



Rochester Day Makers Kiwanis Club
 Tues 9:00 A.M. at Rochester Elks Lodge 1091 Building,
 1652 US Hwy 52, Rochester MN 55901
 See Day Makers on the web at: <http://www.kiwanisrochester.org>
 See MN-DAK District Site at: <http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org>
Newsletter for May 2023
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**DAYMAKERS
KIWANIS**



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OFFICERS

President Linda Rouhoff
 Imm. Past Pres. Herb Erickson
 Pres. Elect Janet Cederholm
 1st Vice Pres. Becky Hopson
 Secretary/Treasurer Jack Zierdt

DIRECTORS (3 yr terms)

Jim Decker 2023
 Dave Bhaskaran 2024
 Garry Post 2024
 Bruce Keller 2025
 Larry Scilley 2025

Chairs & Meeting Dates

Membership	Jim Schwinghammer	3 rd Thursday 9am
Program	Jim Cook	1 st Tuesday, 10:15am
Youth Services	Helen Kolb, Ken Reding	4 th Tuesday
Community Services	Rick Johnson	3 rd Tuesday, 8:30 am
Human & Spiritual	Ruth Vrieze	3 rd Tuesday, 10am
Early Childhood Dev	Linda Rouhoff	4 th Tuesday
Operations/Fund Raising	Jim Schwinghammer	1 st Tuesday
Board Meeting	Linda Rouhoff	2 nd Tuesday, 10am
Strategic Planning	Jim Cook	

Historian: Bruce Keller Pres. Advisor: Kathy Davis
 Interclub: Herb Erickson Web/Newsletter: Dick Odell
 Asst Sec./Treas: Jim Decker

Program Schedule:

...Special Notice ...

Four meetings in May are at 9am at the Elk's. In-Person/Zoom meetings weekly ,see details on page 2.

05/02 Severe Weather Prep & Practices, Jonathan Jacobson, Jack Zierdt

05/09 Dave's New Zealand Trip -Part 1, Dave Bhaskaran

05/16 Cascade Park-Upside Down tree carvings-AT THE PARK, Kevin Ewing, carver, Linda Rouhoff, **OFF SITE at the Park. Plan on bringing a picnic lunch.** In case of rain, Kevin will come to Charlie's.

05/23 Dave's New Zealand Trip -Part 2, Dave Bhaskaran

05/30 2023 RochesterFest information, Kathy Davis

Peppermint Moment:



Think new members!

President's Corner:

It's May! Do you suppose the snow is gone for good now? It was the longest winter I can remember, but looking back, it sure was a productive one for the Day Makers. And April was a busy month!

April 1, in spite of a blizzard, 301 volunteers, including 116 Kiwanians and about half our Day Makers group, gathered in Stewartville to package Food for Kidz. We collected \$19, 908 and packaged 110,808 meals. These will be going to Uganda.

April 25 about a dozen Day Makers hit the streets to pick up litter. I heard reports that items picked up led to speculation about activities in that neighborhood...liquor bottles, underwear and a pregnancy test...Hmmm! 🙄

Helen Kolb was pleased to present the Riverside K-Kids Club with two dozen new T-shirts. They also received new name badges. Thank you Garry Post for the very striking graphic designs!

A Century High School student is being awarded a scholarship from MN-DAK Kiwanis Education Foundation. We are adding \$300 to that to make it a \$1000 gift. Applications for our group's scholarships are due in May.

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May Birthdays

04 Dick Odell	22 Gene Mullenbach
05 George Heyne	26 Pat Feeser

May Anniversaries:

02 Jim and Becky Cook
 26 Pat and Hollis Feeser
 31 Richard and Doreen Severson

Treasurer's Summary: April 28th 2023

Accounts Balance 04/28/2023

Administrative Account	\$ 4,202.31
Service Account	\$ 9,333.00
Charitable Account	\$ 9,911.50
	\$ 22,446.81

Total Membership as of April 28, 2023: **47**
2 Members are on Medical Leave

"K" Dollars Total for 2022-2023 Kiwanis Year
as of 04/28/2023: \$1,283.00

Day Makers ZOOM Meetings:

Time: May 2, 2023 09:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87202006053?pwd=dkhFUVlYZjRoUDVWQTFBZmKNsSrdz09>

Meeting ID: 872 0200 6053

Passcode: goblue

Time: May 9, 2023 09:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82832196892?pwd=aFVsTkZYRGdlYW5kU3hPSVpSa1FFQT09>

