



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/>

Newsletter for September 2025

**DAYMAKERS
KIWANIS**



**BE VERY CAREFUL
SCHOOLS OPEN**

OFFICERS

President Becky Hopson
 Imm. Past Pres. Janet Cederholm
 Pres. Elect Rick Johnson
 1st 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 Thursday 9:00 am
Membership	Kathy Davis	4th Tuesday 8:35 am
Youth Services	Helen Kolb	4th Tuesday 10:05 am
Early Childhood	Dave Bhaskaran	

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 Sept at 9am at the Charlie's.

02 TUESDAY AFTER LABOR DAY- Cancelled

09 Owl-Speech & Occupational Therapy, Lauren Glessing, Jim Cook

16 Big Brothers & Big Sisters, Serenity Knott, Jim Cook

23 Jeremiah Project Update, Ally Hanten Ebert, Jim Cook

30 Annual Mtg, New Officer Installation, Banquet, Becky Hopson, Janet Cederholm, Rick Johnson

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Gary Post

Presedent's Corner:

A Mirage of Thoughts (You Can Laugh, If You Want, or Cry)

Anne Frank said, "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." It's sad there is always the need. Why doesn't humanity improve? Enough is enough. However, we still try to make a ripple, and that, it seems, is all we can do. Maybe there will one day be enough ripples to make a great tide of change of abolishing hate and grievances. Be brave and supportive of improving the world for our children and our communities.

1. I like quotes because they make me say, "Wow!"
2. I like jokes and funny videos/pictures because they make me LOL.
3. Being yourself is a common denominator.
4. Kiwanis Day Makers are supermen and superwomen in ordinary clothes.
5. Start a celebrity membership.
6. Can Charter House have a shuttle?
7. Can they add Day Makers to their activities list?
8. Contact the Dalai Lama.
9. Get on Little Thistle's list of nonprofits.
10. Contact the History Center for speakers and meetings.
11. Meet at Quarry Hill and take a walk.
12. What did the drummer name his twin girls? Anna 1, Anna 2
13. Be an example for children learning to read.
14. Be amazing, which is the best you can be.

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September Birthdays:

23 Ruth Vrieze
 30 Richard Lundberg

September Anniversaries:

05 Dick and Dee Dee Odell
 13 Garry and Jean Ann Post

Treasurer's Summary: August 29, 2025

Administrative Account	\$	7,539.25
Service Account	\$	147.20
Charitable Account	\$	14,498.93
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS	\$	22,185.28

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

"K" Dollars for the 2025-2026 Kiwanis Year is: \$160 as of August 26th. (From August 12, 2025, through August 7, 2026).

KWIK Trip fund raiser for 2024 – 2025 Kiwanis Year:

Budgeted for expenses in 2024-2025 is:	\$10,000.00
Actual expenses through August 2025:	\$ 9,997.50
Budgeted for income in 2024-2025 is:	\$12,000.00
Actual income through August 2025:	\$11,727.50
Inventory of Cards on hand August 26 th :	\$ 1,710.00

Day Makers ZOOM Meetings: Sept 2025

Time: Sep 2, No meeting

Time: Sep 9, 2025 09:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85174861295?pwd=WQWAo8Pgb0W3XYt1IDDZVm6a7nG3oq.1>

Meeting ID: 851 7486 1295

Passcode: goblue

Time: Sep 16, 2025 09:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83483915949?pwd=i99mrVvNk7puOrz61Varr3pFBSsXh6.1>

Meeting ID: 834 8391 5949

Passcode: goblue

Time: Sep 23, 2025 09:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82418057127?pwd=2FngRxJbFtRZCn4KGaOvbWpaTFHaG7.1>

Meeting ID: 824 1805 7127

Passcode: goblue

Time: Sep 30, 2025 09:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89876531809?pwd=tI7Qdm0RCblx0PR49CQgwFbM6bRYdU.1>

Meeting ID: 898 7653 1809

Passcode: goblue

President's Corner: Continued from page 1

15. Did any of you win the Powerball?

16. Be generous.

17. You can never take things for granted.

18. Brighten your life and others with flowers. They are a kiss on the cheek and a symphony for the eyes.

19. Did I mention how great you Kiwanis Day Makers are?

20. Gracias! Adios, amigos y amigas. Carry on!

Hasta la vista!

