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 **July 2023**

Minnekotan for this month is available at:
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DAYMAKERS KIWANIS

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY (THE 4TH ??)

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

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

Chairs & Meeting Dates

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

Program Schedule:

…Special Notice …

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

07/4 July 4th Holiday: No Meeting

07/11 Kiwanis International Convention Highlights and Info, Linda Rouhoff, Linda Rouhoff

07/18 TBD

07/25 PICNIC/Birthday Party at Charlie's - Start 5:00 PM, Jim Cook et al, Jim Cook et al

President's Corner:

Greetings my esteemed Kiwanian partners, from your newly Internationally- educated president! What a privilege it was to join Kiwanians from all over the world at the International Convention in "Swiftyapolis". Yes, we shared the city with Taylor Swift, who made a "generous" contribution to the Kiwanis Children's fund. I will share more about the conference next month, but I just want to confirm that Kiwanians are the nicest people anywhere! And I feel I learned ways to make our efforts even stronger and our members happier. And….ta-da—we won a Little Free Library!

What a busy month we had with the combined rummage sale at the FairGrounds and Rochesterfest. Our puzzle contest was again a success and a lot of fun.

Our first two presenters this month brought us closer to nature. Jerry Pruett charmed us with his beautiful photos of birds in Colombia and the Amazon. Kelly Rae Kirkpatrick shared information about community gardens and encouraged us to get our hands dirty, too. Our last two speakers made us aware of sobering needs in the community that they are filling. Dana and Gentle Wings photography donate beautifully done photos to families of infants who do not survive. Salt and Light partners, chaplains who work with first responders, law enforcement and caregivers, provide comfort to survivors of crises and their family members. God bless these caring benefactors!

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Education Works: Appendix 1

Given we are approaching the Independence Day holiday season, I challenged one of my granddaughters to clarify for me how Independence Day was designated as July 4th.

I think you will find her research interesting and she pulled this all together in less than two hours. She expanded my request by including Canada with USA.

So I now have an "assistant editorial editor/reporter." She is 14 years young.

The Appendix 1 is posted to the end of our July Newsletter.

Dick Odell

July Birthdays:

16 Richard Severson
17 Judy Zierdt
30 GarryPost

July Anniversaries:

03 Tom and Susan Lemke
06 Jim and Diane Schwinghammer
27 Dallas and Ruth Glaser

Treasurer's Summary:
Accounts Balance 06/28/2023

Administrative Account	$ 3,633.28
Service Account	$ 11,004.93
Charitable Account	$ 12,930.94
	$ 27,569.15

Total Membership as of June 28, 2023 **47**
3 Members are on Medical Leave

"K" Dollars Total for 2022 – 2023 Kiwanis Year
as of 06/28/2023 $1,747.00

Day Makers ZOOM Meetings:

Time: July 4, 2023 09:00 AM - No Meeting

Time: Jul 11, 2023 09:00 AM
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83243254882?pwd=T1o5cFI5NE5IVlVxZnhCeUQyZGttQT09
Meeting ID: 832 4325 4882
Passcode: goblue

Time: Jul 18, 2023 09:00 AM
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85874411134?pwd=K29ObmtuNzdOVWdNZ0c0MEgzbS9iUT09
Meeting ID: 858 7441 1134
Passcode: goblue

Time: July 25, 2023 - DM Club Picnic – Details later.

Dave Bhaskaran

Kiwanis Clubs Garage Sale:

Sales were brisk … many thanks to all who donated or worked the event.

Bruce Keller and Dick Odell

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

Book Reading and Give Away Project:

The Day Makers club finished up the individual reading and book giveaway to four schools in Rochester at the end of May. Approximately 750 books were furnished to us by the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation to be read and given to preschoolers or kindergartners.

This picture was taken at Mighty Oaks preschool. Other schools we read at were Hoover, Northrup and Pinewood Elementary.

Ruth Vrieze

Kiwanis Clubs Garage Sale:

Kathy, Helen, Dave – Thanks to Jim for getting our clubs together for this event.

Thank you KTTC-TV for the event coverage of the three Kiwanis Clubs joint project.

