



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/>

**DAYMAKERS
KIWANIS**



Christmas Greetings

**Newsletter for
December 2024**

OFFICERS President Becky Hopson Imm. Past Pres. Janet Cederholm Pres. Elect Rick Johnson 1 st 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 ...
Three meetings in Dec are at 9am at the Elk's. In-Person/Zoom meetings weekly, see details on page 2.

12/03 Membership, Linda Rouhoff

12/10 Lake Zumbro Dam, Todd Osweiler, Jim Cook

12/17 Christmas Party

12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE, no meeting

12/31 NEW YEAR'S EVE, no meeting

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Kiwanis Hockey Festival: Dec 26, 27 & 28th

Lots of fun for everyone and a good fund raiser for our local Kiwanis Clubs.
Hockey Web Site:
<https://www.kiwanisrochester.org/hockey>

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

President's Corner:

December is a busy month for all of us with Christmas shopping, parties, and families coming home. On top of this, it is the busiest month for Kiwanis Day Makers.

December starts with helping children build the skills and love for reading. We want them to be successful and proud of themselves! This funness (new word) starts Monday, December 2, and will be M-W-F 8:30-10:30 in the Pinewood Elementary School at the Longfellow Elementary building. You are needed!

Our annual Christmas Anonymous volunteering is in full swing in the first two weeks of December. Make children's Christmas brighter! It is a wonderful event on December 14 but cannot happen without all the organizing and setting up that goes on behind the scenes. Look into your heart and see if you can help. You are needed!

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is the Kiwanis hockey tournament taking place December 26, 27, and 28. We cannot give scholarships and sponsor projects without funds, so we must all put forth effort to produce a successful hockey experience for the players, coaches, and fans. It starts by asking businesses if they want to purchase ad space or be a sponsor. Talk to Jim Decker about selling ads and volunteering at the tournament. You are needed!

Salvation Army bell ringing and Meals on Wheels continue.

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December Birthdays:

23 Audrey Crooks
 27 Helen Kolb

December Anniversaries:

28 Eric and Jan Skuldt

Treasurer's Summary: November 27, 2024

Administrative Account	\$ 7,836.32
Service Account	\$ 2,268.92
Charitable Account	\$ 14,445.93
	\$ 24,551.17

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

“K” Dollars on November 30, 2024 is: **\$721.00**
 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 November 2024:	\$ 5,475.00
Budgeted for income in 2024-2025 is:	\$12,000.00
Actual income through November 2024:	\$ 2,727.50
Inventory of Cards on Hand Nov. 24:	\$ 1,760.00

Day Makers ZOOM Meetings: December

Time: Dec 3, 2024 09:00 AM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86302061847?pwd=X6apfitZkddIleQWfhzEzIdHymj1ns.1>
Meeting ID: 863 0206 1847
Passcode: goblue

Time: Dec 10, 2024 09:00 AM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84308899086?pwd=DSoc36iseEAcMZcebIDnyY0qDCatMY.1>
Meeting ID: 843 0889 9086
Passcode: goblue

Time: Dec 17, 2024 09:00 AM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81281117006?pwd=cVK04VB4XwwvcT2MoNeKfsZFPx1b0h.1>
Meeting ID: 812 8111 7006
Passcode: goblue

No meetings: Dec 24 and Dec 31.
Dave Bhaskaran

Christmas Anonymous: Hauling Freight



Brad, George, Dick and other Kiwanians

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We want to help Ruth, and we want Rick to know we can still help the community so he can heal and recover without any worries. Peruse all the signup sheets at the next meeting to find the perfect spots for you because YOU ARE NEEDED!!!

Hop on the Kiwanis power train because it's full steam ahead! Choo-choo! ALL ABOARD!!!

Becky Hopson
 President of Kiwanis Day Makers

Congratulation: Jack Zierdt

Many thanks to Denis Cornell, MN-Dak District Partnership Coordinator, for attending our meeting and presenting Jack Zierdt with the **Vantine Life Fellow Award** for “Generously Contributing to Assist Youth” at the Kiwanis MN-Dak District Level for the Kiwanis Education Foundation, Inc.



Well done Jack....

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, Rick Johnson, Jim Cook, Becky Hopson, Larry Scilley, Linda Rouhoff, , Helen Kolb, and Jim Schwinghammer.

Board Members/Committee Chairs Absent Dave Bhaskaran, Greg Hain, Garry Post, Ruth Vrieze

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

Approval of Agenda: Jim Decker moved, and Helen Kolb 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 October 8, 2024. Jim Schwinghammer seconded the motion. **Minutes were Approved.**

It was moved by Jack Zierdt and seconded by Janet Cederholm to approve the October 2024 monthly report to Kiwanis International. **Motion was approved.**

Treasurer’s Report as of October 31, 2024: The report was sent out to all board members in the packets before the meeting. Larry Scilley moved to accept the report as presented and Jim Cook seconded the motion. **Motion was Approved.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Jack made some brief comments regarding the summary of the Rose Sale for this year.

Jim Decker announced that the 2023-2024 Kiwanis Year 4th quarter budget audit was conducted on Tuesday October 15th by himself, Bruce Keller and Jack Zierdt. The audit was satisfactory with the bank statement and checkbook register being examined and cleared with no problems found.