El Presidente

Day Makers Certificates: Congratulations

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded for 31 years of Kiwanis Day Makers Service to **Richard Lundberg** and to **Bruce Keller**.



Secretary/Treasurer Jack Zierdt presented the certificates at our club meeting in August.

Dave Bhaskaran

"K" Dollars: 55 Good Years

Odell's celebrating "55 good years" of marriage with 55 K-Dollars ... see picture below.



Dick Odell and Deedee Odell

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

BOD Minutes of Meeting: August 19, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Becky Hopson at 10:17 AM.

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

Board Members/Committee Chairs Absent, Janet Cederholm, Greg Hain, Garry Post, and Jim Schwinghammer.

Other Day Makers, Members Present, Sue Johnson, Dick Odell and Judy Zierdt

Approval of Agenda: Jim Decker moved, and Jim Cook seconded the motion to approve the agenda. **Agenda was approved.**

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Dave Bhaskaran made the motion to approve the minutes, of the meeting of July 15, 2025. Helen Kolb seconded the motion.

Minutes were Approved.

It was moved by Dave Bhaskaran and seconded by Jim Decker to approve the July 2025 monthly report to Kiwanis International. **Motion was approved.**

The sheet of comparison of monthly service hours was presented as part of the secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 2025: The report was sent out to all board members in the packets before the meeting. Helen Kolb moved to accept the report as presented and Rick Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion was Approved.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Decker reported that the third quarter audit of the 2024-2025 Kiwanis Year (April 1st through June 30th) was held on Tuesday July 22nd, and another satisfactory audit was approved. The audit was held by Garry Post, Jim Decker and Jack Zierdt.

Rick stated that he is still trying to find a committee chair for the Community Services for the 2025-2026 Kiwanis Year. Otherwise, the rest of the Board Committee Structure is set with present chairs and officers having been elected or volunteering to stay on as in the past year.

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BOD Minutes of the Meeting:

Jack presented the second draft of the 2025-2026 Day Makers Budget. The final budget will be presented, and a vote of approval will be asked for, at the September Board Meeting.

It was reported that placement of The Little Free Library that Linda still has in her garage along with a sufficient supply of books for the library will be placed at Christ United Methodist Church.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Cook moved to cancel our regularly scheduled September 2, 2025, meeting. It was seconded by Jim Decker. **Motion was Approved.**

Our annual meeting for the 2024 – 2025 Kiwanis Year will be held on September 30th. It will be held at our regular time of 9:00 AM with Division 7 Lt. Governor Janet Cederholm doing the installation of the 2025 – 2026 Kiwanis Year Officers and Directors.

By consensus the board decided to give 4 \$500 scholarships to the Jeremiah Program for the upcoming 2025 – 2026 academic year.

It was moved by Jack Zierdt and seconded by Helen Kolb that the Day Makers Kiwanis Club would donate \$1,500 to the Kiwanis Children's Fund for this 2024 – 2025 Kiwanis Year. **Motion was Approved!**

Jack presented a ball point pen with 4 colors of ink and stylus. He stated that we would present this pen, to all our members as a gift and to have them use the pen as a marketing tool for potential new members. It could also be used as a gift to our weekly program presenters (along with the book and certificate that we have been doing for several years). Dave Bhaskaran made a motion, and Helen Kolb seconded the motion to purchase 200 of these pens. **Motion was Approved!**

Larry Scilley has submitted his resignation from the Day Makers and as a Board Director due to his health situation. His resignation was accepted by the board with regrets. This meant that according to the By-laws we would need to hold a special election for a new board member for the next years through the 2027 – 2028 Kiwanis Year.

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

Ruth Vrieze made a motion to hold a special election on September 23rd, and Bruce Keller seconded the motion.

Motion was Approved!

