



## Rochester Day Makers Kiwanis Club

Tues 9:00 A.M. at Charlie's Eatery, 1654 Hwy US-52  
 Day Makers web at: <https://www.kiwanisrochester.org/index.htm>  
 See MN-DAK District Site at: <https://k13.site.kiwanis.org/>

**DAYMAKERS  
KIWANIS**



**MAY FLOWERS**

## Newsletter for May 2025

### OFFICERS

President Becky Hopson  
 Imm. Past Pres. Janet Cederholm  
 Pres. Elect Rick Johnson  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.  
 Secretary/Treasurer Jack Zierdt

### DIRECTORS (3 yr terms)

Bruce Keller 2025  
 Larry Scilley 2025  
 Jim Decker 2026  
 Dave Bhaskaran 2027  
 Garry Post 2027

### Chairs & Meeting Dates

Operation/Fundraising	Jim Schwinghammer	1st Tuesday 8:35 am
Program	Jim Cook	1st Tuesday 10:05 am
Board Meeting	Becky Hopson	3rd Tuesday 10:05 am
Community Services	Rick Johnson	3rd Tuesday 8:35 am
Public Relations (PR)	Greg Hain	3rd Tuesday 10:05 am
Human and Spiritual	Ruth Vrieze	3rd Tuesday 10:05 am
Membership	Kathy Davis	3rd Thursday 9:00 am
Youth Services	Helen Kolb	4th Tuesday 8:35 am
Early Childhood	Dave Bhaskaran	4th Tuesday 10:05 am

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

### Program Schedule:

...Special Notice ...

**Five meetings in April at 9am at the Elk's.** In-Person/Zoom meetings weekly, see details on page 2.

**05/06 Funny Videos, Jim Cook, Jim Cook**

**05/13 VITA-2022 Tax Year Rochester Program Review ( Income Tax Assistance), Dave Oeth, Carolyn Heyne**

**05/20 OPEN**

**05/27 Cancelled per April Board Mtg**

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### Century Key Club:

Janet , Becky , Helen and I attended the Century Key Club meeting. We took out treats for them to celebrate **Key Club's 100th Anniversary.**



Kathy Davis

### President's Corner:

You Mean So Much

May winds down the Day Makers' involvement with youth in our community. Helen and Audrey helped two teachers mentor almost 25 fourth and fifth graders at Riverside K-Kids. These children learn to run meetings and service projects to help others in their school and community. Garry contributes tremendously in creating name badges and signs for the K-Kids.

Kathy helps with the high school Key Club at Century. To celebrate the 100th birthday of Kiwanis Key Clubs, she provided the most beautifully decorated donuts to these high schoolers. Plus, she provided the applications for scholarships.

Three kindergarten classes at Pinewood are the lucky recipients of reading help, starting with learning the ABCs and the sounds they make. Dave Bhaskaran, Janet, Dick Vrieze, Ruth, and Jim Cook have wholeheartedly devoted many, many hours towards the children.

Again, books will be read to hundreds of children at a few schools, and each child will take home a book they can call their own. We look forward to these events and the help in reading to children. Dave B. has 700 books ready! Please, please read to a child. You can see the joy on their faces.

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### May Birthdays:

04 Dick Odell  
 05 George Heyne

### May Anniversaries:

02 Jim and Becky Cook  
 31 Richard and Doreen Severson

**Treasurer's Summary: April 30, 2025**

Administrative Account	\$ 6,737.34
Service Account	\$ 614.75
Charitable Account	\$ 14,410.93

**TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS\$ \$ 21,763.02**

Total Membership on October 1, 2024:	37
Total Membership end of April 2025:	34

**"K" Dollars on April 30, 2025, is: \$1,496.00  
for the 2024 – 2025 Kiwanis Year**

**KWIK Trip fund raiser for 2024 – 2025 Kiwanis Year:**

Budgeted for expenses in 2024-2025 is	\$10,000.00
Actual expenses through April 2025	\$ 8,050.00
Budgeted for income in 2024-2025 is	\$12,000.00
Actual income through April 2025	\$ 8,042.50
Inventory of Cards on hand April 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 3,920.00

**Day Makers ZOOM Meetings: May 2025**

**Time: May 6, 2025 09:00 AM**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83826698398?pwd=SdjBgBbHvNnAqqtB8uFANSIDgNfvTS.1>

**Meeting ID: 838 2669 8398**

**Passcode: goblue**

**Time: May 13, 2025 09:00 AM**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87678484608?pwd=Ca5fbHxThk8Rtj61jzCdaP3kIqglpc.1>

**Meeting ID: 876 7848 4608**

**Passcode: goblue**

**Time: May 20, 2025 09:00 AM**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89724108686?pwd=ntOUGOaWJ1b9ix0O7HaObsCMGMW2p.1>

**Meeting ID: 897 2410 8686**

**Passcode: goblue**

**Time: May 27, 2025 -- No Meeting**

**May Flowers:**



**Rochester MN**



**President Corner: Continued from Page 1**

We can't forget all our volunteers through the year who provide help for the older population in delivering meals every Wednesday and providing tax services every season. They include Larry Krob and his wife Kathy, George and Carolyn, Tom and Deb, Sue and Rick, and our newest member Kay. So many hours you have put in!

