



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 October 2025

**DAYMAKERS
KIWANIS**



UP, UP and AWAY

OFFICERS

President Rick Johnson
 Imm. Past Pres. Becky Hopson
 Pres. Elect Helen Kolb
 1st Vice Pres. ----
 Secretary/Treasurer Jack Zierdt

DIRECTORS (3 yr terms)

Jim Decker 2026
 Dave Bhaskaran 2027
 Garry Post 2027
 Bruce Keller 2028
 Gene Mullenbach 2028

Chairs & Meeting Dates

Operation/Fundraising	Jim Schwinghammer	1st Tuesday 8:35 am
Program	Jim Cook	1st Tuesday 10:05 am
Board Meeting	Rick Johnson	3rd Tuesday 10:05 am
Community Services	Debby/Tom Grogan	3rd Tuesday 8:35 am
Public Relations (PR)	Greg Hain	4rd Tuesday 10:05 am
Human and Spiritual	Ruth Vrieze	2nd Tuesday 8:35 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,
 Asst Sec./Treas: Jim Decker

Pres. Advisor: Jack Zierdt
 Web/Newsletter: Dick Odell
 Div 7 Lt Governor Janet Cederholm

Program Schedule:

...Special Notice ...

Four meetings in October at 9am at the Charlie's.

07 Kiwanis Youth Protection Process, Jack Zierdt

14 Open

21 Open

28 Open

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New Member Golden DM 4-color Pens: Available

See Jack Zierdt if you need one or more for gift to your invited new member. Red, Green, Blue and Black



Dick Odell

October Birthdays:

01 Carolyn Heyne	08 Janet Cederholm
02 Dallas Glaser	11 Dick Vrieze
03 Kathy Davis	30 Bruce Keller

President's Corner:

Thank you all...

About 15 years ago I joined the Day Makers at the invitation of Larry Scilley and Holly Feeser who both extolled the greatness of our group. They were correct, what a wonderful bunch of individuals you all are. At the first annual meeting I attended, which was held at Willow Creek Golf Course; Kathy Davis was President and Don Wendt was installed as the new president. Time has flown by too quickly.

The presidents preceding me have done a wonderful job with their talents, I only wish I had Herb Erickson's ability to tell a humorous story or joke. As we approach the new Kiwanis year, we do have some issues to confront with the loss of the Hockey Festival with its loss of a significant source of revenue. Please give a thought to this and pass on any ideas.

Committee signup sheets are displayed, please everyone give your talent to a committee. If we spread our talents, we only become better. It was inspiring to hear of the progress being made by the Jerimiah Project and I think we can be proud of our contribution to their efforts.

I am a creature of habit, so please if you see something that needs to be changed let me know. I look forward to a good year and lets all invite new members to join a great club.

Rick Johnson, DM President (2025-2026)

October Anniversaries:

18 Dave and Maureen Bhaskaran

Treasurer's Summary: September 2025

Administrative Account	\$ 6,962.46
Service Account	\$ 1,436.20
Charitable Account	\$ 16,078.93
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS	\$ 24,477.67

Total Membership on October 1, 2024 37

Total Membership end of September 2025 32

"K" Dollars for the 2025-26 Kiwanis Year is: \$395.00
as of September 30th. (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 September 2025:	\$ 9,997.50
Budgeted for income in 2024-2025 is:	\$12,000.00
Actual income through September 2025:	\$13,123.50
Inventory of Cards on hand Sept. 30 th :	\$ 950.00

Day Makers ZOOM Meetings: October 2025

Time: Oct 7, 2025 09:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86174754676?pwd=ctUGjMIBGaBYHdZfBCbQ5ZrUh6qEQp.1>

Meeting ID: 861 7475 4676

Passcode: goblue

Time: Oct 14, 2025 09:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83871983233?pwd=qKMeTwwGOZTlogNsZXwSupPbwVdat.1>

Meeting ID: 838 7198 3233

Passcode: goblue

Time: Oct 21, 2025 09:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89494026150?pwd=lmkzTbsJdHFXwMuv5AFHBFnzMuoxbs.1>

Meeting ID: 894 9402 6150

Passcode: goblue

Time: Oct 28, 2025 09:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88560980323?pwd=hGoh9rv6Hic8IYGpLiVhIC0424AHAl.1>

Meeting ID: 885 6098 0323

Passcode: goblue

New Day Makers Member: Maureen Bhaskran

The newest member of our Day Makers Club is Maureen Bhaskaran. Maureen was born and raised on a farm near Le Center, Minnesota. She went to Mankato State University and received degrees in Computer Science and mathematics.

