



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/>

**DAYMAKERS
KIWANIS**



INDEPENDENCE DAY

Newsletter for July 2025

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	3rd 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	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, Jack Zierdt
 Asst Sec./Treas: Jim Decker
 Pres. Advisor: Kathy Davis
 Web/Newsletter: Dick Odell

Program Schedule:

...Special Notice ...

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

07/01 What the K-9 Foundation Does, Netta Putzier, Jim Cook

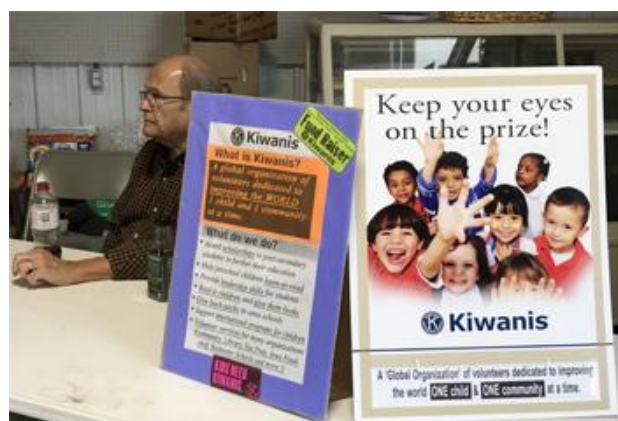
07/08 Rochester's Robotics team, Tim Alexander, Janet Cederholm

07/15 Dodge County, Inc - Big Ag/Undoing of Rural Agriculture, Sonja Trom Eayrs, Eric Skuldt

07/22 Seasons Hospice Update, Eileen Kennedy, Jim Cook

7/29 Day Makers 31st Anniversary

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Gary Post

President's Corner:

July is CELEBRATE

Has it been a year since we celebrated the historic 30 years of Kiwanis Day Makers? Time sure does fly by! We are so proud of our charter members and all of you who continue their goals and ours in our 31st year! We have raised money for scholarships. We have helped children learn to read and love books. We have empowered those in need to healthy meals and filing their taxes. We have mentored elementary children to help them be leaders and serve others. We have replenished food shelves and given The Landing sustenance to problem solve for the homeless. We have cleaned up our city of litter just strewn around by wind and careless people.

My goal is for you to take care of your health, have fun doing what you do, and inspire others to join our dedication to improving lives. I think people care; we just need to find them. I understand a lot of people struggle with time, jobs, and personal goals in play, but maybe we can entice them to look at the world's future. Children are our future, and they need safe and helpful environments for them to thrive. We care; encourage others to care. Make everyone feel like they are somebody.

As we celebrate July 4 with fireworks and sparklers think also of the successes of our Kiwanis Day Maker club. It's because of you we achieve so much! Celebrate!

Becky Hopson, President

July Birthdays:

01 Debbi Grogan	17 Judy Zierdt
04 USA	30 Garry Post
16 Richard Severson	

July Anniversaries:

06 Jim and Diane Schwinghammer
 27 Dallas and Ruth Glaser

Treasurer's Summary: June 27, 2025

Administrative Account	\$	7,171.34
Service Account	\$	612.20
Charitable Account	\$	16,030.93

TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS \$ 23,814.47

Total Membership on October 1, 2024	37
Total Membership end of April 2025	34

**“K” Dollars on June 24, 2025, is: \$1,653.00
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 June 2025:	\$ 9,475.00
Budgeted for income in 2024-2025 is:	\$12,000.00
Actual income through June 2025:	\$ 9,462.50
Inventory of Cards on hand June 24 th :	\$ 2,510.00

Day Makers ZOOM Meetings: July 2025

Time: Jul 1, 2025 09:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87439476891?pwd=PbgLbMJpRr4SjJaHesxz9FQiaScYmd.1>

