



Rochester Day Makers Kiwanis Club

Tuesdays 9:00 A.M. at Flamino Bingo,
Hwy 52 N., East Frontage Road

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 2008

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

SHARING THE



GREAT OUTDOORS

OFFICERS

President	Marie Alexander
Imm. Past Pres.	Phyllis Jacobs
Pres. Elect	Kathy Davis
1 st Vice Pres.	Don Wendt
2 nd Vice Pres.	Joanne Markee
Secretary/Treasurer	Dick Lundberg

DIRECTORS (3 yr terms)

Frank Nichols	2008
Jim Morton	2009
Ken Reding	2009
Jerry Steinke	2010
Judy Lien	2010

CHAIRS & Meeting Dates

Membership	Don Wendt	1 st Thursday 9am
Program	Kathy Davis	3 rd Tuesday
Youth Services	Steinke/Wade	1 st Tuesday
Community Services	Joanne Markee	3 rd Tuesday
Human & Spiritual Values	Dallas Glaser	2 nd Tuesday
Young Children Priority One	Larry Scilley	4 th Tuesday
Operations	Phyllis Jacobs	1 st Tuesday
Public Relations	Herb Erickson	

Historian: Bruce Keller
Interclub: Larry Krob
Asst Sec./Treas: Jack Looft

Pres. Advisor: Ella VanLaningham
Web/Newsletter: Dick Odell
Regional Rep: Zanti Squillace

Program Schedule :

- Dec. 2nd Flamingo Bingo**, Ray Zeman
- Dec. 9th Rochester Fest**, Carol Brown
- Dec. 16th Silver Lake Project**, Barbara Huberty
- Dec. 23rd Christmas Party**, Mary Ann Shetterly, storyteller
- Dec 30th Morgan Stanley**, Charlie Rieland

Dates to Remember:

Jan 01 '09 Rose Parade Kiwanis Float
Sharing the Great Outdoors
http://www.kiwanisrosefloat.com/2009_float.htm

Feb 18 '09 Chanhassen Alert:
This is a heads up on the Chanhassen trip next February 18th. We will be seeing "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers". It is a fun musical and one you will enjoy.
Please check this date and be sure and tell your significant other so you will be ready to sign up sometime in the near future. As usual we have great seats. Remember --- February 18, 2009, keep the date open.

Herb

December Birthdays

- 5 Sara King
- 7 Jerry Kratz
- 9 Al Southwick
- 10 Ken Reding
- 25 John Looft

Presidents' Corner:

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

This is the beginning of the busiest month for our Kiwanis Day Makers. Many members will be ringing bells at Shopko. If you have any grandchildren you could bring along with you the kids really enjoy the experience and the public actually donates more money when the children are there.

Christmas Anonymous involves hundreds of volunteers. The first week is the donation center. This is maned by volunteers from 8-4 Monday through Friday and also on Saturday. On Tuesday Dec. 2 many of the Day Makers will be picking up donations to the schools. It should mostly be good used outer wear but every year we are amazed by the assortment of clothing we receive such as underwear, swim suits and once we even received a formal.

On the week of the store Kiwanians moved tables from Mayo Civic Center to Christ Church , also tote boxes and then the food all gets moved. Later in the week about 200 bicycles will be moved in under the direction of Jack Holmes. Also the things in storage and the toys from the KTTC toy drive. Finally the day of the store many more volunteers work as escorts and then beginning at 3:30 the Kiwanians arrive to clean up and take leftovers back to storage. Thank you!

Marie

December Anniversaries

- 6 Don & Barbara Cain
- 6 Roger & Joan Olson
- 23 Don & Bonnie Birka
- 28 Eric & Jan Skuldt
- 29 Roger & Judy Haugen

Secretary/Treasurers Report - Nov'08

Bank Balance 10/31/08: \$ 16,160.99
Administrative Account: \$ 13,458.54
Service Account: \$ 2,381.19
Hockey/YCPO: \$ 156.60
Bike Repair: \$ 164.66

Day Makers on leave: Marv Anderson, Merlyn Jeché, Ron King, Sara King,

October Service Hour Statistics: 880 hours by 60 members, 73% Participation.

November 11, 2008 Board Meeting Highlights:

President Marie will appoint an auditing committee.

The board reviewed the Distinguished Club criteria for the 2008/2009 Kiwanis year.

The board approved the Elder Network as a club project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership- Orientation package and membership package have been updated. The committee is coming up with ideas for new prospective members. The committee suggests more communications between clubs concerning membership.

Program- The committee has a good list of possibilities for programs. The Club Christmas Party will be December 23rd.

Operations - The committees' main business is to establish new fundraisers. Possibilities so far: Wendy's, Outback Steak House, Belgian Waffle Breakfast, Ye Olde Butcher Shop.

Human & Spiritual Values- Chair needs to see the list of signups for his committee.

Youth Services- The committee chair has heard nothing about the Key Leader Program.

