



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/>

Newsletter for August 2026

**DAY MAKERS
KIWANIS**



SUMMER ARRIVED

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 Tuesday meetings in August at 9am at Charlie's.

04 Jewels of the Bible, Barbara Hight-Randall, Jim Cook

11 A Refugee's Experience, Pirooska Lueck, Carolyn Heyne

18 Open

25 Search: An adoptee's journey find biological family, Susan Pillard, Janet Cederholm

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Hot Summer Day Humor: Ladies View

Q: What do you call an intelligent, good looking, sensitive man?

A: A rumor

Q: Why do little boys whine?

A: They are practicing to be men.

Q: How do you keep your husband from reading your e-mail?

A: Rename the email folder 'Instruction Manuals'

While creating husbands, God promised women that good and ideal husbands would be found in all corners of the world.....
then He made the earth round.

President's Corner:

Buenos Dias Day Makers

I hope everyone is having a nice summer and enjoying our sweltering weather. We've had some good speakers this past month, I've learned more about Lew Wallace than I ever felt possible. It's great to listen to speakers who are so passionate about their subject. That also goes for our other speakers who were equally passionate about the struggles faced by children and families.

We ended the month with our annual picnic. Thank you, Audry and Helen, for lining up Realife's banquet room, the amenities were very nice. Also thank you to Dave and Larry and their technical expertise in fixing the sound system. Janet and Gary led us in song, fortunately they are blessed with talent which few of the rest of us possess.

The weather cooperated and allowed the option of indoor or outdoor games. Thanks to Jim Cook for organizing this annual event. It was also great to see the spouses and be able to sit and talk. Thanks to all who helped with set up, serve, and clean up afterward.

August has the promise of some very interesting speakers. As always, make sure to see Jim Decker and check out his Kwik Trip deals.

Richard Johnson
 Day Makers President

August Birthdays:

11 Ton Grogan

August Anniversaries:

10 Janet and Doug Cederholm
 11 Valerie Millen and Tom Schraderh
 20 Jack and Judy Zierdt

Day Makers ZOOM Meetings: February 2026

BEGINNING WITH OUR JANUARY 6TH MEETING ZOOM LINKS WILL NOT BE SCHEDULED UNLESS YOU REQUEST DAVE BHASKARAN TO SET UP A LINK NO LATER THAN THE MONDAY BEFORE OUR TUESDAY MEETING.

Treasurer's Summary: July 30, 2026

Administrative Account	\$ 7,653.93
Service Account	\$ 3,631.27
Charitable Account	\$ 14,597.95
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS	\$ 25,883.15

Total Membership on October 1, 2025 33
Total Membership on July 30, 2026 34 Regular
Plus 1 Honorary = 35

"K" Dollars for the 2025 – 2026 Kiwanis Year is \$1,565.00 Dollars as of July 28, 2026. (From Aug 10, 2025, through Aug 7, 2026)

KWIK Trip Fund Raiser for 2025 – 2026 Kiwanis Year:

Budgeted for expenses for 2025 – 2026 is	\$ 10,000.00
Actual Expenses through July 2026	\$ 12,998.75
Budgeted for income for 2025 – 2026 is	\$ 12,000.00
Actual for income through July 2026 is	\$ 13,060.00
Inventory of cards on hand July 28, 2026 is:	\$ 1,620.00

Day Makers 2026 Summer Picnic: 6/29/2026

Fun for all Day Makers, Spouses and Friends:



Jokes and Story Telling Time: K-Dollars



Pizza and Root Beer Floats



and

Singing of Songs with Piano Accompanying.
Thank You Janet Cederholm and Gary Post.

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Board of Directors Meeting|: July 21, 2026

Board Members/Committee Chairs Present:

Jack Zierdt, Jim Decker, Rick Johnson, Helen Kolb, Garry Post, Bruce Keller, Kathy Davis, Jim Schwinghammer, Jim Cook, Gene Mullenbach, Dave Bhaskaran Becky Hopson, and Ruth Vrieze
Board Members/Committee Chairs Absent, Greg Hain, and Debi and Tom Grogan

Other Day Makers, Members Present, Maureen Bhaskaran Janet Cederholm, Sue Johnson, Larry Krob and Judy Zierdt. Also, Tony Goergen of Sunrisers Kiwanis.

Approval of Agenda: Dave Bhaskaran made the motion to approve the agenda with two added items. Jim Decker seconded the motion. **Agenda was approved.**

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting Helen Kolb made the motion to approve the minutes, of the meeting of June 16, 2026. Gene Mullenbach seconded the motion.

