



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/>

**DAY MAKERS
KIWANIS**



VETERANS DAY

Newsletter for November 2025

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	Debbi/Tom Grogan	3rd Tuesday 8:35 am
Public Relations (PR)	Greg Hain	4rd Tuesday 10:05 am
Human and Spiritual	Ruth Vrieze	2rd 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 November at 9am at Charlie's.

04 Favorite (and lesser-known) Secrets Of The City,
 Steve Lange, Jim Cook

11 TBD

18 TBD

25 TBD

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Annual Division 7 Education Day and MNDK

District Governor visit is scheduled for Saturday November 15 in Lake City. The information below is from Lt. Governor Janet Cederholm's Lt. Gov. Team. If interested in attending, please contact Jack Zierdt no later than Tomorrow Tuesday October 28th!!

The cost this year will be \$50.00 per club. The cost for each person will be \$25.00 until Nov. 3rd. If not registered by then, the cost per person will increase to \$30.00 between Nov. 4th - 12th. If a person waits to register at the door the cost will be \$50.00 per person.

The cost includes coffee and rolls in the morning and lunch. We need to let the caterer know how many people are coming so they can plan accordingly - that is why the cost goes up as we get closer. (Registration on the day of the event might result in no lunch available.)

November Birthdays:

17 Sue Johnson

President's Corner:

Howdy Day Makers

October has flown by and we are off to a good start. We had some good programs starting with Jack reviewing the Kiwanis guidelines for interacting with kids, then Jim Cook reached into his vault and showed a video that had everyone laughing. We had a beautiful, picturesque trip around the world presented by Steve Barlow, and finally Randy Stoker showed us the offerings of [125 Live](#).

Great job Jim. If anyone has program ideas, let Jim know.

October also brought in two new members, welcome Maureen Bhaskaran and Joe Hopson. You have both made a lot of contributions even before joining. Also, Larry Scilley is now an honorary member, which is much deserved for all his past contributions to our club. Hopefully he can join us via zoom when possible.

Make sure you check the sign-up sheets this month, there will be a lot of volunteer opportunities coming up, bell ringing, meals on wheels, reading, and Christmas Anonymous. Also, check the [Christmas Anonymous website](#) for other opportunities, such as escorts, department help, donation center, etc.

Thank you all for your help.

Rick Johnson

November Anniversaries:

10 Greg and Shar Hain
 28 Gene and Rachel Mullenbach

Treasurer's Summary: October 2025

Administrative Account	\$ 9,505.05
Service Account	\$ 2,858.78
Charitable Account	\$ 16,078.93
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS	\$ 28,442.76

Total Membership on October 1, 2025: 33
Total Membership end of October 2025: 34
+ 1 Honorary = 35

“K” Dollars for 2025–2026 Kiwanis Year is: \$607.00
as of October 31st. (From Aug 12, 2025 -Aug 7, 2026)

KWIK Trip fund raiser for 2025 – 2026 Kiwanis Year:

Budgeted for expenses in 2025-2026 is:	\$10,000.00
Actual expenses through October 2025:	\$ 1,637.50
Budgeted for income in 2025-2026 is:	\$12,000.00
Actual income through October 2025:	\$ 625.00
Inventory of Cards on hand October30th:	\$ 2,125.00

Day Makers ZOOM Meetings: November 2025

Time: Nov 4, 2025 09:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84919110702?pwd=p98bQwRCztxbktlhYHltf6DWqKHfSh.1>

Meeting ID: 849 1911 0702

Passcode: goblue

Time: Nov 11, 2025 09:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89772932699?pwd=IWG9SbaFl8mta2hnh0E5yKS3SalbXP.1>

Meeting ID: 897 7293 2699

Passcode: goblue

Time: Nov 18, 2025 09:00 AM Central Time

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82581099640?pwd=ffu2pxXV5NkY9fYr00O04eeyM5AKdO.1>

Meeting ID: 825 8109 9640

Passcode: goblue

Time: Nov 25, 2025 09:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87027993476?pwd=mNfGo50KTqctA0uFdqtsQ4LafYoxFo.1>

Meeting ID: 870 2799 3476

Passcode: goblue

K-Kids: Riverside Elementary

The Riverside K-Kids have elected their officers for the 2025/2026 year. These are the officers for the 4th grade. There are fifteen members



These are the officers for the 5th grade. There are 18 members.



Articles will soon follow about all the K-Kids learning to be school leaders and taking part in activities for the betterment of their community.

Helen Kolb and Audrey Crooks

Back Yard Squirrels and Deer:

Both Squirrels, Deer enjoyed Halloween Treats....



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BOD Minutes of Meeting: Oct 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 AM.

Board Members/Committee Chairs Present: Jack Zierdt, Jim Decker, Bruce Keller, Jim Cook, Ruth Vrieze, Rick Johnson, Helen Kolb, Jim Schwinghammer Greg Hain, Garry Post, Becky Hopson and Dave Bhaskaran

Board Members/Committee Chairs Absent Kathy Davis

Other Day Makers, Members Present, Lt. Governor Janet Cederholm, Sue Johnson, and Judy Zierdt

Approval of Agenda: Jim Decker made the motion to approve the agenda, and Ruth Vrieze seconded the motion. **Agenda was approved.**

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: Janet Cederholm made the motion to approve the minutes, of the meeting of September 16, 2025. Jim Decker seconded the motion. **Minutes were Approved.**

A motion was made by Dave Bhaskaran and seconded by Helen Kolb to approve the September 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 September 30, 2025: The report was sent out to all board members in the packets before the meeting. Ruth Vrieze moved to accept the report as presented and Becky Hopson seconded the motion. **Motion was Approved.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Jack stated that the annual rose sale was a successful fund raiser. The final financial report will be presented once we have received the final bill from the Spring Valley Kiwanis Club.

