



Rochester Day Makers Kiwanis Club

Tuesdays 9:00 A.M. at Flamingo 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 2011

Minnekotan for this month is available at:
http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/public_district/pub_Content.aspx?Page=82

K I D S L O V E



C A R D B O A R D

OFFICERS

President	Richard Odell
Imm. Past Pres.	Don Wendt
Pres. Elect	Larry Segar
1 st Vice Pres.	Mike Siverling
2 nd Vice Pres.	Jim Cook
Secretary/Treasurer	Dick Lundberg

DIRECTORS (3 yr terms)

Dave Arlander	2012
David Moehnke	2012
Diane Johnson	2013
Richard Vrieze	2013
Jim Cook	2014

CHAIRS & Meeting Dates

Membership	Mike Siverling	3 rd Thursday 9am
Program	Larry Segar	1 st Tuesday, 10:15am
Youth Services	Jerry Steinke	1 st Tuesday
Community Services	Jim Cook	3 rd Tuesday, 8:35 am
Human & Spiritual Values	Frank Nichols	2 nd Tuesday
Young Children Priority One	Larry Scilley	4 th Tuesday
Operations	Don Wendt	1 st Tuesday
Board Meeting	Richard Odell	2 nd Tuesday, 10am

Historian: Bruce Keller	Pres. Advisor: Ella VanLaningham
Interclub: Kathy Davis	Web/Newsletter: Dick Odell, Jim Cook
Asst Sec./Treas: Bob Mayhew	Regional Rep: Zanti Squillace

Presidents' Corner:

What an exciting month November was for our Day Makers club... 2 new members after 2 other new members in October. Our club is growing but new growth brings added responsibilities for our members. Seven Day Makers ventured to Red Wing on Nov 12 for Region 7 Education Day. International Trustee Stewart Ross and Denis Cornell asked the clubs to remember our Kiwanis #5 Objective "to render altruistic service."

Our ELIMINATE financial objectives from Kiwanis International are a stretch and while we have four years to meet these goals...it will be a major challenge for each and every Kiwanian. We will need to create some new ways of raising money to meet our goals and it will take strong leadership (like Herb Erickson) and many new fund raising ideas from our members (like the 5K Run/Walk) that Diane Johnson's Key Club's sponsored in November.

I would encourage all our members to think beyond just our traditional club fund raising events and those of us who have contacts with local business managers/owners may be our best source for community participation in our ELIMINATE project. It is my belief that business owners like Michaels, Real Estate, Insurance Agents or car dealerships may be interested in supporting our project if they only knew how hard we are working to save these children and how they could help us.

Let us start that long journey together a step at a time and let us start today.
Dick Odell

Program Schedule :

Dec 6 Getting Acquainted, Superintendent Munoz, Bill Schneider

Dec 13 Turkey River All-Stars, Les Fields, Dave Arlander

Dec 20 Christmas Party, Song & Games, Helen Kolb

Dec 27 President's Travel, Cliff Sjolund, Jim Cook

Dates to Remember:

Nov 18-20th – View K-Family Retreat Photos at:
<http://www.kiwanisrochester.org/KFamilyRetreat.htm>

Dec 15th – Perkins South Kiwanis Coupon Day –
<http://www.kiwanisrochester.org/PerkinsCoupon.jpg>

Dec 28-30th – Kiwanis ThinkBank Hockey Festival
<http://www.kiwanisrochester.org/hockey/>

Internet Web Sites:

Kiwanis ELIMINATE Project – "What if..."

Neonatal Tetanus kills a baby every 9 minutes. Your \$1.80 could save that Mother and child. View Kiwanis International video (6 mins) on the web at:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6MWYuvmQVY&feature=related>

December Birthdays:

5 Sara King	10 Ken Reding
7 Jerry Kratz	25 John Looft
9 Al Southwick	26 Frank Vodrashek
10 Dennis Lee	27 Helen Kolb

December Anniversaries:

6 Don & Barbara Cain
6 Roger & Joan Olson
28 Eric & Jan Skuldt

Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Nov 2011

Bank 10/31/11:	\$ 18,211.43
Administrative Account:	\$ 13,824.95
Service Account:	\$ 2,637.98
Hockey/YCPO:	\$ 406.94
Bike Repair:	\$ 191.56
K-Family	\$ 1,150.00

Day Makers on Leave: Marv Anderson, Don Cain, Merlyn Jeche, Paul Lamoreux

October Service Hour Statistics: 687 hours by 55 members, 62% Participation.

November Board Meeting Summary:

Bob Lahtinen is continuing to communicate with the officers of the Kiwanis Hockey Festival and the other Rochester Kiwanis Clubs concerning interested clubs use of the existing 501c3 Charitable Corporation.

The board approved Nick Lauer and Vicki Snyder as new members.

The board approved a HyVee Coupon Book Fundraiser to benefit the Eliminate Project, coordinated by Herb Erickson.

The board encouraged the committee chairs to provide input to the newsletter each month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership- Membership is increasing. The committee sees no reason to limit the size of the club.