President's Corner: **(Continued from page 1)**

We look forward to July, which should be a fun month. Please celebrate July 4th to the fullest, but in a safe way! July 11 Janet and I get to present highlights from the KI conference. That happens to be Cow Appreciation Day, so please come garbed in cowboy/girl gear! (Yes, the Party Pooper Pot will reappear for the occasion) I hope most of you will join us for the Honkers game on the 15th wearing either your Kiwanis colors or beach wear. (No Party Pooper Pot). And the evening of July 25 we will celebrate Day Makers birthday with a "picnic dinner" at Charlie's featuring a presentation by Charlie himself!

May God bless our gatherings and our efforts on behalf of our community.

Linda Rouhoff, President

BOD Meeting Minutes: (Continued from page 5)

try to bring in new members.
Under Fund Raising it was mentioned that we need to have a meeting to evaluate our club's fund raising activities and projects.
Strategic Planning: Nothing new to report.
Human and Spiritual: Ruth reported that she sent a card to Hollis and Pat Feeser.
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 Tuesday (06/20 or 27) following our regular meeting. The committee is still working on a new web site.
Youth Services: Helen Kolb reported that she attended the Riverside 5th Grade graduation. A graduating K-kids young man spoke on how great the K-kids program has been and what it has meant to him.

The next Day Makers Board meeting will by Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

President Linda adjourned at the meeting at 11:08 AM!

Jack Zierdt, Secretary/Treasurer

K - Dollar Challenge:

Our club has been doing very well this year with the "K - Dollar Challenge". As reported in this month's NL, our club's total is now at $1, 747. So many of you have donated your "K - Dollars" for either your birthday number or your anniversary number, and I can't thank you enough for that.

Our club's time for collecting "K - Dollars" will close this year right before the District Convention in St. Cloud which begins on August 4th. Our club meets before that on Tuesday, August 1, so that would be the last time to bring in any "K - Dollars" you have to add to our grand total for this year.

Again, thank you so much for your continued support of this fundraiser for the Children's Fund, as well as a great Internal Fundraiser for this club.

Judy Zierdt

Riverside K-Kids:

On June 6th I attended the Riverside Central Elementary Schools fifth grade recognition program. The gym was full of families and friends. The ceremony included: 53 students receiving diplomas, student and teacher speakers, and special awards for reading and math.

The first student speaker was our very own K-Kid member Jousof Omar! Part of his speech was about K-Kids. He said it was "the favorite thing I belonged to."

I had a little gift for each of our K Kids and was so proud of them all. Audrey and I are looking forward to next year and getting to know another group of K Kids.

Helen Kolb

RochesterFest Puzzle Contest: Kiwanis Day Makers

Here are some pictures of the contest today.
My wife helped and is in the kiwanis picture. The one pix is of the champion getting the $200.

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Puzzle Contest:

I have the other 6 winners too if needed.
Dave Haskaran

Guest Speakers:

Thank YOU George and Rachelle for all you do!!! Just incredible what you do to help people in spiritual and mental need! In some extremely horrific times! We're blessed to have you both in RST! Good luck with Winona and hopefully other communities fill this void that you are filling for us.

What an awesome picture! Thanks!

Dave Haskaran

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: June 13, 2023
MINUTES OF MEETING

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

Board Members/Committee Chairs Present: Jack Zierdt, Jim Decker, Rick Johnson, Dave Bhaskaran, Linda Rouhoff, Helen Kolb, Jim Schwinghammer, Larry Scilley, Garry Post, Janet Cederholm, Becky Hopson, Bruce Keller, Herb Erickson, Jim Cook, Ken Reding and Ruth Vrieze
Board Members/Committee Chairs Absent Greg Hain
Other Day Makers, **Members Present,** Kathy Davis, Dave Alexander and Judy Zierdt
Approval of Agenda: It was moved by Larry Scilley and seconded by Herb Erickson to approve the agenda. **Approved**
Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: Herb Erickson moved, and Linda Rouhoff seconded to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2023, Board Meeting as printed. **Motion was Approved**
Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2023: The printed report was sent out to all board members preceding the meeting. Dave Bhaskaran moved to approve as amended and Jim Decker seconded the motion to accept the amended report. **Motion was Approved.**

OLD BUSINESS:
Jim Cook moved and Dave Bhaskaran seconded the motion that the Board vote NO, following a club vote of NO on the Kiwanis International Dues Increase that will be proposed at the Kiwanis International Convention in Minneapolis June 22nd through 24th. **Motion was Approved!** Linda, as our delegate, was instructed to vote NO on the $30 increase per year that is being asked currently.