She moved to Rochester in 1984 and worked for IBM for 10years. Wanting to spend more time with her children she resigned and did tutoring and teaching math at RTC.

She also worked in faith formation and now runs a Catholic volunteer group that does service projects like the Tuesday meals at the Jeremiah project and is also volunteering in her church.

Maureen and Dave, already a Day Maker, were married in 1986 and they have 2 married children. The daughter has 2 sons. Maureen loves being with her grandsons! She also enjoys reading, watching sports (especially tennis) and playing board games.



Welcome to the Day Makers... Maureen Bhaskaran

Helen Kolb

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

BOD Minutes of Meeting: September 16, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM.

Board Members/Committee Chairs Present: Jack Zierdt, Jim Decker, Bruce Keller, Kathy Davis, Jim Cook, Ruth Vrieze, Rick Johnson, Helen Kolb Jim Schwinghammer, Janet Cederholm, and Garry Post,

Board Members/Committee Chairs Absent,
Dave Bhaskaran, Greg Hain, Becky Hopson, and Larry Scilley.

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

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Jack Zierdt made a motion to rescind the motion reading "Larry Scilley made a motion to allow Dick to purchase the necessary equipment within the \$500 to \$600 range." Jim Decker seconded the motion to rescind. **Motion to rescind was approved!**

Helen Kolb made the motion to approve the minutes, following the rescinded motion approval of the meeting of July 15, 2025. Ruth Vrieze seconded the motion.

Minutes were Approved.

It was moved by Ruth Vrieze and seconded by Kathy Davis to approve the August 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 August 30, 2025: The report was sent out to all board members in the packets before the meeting. Jim Cook moved to accept the report as presented and Jim Schwinghammer seconded the motion. **Motion was Approved.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Jack presented the final draft of the 2025-2026 Day Makers Budget. Garry Post made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Helen Kolb seconded the motion to approve the 2025-2026 budget. **Motion was Approved!**

It was reported by Janet Cederholm that placement of The Little Free Library will be placed at Christ United Methodist Church on Wednesday September 17th. **Next Column →**

BOD Minutes of the Meeting:

NEW BUSINESS:

A projected roster of membership for the beginning of the 2025 - 2026 Kiwanis Year was presented for information for the board members information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Rick Johnson reported that Deb and Tom Grogan attended the meeting this morning. He thanked them for stepping up to be co-chairs of the Community Services Committee. He reported that Channel One volunteering is still in limbo. The Meals on Wheels program is moving along smoothly.

Dave Bhaskaran sent in a report for the Early Childhood Development Committee that the Pinewood reading helps program will begin on September 29th.

Ruth Vrieze Human and Spiritual Aims Committee chairperson reported that she had sent special card to Larry and Gwen Scilley for all that they have done for the Day Makers. She, also, stated that she will be signing the Day Makers Kiwanis Club up for dates with the Salvation Army Bell Ringing Program.

Kathy Davis urged people to talk to friends and tell them why we are in Kiwanis. We need new members was her statement during the Membership Committee Report.

Jim Schwinghammer said he is still exploring the possibility of raising funds through holding a Spaghetti Feed or some other food event in his Operations and Fund-Raising Committee Report. The question is do we have enough people to help and where do we have it. Also, is collaboration with other Kiwanis Clubs needed and a possibility?

Jack stated that Greg Hain has informed him that the Public Relations Committee will meet on the 4th Tuesdays of the month, following our regular weekly meeting, starting on October 28th.

Jim Cook Program Committee Chairperson reported that we need a program beginning with October 14th and beyond. Please see Jim if you have ideas and can help to schedule programs.