Program- programs are scheduled through the end of January with one exception. Good programs are coming. Discussed the need for a better walk-around microphone and amplifier. Discussed an idea to suggest that speaker's first slide/PowerPoint list the topic and speaker's name.

Community Service- The coordinator for Bear Creek Trail Pick-up project will now be Dick Vrieze.

Youth Services- A five-year district Key Club Strategic Plan is being developed. The Reading Program at Pinewood School is going well.

Richard Lundberg, Secretary/Treasurer

Kiwanis Mission Statement:

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

Day Maker Wins "Golden Deed Award": (11/11/11)

The Exchange Club of Rochester on Wednesday night presented the Book of Golden Deeds award to longtime residents Glenn and Ella VanLaningham. The couple, married 52 years, were honored for the extensive volunteering they do in the community.



Glenn is a Rotarian and Ella is a Kiwanis Day Maker. The complete story of Ella and her husband's accomplishments are detailed in local newspaper at:

<http://www.postbulletin.com/news/stories/display.php?id=1475048>

Dick Odell

Card Board Box Fun: Remember when..?



ELIMINATE 5K Run/Walk at K-Family Retreat:

What a great event for both the K-Family and for our Kiwanis Eliminate Project. What great weekend fun and fund raising. The enthusiasm of the youth and the carry thru of the adults really made the day special.

Brightest T-shirts of the day award goes to the Day Makers and their bright yellow ELIMINATE shirts. Big sellers!



With a great ELIMINATE message on the front.



Save a life, of course!

Over 100 Kiwanians and supporters made it a great weekend for the greater K-Family Retreat. And many \$\$\$ were raised to support the Kiwanis ELIMINATE project.

A big "well done" to Diane Johnson and her Key Club teams.

Dick Odell

MN-DAK District Region 7 Meeting:

The Nov 12th meeting was well attended by over 85 members and district leadership, including 7 Day Makers. The key topics included additional info on the ELIMINATE project objectives and club level expectations. There was also special recognition of the Zeller Award participants ... including our own Ericksons.

A survey was conducted regarding possible interest and support from the District clubs for supporting a new district wide initiative called Miracle Fields. Additional information will be forthcoming at the club level after the survey is analyzed.

For me, the highlight of the meeting was getting to meet and talk with our International Trustee Stewart Ross, from Mankato. Stewart seems to be a very dedicated Kiwanian and his focus on MAGIC and Kiwanis Service will probably project him into the Vice President position at the International Convention in New Orleans.

But it is clear that both some financial support and especially our club, region and district level support at the actual convention will be required to help him make his goal a reality. If he is elected VP he would then become President of Kiwanis International in 2015, which would be the Kiwanis Centennial.

And of course there was some "special fun" with Crazy Mary and Diane Johnson taking the lead with "Key Club is our name, Service is our game" as they drove their ELIMINATE project which was so "ducky".



Dick Odell

Internet Web Tips:

Become a Google Master ...read these 10 tips.

<http://mashable.com/2011/11/24/google-search-infographic/>

New Member:

Nick Lauer

Nick grew up in Appleton WI. He graduated from Appleton East High School where he played a total of five different sports. After high school Nick attended the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul and he graduated in 2009 with a Broadcast Journalism major and Film and English minors.

Nick was in both Key Club and joined Kiwanis in Madison Wisconsin, where he was president of his club.

In the summer of 2009, he married his wife Emily in Dallas, Texas and shortly after they moved to Madison, WI so she could attend the University of Wisconsin for grad school. After Emily graduated in May she got a job at Mayo and we moved to Rochester in September 2010.

Nick has been working with Enagic for the last two years and educating people on the beneficial properties of Kangen water.

He says his life mission is to help people, both with health and life situations and through his work and Kiwanis he should be able to accomplish both of his objectives.



Welcome to Day Makers Nick.

Dick Odell

New Member:

Vicki Snyder

Vicki Snyder has lived in Rochester for the past 25 years. Prior to moving here she lived in Albert Lea, Rochester, New York and spent two years in Germany.

She has been happily married for 17 years to Bruce Snyder who has a wonderful sense of humor and much-needed patience to be married to Vicki all these years.

Vicki's background is in human resources and management. In addition to having her own speaking business for the past 13 years she also works part-time as a volunteer coordinator for Catholic Charities.

During the holiday season you may see Vicki zipping around town as Mrs. Claus. Since she is short, chunky and cheerful this is a natural fit. Vicki has been portraying Mrs. Claus for 15 years and has been thrilled to be part of the Mpls. Holiday parade as well as appearing at and face painting for several other organizations and in homes.

Depending on the emotional appeal to appear she often charges only her weight in candy canes. *ha ha ha*. No, she most often donates her time as Mrs Claus so she can spread holiday cheer.



Welcome to Day Makers Vicki.