We had a request from past Lt. Governor of Division 7 Charles Huntley to be a 2nd delegate for our Day Makers at the Kiwanis International Convention in Minneapolis. A motion was made by Herb Erickson and seconded by Helen Kolb and Jim Decker that we approve Charles as our 2nd delegate. There will be no expense to the Day Makers as he will pay his own way. He will vote NO on the Dues increase proposal. **Motion was Approved!**
It was announced that Janet Cederholm has registered for the online version of the Kiwanis International Convention.

It was, also, announced that the MNDAK District Convention will be held in St. Cloud, MN August 4th through 6th 2023. The Board will designate the Day Makers Delegates at their meeting on July 11th.
Jack Zierdt mentioned that we received 2 applications for the 2 scholarships that we award to Century High School Key Club Seniors.

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BOD Meeting: continued

Kathy Davis and Jack read the applications and recommended that Emily Garrison and Jack Homme receive these two scholarships at $1,000.00 each. They will be invited to our Day Makers picnic meal meeting on July 25th. We will, also, invite Arya Jacobson from Century HS who is a recipient of an Educational Foundation Scholarship.
Jim Schwinghammer mentioned the plant and treasure sale to be held at the Fairgrounds Building 40 this week on June 16th and 17th in conjunction with the other Kiwanis Clubs of Rochester. Each Club will be having their own tables and setup area of the building. Herb Erickson will donate a cash box to the Day Makers Kiwanis Club.

OTHER BUSINESS:
Jim Decker reported that the third quarter audit will be conducted on July 18, 2023, by himself, Dave Bhaskaran and Jack Zierdt.

NEW BUSINESS:
A Back-to-School Supplies quote was presented from Dollar Days International. Following discussion regarding the quote Janet Cederholm moved and Ruth Vrieze seconded the motion to order 3 cases of backpacks from Dollard Days. **Motion was Approved!** We will again do a back-to-school collection and shopping for teacher recommended school supplies locally in early August.
Discussion was held regarding our meeting for July 25th. This meeting will be our annual picnic meal/birthday party event. We will meet at Charlie's for a short meeting at 5:00 PM and eating at 5:15 PM. A motion was made by Garry Post and seconded by Ken Reding that we charge $10 per person for the meal. **Motion was Approved!**
Jack announced that he will need budget requests for the 2023-2024 Kiwanis year in July, so a preliminary budget can be prepared for the August Board Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Community Service: Rick stated that the Meals on Wheels is going good. We are struggling for support for Channel One, usually 3 or 4 volunteers works well
Early Childhood Committee: Linda reported that 780 SMIF Books were donated to preschool and kindergarten aged children last month.
Membership Committee and Operations/Fund Raising: Jack stated that we will be losing at least 5 members at the end of September (before the beginning of the 2023-2024 Kiwanis Year). It was mentioned that we need to make personal contacts to

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Appendix One

Two Nations, Both Alike in Dignity

Boom! Boom! The fireworks crack open in the sky. It's Independence Day, July Fourth, the Fourth of July in 2023, nearly 250 years after July 4, 1776, when America first gained its independence from Britain rule. But is that really true? How much do you actually know about Independence Day?

Despite its name, Independence Day is not when the American colonies gained their sovereign independence from the rule of King George III. That would be September 3, 1783, in which the Treaty of Paris was finally signed, though still a day on which no American holiday is celebrated. Instead, July Fourth is when the Continental Congress passed the Declaration of Independence, announcing the Patriot's separation from the rule of King George III. And yes, while true that this is a day to be thought of as first being free from British rule, all the colonialists had actually done was make known to King George III that they were no longer willing to follow his rule, though announcing separatism is not the same as being the leaders of one's own country. In terms of political geography, the only way to be a sovereign and independent nation is by being recognized by the United Nations (UN) power and veto nations. While the UN didn't exist back in the 1700's, treaties, such as the previously mentioned Treaty of Paris, were used to seal the deal instead.