Meeting ID: 828 3219 6892

Passcode: goblue

Time: May 16, 2023 09:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85835122963?pwd=ajBTemZKMmU5MHdlb3VrZnQ4TisxZz09>

Meeting ID: 858 3512 2963

Passcode: goblue

Time: May 23, 2023 09:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87276234179?pwd=S2RaQkIyeHcxUmxtTFRDQWhWQkRYZz09>

Meeting ID: 872 7623 4179

Passcode: goblue

Time: May 30, 2023 09:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85873338485?pwd=d2tXeFFHSkpmOGlrM1p5ZHF6U1A3dz09>

Meeting ID: 858 7333 8485

Passcode: goblue

Dave Bhaskaranh

Kiwanis Service Leadership: Opportunities

Developing "Leadership Skills" starts with support of our SLP clubs and does include our own club members as we prepare to enhance our club's programs and membership.

**District Level: MN-Dak Convention-Aug 04th - 06th
St Cloud, MN**

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Litter Bit Better Day:

A cool April 25th day and our Day Makers are ready to head out for the "Litter Bit Better" day in Rochester. This year the weather was perfect.



Fourteen Day Makers participated in Rochester's annual Litter Bit Better campaign. We picked up Valleyhigh Drive from 7th street to 19th streets NW as we had last year. The weather conditions were almost perfect, sunny, little wind, and most of all no precipitation. Because Litter Bit Better continues for the entire week of April 22-30 no totals are yet available, hopefully they'll make some statistics available in the coming week. While our area was not overly messy, we were able to make it better. Thanks to all who participated.



Rick Johnson, Dick Odell, Bruce Keller

MN-Dak Kiwanis District Newsletters:

Keep in touch and know who our new District / Division officers are or have been in the past. MN-Dak District Leadership Directories by year. <https://mndak-kiwanis.org/Page/1018>

Dick Odell

President's Corner: (Continued from page 1)

We wrapped up our work with Pinewood's Kindergarten, first and second grade readers. A huge thank-you to all who helped these children learn their letters and sounds! We will be back in May when we distribute books from the Southern MN Initiative Foundation to the Kinders there.. MIGHTY Oaks, and Northrop.

We will need many volunteers to read to these kiddos and help them choose books to keep .Please consider donating a few hours to a very enjoyable time reading with a child the following dates:

- Northrop May 10, 1:00-3:00
- Hoover May 17, 9:00-11 and 1:00-3:00
- Mighty Oaks May 25, 9:00-11:00 and 1:00-3:00

We heard that the Catholic Charities storage shed had been completely cleaned out by a thief, so at our April 25th meeting we had a "Shower" to replace some needed items for the Afghani refugees this organization is helping to resettle.. Our members were very generous and we thank you for that!.

We were educated in many areas by our speakers this month. Sandy McLaughlin explained how Hawthorne Helps is making it easier for new immigrants to settle in Rochester. We continue to help them with weekly donations of household supplies. The vast scope of resources offered by the U of M Extension Services was summarized by Lisa Diercks. Wow! If you want to learn a new skill or need advice on gardening, cooking, animal care or just about anything else, or if you have skills or knowledge to share with others, contact Lisa! Another resource we learned about was our own Public Library, which also is an incredible resource for our city. Their heroic attempts to get books in the hands of every resident are amazing! And just as our weather is improving, Jeff Pilgrim motivated us to get out on the local waterways in canoes or kayaks. Explaining the differences, he reassured us that even we senior citizens can manage these crafts.

As we head into May we can look forward to hearing about Severe Weather Preparation, Dave Bhaskaran's experiences in New Zealand, and Upside-Down Tree carvings. This session, May 16, will be at Cascade Park. Let's get out and enjoy the promised good weather, but don't forget to be at Charlies Tuesdays at 9. See you there!

Linda Rouhoff, President

Fun Moments at Day Makers Meeting:

"She said we should 'look around' for new members."



Dave Moehnke

BOD Meeting Minutes: (Continued from page 4)

Under Fund Raising it was mentioned we need to do more with our KT Cards program by our membership.

Strategic Planning: Need to bring in some new members.

Human and Spiritual: Ruth announced all the cards that Judy sent out during her 3-month vacation and thanked her for all of this.

Program: We are full through the middle of June with many people working on securing future programs.

Public Relations: Greg reported that he will be having a committee meeting next Tuesday (04/18) following our regular meeting. The committee is still working on a new web site.