Meeting ID: 874 3947 6891

Passcode: goblue

Time: Jul 8, 2025 09:00 AM

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Meeting ID: 846 8785 1903

Passcode: goblue

Time: Jul 15, 2025 09:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88452777643?pwd=eOi2LV8Pxu2ckvGbtbicUtpLqyvSZ.1>

Meeting ID: 884 5277 7643

Passcode: goblue

Time: Jul 22, 2025 09:00 AM

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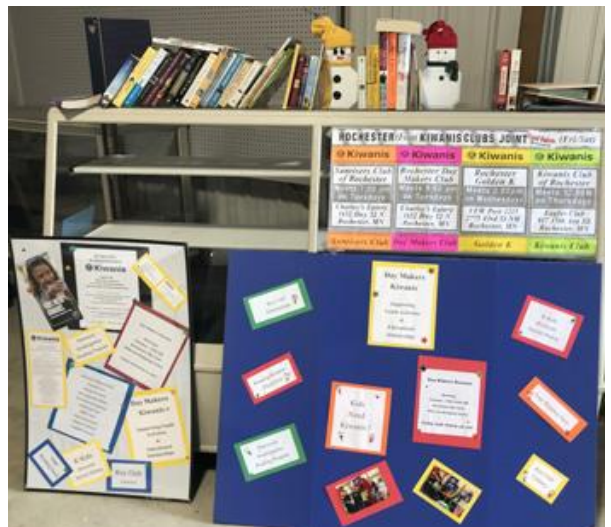
Time: Jul 29, 2025 09:00 AM

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Multiple - Kiwanis Clubs Rummage Sale: June



ROCHESTER (Four) KIWANIS CLUBS JOINT Fund Raiser (Fri/Sat)			
Kiwanis	Kiwanis	Kiwanis	Kiwanis
Sunrises Club of Rochester Meets 7:00 am on Tuesdays Charley's Eatery 1652 Hwy 52 N Rochester, MN	Rochester Day Makers Club Meets 9:00 am on Tuesdays Charley's Eatery 1652 Hwy 52 N Rochester, MN	Rochester Golden K Meets 3:00pm on Wednesdays 17W Post 1215 2775 43rd St NW Rochester, MN	Kiwanis Club of Rochester Meets 12:00N on Thursdays Eagles Club 917 15th Ave SE Rochester, MN
Sunrises Club	Day Makers Club	Golden K	Kiwanis Club

Becky Hopson

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

BOD Minutes of Meeting: June 17, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Becky Hopson.

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, Jim Schwinghammer. Garry Post Becky Hopson, and Rick Johnson

Board Members/Committee Chairs Absent, Greg Hain

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

Approval of Agenda: Dave Bhaskaran moved, and Jim Decker seconded the motion to approve the agenda. **Agenda was approved.**

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Jim Cook made the motion to approve the minutes, of the meeting of May 20, 2025. Garry Post seconded the motion. **Minutes were Approved.**

It was moved by Dave Bhaskaran and seconded by Larry Scilley to approve the May 2025 monthly report to Kiwanis International. **Motion was approved.**

The sheet of monthly service hours was presented as part of the secretary's report. Jack urged board members to be diligent about turning their monthly service hours report. He also stated that he will remind the members at a meeting the importance of reporting their monthly service hours.

A letter of Thank You from The Landing MN for our club financial donation. The total contributed by the club and individual members gifts was \$550.00.

Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2025: The report was sent out to all board members in the packets before the meeting. Helen Kolb moved to accept the report as presented and Ruth Vrieze seconded the motion. **Motion was Approved.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Schwinghammer mentioned that we should be getting \$108.00 back from the Honker's Baseball Game. He also stated that we had a good garage sale turnout of members working and good receipts in the amount of \$1,300 plus from the sale.

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BOD Minutes of the Meeting:**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jack presented the information for ordering backpacks, again this year, from Dollar Days. Janet Cederholm made the motion to order 3 cases of 24 each backpack with water bottle pockets. Ruth Vrieze seconded the motion. The backpacks will be given to Pinewood and Riverside schools in the fall back to school supply drive. **Motion was Approved.**

District Convention will be held in Willmar, MN August 8-10, 2025. Janet Cederholm will be attending. We need to send in our delegate form no later than July 25th. Therefore, we will approve delegates at the July 15th Board Meeting. If you have registered for the convention or are interested in getting registration information, please contact Becky or Jack.

