



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 March 2025

**DAYMAKERS
KIWANIS**



LUCK OF THE IRISH

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

Program Schedule:

...Special Notice ...

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

03/04 Yanowitz Law: Wills, Trusts etc., Adam Nelson/Britta Hanzlik, Jim Cook

03/11 Musk Ox of Alaska, Ginger Zierdt, Jack Zierdt

03/18 OPEN

03/25 OPEN

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Many thanks to Jim and Diane Schwinghammer for sharing their beautiful photographs from their trip to Sweden and Norway at our Feb 25th club meeting.



Dick Odell

President's Corner:

"Hang On Piglet, It's March"
—Winnie the Pooh

March—Blustery winds, new beginnings, new growth, no more hibernating, spring cleaning.

March 1, 1781, Continental Congress adopted the Articles of Confederation, the first constitution of the United States.

March 2, 1836, Texas Independence Day.

March 4 we learn about wills, trusts, and more!

March 11 we learn about the musk ox by our favorite, Ginger Zierdt, who has been a park ranger in Alaska!

March 8, International Women's Day, recognizes women's rights, contributions, and achievements. Did you know Victoria Woodhull ran for presidency in 1872? She was the candidate of the Equal Rights Party.

Remember Daylight Savings March 9. Ides of March, 44 B.C., Et tu, Brute. St. Patrick's Day, March 17, Chicago turns its river green. Remember to wear green or else! March 20 is the Vernal Equinox. Yaaayyyy, finally!

Kiwanis Key Club is 100 years old. Woww! It's March Madness y'all!!!

Becky Hopson, President

March Birthdays:

07 Jim Cook	16 Eric Skuldt
11 Dave Bhaskaran	30 Greg Hain

March Anniversaries:

07 Dave and Shirley Paxton
28 Larry and Kathleen Krob

Treasurer's Summary: February 28, 2025

Administrative Account	\$ 5,149.44
Service Account	\$ (1,389.29)
Charitable Account	\$ 15,505.93
	\$ 19,266.08

Total Membership on October 1, 2024 **37**

Total Membership end of February 2025 **34**

**"K" Dollars on February 28, 2025, is \$1,118.00
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 Feb 2025:	\$ 7,750.00
Budgeted for income in 2024-2025i is:	\$12,000.00
Actual income through Feb 2025:	\$ 5,772.50
Inventory of Cards on Hand Feb. 28:	\$ 5,690.00

Day Makers ZOOM Meetings: March

Time: Mar 4, 2025 09:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84580376735?pwd=wP2bJ42xDOV2ZqpVXXkaJUTQzFZbge.1>

Meeting ID: 845 8037 6735

Passcode: goblue

Time: Mar 11, 2025 09:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83155394097?pwd=2QtyIGFnclNIW4AbGvZU52Xvfl2Zl.1>

Meeting ID: 831 5539 4097

Passcode: goblue

Time: Mar 18, 2025 09:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82645841650?pwd=iPLmyoAaVvOkeEFCXjtIZL9TZPyUCo.1>

Meeting ID: 826 4584 1650

Passcode: goblue

Time: Mar 25, 2025 09:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88195625793?pwd=fLVDXyYo6fZGCZhoeDqElpbqOAb1eC.1>

Meeting ID: 881 9562 5793

Passcode: goblue

Leprechaun jokes:

Why are leprechauns so good at gardening?

They have green thumbs!

What type of music do leprechauns enjoy?

Sham-rock and roll!

Why can't you borrow a leprechaun's money?

They're always a little too short.

Preparing for St Patrick's Day: Chicago River

My daughter-in-law, Sarah, and her dog, Oreo.

Becky



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Luck of the Irish.... (In case you were wondering)

"The luck of the Irish" means that Irish people are inherently lucky or fortunate, often associated with the idea that they have a greater chance of experiencing good fortune than others ; it's a phrase used to describe unexpected positive outcomes or good luck, often tied to Irish culture and symbolism like the four-leaf clover.