Dick Odell presented information that as of October 15, 2025, Microsoft will no longer support Windows 10 or older. This means that to continue getting support for the programs and platforms for publishing the newsletter and other records for the club we would need to consider purchasing new computer equipment. Larry Scilley made a motion to allow Dick to purchase the necessary equipment within the \$500.00 to \$600.00 range. Jim Decker seconded the motion. **Motion was Approved!**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Rick Johnson reported that a replacement chair for the next Kiwanis year will soon be filled during his report on the Community Services Committee. He reported that Channel One volunteering is still in limbo.

Dave Bhaskaran during the report for the Early Childhood Development Committee that he is working on a different place other than the cafeteria at Pinewood for the reading helps program.

Ruth Vrieze Human and Spiritual Aims Committee chairperson reported that she had sent a Thinking of You card to Theresa Keller following her fall and hospitalization. Bruce reported that she is home.

There were no reports for the following committees: Membership, Operations and Fund-Raising, and Public Relations,

Jim Cook Program Committee Chairperson reported that we need a program for September 23rd. Please see Jim if you have ideas and can help to schedule programs.

Helen reported that there was nothing new to report for Youth Services Committee as school is not in session yet.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 AM by President Becky Hopson.

Submitted by:

Jack Zierdt

Secretary/Treasure

Backpacks and School Supplies:

I dropped backpacks and supplies off to Cristina Nienow today at Pinewood Elementary School.



Much appreciated! Thank you for understanding and supporting the needs of our students!

Heidi Brown, Kindergarten Teacher

Pinewood Elementary, 507-328-3630

hebrown@rochesterschools.org

Thanks to Maureen, Jack and Helen for getting this going this year while I was in Iceland. Much appreciated! Looking forward to another fun year.

Dave Bhaskaran

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Shown here receiving the back packs and school supplies are the vice principal, Lisa, and our K Kids teacher, Jody. Audrey and I had the pleasure of delivering these items and a check for \$100.00 on Tuesday August 12th.



Although the funds for these gifts, to the kids at Riverside, was paid out of our service account, we owe a special thanks to Maureen Bhaskaran and Jack Zierdt. Maureen was responsible for getting all the school supplies and Jack responsible for ordering all the backpacks.

Helen Kolb

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Dave Bhaskaran delivered school supplies, backpacks and a check to Pinewood Elementary School.

Audrey Crooks and Helen Kolb delivered school supplies, backpacks and a check for future school supply purchases for the 2025-2026 school year to Riverside-Central Elementary School this past week.

Jack Zierdt

Day Makers Annual Rose Sale: 10/09/2025

The 2025 Rose Sale will be held during the month of September. The roses sell for \$20 per dozen and we have 120 dozen roses on order.

The roses will be here for pickup and distribution on Thursday October 9, 2025.

To make this fund raiser a success we need each member to help by selling or buying an average of 3.5 dozen roses.

This fundraiser will continue to help us serve the youth of Rochester and the World!



Jack Zierdt

IBM community engagement portal: Fund Raising

Howdy! (nothing is simple... always changing)

I'm not sure on everyone being an IBM retiree, but if you are, Eric is correct! I had to re-register to get back into benevity! uggh!

See Eric's link and try to sign on...click the re-register. You will get an email right away back but have to wait up to 72 hours. I'm like Eric and am waiting.

Sorry but it helps us get up to \$1000 per IBMer.

IBM's Community Engagement Portal:

<https://ibm.benevity.org/user/login>

Dave Bhaskaran

[Benevity - Log in to Secure Site](https://secure.benevity.org)

<https://secure.benevity.org>

Log in to access Benevity's secure site for managing corporate purpose initiatives and employee engagement programs.

- [Log in](#)

Log in to access Benevity's secure site for managing...

- [Forgot Password](#)

Kiwanis MN-Dak District Convention: Aug 2025



Janet Cederholm, Lt Governor

Katie Landwehr, past Lt Governor

Tim Taylor, Lt Governor Elect



The 4 representatives at the Kiwanis convention at Willmar. Three from Day Makers and one from Mayo High school.

Kathy Davis