



Rochester Day Makers Kiwanis Club

Tues 9:00 A.M. at Rochester Elks Lodge 1091 Building,
1652 US Hwy 52, Rochester MN 55901

Day Makers web at: <https://www.kiwanisrochester.org/index>
See MN-DAK District Site at: <https://k13.site.kiwanis.org/>

Newsletter for January 2025

**DAYMAKERS
KIWANIS**



Christmas Wish Mailings

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	2nd 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	Linda Rouhoff	3rd Thursday 9:00 am
Youth Services	Helen Kolb	4th Tuesday 8:35 am
Early Childhood	Linda Rouhoff	4th Tuesday 10:05 am

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

Program Schedule:

...Special Notice ...

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

01/07 RCTC Physics: Student Projects, Dr. Rod Milbrandt, Larry Segar

01/14 Funny Videos, Jim Cook

01/21 Sweden & Norway Trip, Jim Schwinghammer

01/28 Olmsted County New Food Scraps Recycling, Anthony Wittmer, Jim Cook

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Hockey Web Site: Dec 26th, 27th, 28th 2024
<https://www.kiwanisrochester.org/hockey>

Link to Kiwanis Hockey Festival poster:
<https://www.kiwanisrochester.org/hockey/Poster.htm>

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MN-Dak District Leadership Directories by year.
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IPEMB_wRUMMnsMtXFeltidagzZVaTpv/view

Dick Odell

President's Corner:

2025 Through a Child's Eyes

A new beginning has been gifted to us. It is fresh. It is open. It hasn't been stamped yet. Do you remember as a child what it was like? It was simple. It was pure. It was full of hope and excitement.

So let us ...

- Act with JOY
- PLAY with our Christmas presents
- Be read to
- Look in WONDER as the glittering ball drops
- Remember the MAGIC of writing the new year for the first time
- HUG people who care for you
- Be tucked into bed
- Never be hungry
- LOVE learning
- READ and WRITE
- ASK someone to play with you
- Clap your hands and exclaim YAY
- Keep it simple and pure

Look at every moment as an OPPORTUNITY to look through a child's eyes.

Grandma Becky Continued on page 2 →

January Birthdays:

08 Jim Decker 21 Jim Schwinghammer
11 Rick Johnson 22 Wayne Harvey

January Anniversaries:

None

Treasurer's Summary: December 30, 2024

Administrative Account	\$ 3,465.25
Service Account	\$ 1,509.71
Charitable Account	\$ 13,445.93
	\$ 18,420.89

Total Membership on October 1, 2024: **37**
 Total Membership end of December 2024: **34**

"K" Dollars on December 17, 2024 is: \$792.00
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 December 2024:	\$ 5,950.00
Budgeted for income in 2024-2025 is:	\$12,000.00
Actual income through December 2024:	\$ 4,111.50
Inventory of Cards on Hand Dec. 17:	\$ 2,475.00

Day Makers ZOOM Meetings: January

Time: Jan 7, 2025 09:00 AM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81851839596?pwd=SLM9JSvXDja4biLwoLtEJlIWJrZkRS.1>
 Meeting ID: 818 5183 9596
 Passcode: gobblue

Time: Jan 14, 2025 09:00 AM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86309068119?pwd=IBwliManwS8SdDeRbDeaZ96WiuRaa0.1>
 Meeting ID: 863 0906 8119
 Passcode: gobblue

Time: Jan 21, 2025 09:00 AM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87230978183?pwd=POtZdmXfjx59wapyYTagq7vCeh7uVY.1>
 Meeting ID: 872 3097 8183
 Passcode: gobblue

Time: Jan 28, 2025 09:00 AM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89191675176?pwd=bPYzrBGVSvaLrGzpSRM399RxLcLiW9.1>
 Meeting ID: 891 9167 5176
 Passcode: gobblue

Dave Bhaskaran

Kid Jokes:

What do U call Santa when on a break?