Key points about the phrase:

- **Origin:**

While seemingly positive, the phrase can have a slightly negative connotation, as it sometimes implied that Irish success was due to luck rather than skill or hard work, particularly during the time of Irish immigration to America where they often took up jobs in mining.

- **Symbolism:**

The four-leaf clover is the most prominent symbol associated with "the luck of the Irish" as finding one is considered a sign of good fortune.

- **St. Patrick's Day:**

This phrase is especially prevalent around St. Patrick's Day when Irish heritage and traditions are celebrated.

Dick Odell (Orange Irish)

BOD Minutes of Meeting: February 11, 2025

Jack called the Board meeting to order in President Becky Hopson's absence.

Board Members/Committee Chairs Present: Jack Zierdt, Jim Decker, Janet Cederholm, Bruce Keller, Larry Scilley, Dave Bhaskaran, Kathy Davis, Jim Cook, Helen Kolb, Ruth Vrieze, and Jim Schwinghammer.

Board Members/Committee Chairs Absent Becky Hopson, Greg Hain, Rick Johnson, Garry Post and Linda Rouhoff.

Other Day Makers Members Present, 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: Janet Cederholm made the motion to approve the minutes, of the meeting of January 14, 2025. Helen Kolb seconded the motion. **Minutes were Approved.**

It was moved by Jim Decker and seconded by Ruth Vrieze to approve the January 2025 monthly report to Kiwanis International. Jack informed the board that he is now including the board meeting date and number of members present on the monthly report. He, also, stated that he has edited the reports at KI for October, November and December. This was stated that he learned this from a Zoom Secretary session this past Saturday, **Motion was approved.**

Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2024: 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 Dave Bhaskaran seconded the motion. **Motion was Approved.**

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was discussed at this meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Jim Decker reported he conducted the first quarter financials (October-November-December 2024) with Garry Post and Jack Zierdt helping with the process. It was a clean, successful audit with no discrepancies found. Jim thanked Jack for all the work done with the financials of the Day Makers.

Jack read a letter from Wayne Harvey stating that his circumstances have changed and that as of this time he wants his membership in Kiwanis paused for the foreseeable future.

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BOD Minutes:

If his circumstances should change he will let us know to reinstate his membership. Wayne also donated \$100 to the K dollars fund to be used at our discretion.

He also, read an email from Linda Rouhoff that she is resigning from the Day Makers at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Cook handed out a sheet of information to the board regarding the upcoming (April 5th) Food for Kidz day of service. He stated that he would be handing it out to the membership at next week's meeting.

Jack requested to change the board meeting date for **March from the 11th to the 18th.** Helen Kolb moved to change the date with Jim Decker seconding the motion. **Motion was Approved!**

A request to change the date of the **April Board Meeting from the 8th of April to the 15th of April** was also made by Jack. Ruth Vrieze moved to change the date and Kathy Davis seconded the motion. **Motion was Approved!**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

In Rick Johnson's absence, Helen Kolb stated that the Community Services Committee will meet at 8:35 AM on Tuesday February 18th before our weekly meeting.

Dave Bhaskaran during the report for the Early Childhood Development Committee that he has the books from the SMIF donation program at his house. He will be getting the stickers from Garry Post for the books. He will place the labels in the books by himself.

Ruth Vrieze Human and Spiritual Aims Committee chairperson, reported that no cards were sent out during the the past month. She did send an email to Rick the day before his birthday. She will do the same for Shar later this week. She will send a Thinking of you Card to Richard Lundberg.

Kathy Davis reported that we need to continue working on getting new members. We are presently on a downward trend on our membership numbers. For the Operations and Fund-Raising Committee Report, Jim Schwinghammer stated he will be checking to see if we will have the Kiwanis Garage Sale in June.

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

Jim Cook Program Committee Chairperson stated that we need programs starting in February. See him if you have ideas and can help to schedule programs.

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

Helen Kolb stated that the Youth Services Committee will meet on the 4th Tuesday of February (The 25th) at 8:35 AM. Key Club is celebrating their 100 years of service in March. She will talk with Kathy about checking to see what Century Key Club is doing to celebrate this special anniversary. Kathy will also be checking about a Student of the Month Recognition with Century High School administration.

