



# 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 2012

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### OFFICERS

President	Mike Siverling
Imm. Past Pres.	Richard Odell
Pres. Elect	Jim Cook
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.	Judy Zierdt
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.	Nick Lauer
Secretary/Treasurer	Dick Lundberg

### DIRECTORS (3 yr terms)

Diane Johnson	2013
Richard Vrieze	2013
Larry Scilley	2014
Rick Johnson	2015
Helen Kolb	2015

### CHAIRS & Meeting Dates

Membership	Judy Zierdt	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 9am
Program	Jim Cook	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 10:15am
Youth Services	Jerry Steinke	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday
Community Services	Nick Lauer	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 8:35 am
Human & Spiritual Values	Frank Nichols	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
Young Children Priority One	Larry Scilley	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday
Operations	Richard Odell	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday
Board Meeting	Mike Siverling	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 10am
Eliminate Project	Herb Erickson	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 10am

Historian: Bruce Keller	Pres. Advisor: Bob Nowiki
Interclub: Gene Mullenbach	Web/Newsletter: Dick Odell
Asst Sec./Treas: Bob Mayhew	Regional Rep: Zanti Squillace

### Program Schedule:

**Dec 04 - Day Makers Assessment Survey**, Jack Zierdt

**Dec 11 - Roch Orchestra/Symphony**, Jeff Amundsen, Vicky Snyder

**Dec 18 - Club Christmas Party**, Jim Cook

**Dec 25 - Christmas Day**, No Meeting

**Jan 01 - New Years Day**, No Meeting

### Presidents' Corner:

No content provided by press deadline.....

Mike Siverling,  
President

### Dates to Remember:

**Dec 18<sup>th</sup>** - Club Christmas Party

**Dec 20<sup>th</sup>** - Perkins South Kiwanis Coupon Day  
<http://www.kiwanisrochester.org/PerkinsCoupon.jpg>

**Dec 27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>** Kiwanis Hockey Festival

**Be generous with your service and \$\$\$.**

### Eliminate Country Progress:

The number of countries with M/NT has just been reduced to 31, as China was just certified free.  
<http://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/en/theELIMINATEproject/Progress/ProgressDashboard.aspx>

### Today's Humor:

**KNOWLEDGE:** knowing that a tomato is a fruit

**WISDOM:** knowing not to put it in a fruit salad

### HyVee Coupon Reminder:

Holiday get-together meals are coming... be prepared.

December is the last month to take advantage of the HyVee FunRaising Coupons. See Phyllis Jacobs, Ned brown, or Herb Erickson to purchase for \$5.

### December Birthdays:

5	Sara King	10	Ken Reding
7	Jerry Kratz	15	Ned Brown
9	Al Southwick	25	John Looft
10	Dennis Lee	27	Helen Kolb

### December Anniversaries:

6	Don & Barbara Cain
6	Roger & Joan Olson
28	Eric & Jan Skuldt
30	Curt & Glennis Pearson

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Nov 2012**

<b>Bank Balance 10/31/12:</b>	\$ 17,009.70
Administrative Account:	\$ 13,974.30
Service Account:	\$ 741.81
Hockey/YCPO:	\$ 613.94
Bike Repair:	\$ 216.10
K-Family Funds	\$ 1,463.55

**Day Makers on leave:** Don Cain, Ron King, Sara King, Paul Lamoreux, Al Strom

**October Service Hour Statistics:** 748 hours by 48 members, 54% Participation.

**November 13 Board Meeting Summary:**

A Club Analysis has been scheduled as the program on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Results of the Club Analysis along with a presentation on 25 years of women in Kiwanis will be given at a club meeting in January.

President Mike gave the board a summary of the Region 7 Education Day including a list of items that the new Governor wants each club to strive for.

The board was presented with a proposal to sponsor a Circle-K club at University of Minnesota Rochester. The other clubs in Rochester may provide help with funding. The Circle-K club officers have been recruited. The students are ready and excited to get started. Jack Zierdt has volunteered to be the Kiwanis advisor. The board approved sponsoring a Circle-K Club at the University of Minnesota Rochester, to pay the \$600 fee to charter the club, and to look for funding from the other Rochester clubs and the Hockey Tournament. Charter membership will be 44 members.

Diane Johnson reported on the successful K-Family retreat at Camp Victory during the past weekend. Diane proposed purchasing a gift for Camp Victory with the K-Family funds. The board approved purchasing a gift for Camp Victory, not to exceed \$200, in appreciation for hosting the K-Family Retreat.

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**Kiwanis Mission Statement:**

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

**Secy/Treasurer's Report: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership** – The Distinguished Club membership criteria for the 2012/2013 Kiwanis year calls for a net increase of three members. This criterion has been one new member for many years. Idea: Recruit parents and grandparents of Key Club members into our club. Idea: Have an open house meeting for these parents and grandparents.

**Program-** The program on December 4 will be the club evaluation. The committee is working on finding entertainment for the Christmas Party.

**Operations** - A \$8,238 check was sent to Kiwanis International in November: This is our once per year check for: Kiwanis International Dues: \$3,486, Magazine: \$616, Liability Insurance: \$1,056, District Dues: 2,460, and our Kiwanis International Foundation Gift: 440.