Rochester is a litter bit better due to the crew of Jim Decker, Dave B., Dick Vrieze, Bruce Keller, Dallas, Jim C., Janet, Kathy D., George, and Carolyn.

Many of our members have been speakers like Dave Paxton and Eric Skuldt. Many of you have arranged speakers for us. There are so many informative, interesting people in Rochester!

If I didn't mention you, you are included. We are a team of good people!

So thankful for you!

**Becky Hopson,**  
President

**Every Liter Bit Hurts: Howdy Clean-upers!**

Just wanted to say THANKS again! We did a great job and they have picked up the bags already...we had 3 full bags... 2 of garbage and 1 of recycles.



It was flat but lots of garbage in the ditches and butts!!!

Lots of smokers drive that road!  
Rest up for next year!

**Dave Bhaskaran and Bruce Keller**

<https://www.kiwanisrochester.org/index.htm> - This is the access point to our web site.

**BOD Minutes of the Meeting:** .April 15, 2025

Becky called the meeting to order at 10:09 AM.

**Board Members/Committee Chairs Present:** Becky Hopson, Rick Johnson, Janet Cederholm, Jack Zierdt, Jim Decker, Bruce Keller, Garry Post, Larry Scilley, Dave Bhaskaran, Jim Cook, Helen Kolb, Ruth Vrieze, and Kathy Davis.

**Board Members/Committee Chairs Absent:** Greg Hain, and Jim Schwinghammer.

**Other Day Makers, Members Present:** Sue Johnson and Judy Zierdt

**Approval of Agenda:** Janet Cederholm moved to approve the agenda and seconded by Garry Post.  
**Agenda was approved.**

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Jim Decker made the motion to approve the minutes, of the meeting of March 18, 2025. Ruth Vrieze seconded the motion. **Minutes were Approved.**

It was moved by Kathy Davis and seconded by Dave Bhaskaran to approve the March 2025 monthly report to Kiwanis International. **Motion was approved.**

**Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2025:** The report was sent out to all board members in the packets before the meeting. Dave Bhaskaran moved to accept the report as presented and Kathy Davis seconded the motion. **Motion was Approved.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The dates and locations for the Kiwanis International Convention and the Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention were listed on the agenda and mentioned during this portion of the meeting.

The Kiwanis International Convention will be held June 25 – 28, 2025 in Pittsburgh, PA.

The Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District Convention will be held August 8 - 10, 2025 in Willmar, MN.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Jack stated that the club had received the annual club donation banner rocker for the 2023-2024 Kiwanis Year from the Kiwanis International Children's Fund.

A letter from The Landing MN asking for a financial donation was presented. Following discussion of help that the Day Makers have contributed in the past a motion was made by Helen Kolb to donate \$200.00.

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**BOD Minutes of the Meeting:**

Dave Bhaskaran seconded the motion. During further discussion Larry Scilley amended the motion to ask club members for personal donations to add to the club amount. The amendment was seconded by Jim Cook. **The Amendment to the motion was Approved. The Amended motion was Approved.** (We will ask the members for personal donations during the last weeks of April and make the donation of \$200 plus to The Landing MN following the April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.)

Janet Cederholm gave the nominating committee report as of this date.

Nominees as of this time for the 2025 – 2026 Kiwanis Year are:

President – Rick Johnson  
Past President – Becky Hopson  
Secretary/Treasurer – Jack Zierdt  
Directors for 3 years through 2028:  
- Bruce Keller and Larry Scilley.

Positions still needing candidates are: President-Elect, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jim Decker mentioned that the second quarter audit would be held on Tuesday April 29<sup>th</sup> following our regular weekly meeting. The Audit will be conducted by Jim Decker, Dave Bhaskaran and Jack Zierdt with Jack preparing the needed documentations for the audit. All are welcome to attend.

Helen Kolb requested funds to treat the 25 K-kids club members at meeting following their pick up litter project at their school next week. Janet Cederholm moved that we approve the request from Helen (for and ice cream treat) and it was seconded by Garry Post and Ruth Vrieze. **The Motion for Reimbursement to Helen for this was Approved.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Rick Johnson thanked Dave Bhaskaran for everything that he has done in preparation for the Litter Bit Better pickup that will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> following our weekly meeting. He also, stated that a new committee chairperson for the 2025-2026 Kiwanis Year will be needed as he serves the Day Makers as President, during the Community Services Committee report.

