



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 2013

Minnekotan for this month is available at:
http://kiwanisone.org/public_district/pub_newsletter.aspx?NewsletterID=77

**K I W A N I S
HOCKEY FESTIVAL**

**DECEMBER
26, 27, 28th**

GRAHAM ARENAS

**COLD BUT FUN
BE THERE**

OFFICERS

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| President | Jim Cook |
| Imm. Past Pres. | Mike Siverling |
| Pres. Elect | Judy Zierdt |
| 1 st Vice Pres. | Nick Lauer |
| 2 nd Vice Pres. | Diane Johnson |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Dick Lundberg |

DIRECTORS (3 yr terms)

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| Larry Scilley | 2014 |
| Rick Johnson | 2015 |
| Helen Kolb | 2015 |
| Joan Olson | 2016 |
| Curt Pearson | 2016 |

CHAIRS & Meeting Dates

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| Membership | Nick Lauer | 3 rd Thursday 9am |
| Program | Judy Zierdt | 1 st Tuesday, 10:15am |
| Youth Services | Jerry Steinke | 1 st Tuesday |
| Community Services | Diane Johnson | 3 rd Tuesday, 8:35 am |
| Human & Spiritual Values | Open | 2 nd Tuesday |
| Young Children Priority One | Larry Scilley | 4 th Tuesday |
| Operations | Mike Siverling | 1 st Tuesday |
| Board Meeting | Jim Cook | 2 nd Tuesday, 10am |
| Eliminate Project | Jack Zierdt | 1 st Tuesday, 10am |

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| Historian: Bruce Keller | Pres. Advisor: Jack Zierdt |
| Interclub: Roger Olson | Web/Newsletter: Dick Odell |
| Asst Sec./Treas: Jim Decker | |

Program Schedule:

Dec. 3 The 10 Alzheimers Signs, Jodi Keller, Larry Segar

Dec. 10 Zaire, Africa, Roger Olson, Judy Zierdt

Dec. 17 Christmas Party / "Ring and Sing", Deedee Odell, Carolyn Heyne

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Day, No Meeting

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Day, No Meeting

Dates to Remember:

Dec 19th – Perkins South Kiwanis Coupon Day
<http://www.kiwanisrochester.org/PerkinsCoupon.jpg>

Dec 26, 27, 28th - **Kiwanis Hockey Festival, Graham Arenas**

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

New Eliminate Coordinators:

- Jack Zierdt will be Day Maker Coordinator
- Denis Cornell will be Region 7 Coordinator
- Bill Daugherty continues as MN-Dak Coord

December Birthdays:

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

President's Corner:

Giving Thanks

I am writing this article the day of Thanksgiving, a time of thanks-giving, shared with family members and friends is ending. I am thinking that in addition to the US's Thanksgiving Day, November 2013 also brings us:

- The Hindu celebration of "Diwali" or "Divali" (a contraction of *deepavali* which translates into "row of lamps"). Without lapsing into too many details the celebration includes the lighting of small clay lamps filled with oil to signify the triumph of good over evil.
- The Jewish 8-day of celebration of Hanukkah or Chanukah, which commemorates the rededication during the second century B.C. of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. Hanukkah, which means "dedication, is often called the Festival of Lights, the holiday is celebrated with the lighting of the menorah, traditional foods, games and gifts.

Definitely reasons for bright lights and celebration.

December can be thought of as the cold and dark (limited daytime sunlight) month, or we can focus more on the good spirit we can show to each other as we prepare for and enjoy the Christmas season – with family and friends.

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December Anniversaries:

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

Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Nov 2013

Bank Balance 10/31/13: \$ 13,167.87
Administrative Account: \$ 11,176.03
Service Account: \$ 1,400.43
Bike Repair: \$ 163.51
K-Family Funds \$ 427.90

Day Makers on leave: Chuck Barclay, Don Cain, Herb Erickson, Ron King, Sara King

October Service Hour Statistics: 760 hours by 46 members, 52% Participation.