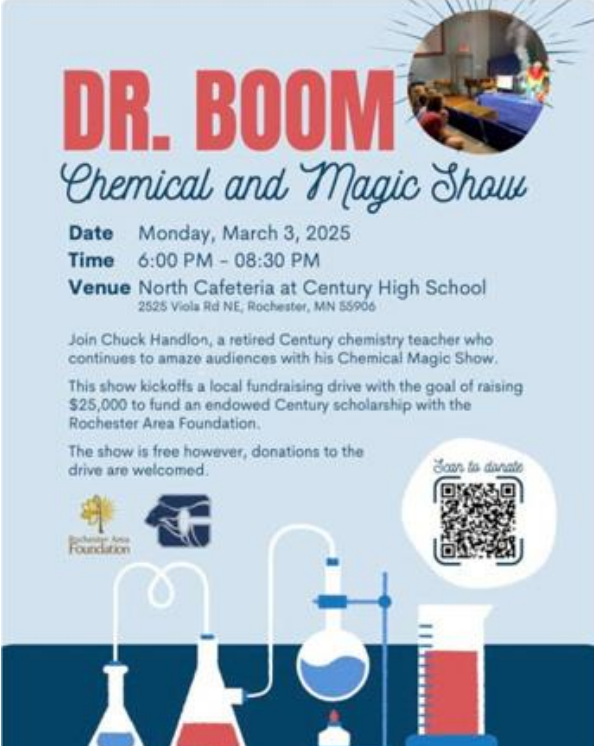
Jim Decker moved to adjourn the meeting. Many seconds were voiced! The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Submitted by:

Jack Zierdt, Secretary/Treasurer

Science Demo for Students: March 3rd 6:00pm




Another great presentation by Chuck Handlon ... see what are children are learning at school ... and its free.



DR. BOOM
Chemical and Magic Show

Date Monday, March 3, 2025
Time 6:00 PM - 08:30 PM
Venue North Cafeteria at Century High School
2525 Viola Rd NE, Rochester, MN 55906

Join Chuck Handlon, a retired Century chemistry teacher who continues to amaze audiences with his Chemical Magic Show. This show kickoffs a local fundraising drive with the goal of raising \$25,000 to fund an endowed Century scholarship with the Rochester Area Foundation. The show is free however, donations to the drive are welcomed.

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Dick Odell

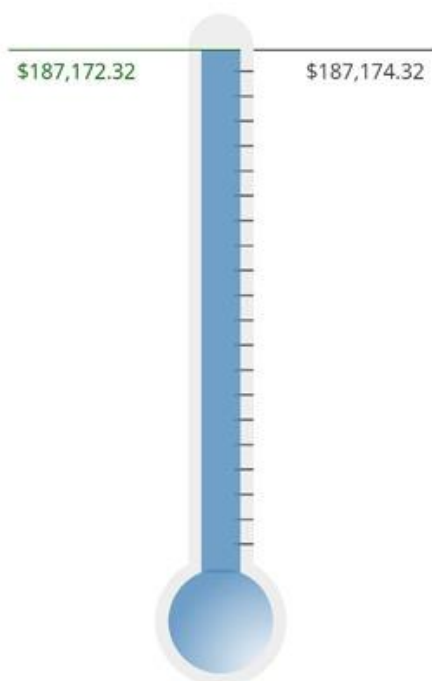
Kiwanis Day of Giving: MN-Dak District

Make a club or individual gift online on February 25, 2025, to help us reach our fundraising goal of US\$100,000 in one day! Gifts support The Possibility Project and help the Children's Fund meet the greatest needs of kids around the world.

This year, the goal is more ambitious than ever: to raise US\$100,000 — enough to reach 45,000 kids in one day!

Final Results

2025 Kiwanis Day of Giving



Think about how many children you would like to support today. Thank you for participating in our third annual Kiwanis Day of Giving!

<https://www.kiwanis.org/who-we-are/ways-to-give/kiwanis-day-of-giving/>

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