our use of the Downtown Club's foundation.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Membership-** Committee will meet on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Al Strom has certificates for new members.

**Program-** Programs are booked through December. Committee is planning a Christmas Program on December 21. The Century High School Choir will sing.

**Operations -** Launched sales of Senior Center coupon books by the club. We contracted for 100 books to start. We will get \$5 for each \$25 book we sell. Committee will explore selling coupon books at HyVee or Galleria.

**YCPO-** Souper Bowl Saturday coming up in January.

**Youth Services-** First meeting next week. Al Southwick is considering returning some of our helmet inventory for refund.

*Richard Lundberg*, Secretary/Treasurer

## President's Corner - (Cont page 1)

Now is the time when we look at charitable contributions we want to make out of our service funds. This year, we should be able to disperse about \$2000, and your input is wanted!! Recipients in the past have included the Andrew Cormack Memorial Tournament (Adaptive Floor Hockey), Bundles of Love, Channel One (Foodshelf and Bookshelf), Child Care Resource and Referral, Eagle Bluff Environment Learning Center, IDD, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Junior Achievement of Rochester, Olmsted County History Center, Rochester Girls Choir, Rochester Senior Center, Salvation Army, YMCA Camp Olson, and the Winter Carnival. New possibilities include the Aldrich Memorial Nursery School Endowment Kickoff, Community Clothesline, Community Food Response, and People-to-People Student Ambassador (Logan Murphy, 8<sup>th</sup> grade). Please notify me, a committee chair or any member of the Board about a worthwhile project that you would like to see us support.

Best wishes to you and your family for a blessed Christmas and a healthy and happy new year.

*Ella*

### **Human and Spiritual Aims Committee:**

The stories of Jesus' birth vary greatly. One has the nativity scene visited by wise men bringing valuable gifts. The other features shepherds coming with only a sense of awe and glory. What gathered those shepherds to the manger was an announcement, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will towards men."

It is a healthy exercise to contemplate what this announcement says about the intended result of the divine gift... peace and good will. It is a universal promise.

All people can join in these pursuits. Isn't it safe to say that all well-intended people yearn for peace and goodwill that each generation struggles to bring these two attributes to life? It certainly seems to be central to Kiwanis.

*Frank Nichols*

## Human and Spiritual Aims Committee: (Cont)

### Everyone is of value

In times of war there is a terrible tendency for leaders to treat people as throw-aways - as of little value. One of the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth is that each person is of great value, "Even the hairs of our head are numbered." To look at Steven Hawking, one would think, "Of what use is that person?" Yet, his is one of the greatest minds of our time, as was Albert Einstein. How poor this world would be if these two had died in infancy because of malnutrition as so many in Sudan are perishing.

What are we as a human society losing by the untimely death of so many in war and famine?

What much-needed leadership, what great talents are lost through such destruction? In God's Way each one of us is important, is needed and valued.

*Larry Mason*

## Membership Committee:

### Ageing Day Makers

As a club, we are growing older. Our average age in 1994, when we got our charter, was 62.25 years.

Our average age at year end for the past three years:

- 2002 – 67.97 years,
- 2003 – 68.72 years,
- 2004 – 69.01 years (see note).

The trend does not hold great promise!

We tend to nominate our friends for membership, people in the same age cadre as ourselves. All of us need to work on identifying those who are somewhat younger than ourselves as potential members of our club. Give this some thought and effort.

(*Note*) These statistics are somewhat biased because three of our members seem to have indeterminate dates of birth in the club roster.

*Dick Hall*

## New Member Bios:

**Ron King** 10/14/04  
**Sara King** 10/14/04

I (Ron) was born in Granite City, Illinois. I attended the University of Illinois, University of Alabama and Southern Illinois University. My majors were math and chemistry.

I moved to Rochester in 1970 to work for IBM and retired from the company in 1990. I taught at RCC for two years. I was also in the signal corps from 1958 to 1961.

Sara and I were married in February of 1968 in Evanston, Illinois. We have two sons and one daughter. Alan is married, has two sons and lives in Burnsville. Joel is married, has one son and two daughters and lives in Rochester. Our daughter, Elaine, lives in Wabasha and has three sons.

We are transferring from the Downtown Kiwanis Club of Paducah, Kentucky. I tutored physics prior to moving to Paducah eight years ago. We like to travel outside the United States. *Ron*

I (Sara) was born in California and raised all over the United States. I graduated from High School in Hawaii. I have a BS in Occupational Therapy from the University of Washington. Ron and I moved to Rochester in 1970.

Ron and I were married on February 17, 1968. We have three children, Alan age 33, Joel age 30 and Elaine age 27.

I am a professional quilter who had a quilt shop in "Quilt City, USA" for eight years. Now we are back in Minnesota because of our eight grandchildren. *Sara*

Welcome to *Ron King and Sara King!*