November 8, 2013 Board Meeting Summary:

The club needs to be ready to move to a new meeting location by March of 2014 (was January 1). Possibilities are 1) Homestead Methodist Church, which is currently meeting at the old House of Bounce, and will be building a new facility which we could then move to. 2) University of MN Rochester Downtown. 3) Elks Club, 4) Eagles Club. Jack and his search committee (Jim Cook, Helen Kolb, Dick Odell) have taken the University of MN off of their list because of parking issues. Flamingo Bingo is moving to the Elks Club and is inviting us to move with them. The arrangement with the Senior Center would not change, only the location. A final decision has not been made.

The Rochester Sun Risers Kiwanis club is considering sponsorship of the John Marshall Key Club. Since they are currently taking fifty percent of the financial responsibility for our Century Key Club, we would lose their support. The Day Maker budget will need to be revised to handle this additional expense, currently budgeted at \$3,500 with the Sun Risers picking up half (\$1,750). The Rochester Golden K club will be contacted to see if they can cover part of expenses for the Century Key Club.

The board approved allowing the offering for "goodies", for a free will donation, at some of our regular meetings, with proceeds going to our Service Account. The board approved using funds in the K-Family account for Community Service projects.

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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.

Sec/Treasurer's Report: continued

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – The committee is looking to replace the members we have lost in October.

Community Service – The committee will have a meeting next week.

Program- The committee is planning our annual Christmas party meeting. The bell ringers will be back!

Operations- Payment for 88 members has been submitted (in November) to Kiwanis International for the 2013/2014 Kiwanis year: International Dues: \$3,486, Kiwanis Magazine: \$624, Liability Insurance: \$1,056, MN/Dak District Dues: \$2,640. Also submitted, our clubs annual gift to the Kiwanis International Foundation: \$528 (\$6 per member).

Human & Spiritual Values- Thinking of You cards are being sent to those we notice are missing meetings and not on leave. Sympathy cards are being sent when appropriate. If members want something announced at a meeting and/or via e-mail please let one of the committee know, otherwise we will keep these things confidential.

Early Childhood Development- The last of the book program books are going to Head Start at Harriet Bishop.

Youth Services- The Harriet Bishop PTA has reimbursed the club for their K Kids registration fee (\$250). UOM Rochester has paid the registration fee (\$450) for the Circle K Club there.

ELIMINATE- October funds submitted to Eliminate: Silent Auction- Salt Can \$176.84. Total: \$176.84. Progress announcements to the club will emphasize lives saved rather than dollars given. The MN/Dak District has a year end goal of \$1 Million. To date, the MN/Dak District has given sufficient funds to save the country of Guinea from MNT.

Richard Lundberg, Secy/Treasurer

KI Convention Theme: What More Can I Do?

Let us remember the number of lives we intend to do with our Model Club Pledge, i.e. save 39,000 mothers and babies with our club MNT Eliminate project. As we enter our 3rd year of our 5 year pledge we need to stay focused on the remaining 26,200 babies and their mothers, who are still counting on our commitment.

So please answer for yourself, "What More Can I Do?"

Dick Odell

Kiwanis Silent Auction:

The Day Makers Annual Dinner Silent Auction offered a dinner for 8 at the VanLaningham's. As you can see from the photo, Ella and Glenn put on a fantastic dinner event for the auction winners.



The Mortons, Deckers, Mullenbachs and the Odells enjoyed a gourmet quality dinner and several fine wines. The evening closed out with a fabulous dessert and lively fellowship. Funds raised went to Eliminate.

Many thanks to Ella and Glenn for their hospitality and generosity.

Dick Odell

President's Corner: (Continued from page 1)

While acknowledging there could be bad times for some of us during the rest of 2013, I also know that many of us will celebrate the Christmas season. Even doing this, we, as Kiwanians dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time, will still find time to be of service to others during this November end through December period. This can include participating in the special Festival of the Trees, Salvation Army bell ringing, and Christmas Anonymous volunteer opportunities, as well as continuing service activities within Community Food Response, Channel One, Meals on Wheels, K-Kids, and improving child reading skills.

A good opportunity for us, including our spouses and guests, to celebrate is coming up at our December 17th Christmas party – with some good food, drink and “ringing music” planned. This party will be our last meeting of 2013 as we will not be meeting Christmas Eve (December 24) or New Year's Eve (December 31).

