

President

## **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: <a href="http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org">http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org</a>

## Newsletter for May 2006

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

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OFFICERS				
	Al Strom			
Pres.	Ella VanLaningham			
	Richard Hall			

Imm. Past Pres. Elect 1st Vice Pres. Phyllis Jacobs 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres. Marie Alexander Secretary/Treasurer Dick Lundberg

**DIRECTORS** (3 yr terms) John Braddock 2006 Tom Lemke 2007 2008 LeRoy Larson Marlys McCoy 2006 2007 Al Southwick

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Operations Ella VanLaningham Web/Newsletter: Dick Odell

**CHAIRS & Meeting Dates** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 9am Membership Phyllis Jacobs 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Richard Hall

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Youth Services Rosalie Rusovick 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Community Services Marie Alexander 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Paul Sodt Human & Spiritual Values 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Young Children Priority One Larry Scilley Ella VanLaningham 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Public Relations Herb Erickson

# Program Schedule

Historian: Bruce Keller

Interclub: Herb Erickson

Asst Sec./Treas: Jack Looft

May 02 Library Outreach to Somalis, Carrie Farrow

Pres. Advisor:

Regional Rep:

May 09 Senior Center, Sally Gallagher

May 16 Diversity Council, Kristin Mannix

May 23 American Cancer Society, Eric Langhoff

May 30 Therapy Dogs, Marcia Fritzmeier

June 06 Legislative Budget Process, Kathy Schill

#### Web Site:

The Day Makers Web site found at: http://kiwanisrochester.org has additional photos of Applebee Breakfast and Soldiers Field Memorial events.

The Downtown Kiwanis Club now has their web site up and running. Check out their web site at: http://www.downtownkiwanis.org

Dick Odell

#### **Membership:**

Membership committee is happy to have another new member joining Kiwanis Day Makers in May. Stay tuned.

Phyllis

#### Presidents' Corner:

Ella VanLaningham organized our first Applebee's Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 8. Applebee's donated all the food and had several staff members to help us get organized and to answer questions. We did all the cooking and serving and it went very well. We served about 200 people from 9:00 to 11:00 AM and raised about \$1000. This will go toward scholarships and support of the Century High School Key Club. Many thanks to Applebee's.

We were sad to hear of Joan Erickson's death. She was a fun member of our club and did her best to keep "Herbie" in line. The funeral service revealed how she touched the lives of her family members. It was a very nice service and was attended by a large group of our members. Joan will be missed a lot. We continue to think of Herb and to keep him in our prayers.

On the afternoon of April 8<sup>th</sup> several of our Day Makers members helped package meals as part of the Kids Against Hunger event hosted by the Stewartville Builders Kiwanis club. 200 volunteers of all ages packaged 81,000 meals and raised.

Dick Hall planned a tour of the Soldiers Field Memorial for our April 25th meeting.

Rod Lee told us some background about the memorial and explained how pavers can be purchased for veterans that are family members, neighbors or friends. It is a beautiful, very impressive monument.

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## May Birthdays

4 Richard Odell 16 Roger Field 5 Ken Plummer George Hevne 24 8 Merlyn Jeche 27 Don Birka 13 Bill Schneider Jerry Steinke

### **May Anniversaries**

- Chuck & Chervl Brumbach 1
- 7 Merle & Jean Dunn
- 26 Hollis & Pat Feeser
- 28 Donald & Sally Wendt
- 31 Richard & Doreen Severson

## Secretary/Treasurers Report – April'06

 Bank Balance as of 3/31/06:
 \$ 14,110.42

 Administrative Account:
 \$ 8,799.52

 Service Account:
 \$ 696.05

 Hockey/YCPO:
 \$ 1,834.60

 Bike Repair:
 \$ 50.75

 Chili Feed
 \$ 2,729.50

Day Makers on leave: None

**March Service Hour Statistics:** 1,050 hours by 48 members, 61% Participation.

#### April 11, 2006 Board Meeting Highlights:

The board approved rounding up the Chili Feed proceeds to \$2,750.00 for presentation to the Senior Center on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Proposed District dues increase from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per member per year was discussed again. There was background information in the April Minnekotan. A program on this topic will be scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup>.

The board approved he election of Al Strom and Margee Jacobson as our clubs delegates to the 2006 Kiwanis International Convention. We will have no alternates. Chuck Jacobson will be a delegate at large as a Past District Governor.

The clubs monthly report, that is filed electronically each month, will be distributed to the Past President, the President, and the President Elect.

President Al Strom will appoint a nominating committee to find candidates for two Club Director Positions and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership-** We have two potential members that have been visiting our meetings.

**Program-** Considering having the annual meeting at the Senior Center rather than the Holiday Inn South. The committee is looking at possible sites for our clubs annual picnic. Programs are booked through June with one exception.

**Operations** - Good results from the Applebee's fundraiser: served about 201 people, and cleared \$841.00 for our service account. The committee is looking at another time of the year for the next one,

possibly in the fall. We need more people to sell calendar ads.