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

Helen reported that there will be 30 kids in the Riverside Elementary School K-kids club this coming year. Two groups of 15 (4th graders as one group and 5th graders as the other group) will be meeting and working during the year. Garry Post will be making nametags for the members of the K-kids this fall. Nothing new to report currently for the Century HS Key Club. During her Youth Services Committee report.

Ruth Vrieze made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Jim Decker seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 AM.

Submitted by:
Jack Zierdt
Secretary/Treasure

Roses, Roses and even more Roses:

A promotional poster for a Kiwanis Rose pick-up event. At the top left is the Kiwanis International logo. Next to it, the word "Kiwanis" is written in a large, bold, blue font. Below "Kiwanis" is the text "Rose pick-up" in a large, bold, black font. To the left of the roses is a graphic of two roses, one orange and one yellow. Below the roses is the date "October 9" in a large, bold, black font, followed by the time "(10:30-12:30)" in a slightly smaller, bold, black font. To the left of the date is a blue starburst graphic with the text "Any extra roses for sale also!" in white. Above the roses is a graphic of a sign that says "Rochester Day Makers Fund Raiser" in red and black, with "Kiwanis" in a small circle below it. Below the sign is the text "first comes get first choice of rose colors!" in a cursive font. At the bottom center is a logo for "Charlie's Pub" with the text "est. 1987" below it.

Gary Post

I bought two, one for each of my very helpful neighbors beside my house. A great "Thank You".

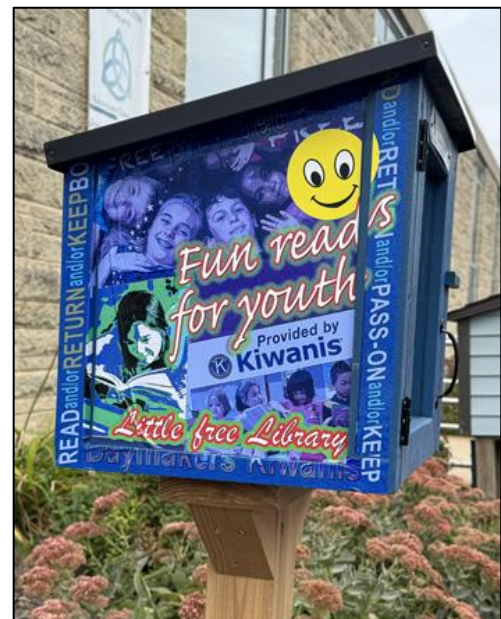
Dick Odell

Little Library:

The Little Library that Day Makers 'won' at the International Convention in Minneapolis (a few years ago) has now found a home. Thanks to Kathy for helping find a place for it.



Thanks to former President Linda for storing in her garage until a home could be found. Thanks to Garry for the unique decal on the outside. Special thanks to my husband, Doug, for digging the hole and helping attach library to post.



Location is on the SE corner of Christ United Methodist Church in Rochester.

Janet Cederholm and Kathy Davis

Induction of 2025-2026 Officers and Directors:

New Day Maker Club President: Rick Johnson

Janet Cedarholm, Div 7 Lt Governor, inducts Rick as Club President as his wife Susan watches the proceedings.



New Board of Directors:

New and “refreshed” Board of Directors are Dave Bhaskaran, Gene Mullenbach, Jim Decker, Gary Post and Bruce Keller, serving 2 year terms, etc.



Post Induction Meeting goodies were provided with a wonderful cake and gooey pecan caramel rolls. Thank you Kathy Davis,

And a good time was had by all !

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And Dick Odell received his continuous 22 years in Kiwanis Day Makers pin. He has been the Club’s Newsletter Editor and Web Master for those 22 years.

New Club President-Elect: Helen Kolb

Helen Kolb will be our new club president for our Day Makers 2026-2027 Kiwanis year.



Passing the President Gavel:

Current President (2024-2025) Becky Hopson passes the President’s Club Gavel on to incoming President Rick Johnson (2025-2026).



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>

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](#)

K-Kids Jefferson Elementary: Pumpkins

Maureen and I loaded porcelain pumpkins from our garden into my expedition and brought them to 30g 3rd graders at Jefferson elementary school.



They asked pumpkin questions to us and then each got a pick a pumpkin. Lots of excitement for them too!



Thanks for doing the newsletter.

Dave Bhaskaran