**Youth Services-** K-Kids is up and running at Riverside School. The Century HS scholarship will be changed to two \$500 scholarships rather than one \$1,000 scholarship and restricted to Key Club members only. The Bicycle Program will supply 240 bicycles to Christmas Anonymous to be given out this year.

Richard Lundberg, Secy/Treasurer

**Hockey Festival:**

The **20th** Annual Kiwanis ThinkBank Hockey Festival is right around the corner. It'll be on December 27, 28, and 29 this year. Over the last 19 years we have raised and donated over \$620,000 thanks to your Kiwanians support of this great event.

Bill Kalmes is finalizing the work schedule and we expect to start taking volunteer assignments shortly after you read this newsletter so check your calendars and help us make this a successful event.

Remember, you can bring extra help to keep you company -- visiting kids, grandkids, wives, husbands, boyfriends and girlfriends ... you get the idea and they will experience "community service." And who knows, you may get to see some great hockey.

This year we are adding a four team Class A (Lourdes) Junior Varsity Round Robin so we may need a little more help than last year. Any questions? Let me know.

Thanks, **Bob Nowicki**



### **Day Makers Reading Programs:**

When we recite the line in our club's Mission Statement to "changing the world one child and one community at a time" what better way is there than to spend time with a child, one-on-one, helping him or her learning to read and comprehend what he is reading? Students that have obtained good reading skills are well on their way to becoming good achievers and citizens.

Our Club currently has nearly a dozen members actively participating in reading programs in five elementary schools. Several of these members are in as many as three different programs. The demand for readers will continue to grow as more schools include the 100 Book Challenge in their curriculum. Please consider joining your fellow members in this very worthwhile and rewarding project. . Schools offer training for new volunteers or just ask for a little help getting started from anyone currently in one of the programs.

### **Ben Franklin School:**

Ben Franklin is in the process of beginning their reading program entitled Action 100. They are looking for volunteers to assist readers nearly anytime that it works into your schedule. Just call the school if you are interested. The volunteer's role is to listen to students read and then foster conversations that will get them to think about their book. Al Southwick and his wife have been involved with the 4th grade class.

### **Elton Hills School:**

Elton Hills has had a reading program that begins in October and runs thru April for many years. Approximately 6 Kiwanians support the program led by Ken Reding. Jean Faber is the school coordinator. She contacts the Kindergarten and First Grade teachers to see which students could use extra help with their reading. Teachers test the students to see what reading level they are at and corresponding books are selected from the library. Kiwanis members may choose the day of the week (Monday through Friday) as well as the time of day that works for them.



### **Jefferson School:**

Jefferson has had the "Reading Buddies" program for a number of years, which usually runs from January to mid March. Volunteers meet once a week, either Tuesdays or Wednesdays during the lunch period. Dave Moehnke and Bob Nowicki have been involved with this and welcome more participants. They have a very well organized program complete with a list of substitutes for filling in if you are unable to make it on your scheduled date.

### **Pinewood School:**

Pinewood was designated as Rochester's Pilot School 4 years ago for the 100 Book Challenge. The advances in student reading scores have been astounding, prompting the district to add four more schools to this progra. Up to seven Kiwanians have been supporting the school with volunteers the past 5 years. The main emphasis in early October is the A to Z Blitz, helping the Kindergarteners learn the alphabet and power words. An extra 30 minutes is spent at the end of each session for students in grades 1-4 who are in need of assistance in the reading program. Volunteers are currently helping out on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Dick Vrieze is currently coordinating the efforts at Pinewood and welcomes more participants.

### **Riverside School:**

The 100 Book Challenge program for Riverside is under way. Currently up to five volunteers are meeting each Monday at 2:40 to 3:15. This date was chosen to coincide with K-Kid's, which is held at 3:30 every other Monday. Volunteers also sign up for the odd weeks (weeks when K-Kids is not being held) to make it a weekly program. It is beginning as a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade program but may well be extended to other grades as participation increases. A coordinator for this program is being sought. Please contact Dick Vrieze if you are interested in helping out.



Dick Vrieze, Pat Mann, and Jim Cooke (prev column)



**Program Committee:** December Excitement

This December we will have an eclectic mix of presentation topics, ranging from the Club Self Assessment; a more typical presentation on the Rochester Orchestra and Symphony; and our Christmas party headlined by a musical group from Lourdes High School (Lourdes HS Center Street Singers). Then your own meeting away from Flamingo Bingo on Christmas Day wherever you may be.

Enjoy yourselves! Merry Christmas to all !  
Jim Cook, Program Chair

**Eliminate Project:** Kwik Trip Gift Cards

We continue to make progress on our fundraising goal. I am still disappointed in the participation of the Kwik Trip gift cards program. This is such a no brainer but only 20% of the members have participated. Cards are available at \$25, \$50 and \$100 and Kwik Trip kicks back 10% to the club. Cards are good for anything in the store or at the pump...this is a NO COST fundraiser for the club. Christmas is coming ...great stocking stuffers for friends or yourself. Thanks.