Richard Lundberg, Secy/Treasurer

K-Kids Request:

We would ask Day Makers members to save 2 liter bottles in addition to the empty toilet paper rolls for K-Kids projects.

Al Strom

Political Changes To Consider:

Remember your congressman this Christmas...send them a card with your ideas...congress makes the laws and funds the programs....rjo

You want change? Try these ideas Oct 21, 2008
by Norma White, retired network engineer for Southwester Bell of Amarillo, TX

Limit Congress from serving more than two terms. That is all that presidents are allowed. **Stop Congress** from voting for their own raises. How did that ever get started?

Stop paying for lawmakers' high-priced insurance premiums. After all, they are only part-time employees. They might pass some law changes on the insurance companies, if they had to find one.

Stop paying lawmakers their full salary after serving just one term, or at retirement. We need to get rid of that pension plan; they've let other companies get rid of theirs. You were lucky to get 40 to 50 percent of your salary after working somewhere for 35 years, but they get 100 percent. **Make Congress** pay into the Social Security system. They make laws for it. If they spent some of their own money, they might be interested in making it solvent.

Stop handing out aid to illegal aliens. If we did, then Medicaid and the food stamp program would have enough money to aid the aged and the poor. **Secure our borders.** Stop allowing babies born to illegal aliens in the United States automatic U.S. citizenship.

Stop the abuse of our benevolent welfare system. We feed children free meals three times a day until they are 17. Churches give away good, clean clothes. Companies buy and donate school supplies. Emergency rooms provide health care at taxpayer expense and the food stamp program is buying food at home. What are parents doing for their children?

Have a computer program that cross checks Social Security numbers with fingerprints to stop fraud on many fronts. Use it on voter registration, too.

Stop bailing out mortgage companies and banks that give loans to people who cannot afford them. **Stop companies** from paying CEOs and other executives outrageous salaries and bonuses while doing away with workers' pensions.

Stop all unnecessary spending so we will have the money for our nation's security, and to help needy and elderly Americans. **Stop permitting** anyone to have a photo with their face covered on driver's licenses.

Only members of Congress can make these changes, as they are the **lawmakers**.

Find Money Owed You on Web:

Go to this web site first then the other one....

<http://missingmoney.com>

<http://unclaimed.org>

or for unclaimed government property try:

<http://www.nast.org/NAUPA/Othersourcesup.htm>

All are legitimate government sponsored web sites and they do not capture your email id and sell it to others....

Any monies you retrieve must be shared with your Webmaster.... Smile ... ☺

Dick O

Kiwanis Bicycle Project:

11/08/2008

(from Post Bulletin Newspaper)

Bike drop-offs are donations for the Christmas Anonymous bicycle program, through which Kiwanis members fix used bicycles, tricycles and scooters and give them to needy families in time for the holidays.



Members of two local Kiwanis clubs work every year to repair bicycles for Christmas Anonymous. From left are Bruce Keller, Jack Holmes, Jerry Kratz, Jim Decker, Gene Rowekamp, Joe Falcone and Ed Walsh.

Complete article in Rochester Post Bulletin web site at:
http://www.postbulletin.com/newsmanager/templates/localnews_story.asp?z=31&a=370089

What a great team effort that truly reflects the Kiwanis focus on young children and youth. Hundreds have benefited from these bicycles over the years.

Dick O

Membership:

Information packets for new member recruiting are now available. If you know someone you think might want to join us, bring them to a meeting to introduce them to Kiwanis, and provide them with a packet.

Congratulations to Herb Erickson for his Ruby K award, This award is for recruiting 5 new members during his or her Kiwanis career. Herb is a tireless worker recruiting new members. We all can use him as an example Historically, the majority of our members have come from current member introductions.

The membership meetings continue to be at 9am on the first Thursday of the month at Blondells. We have a private room for our meetings. Please join us and bring your ideas for recruiting new members. We need to get a minimum of 4 new members between now and next September.

Jack Wendt

FOREVER CHRISTMAS:

I'm not scheduling "Forever Christmas" this year. They have changed things and now have a dessert show for \$38.00 a pop. I think it's no longer as good a deal as it was. It's still a really good show and you may want to go on your own. Thanks , Herb

PS:

Mantorville Opera house is doing "An O'Henry Christmas during December. We could try that and do dinner at the Hubbel House.

If your interested call me and if there is interest I'll see what I can do. Thanks again. Herb

Football Season Blond Web Joke:

Football finally makes sense.....

A guy took his blonde girlfriend to her first football game. They had great seats right behind their team's bench. After the game, he asked her how she liked the experience.

"Oh, I really liked it," she replied, "especially the tight pants and all the big muscles, but I just could n't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents."

Dumbfounded, her date asked, "What do you mean?"

"Well, they flipped a coin, one team got it and then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was: "Get the quarterback! Get the quarterback!"

I'm like...Helloooooo? It's only 25 cents!!!!