Enjoy your December activities (while keeping an eye out for possible new members) as we give thanks and celebrate, while being of service to one another.

Jim Cook, President

What More Can I Do?

Rumor has it that another previous Hixson Fellowship awardee has answered the very personal question, “What more can I do?” Their answer was...a Zeller, please!

This is really exciting as a Zeller Fellowship means that another 690 mothers and their babies will have a chance at life by avoiding contracting the deadly maternal / neonatal tetanus disease.

We will celebrate this new Zeller Fellowship in the January newsletter after the appropriate club announcement and photo opportunities are completed.

These Fellowships should be celebrated by the entire club as other Day Makers Club members assist with matching funds from our various club fund raising projects.

Therefore, congratulations to the entire club on all future Zeller or Hixson Fellowships (designated Eliminate).

Dick Odell

Think Eliminate MNT: 

“It Starts with You”....

Through [The Eliminate Project](#), the Kiwanis family will save or protect more than 61 million women and their future newborns from the devastating effects of maternal and neonatal tetanus.

Check out the latest video on the Eliminate Project at: <http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanisone/about-us/news-blog/kiwanisone-blog/2013/11/27/check-out-the-new-it-starts-with-you-video>

Because You Asked: What is Service Leadership?

Check out KiwanisOne web site for definition and objectives for Service Leadership at:

<http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanisone/youth-students-special-programs/what-s-service-leadership-#.Upkde3bnbs0>

Dick Odell

Kiwanis Reading/Writing: Pinewood School

The Kiwanis Volunteer Program at Pinewood Elementary School resumed on October 1st and is off to a good start with an amazing group of volunteers reports Coordinator, Dick Vrieze. We work mornings and afternoons, 3 days a week. We began with working with kindergartners who did not know their large cap and small letters, then progressing to the sounds of those letters. We are now starting to work on “sight words”, a group of 81 words which the district would like all kindergartners to know before the end of the school year. With those “sight words”, we begin to put together very short sentences and the kids are so excited to be able to do this.



We have also been working on “penmanship” with first graders. This is really a 1 on 1 project and they need a lot of help but we are seeing improvement each week. We read with some second grade students who need extra 1 on1 with reading skills. As the year progresses and the needs lessen, we will most likely change to two days a week.



Pictured are Dick Vrieze and Ruth Vrieze, each with a kindergartner at the school. Our entire amazing group consists of Jim Cook, Rick Johnson, Helen Kolb, Pat Mann, Curt Pearson, Dick and Ruth Vrieze. Thanks so much to the dedicated volunteers at Pinewood.

Dick Vrieze

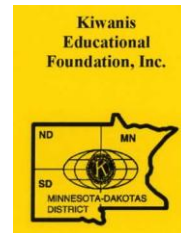
Year End Tax Planning:

There is still time for some year-end tax planning. We Kiwanians are lucky to have two really fine Kiwanis Foundations that are not-for-profit 501C(3) opportunities to give donations to and allow us to take a Income Tax deduction.

The Kiwanis International Foundation offers us two Project Eliminate M/NT gifting opportunities...the **Walter Zeller Fellowship** and the **Hixson Fellowship**. Both are considered income tax deductions.



The Kiwanis Education Foundation also offers tax free deductions for donated scholarships. Scholarships are given to recipients in each region so a gift to the **Mn-Dak Educational Foundation** will help a graduating senior who lives near the donor. And the senior may even attend a college very nearby. You can see your dollars at work.



A gift of any size is helpful. Making the gift before December 31 will make it available as a tax deductible contribution for this year. Your gift will continue giving for the life of those who benefit from the Foundation's help.

Zeller and Hixson Fellowship donations should be processed thru our club treasurer Richard Lundberg and Education Foundations donations will get assistance via Jack Zierdt. And of course, there is always the direct cyber-internet connection via computer at the Kiwanis website at: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/?key=kif>

Dick Odell

M/NT Eliminate Status:

Twenty-six countries remain to be “Eliminated M/NT”. See the world map and country status. Read more at:

<http://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/en/theELIMINATEproject/Progress/ProgressDashboard.aspx>