Minutes were Approved.

A motion was made by Garry Post and seconded by Rick Johnson to approve the June 2026 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 June 30, 2026: 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 Kathy Davis seconded the motion. **Motion Was Approved.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Maureen Bhaskaran gave a brief update on her shopping for school supplies and Jack reported that the three cases of backpacks from Dollar Days are here and stored in his garage.

The MNDAK District Convention will be held in West Fargo, ND August 7-9, 2026 with Lt. Governor Janet Cederholm attending with no other attendees from our club.

Jack Zierdt moved to support the MNDAK silent auctions with \$200 in KWIK Trip Cards (\$100 for each auction) and \$150 for supplies for the MNDAK Service Project at the convention. Dave Bhaskaran seconded the motion. Janet will take the donations from the Day Makers to the Convention. **Motion Was Approved!**

Jack presented the first draft of the Day Makers 2026 – 2027 Kiwanis Year Budget. We will take the donations from the Day Makers to the Convention. **Motion Was Approved!**



Board of Directors Meeting|: (Continued)

Jack presented the first draft of the Day Makers 2026 – 2027 Kiwanis Year Budget. He reminded the committee chairs that he needed final figures for their budget line items no later than the August Board Meeting.

Jim Decker presented to the board members a fund raiser to replace the lost revenue from the hockey tournament cancellation. At the present time the committee is exploring Calendar Raffle (that the Exchange Club has done in the past years, but they are disbanding at the end of their fiscal year). Tony Goergen of the committee was also present to answer questions and explain the fundraiser. Following a lengthy discussion of the Calendar Raffle Fundraiser Helen Kolb made a motion that Jim Decker explain the project to the entire Day Maker membership. Ruth Vrieze Seconded the motion. Motion to take it to the membership at an upcoming meeting was approved. (Jim Decker asked the Operations/Fund Raising Committee of the Day Makers to meet and discuss the presentation of the information. The committee decided to recommend that the Day Makers Board take immediate action on this item and not present it to the membership. Jack Zierdt sent an email, on behalf of the committee. The email to the Board Members stated that the committee did not support the fund raiser and asked them to take immediate action on this item with an e-vote. The Board e-vote results agreed with the committee to not support the Calendar Raffle Fundraiser with a unanimous NO vote.)

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Cook moved that we raffle off three \$25.00 KWIK Trip Gift Cards at our annual picnic/birthday meeting on July 28th. Dave Bhaskaran seconded the motion.

Motion Was Approved!

Jim Decker announced that the third quarter (April-May-June, 2026) Financial Audit will be held on August 4th following our weekly meeting.

September 29, 2026 is the date of our annual meeting. Dave Bhaskaran made a motion to appoint a committee of Helen Kolb, Rick Johnson, Jim Cook, Garry Post and Jack Zierdt to plan something special for this event. Garry Post seconded the motion. **Motion Was Approved!!** Stay tuned for further information on the upcoming annual meeting.

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BOD Minutes of Meeting: (Continued from Page 3)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Written report from Tom Grogan for the Community Services Committee: Meals on Wheels, all July commitments covered.

Library: Helen reported that a \$50 Kwik Trip gift card was presented to a staff member of the library that makes copies of materials distributed to new moms. The gift was well received and appreciated by the recipient.

Ruth Vrieze Human and Spiritual Aims Committee chairperson reported that she sent out cards to Larry Krob on his carpal tunnel surgery recuperation and to Garry Post on his recovery of a broken leg.

Kathy Davis left before committee reports were on the agenda, so there was no Membership Committee Report.

Jim Schwinghammer in the Operations and Fund-Raising Committee Report continued to promote the purchase of our KWIK Trip cards.

Greg Hain was not present for a Public Relations Committee report.

Jim Cook Program Committee Chairperson reported that we are in need of speakers for our meetings on August 18th and September 1st and September 8th. See Jim and help him in finding programs so it is not solely on one person's shoulders.

During the Youth Services Committee report, Helen Kolb reported that the KWIK Trip Gift Card that the club gave to the library staff member for all of her help of the volunteers from our club. She thanked the Day Makers present with a Group Hug!

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Submitted by:

Jack Zierdt

Secretary/Treasurer

Day Makers Picnic: (Continued from Page 2)



Outside fun for the games, under the careful eyes of Cook and Bhaskaran– with tears and smiles.



And finally the last of three “Door Prizes”. Thank you Jim Cook for drawing the last door prize. I am sure that Deedee Odell will find something at a KwikTrip Gas Station to enjoy

And a good time was had by all !!

Dick Odell