- **Santa Pause**

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Becky Hopson, President (and grandson)

Congratulations: Jack and Judy Zierdt

Judy - 24 years as a Kiwanian
Jack – 53 years as a Kiwanian



Well done Jack and Judy....

Dick Odell

BOD MINUTES of Meeting: November 12, 2024

The Board meeting was called to order by President Becky Hopson.

Board Members/Committee Chairs Present: Jack Zierdt, Jim Decker, Janet Cederholm, Bruce Keller, Dave Bhaskaran, Jim Cook, Becky Hopson, Ruth Vrieze, Helen Kolb, Garry Post, and Jim Schwinghammer.

Board Members/Committee Chairs Absent Greg Hain, Rick Johnson, Larry Scilley, Linda Rouhoff

Other Day Makers, Members Present, Judy Zierdt and Dick Odell.

Approval of Agenda: Ruth Vrieze moved, and Jim Decker seconded the motion to approve the agenda.

Agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Helen Kolb made the motion to approve the minutes, of the meeting of November 12, 2024. Dave Bhaskaran seconded the motion. **Minutes were Approved.**

It was moved by Dave Bhaskaran and seconded by Jim Schwinghammer to approve the November 2024 monthly report to Kiwanis International. **Motion was approved.**

Treasurer’s Report as of November 30, 2024: 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 Dave Bhaskaran seconded the motion. **Motion was Approved.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Decker thanked the members of the club for the tremendous month of KWIK Trip gift card sales in November and early December. He announced that by the end of December (the first Quarter of the Kiwanis Year we will have earned a profit of \$4,000 so far for the 2024-2025 Kiwanis Year.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Jim Schwinghammer stated that he and Diane (Jim’s wife) had gone shopping for the Jeremiah Program Winter Wishes 2024 project. He stated that they had purchased practical/useful items for the sponsorship of 1 Mom. He presented the bill of \$160.54 for reimbursement. At the November board meeting it had been approved that we sponsor up to \$150 in gifts.

Since the amount was over the original approved amount Ruth Vrieze moved that we approve the presented bill with Jim Decker seconding the motion.

Motion Carried

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BOD Minutes:

Jack mentioned that the Club Bylaws that our club approved on October 24, 2024, were submitted on October 29, 2024, to Kiwanis International for approval. We received notice that Kiwanis International approved them on November 26, 2024. Jack also, stated that our annual dues were paid on December 2, 2024, in the amount of \$5,370.00. This was the revised amount from the original \$5,551.00. The revision was due to the increase from 3 to 6 spouse memberships that were given credit for the magazine reduction fees and the removal of Don Cain who had resigned after the original deadline.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jack brought up the request for payment of our annual \$1,000.00 payment to the RCTC Foundation for two \$500.00 scholarships. The request is for the 2025-2026 Academic School Year to be paid by February 1, 2025. However, the Foundation presently has a “Double Your Gift” opportunity at the present time. It is a Dollar-for-Dollar Match (up to \$1,000) until December 31st. The consensus of the board members was to pay the amount by the end of December.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

In Rick Johnson’s absence mentioned that signup sheets for helping during Christmas Anonymous on Saturday December 14th, and leading up to the distribution day on Saturday the 14th have been completed by some of our members.

In Linda Rouhoff’s, absence during the report for the Early Childhood Development Committee, it was stated that the Pinewood Elementary School reading help program is now operational on Monday-Wednesday and Friday mornings at this time. Volunteers are needed to work with the young children. See Dave Bhaskaran or Janet Cederholm if you would like to volunteer.

Ruth Vrieze Human and Spiritual Aims Committee chairperson, reported that 10 cards had been sent since last month’s board meeting. A Thinking of you card to Greg Hain on his rehab at Homestead. A Thinking of you card was sent to Linda Rouhoff on family health issues. A Sympathy card was sent to Linda and Larry Rouhoff on their son’s passing. A sympathy card signed by all at our weekly meeting to Linda and Larry Rouhoff following son’s funeral.