Jim Decker thanked the members of the club for the tremendous month of KWIK Trip gift card sales in October and early November being the best since he has overseen the program. He announced that he was handing Jack an envelope with \$1,525.00 for deposit.

After a period of discussion about The KI Children’s Fund Possibilities Project it was decided that we will discuss at future board meetings before deciding on becoming an Impact Club.

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BOD Minutes:

NEW BUSINESS:

The bill for the 2024-2025 Kiwanis dues payment to Kiwanis International was presented and explained by Jack. During the presentation Jack stated that he would be calling KI later that day to ask for an adjusted bill as we have received notice that Don Cain is withdrawing his membership due to health. Also, we are only being credited for 3 spouse magazine reductions and it should be 6. Jack then asked for a motion to pay the bill of \$5,551.00 with possible adjustments. Helen Kolb moved, and Jim Schwinghammer seconded the motion to pay the bill with the possibility of some adjustments. **Motion was Approved.**

Jim Schwinghammer explained the request from the Jeremiah Program Winter Wishes 2024 project. After the presentation, comments and suggestions from board members Jim Schwinghammer moved that we sponsor 1 Mom up to \$150 in gifts. Helen Kolb seconded the motion. **Motion Carried** Helen Kolb stated that the Youth Services Committee would like to present Jody Peterson and Sharon Faunce K-kids advisors and Kyle Brandt Century Key Club advisor with \$25 KWIK cards during this time of the year as thank you for their time and services. Jim Decker moved that this be approved, and Janet Cederholm seconded the motion. **Motion was Approved!**

OTHER BUSINESS:

A few brief comments regarding the Division 7 Education/Governor visit that was held in Lake City on Saturday, November 9th were made by Janet, Becky and Helen. It was stated that Jody Peterson, Riverside K-kids advisor spoke. It was, also, mentioned that Kathy Davis received a Vantine Life Fellowship in the Kiwanis Educational Foundation from the division.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Rick Johnson mentioned that signup sheets for helping during Christmas Anonymous on Saturday December 14th, are on a clipboard. He, also, handed out of schedule of activities leading up to the distribution day on Saturday the 14th.

Linda Rouhoff, during her report for the Early Childhood Development Committee, stated that Pinewood Elementary School is still working on scheduling and that she has a meeting set up with the school secretary to get the reading help program schedules setup for this school year. **Page 4 →**

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She was also interested to know if anyone in the club has been notified about the SMIF book program for this year, as she hasn't heard anything. It was mentioned that she should check with the Dick Vrieze.

Judy Zierdt subbing for Ruth Vrieze Human and Spiritual Aims Committee chairperson, reported that cards had been sent since last month's board meeting. A Thinking of you card to Eric Skuldt missing many meetings due to water damage in their home. A Thinking of you card to Greg Hain on his hospitalization and emergency surgeries due to serious infections following his knee replacement surgery. A Thinking of you card was sent to Gene Mullenbach following his eye surgery. A Sympathy card was sent to Richard Lundberg due to Karen's passing.

Linda Rouhoff Membership Committee Chairperson stated again that the whole group will be involved in membership this year. She is, also, planning to have the different committees do a short educational presentation at our meetings during the year. The membership involvement for this coming year will be presented as the club program on December 3rd.

For the Operations and Fund Raising Committee Report, Jim Schwinghammer discussed the benefits for purchasing KWIK Trip Card(s) and stated that all cards are available weekly. Jim Decker explained that the club receives 5% return of each Gas Card sold: 15% on Groceries Only Card and 40% on Car Wash Cards.

Jim Cook Program Committee Chairperson stated that we have programs booked through December, in his report. The program for the 17th of December will be a holiday celebration meeting, during our regularly scheduled 9:00 AM time frame. Jim Cook, Janet Cederholm and Linda Rouhoff are working on the details for the program.

Greg Hain, Public Relations Committee Chairperson was not present to make a report. However, during this time it was brought up by Dick Odell that we have some major challenges with multiple websites at the present time. The websites need to be linked together. It was stated by members of the PR Committee that when Greg's health allows it, that Dick and Greg need to work together on solving the issues, with help from the committee as needed.

Helen Kolb stated that the Riverside K-kids and Century HS Key Club are both doing well. She thanked Garry Post for making name tags for the K-kids members during her Youth Services Committee report. **Next →**

BOD MINUTES OF MEETING:

Jim Cook moved to adjourn with many members seconding it at 11:10 AM.

Submitted by:
Jack Zierdt, Secretary/Treasurer

Holiday Season Greetings:

The December Holiday Season is certainly one of our busiest months for Rochester Kiwanians and our personal family oriented events – end of year events can be very stressful for many people. But Kiwanians are always there to make a difference as we ask “What more can I do?”

To name a few: Religious Services, Christmas Anonymous, Hockey Festival, Salvation Army Red Kettles, musical events, family, neighborhood events and friends activities, to name a few.

And remember the “**Elf on the Shelf**” is watching all of us as we go about our community services, etc.



The Holiday Elf and her Grandmother are out looking for any “slackers”, so remember Christmas is just around the corner.

Dick Odell