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## **BOD MINUTES OF MEETING:** (Cont from p. 3)

Dave Bhaskaran during the report for the Early Childhood Development Committee stated some dates for distributing books from the SMIF program have been set and volunteers are needed. He is still working with some of the venues for dates to distribute the books. The reading help program at Pinewood will be wrapping the end of April.

Ruth Vrieze Human and Spiritual Aims Committee chairperson reported that she sent a sympathy card to Becky and Joe Hopson on the passing of Becky's brother. She sent a Thinking of You card to Ruth Glaser following recent surgery, for correction of complications after last year's hip surgery. This was the committee activity since our March Board meeting up to the present meeting.

Kathy Davis mentioned that she had received two boxes of materials from Linda Rouhoff, that she will be going through for the Membership Committee report.

For the Operations and Fund-Raising Committee report Jim Schwinghammer was absent, so there was no new updated information.

Jim Cook Program Committee Chairperson state that we need programs in April on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Dates in May that are open are the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Jim moved that we cancel the meeting for May 27<sup>th</sup> (The day after Memorial Day), Garry Post seconded the motion. **The Motion to Cancel the Meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup> was Approved!**

Greg Hain was not present to make a Public Relations Committee report.

Helen Kolb stated that the K-kids at Riverside have 2 meetings left for this school year. The scholarship applications from Century High School Key Club seniors are due May 1st.

Jim Cook moved to adjourn the meeting and Ruth Vrieze seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 AM by President Becky Hopson.

Submitted by:  
**Jack Zierdt**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

## **K-Kids Pinewood Elementary**

Just a end of year update at Pinewood SLP. We finish end of April. Sending a few pictures, one has all 5 of us working!

We have progressed a lot of kids from the ABCs to books and sounding out words!



Jim Cook, Janet Cederholm, Dick and Ruth Vrieze and myself have worked 3 days a week for 3 kindergarten classes.

Been a fun year! **Dave Bhaskaran**

## **May Flowers: Carlsbad California**



**Friends of Rochester Public Library:** Thank you Day Makers

The Public Library newsletter. There is a picture and an article about the Read With Me packets that our Day Makers do..



### Did you know?

The Friends of RPL partners with two area organizations to promote early literacy and a love of reading. We started the **Read With Me** program over 35 years ago. New moms in Rochester are presented with a Baby Reader book funded by Friends, and information about the Rochester Public Library. In addition, the packet also includes an application for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program operated by the United Way of Southeastern Minnesota. **We thank the Day Makers Kiwanis Club volunteers for assembling and delivering approximately 4,000 of these packets each year to Methodist and Olmsted Hospitals.**

You can help support Friends activities in the library and in the community through your membership contributions as well as by donating your used books, games and puzzles, and shopping in our bookstore, online sales and auditorium sales.

Friends Information

**Helen Kolb**

**New Day Maker Member:** Valerie Millen

Valerie retired in July 2024 and moved right away with her husband to Rochester, where her daughter lives and works. Her son lives in Portland , OR. She had lived in Minot, ND for over 27 years.

She worked for a large nonprofit in ND that provided senior services, including Meals on Wheels. She and her husband have been married 35 years. Valerie enjoys hiking, biking and being outdoors.

Welcome to the Day Makers Club - Valerie Millen !

**Carolyn Heyne**

**21<sup>st</sup> Food For KidZ:** Stewartville April 5, 2025

**Volunteers:** 379 (320 in 2024) – total volunteers including all Kiwanis members.

**Meals:** Total meals – **106,200 meals packed.** (140,800 meals in 2024). We packed soy and rice-based meals into plastic bags (1 meal each) then placed bags into shipping boxes. Later the boxes were loaded into a Food For KidZ semi-trailer truck.

### Food ingredients distributors/packagers:

- Each packer table had, on each side, a team of assembly-line folks inserting specific ingredients into a plastic bag;
- a weigher (and “adjuster”) of each bag of ingredients;
- a sealer of each plastic bag sealed bags placed into a box for shipping;
- tapers of each full box; boxes placed on a cart; a hauler came to move the cart for somewhat later loading into trucks. Each bag was 1 meal.

As the supply of a particular ingredient runs low for an assembly line worker, throughout the assembly process, “strong-armed folks” came along and dumped various ingredients from large ingredient bags into an appropriate ingredient box positioned along the table.

**Kiwanis Stewartville Club-sponsored Food For KidZ Meals Made to Date: 2,427,924 in 21 years.**

**Donations:** We totaled \$17,226.86 ( \$20,561.26 in 2024).



**Jim Cook and Dave Bhaskaran**