Since the Declaration of Independence was not a legally binding document, it had no official nor permanent way of renouncing the British reign over the colonies. So while thirteen colonies had announced their separation from British Rule, they were still technically bound to England, hence the Revolutionary War, which was used as a way to formally break away from the rule of King George III, as well as the first official stepping stone to establishing our new nation. However, that is not the only reason as to why Independence Day should not be celebrated on the Fourth of July.

In fact, when celebrating the Declaration of Independence, which is what Independence Day really comes down to, we should actually be focusing on July 2, or more accurately, August 2. July 2 was when fifty-six delegates of the Continental Congress signed the Declaration, and a day in which our second president, John Adams, wrote in a letter to his wife, Abigail, that Independence Day [July 2] would be the most memorable day in all of America. When Independence Day became official in 1977, in which the thirteen colonies were celebrated, festivities began with the firing of thirteen gunshots and the launching closure of thirteen rockets serving as fireworks, John Adams never showed up to any of the Fourth of July events he received an invite to, as he firmly believed in celebrating Independence Day of July 2. Comically, John Adams actually died on the Fourth of July, the same year as his successor President Thomas Jefferson, in 1826, which happened to be the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The fifth president of the US, a James Monroe, also died on July Fourth, only in 1831. While we lost three of forty-six presidents on a day near to every American's heart, we were also blessed with the birth of 30th president Calvin Coolidge on the same holiday in 1872.

As for August 2, this was the day that John Hancock resigned the final copy of the Declaration of Independence, using the large signature we all know today. These events all took place within a span of thirty days, just over a year after when the fighting broke out on April 19, 1775, starting the Revolutionary War.

This, among other reasons, goes to show why the Fourth of July is called Independence Day, and not America Day, whereas the events taking place in Canada, only with slightly different repercussions, hence the opposite name. Only three days earlier then the Fourth, on July 1, is when Canadiens celebrate their day of freedom from the same British rule. Formerly known as Dominion Day until 1982, this was when, in 1867, a dominion, or sovereign act, became official through the British North America Act. This agreement gave Canada autonomy from England, allowing the territories of Nova Scotia, Canada, and New Brunswick to become the first Canadian Provinces. Canada was then split up into Ontario, and Quebec, making these the original four provinces of the current ten.

Until 1982, however, the British rule still had some power over Canada, one of the reasons as to why they are a member of the Commonwealth nation, and why Canada has a national anthem and a royal anthem. A new constitution was put in place in 1982, granting Canada the rights to be a fully independent nation, an event today known as the Constitution Act.

The United States of America and its Northern neighbor, the Dominion of Canada, are both rather similar in more ways than not. In fact, both countries keep the natural features of their nation close at heart. The bald eagle is a bird commonly found throughout North America, though also a symbol of strength, immortality, courage, and freedom. Chosen by founding father Benjamin Franklin, the eagle is a sign of liberty to the American people, as was officially determined in 1782. The liberty bell, another sign of freedom to American's, also has strong ties to Independence Day, as it rings thirteen times every Fourth of July in honor of the thirteen original colonies of the United States. As for Canada, the Canadian flag is actually based off of some of the natural traits that make their nation recognizable. The white in the Canadian flag is represented by the white Winter snow, and the red maple leaf and stripes have to do with the autumnal color of Canada's many maple leaves.

The United States flag, however, has much to do with symbolism, and little to do with nature. Designed by Francis Hopkinson and sewn by Betsy Ross on June 14, 1777, the red and white stripes represent the thirteen original colonies, each of which were originally in a circle to show equality. The fifty stars on today flag stand for each of the fifty states, arranged in the pattern we know today. The traditional colors of red, white, and blue each have symbolic meanings. The red symbolizes valor and hardiness, the blue for perseverance, justice, and vigilance, and the white for innocence and purity.

Either way, both Canada and the United States have many reasons to celebrate their freedom and loyalty to their country early on in the month of July. Whichever holiday festivities you'll be taking part in, remember to think about our neighbor, who worked just as hard as we did to gain their autonomy, and to allow their people to be under a leader whom they believe in.

Happy Fourth, everyone!

Genevieve Cadwell (14 years young**)**
Granddaughter of Rochester Kiwanis Member Dick Odell