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

A Card signed by all at our meeting to Rick Johnson during his rehab at MC hospital in Cannon Falls. A Thinking of You Card to Larry Scilley in hospital for the chemo being stopped and nutrition through port beginning. Thinking of You Card to Judy Zierdt for toe and callous surgery. A sympathy card was sent to Susan Lemke on Tom's passing. A sympathy card was sent to Jim and Becky Cook on the passing of Jim's sister. She also, made phone calls to Gwen Scilley and Sue Johnson for updates on Larry and Rick. Thanks, Ruth for your caring help of reaching out to our membership in times of need.

In Linda Rouhoff's absence, Jack stated that he is working with **Dave Paxton** and will arrange to have his orientation into our club for his induction into our club in January 2025, during Membership Committee report.

For the Operations and Fund-Raising Committee Report, Jim Schwinghammer stated that there is nothing new at this time.

Jim Cook Program Committee Chairperson stated that we are working on programs starting in January. See him if you have ideas and can help to schedule programs. The program for the 17th of December will be a holiday celebration meeting and continental breakfast, during our regularly scheduled 9:00 AM time frame. There will be a Free Will Offering for the Continental Breakfast. Jim Cook, and Janet Cederholm with help from Garry Post and others have worked out the details for the program.

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

Helen Kolb stated that the Riverside K-kids has 26 members. She thanked Garry Post for making name tags for the K-kids members during her Youth Services Committee report. She also, stated that the KWIK Trip Gift Cards for the 2 advisors to the K-kids and the advisor to the Key Club have been purchased and delivered.

Ruth Vrieze moved to adjourn with Jim Schwinghammer seconding it.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:56 AM.

Submitted by:

Jack Zierdt, Secretary/Treasurer

Becky's Grandbaby: Get comfy and read



Season Greetings: Holiday CUMC Cookie Sales –



Pat Feaser and Kathy Lawson and ladies' day.

Dick Odell



Dave and Becky – Ring a ding-a-ling.

Christmas Anonymous: CUMC 2024

So it begins with hauling freight:



Brad, George, Dick and other Kiwanians



Front Door at CUMC – Fun Stuff



Kathy Davis and friends – gloves, sweaters, etc



Children's books galore....

Guiding attendees from room to room...



Dick Vrieze knows his way around....



Jim Decker has the best rides....

**Stats for event:
Families – 485 Children – 1752**

Volunteers Make It Happen

Winter Holiday Party and Letters: Dec 17, 2024



Club meeting with festive holiday songs (Janet on digital piano) and cards to be sent out....



Festive Key Club membership student ID badges... Helen and Audrey,



Club President Becky Hobson holiday cards....

Lick and stick those holiday cards....



Holiday cards to elder care shut-ins with holiday wishes....Ruth Vrieze



More Festive Holiday wishes And more member signatures cards to our members who could not attend Ruth and Dick Vrieze...



Reading of members who had passed away this year...

Winter Holiday Party and Letters:



Salvation Army Red Kettle financial bell ringing Audrey and Helen...



Kiwanis "K-Dollars" donations continue roll into our Youth Programs...



Some K-Dollars even come in with "Sequential Serial Numbers"....

It has been an exciting year for the Day Makers Club.

Kiwanis Rochester Day Makers



30th Year Charter Date 07/26/2024

<https://www.kiwanisrochester.org/30thAnniv2024.jpg>

Dick Odell

Kiwanis Hockey Festival: 12/ 26,27,28 / 2024

Great TV Video Ad on KTTC-TV.



KTTC-TV Ad included links to the Kiwanis Hockey website which our Day Makers Club manages.



Ticket sales were brisk and **Hockey Program Brochure** had everything: Kiwanis Motto, Sponsors Ads, Team Player Names, Team Playoff Grids, Sponsor/Advertiser Directory And ...**Free food coupons – Chick-fil-A, McDonald's, Pasquale's Pizza**

Winter Fun on Ice: Kiwanis Hockey Festival



Winning team photo available at:

<https://www.kiwanisrochester.org/hockey/2024GoldVarChampCenturyJM.jpg>

Dick Odell