Herb Erickson, Eliminate Chair

**Theatre Bus Trip:**

On November 29th, 55 Day Makers and friends went to the History Theatre for the presentation of "Christmas of Swing". It was a re-creation of the Andrews Sisters USO Christmas Show. It was absolutely delightful. The three women playing the Andrews Sisters were not only talented singers, they even looked like the famous trio. There also were appearances by Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, and Abbott & Costello. It was excellent in every way, including some sad letters from the boys on the front lines. I would really like to go again. We not only enjoyed the show, excellent food at "Fabulous Fern's", but, (drum roll here). we netted **\$624.00** for the ELIMINATE campaign, and had a great time doing it. What a fun way to raise money. Next show is "Bye Bye Birdie", at Chanhassen on February 13, 2013, followed by "This Side Of Paradise" on May 18, 2013 at the History Theatre. SignUp Early so you don't miss out. **It's fun, fun, fun ...** Herb Erickson

**Hixson Fellowship Awarded:**

Richard Odell is the newest Day Maker to be awarded a Hixson Fellowship at our Nov 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Richard designated his donation to the Eliminate project. There are now 31 Hixson Fellows in the Day Makers Club of Rochester, MN.

Herb Erickson and Richard are encouraging other Day Makers to consider participating in either the Zeller or the Hixson Fellowships as both may support the Eliminate project. Such donations are a clear demonstration of our "altruistic service" objective as Kiwanians. Additional information regarding the George F. Hixson Fellowships is available on the web at: <http://sites.kiwanis.org/kiwanis/en/foundation/Help/Hixson.aspx>  
Walter Zeller Fellowships info is available at: <http://sites.kiwanis.org/kiwanis/en/foundation/Help/Zeller.aspx>



**K-Family Retreat: November 9 - 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

If you missed the K-Family Retreat you missed one of the most inspirational speakers ever to come to the Rochester area. Holly Hoffman was a contestant on season 21 of the “Survivor” TV show and she delivers a message on how to survive life and tough times that everyone should hear.



Since being on the show, she has traveled the country giving motivational speeches and has written the book “Your Winner Within.” The youth and adults that attended the K-Family Retreat really were thrilled with Holly’s message.



Governor Cynthia Braseth and past Governor Denis Cornell were so impressed they immediately began making plans to add Holly to the next District Convention in Aberdeen, SD.



The youth were mesmerized with what she went through and how she was able to adjust to every setback and keep a positive attitude, etc.

Regards, Diane Johnson

**Football Humor:**

Football Coach comment: "He doesn't know the meaning of the word fear. In fact, I just saw his grades and he doesn't know the meaning of a lot of words."

**Vantine Life Fellowship Award:**

It was announced that Day Maker Diane Johnson would receive the Vantine Life Fellowship Award at the Governors Education Day meeting in Red Wing on Nov. 10th.

But typical of a very busy Diane she was already leading the K-Family Retreat at Camp Victory that day so the award was actually presented to her at Camp Victory by our own Jack Zierdt.



“Way to go Diane.”

Dick Odell



**New Member:**

John Ryder

John was born and raised in the Detroit, Michigan area. He joined the Army in 1968 and was trained as a pole lineman. His first tour of duty was in the Republic of Viet Nam from March 1969-1970. After a year in country he was sent to West Germany for the remainder of his enlistment.

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(John Ryder's complete new member profile was in the November Newsletter but his photo was not available last month.)

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He is interested in duplicate bridge, fishing, traveling, and hunting. He learned of the Kiwanis involvement at Quarry Hill and decided that was the club for him.



Welcome to the Day Makers....John.

Dave Moehnke

**Membership Committee Request:**

Our governor, Cindy Braseth, mentioned at the Region 7 Governor visit in Red Wing on November 10<sup>th</sup>, that Kiwanians need to "take people under their wing".

Our committee decided that our members should return to using the "Circle of 3" to do this. Just a reminder of how the "Circle of 3" works. Use the member's last name alphabetically before you and the name after you is your "Circle of 3" that you need to "take under your wing". Please look over the new Roster from Ella V.

Sponsors of new members, also, need to check on those that they brought into the club. A helping hand is always appreciated by a new member. So, if you notice that those members in your "Circle of 3" or your sponsored member have missed two meetings, you need to give them a call.

Judy Zierdt, Membership Chair

**IHN Benefit Concert: "Love Can Turn the World"**

On Nov 16, IHN sponsored a Concert t to raise funds for IHN programs and families in need. Jack and Judy Zierdt, Pat Horlocker, Rick Johnson, Larry Scilley, and Joanne Markee all participated.



Thanks to all who participated and attended. This benefit concert was in honor of all of the guests IHN has served in the past 12 years. We raised about \$6800 in the free will offering.



Joanne Markee – Executive Director (for a short time)!

In addition to the Choir Concert, Joanne Markee was also featured in the Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Post-Bulletin newspaper. "Joanne is by my side", headliner with a nice discussion about her Interfaith Hospitality Network services and her upcoming retirement event on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4 to 6pm at St John Catholic Church in Rochester. <http://www.postbulletin.com/news/stories/display.php?id=1515972>

Dick Odell