Youth Services: Helen Kolb reported that the Riverside K-kids new T-shirts are finished and will be delivered at their next meeting. Helen, Ken, and Audrey are working hard on trying to impress the Riverside Principal that the Terrific Kids Program needs to be reinstated by next school year. Rick asked if anyone knows anything about a Harriet Bishop K-kids Banner that was mentioned sometime earlier, but he couldn't remember who mentioned it.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM!

Jack Zierdt, Secretary/Treasurer

Board of Directors Meeting: April 11, 2023

The Board meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM

Board Members/Committee Chairs Present: Jack Zierdt, Jim Decker, Rick Johnson, Dave Bhaskaran, Linda Rouhoff, Ruth Vrieze, Helen Kolb, Jim Schwinghammer, Larry Scille, Garry Post, Janet Cederholm, Becky Hopson, Bruce Keller, Ken Reding, and Greg Hain.

Board Members/Committee Chairs Absent Jim Cook and Herb Erickson

Other Day Makers, Members Present, Kat Sue Johnson, Dave Alexander, and Dick Odell.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by Jim Decker and seconded by Garry Post to approve the agenda with one correction. **Approved**

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: Ken Reding moved, and Larry Scille seconded to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2023, Board Meeting. **Motion was Approved**

Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2023: The printed report was sent out to all board members preceding the meeting. Dave Bhaskaran moved, and Helen Kolb seconded the motion to accept the report. **Motion was Approved.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Reminder of the upcoming Kiwanis International Convention in Minneapolis June 22nd through 24th was made. Linda mentioned that she would be attending. It was mentioned that it could be watched virtually.

It was, also, announced that the MNDK District Convention will be held in St. Cloud, MN August 4th through 6th 2023.

Comment was made by Jack that if you could only attend one Convention it should be the District Convention. Delegates to the International Convention will be named at the May Board Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Jim Decker announced that the second quarter audit of the Administrative and Service accounts for the 2022-2023 Kiwanis year (January – March) will be done by himself, Dave Bhaskaran and Jack Zierdt on Tuesday April 18th following our regular meeting.

A discussion was held regarding Rochester Service Clubs Collaboration. Some of the comments were that a collective venture is being considered. An exchange of ideas of how we make Rochester better by our services. Linda and Jack stated that we need more information and better directives as to what this Collaboration is trying to accomplish. We are not ready to get involved in this process as a Kiwanis Club at this time. Continued →

BOD Meeting: continued

NEW BUSINESS:

Jack Zierdt stated that he had the applications for the 2 scholarships that we award to Century High School Key Club Seniors. Kathy Davis will get these to the Key Club so that the applications can be completed and returned to our club no later than May 1st. These two scholarships will be \$1,000.00 each. **Board Approved**
Linda read a letter of a \$1,000.00 scholarship award to a Century High School Student from the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District Educational Foundation. Helen asked why \$1,000 instead of the \$700 advertise grant. Jack stated that he took the liberty of adding the \$300 to the grant amount that other clubs are asked to add. He stated that we have funds in our Charitable Account for this scholarship addition and the total board agreed with this logic.

Initial discussion was held regarding the Kiwanis International Dues Increase that will be voted on at the Kiwanis International Convention in Minneapolis. More discussion and information will be discussed with our club membership before the May 9th Board Meeting. At the Board Meeting on the 9th of May the direction of our vote on the dues increase will be given to our delegates. A \$30 increase per year is being asked currently. That is an increase of \$7.50 per quarter.

Larry Scille and Jim Schwinghammer will present to the membership on April 18th a request of needed help for items needed by Catholic Charities for refugee's resettlement. Linda moved and Dave moved that will hold a club shower of items, cash and/or gift cards at our April 25th meeting. **Motion Approved**
Following Discussion, the Board agreed to hold a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday May 30th (the day after Memorial Day Monday)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Service: Rick stated that we will have a Litter Bit Better service activity following our meeting on April 25th.

Early Childhood Committee: Linda reported that the SMIF Books will be taken to Mighty Oaks, Hoover Pre-school, and Pinewood Elementary in May. More information on dates that we will be doing this will be forthcoming and help will be needed.

Membership Committee and Operations/Fund

Raising: Jim stated that a joint Membership discussion with Sunrisers Kiwanis with Linda, Janet, and himself present. One of the items discussed was a Kiwanis attendance at a Honkers Baseball Game as a potential fundraiser.

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