Judy Lien

Program Committee Report :

Many thanks to Bob Mayhew, Dave Arlander, Bev Livesay and Shirley Rossi for bringing us excellent programs in November. December promises to be another top set of presenters including our new school superintendent, the Turkey River All Stars leader and a former presidential travel staff. Don't forget to bring your spouse to our Christmas Party to enjoy goodies brought by all the club members. We will have a good time with exciting games, a drum show and other Christmas activities.

If any members have heard a presentation you think our Day Makers would enjoy, contact one of our committee members, Marv Anderson, Dave Arlander, Jim Cook, Roger Field, Dallas Glaser, Dick Hall, Chuck and Margee Jacobson, Helen Kolb, Nick Lauer, Bev Livsay, Joanne Markee, Connie and Bob Mayhew, Jim Morton, Shirley Rossi, Bill Schneider, Mike Siverling, Eric Skuldt, Al Southwick, Dave Truxal, Ella VanLaningham and Bob Wenner and they will help you extend an invitation and a booking date.

We meet after the regular meeting on the first Tuesday of each month.

Larry Segar – Program Committee Chair

Miracle Field of Rochester:

"The Miracle League" is a charitable organization that provides individuals with mental and/or physical challenges an opportunity to play baseball as a team member in an organized league. There is something about playing the game of baseball that lights up kid's eyes, but for individuals facing physical and mental challenges, that opportunity can often be a difficult first step. The Miracle League gives these individuals the opportunity to get out in the sunshine, and enjoy playing the game of baseball in its purest form.

Day Makers will be hearing more about this upcoming project as we get closer to the spring season. Rochester has one Miracle Field adjacent to the Watson Field Complex in NW Rochester just off West River Road.

The field is a solid surface, two color turf, which allows handicapped accessibility over the entire field. The bases are painted on the field so they don't create tripping hazards or obstacles. Children and adults using wheel chairs, crutches, or walkers can easily maneuver the entire field. See photo →

<http://miracleleaguemn.com/>

Dick Odell

Chanhassen Trip 2012:

We will be going to Chanhassen on February 15, 2012, to see the production of "Hairspray". It must be good because it's been on for months and is scheduled until May. I'm going to turn this trip into a fundraiser for the **EliMiNaTe** project - here is how it will work.

Every year I get 2 free tickets for organizing the trip- I never use them, I always pay the same as everyone else, that is where the money comes from for the "sweetheart's" necklace, the bananas, the prizes, the bus driver's \$20.00 trip etc.etc. We usually have some money left over and it goes to the club. Starting this year, I will only get the necklace, after all this is our Valentine "Sweetheart" trip.

No prizes and we can each tip the driver \$1.00 per couple if you are so inclined - no obligation, bus drivers often don't get tips from many passengers. I have also learned that if we pay early (about 2 weeks) we get another free ticket, that's more money for the fundraiser. The bus cost is up, \$650.00 this year, but we will have a 57 passenger bus (it's all they use now), so I called Chanhassen and got 6 more tickets, that will lower our costs individually and also contribute to the fundraiser.

Bottom line is the only thing I would like you all to do is pay a little earlier (about 2 weeks) so we can get the free ticket. This gives us an added incentive to go and the whole trip will be as much fun as ever.

Herb Erickson

PS: I will probably pop for the bananas. I wouldn't want anyone's potassium to get low.



Kiwanis Cutest Baby Contest:

Here is the latest Kiwanis member's Cutest Baby (or maybe babe) entry from Grandpa Frank Nichols. She is Linnea Nichols, an eighth grader from Zumbrota.

And this granddaughter can really sing....



Santa Needs Your Help:

Help Santa make someone's Christmas a little better. Christmas Anonymous does make a difference and so can you. KTTC Drive Up / Drop Off Toys, Dec 3rd. Full schedule of events Nov 28- Dec 10th are posted at: <http://www.christmasanonymous.org/>



Winter Humor:

The dead batteries were given out free of charge.

A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.

Pun Humor:

When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.

The short fortune teller who escaped from prison was a small-medium-at-large.

Did you hear about the thief who stole a calendar and got 12 months? Or the thief who fell and broke his leg in wet cement and became a hardened criminal.

When smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L. A.

A dentist and a manicurist fought tooth and nail.

Numbers for your cell phones:

Rochester Police Department

Emergency: 911
Non-Emergency: (507) 328-6800
Crime Prevention: (507) 328-6890

Kiwanis ThinkBank Hockey Festival:

The Kiwanis Think Bank Hockey Festival is the biggest fundraiser the Kiwanis Clubs of Rochester have had for the last 19 years. Most people of Rochester associate Kiwanis with the Hockey Festival.

This year we will bring 24 of the best High School teams together at Graham Arena on December 28, 29 and 30 but we need your help. You don't have to play, ref, resurface ice, or clean the locker rooms. But we do need your help selling and collecting tickets, acting as our monitors in each arena, on the penalty box, and helping set up the arena with banners and helping to take them down.

Look for the signup sheets at our next meetings. We all thank you for your support.

Bob Nowicki

Co-Chair, Kiwanis ThinkBank Hockey Festival

<http://www.kiwanisrochester.org/hockey/>