Lt. Governor Janet Cederholm presented information on the annual Division 7 Education Day and Governor of the MN DAK District visit. It will be held on November 15th in Lake City, MN from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Registration begins at 8:30 AM. Registration is \$50 per club and \$25 per attendee. Each club is being asked to furnish a silent auction item. The proceeds will go to the MN DAK District Educational Foundation for scholarships.

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BOD Minutes of the Meeting:

Helen Kolb moved that we donate 2 \$50 KWIK Trip Cards to the silent auction. Jim Decker seconded the motion. **Motion was Approved!**

OTHER BUSINESS:

Jim Decker reported that the fourth quarter audit for the 2024- 2025 Kiwanis Year (July, August, September 2025) will be held Tuesday October 28th following our weekly meeting. The audit will be conducted by Jim Decker, Bruce Keller and Jack Zierdt. All members are welcome to attend.

The Rochester Elks Lodge #1091 will be sponsoring an open house for service clubs in the Rochester Community to help with membership recruitment. The tentative date is Monday, January 12, 2026, from 4:30 to 7:00 PM. Stay tuned for more information!

NEW BUSINESS:

Jack Zierdt made a motion to make Larry Scillely an Honorary Member. Helen Kolb seconded the motion with many members of the board speaking highly in favor the motion. ***The Motion to make Larry Scillely an Honorary Member was Approved Unanimously!!***

It was recommended that a list of rationale be listed for future nominees to go along with the Kiwanis International guidelines for Honorary Member Classification.

The Winter Wishes 2025 JP Family Seasonal Gift Program was presented to the board in their packet. Following discussion of the request from the Jeremiah Program it was decided, by consensus, that we would inform the membership that the board would match donations to total \$425 to support one family (1 mother and 2 children) for this event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Tom Grogan reported that Meals on Wheels is delivering between 9 and 11 meals per week. He stated we can always use more help. He reported that Channel One volunteering is still on hold as needs more help. Watch for sign-up sheet to help with the Bear Creek Trail cleanup. The library packing and delivery to the birthing centers is doing 350 packets per month. we do not have enough individuals to meet their minimum workers per shift.

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

Bear Creek Trail cleanup Delivery needs more help and requires some moderate lifting to move the supplies from the library to the birthing centers. Tom stated that information on Christmas Anonymous would be coming out soon. Rick stated that he would be getting out some scheduling signup sheets for help soon. Dave Bhaskaran in his Early Childhood Development Committee report stated that the Pinewood reading helps program is up and running but they are facing some struggles with the school scheduling space for the room assignments for this help. There was a question on the Pen Pal Program and where we are with it as a club? Do we have a school? Do we have volunteers in the club to do this project?

Ruth Vrieze Human and Spiritual Aims Committee chairperson reported that she had sent Thinking of you cards to Becky Cook on September 17th following her fall and surgery for a broken arm; and to Shar Hain with health concerns and not able to attend meetings. On October 7th she sent a card that all members present at the meeting signed, to Larry Scilley upon his resignation from the club. A sympathy card was sent to Tim Alexander and the family of Dave Alexander on his passing on October 11th. On October 21st she had a Thinking of You card at the meeting for Shar Hain, for all members present at the meeting to sign. This was for all that she has done over the years for the club, upon her resignation.

Kathy Davis was absent from the meeting, but Jack reported that he and Kathy will be doing an Orientation for Joe Hopson on Thursday October 23rd. Joe will be joining our Day Makers on Tuesday October 28th. We continue to need new members was stated during the Membership Committee Report.

Jim Schwinghammer said he is still exploring ways to raise funds in his Operations and Fund-Raising Committee Report.

Greg Hain stated that he is working on updating the Web site. He will be checking with MLT Group now that we don't have the hockey festival on what we can do to update our Web site during his Public Relations Committee report. The PR Committee meet on the 4th Tuesdays of the month, following our regular weekly meeting, starting on October 28th.

BOD MINUTES OF MEETING:

Jim Cook Program Committee Chairperson reported that we need programs beginning in November. It was stated that all club members should be helping in recommending or scheduling program presenters. Please see Jim if you have ideas and can help to schedule programs.

During the Youth Services Committee report, Helen reported that both K-kids clubs at Riverside Elementary School are meeting and working well so far this fall. The Century HS Key Club is meeting once a month, in person, on the last Friday of the month. She stated that she and Kathy Davis will be attending the meeting on Friday October 31st. Jack and Janet mentioned that National Key Club week is coming up. It was suggested they arrange to take treats to the meeting to celebrate and recognize National Key Club week November 3rd through the 7th.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Submitted by:

Jack Zierdt,
Secretary/Treasure

Key Club: Century High School

Century Key Club met on Halloween for their monthly meeting. Four Day Makers attended and brought donuts.



Next week is International Key Club week so Day Makers brought treats to celebrate the week.

Kathy Davis

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Roses, Roses and even more Roses:

Roses finally arrived after a slight delayed delivery.
Less than an hour to log out all 120 Dozen Bouquets.



Jim Decker, Gene Mullenbach, Jack Zierdt



Must get them in water right away....

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Century HS Key Club: (Photo from page 4)



Helen Kolb

Kiwanis Day Makers Rose Sale:

Our club Rose Sales was very successful with our members ordering 120 Dozen Long Stem Roses.



Kathy Davis

And many of our club members order 6+ dozen for resale or "Thank You" gifts for friends and neighbors.



George Heyne

This was a very productive fundraising event. And the meeting room at Charlie's Café smell very nice.

Dick Odell