Other topics discussed under new business were Pen Pals (Jim Cook will arrange for a speaker on this topic); Business Cards (Garry Post will work on some designs to present to the board); Rick Johnson President-Elect will be working on the 2025-2026 Board and Committee Structure.

Jim Decker reported that a meeting will be held on June 30th for trying to come up with a fundraiser to replace the Hockey Festival. Jim and Jack will represent the Day Makers on the committee with the other Rochester Kiwanis Clubs.

The Board discussed the topic of financial support for diapers rather than a diaper drive for Family Services: Crisis Nursery. Janet Cederholm moved that the club donate \$350.00 toward the purchase of diapers and that we open it to the membership for adding to this contribution. Helen Kolb seconded the motion. **The Motion was Approved.**

A bill in the amount of \$ 46.14 for reimbursement by Judy Zierdt for the purchase of books for the speaker donation program. Ruth Vrieze moved to reimburse Judy Zierdt and Garry Post seconded the motion. **Motion was Approved.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Rick Johnson reported that the Meals on Wheels program has a new pick-up spot (which is the same as the return spot); he, also stated that Channel One is having staffing issues so that we would not have service until the issues are solved.

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

He stated that he will work on scheduling for Christmas Anonymous program but will cut back on the physical work.

The committee for Community Services will be looking for a replacement chair for the next Kiwanis year.

Dave Bhaskaran during the report for the Early Childhood Development Committee stated that the books from the SMIF donation program for the next school year have been picked up and will be distributed to the participating Kiwanis Clubs later. The committee met and discussed on plans for the Pinewood Reading Program during the 2025-2026 school year. During his report a question was asked about the Little Library that Linda Rouhoff won at the International Convention. Janet Cederholm will check with Linda on the Library so that we can continue to support it.

Ruth Vrieze Human and Spiritual Aims Committee chairperson reported that she had not sent out any cards since our last meeting. She will send a Thinking of You card to Larry Scilley on his hospitalization and his wife Gwen on her accident and injuries.

Kathy Davis was not present to give a Membership Committee report.

Jim Schwinghammer stated that he continues to look for new fund-raising opportunities during the Operations and Fund-Raising Committee report.

Jim Cook Program Committee Chairperson stated that we need programs for July. Please see Jim if you have ideas and can help to schedule programs.

Greg Hain was not present to make a report on the Public Relations Committee.

Helen Kolb thanked the Early Childhood Committee for the donation of books to Riverside Elementary School for their book giveaway to students during her Youth Services Committee report.

Janet Cederholm made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Schwinghammer seconded the motion,

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 A.M.

Submitted by:

Jack Zierdt

Secretary/Treasurer

Kiwanis Clubs Baseball Game Outing:

The Jim Cook and Dave Bhaskaran picture was Jim trying to explain to Dave why Twins are better than the Detroit Tigers, who have the best record in the Major League Baseball teams.



Tom and Debbi Grogan are all smiles....



Food and drink were available ...



And a good time was had by all !

**Dave Bhaskaran
Dick Odell**

SMIF: Books and even more Books (repeat from June)

What an **amazing month** of reading as part of the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) Early Literacy Grant Program for books to children in preschool and kindergarten.



SMIF and Kiwanis Day Makers distributed over 700 books to local schools and preschools. Most of these books were read one-on-one or two with student(s), and each student received a book.



Some were read aloud at the classroom level and others were simply handed out.



Kiwanis Clubs Rummage Sales:

Pictures taken at the Rochester Kiwanis Clubs rummage sale..



The one picture Dave Bhaskaran's Ford Expedition truck fully loaded with unsold item for a trip to the Savers. Store at Crossroads



Dave Bhaskaran