**Community Service-** Feeding the children event in Stewartville was successful. The committee is pondering whether or not we could do it in Rochester again.

**YCPO-** Larry Scilley was pleased with the number of members that signed up to help with Family Fun Night on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The Rochester Fest event will be on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Can we get Key Clubbers to help with Face Painting etc.? Larry is having a sales tax issue with the company that supplies the rides.

**Youth Services-** We are currently going through the Century Scholarship applications.

**IDD-** Phyllis will continue to sell HyVee coupon books to benefit IDD.

**Key Club-** Scholarship applications are due on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Our scholarship will be presented at the Century HS awards night, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our current Key Club advisors will not be available next school year; new staff will have to be assigned. Should our club budget an amount for an advisors gift?

Richard Lundberg, Secretary/Treasurer

**President's Corner**: (continued from page 1) The "Field of Flags" effort being organized by the five Rochester Kiwanis clubs will make it even more impressive.

Larry Segar has volunteered to coordinate our continued clean up of the Bear Creek bike trail. Sign ups will be every two or three weeks. This will be a pleasant walk and a good service to our community.

We have a "pleasant problem" due to the fact that so many of our members are fund raisers by walking, biking, etc for very important causes. At our board meeting we decided that individual efforts can be announced at "Happy Bucks" and a sign up for pledges can be done after the meeting. Hopefully you ambitious folks will continue to ask us to support you and you will keep walking, biking, etc. These efforts are commendable, more power to you.

AI Strom

#### **Nominations – Calling All Leaders**

The following individuals have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee this year – Ella VanLaningham (Chair), Mary Anderson, Pat Horlocker and Bob Wenner.

Please forward your nominations (you can include yourself) for the following positions: 2<sup>nd</sup> VP (moves up to presidency) or Board member (3-year term – two nominations needed). We will present the committee's nominations on Tuesday, May 9. We know that all of you are great potential candidates – please consider it. Thanks for your participation.

#### **New Members:**

## **April, 2006**

### **Don and Sally Wendt**

Don and Sally grew up in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Although they only lived less than a mile apart, they didn't meet until they were both freshmen at the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire. Don had spent four years in the Air Force and Sally had just graduated from High School when they met. Two years later, Don decided to take a year off from college and joined IBM in Rochester, working in a wing of Assisi Heights. Sally also joined IBM and started out in the IOI Building. Later Don returned to college and graduated with a double major in physics and math. Sally graduated from St. Theresa's a few years later with a business degree. They both completed their MBAs through St. Thomas while working in Rochester.

Don and Sally's careers with IBM included transfers to IBM locations in Gaithersburg, MD, Raleigh, NC, Minneapolis, and then back to Rochester. After retirement from IBM, they bought a house on Leech Lake near Walker, MN. After 15 years of lake living, Don and Sally moved back to Rochester to be closer to their children, grandchildren and Sally's 91-year-old mother.

Don and Sally's children include a daughter, Julie, who along with her husband, Frank, have two children, Ben and Luke. Their other daughter, Treeny, works here in Rochester at Mayo. She is involved in Clinical Trial Services developing tests.

Sally and Don have been involved in several volunteer activities including Ducks Unlimited, Wild Turkey Federation, American Legion, Meals-on-Wheels and AARP volunteer tax preparation. Through the tax program in Rochester, Don and Sally met Ella VanLaningham who is their sponsor for Kiwanis. They felt right at home in Day Makers from the time they first visited and found a number of old friends. They look forward to continuing to lead an active lifestyle and giving back to the community through their volunteer activities.



#### **Human and Spiritual Values:**

Many of the religions of our world emphasize one of the chief teachings of Jesus of Nazareth: "Love God with your whole self and love your neighbor as yourself." Related to this statement is another, "Do unto others as you would have them do to you." These give us an excellent way of relating to the Universe and to each other.

Religions generally teach us that we are servants of the Creator. We are called to respect and care for one another as Jesus taught and is found in the Torah.

Unfortunately, now, as too often in the past, many are not serving our Creator, but are using religion to further their own purposes-to gain power, prestige, and wealth. This is shown by leaders who promise rewards to those who commit suicide to kill others. It is also illustrated by leaders who use religion to support certain positions, to influence others to vote for them, and to support their lust for power and wealth. This abuse of religion is a very present danger to our country. Isn't it amazing that the same religion can be said to support opposite points of view?

During the Civil War President Lincoln was talking with one of his cabinet members who declared he hoped that God was on the side of the Union. Lincoln replied that he hoped the Union was on God's side.

The question for us is this: are we being servants of our Creator with broad concern for the whole world and the universe, or are we using religion for our own narrow purposes?

Larry Mason, Spiritual Aims Committee

### Applebee's Breakfast:

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, the Day Makers and Century Key Club got together and pulled off the best fund raiser breakfast in Rochester. Kevin Graner, student of the month at Century and other Key Clubers really pitched in and made a big difference in getting the food out of the kitchen and on to the plates. Other Rochester Kiwanis Clubs pitched in with extra ticket sales. Nice job, Ella.

