



"The DOWntowner"



KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER, Rochester, MN

www.kiwanisroch.org

September - October 2025

The Kiwanis Club of Rochester meets at noon every Thursday in the Meeting Room at the Eagles, 917 15th St. SE, Rochester.

Meetings last about one hour. Lunch includes an entree, side, dessert and drink for \$15.00.

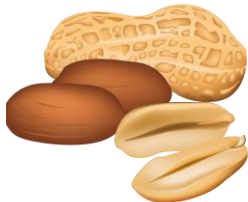
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## Programs for October

**SPEAKERS: PLEASE CONSIDER HOSTING a speaker for meeting dates in October. Let Austin know. Thank you.**

**PEANUT SALES FUND RAISER**  
**Sept 5 & 6 Thanks to all who helped and especially HyVee West Circle Drive management.**  
**Approximately \$900 was raised.**



| 2025-26 ACTIVE MEMBERS<br>As of October 1, 2025 | Home                                                                                 | Office or Cell                   |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
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### 9 Active members as of October 2025

\*Senior Member    \*\*Privileged Member    \*\*\*Honorary Member

\*\*\*\*Senior & Long Term Perfect Attendance

\*\*\*\*\*Life Member

The preceding list reflects the official roster of active members according to Kiwanis International. If a name is missing or one is present that should not be, please let Colleen know.

**District & International web sites:**

[www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org)    [www.mndak.org](http://www.mndak.org)

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| ***Jim Bouquet   | 651-560-4292 |
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| ****Clare Warren | 507-254-2087 |

### **Newsletter Changes**

*if you have anything you feel is newsworthy. Feel free to contribute something for publication!*

**Be sure to read the roster once in a while and report any errors.**

Copy on our website: [www.kiwanisroch.org](http://www.kiwanisroch.org)



## 2025- 2026 Officers/Chairs/Committees

Austin Jorgenson - President  
Bill Kalmes - Treasurer  
Don Borcharding - Secretary

### Committees

**Club Rep to District** – President  
**Membership, Growth and Education** - OPEN  
**Public Relations** – Al Lun, Webmaster  
**Newsletter Editor** – OPEN  
**Community Services** –  
    **Ditch Cleanup** - Austin Jorgenson  
    **Veteran Liaison** – Dave Nelsen  
    **Adopt-a-Family** –  
    **Food for Kidz** -  
**Youth Service - Key Club, Student of the Month**  
    **Liaison, Scholarship Committee Chair,**  
    **Reading Coordinator** – Bonnie Schultz  
**PROGRAMS** – CIRCLE OF SERVICE  
**Human and Spiritual Values** – OPEN  
**Finance** – Bill Kalmes,  
    **Cashiers** – OPEN



# Kiwanis®

September 4<sup>th</sup> members from Red Wing Kiwanis visited for an interclub. We had an interesting exchange of club activities and fund raising ideas.

Brenda Stier and Sandy Sellner-Wee from Spring Valley Kiwanis visited for an interclub on September 25<sup>th</sup>. We had a nice visit with them and learned about their projects and fundraising.



**Thanks to  
both club  
members  
for your  
visit.**

Due to lack of teams participating and challenge to cover all the costs, it has been decided to no longer host a Kiwanis Hockey Festival. Other fund raising possibilities are being pursued by the Festival committee members.

Rochester Kiwanis received \$3,000 distribution from the 2024 Hockey Festival.

## The Objects of Kiwanis International

The six permanent Objects of Kiwanis International were approved by Kiwanis club delegates at the 1924 Convention in Denver, Colorado. Through the succeeding decades, they have remained unchanged.

- To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
- To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.
- To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.
- To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.
- To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

Hello Kiwanians and Advisors,

I'm Corrina Tonn, the Lieutenant Governor for Division 7C Key Club. This November, our district is hosting Fall Rally 2025 — a weekend where Key Clubbers from all over Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota come together to learn, serve, and grow as leaders.

For many of our students, Fall Rally is the first time they see how big the Key Club family really is — and it's often what inspires them to stay involved and take on more leadership.

We'd love your support in helping make this event affordable and accessible for our members. Even a small contribution from your Kiwanis Club can help cover costs like meals, service project supplies, and scholarships so more students can attend.

We'd also love to invite you to come to Fall Rally! It's a great way to meet the students you're supporting, see Key Club in action, and connect with other members of the Kiwanis family.

If your club is interested in sponsoring or attending, let me know — I'd be happy to

share more details.

Thanks so much for always supporting our Key Clubbers. We couldn't do this without you!

Best,  
Corrina



Corrina Tonn

Yours in Friendship and Service,

Division 7C LTG | Minnesota-Dakotas  
District

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## Key Club Division 7C Fall Rally

Dear Corrina and Jen,  
I am happy to convey the news that the Kiwanis Club of Rochester, your Key Club sponsor, approved a donation of \$500 to assist with scholarships and program/supply expenses for the Fall Rally.

Please inform me of where and when a check from our club is to be sent.

Following the rally, we extend an invitation to you to come to a club meeting to meet you and have you tell us about the results and outcomes from the event.

Continue with the good work you are doing and thank you for keeping us informed!

Best regards,  
Bonnie Schultz

It has been an honor to be a member of three different area Kiwanis Clubs and to serve in several different capacities: President, Vice President, Secretary, Human & Spiritual Values, Newsletter Editor, Food for Kidz Contact, several fund raising projects and volunteer/coordinator for our many community projects.

As you know, my personal life has changed quite a bit in the last years. So - I am re-evaluating my available time as I age.

Therefore, I am resigning as a member of Rochester Kiwanis effective October, 2025 after 30 years as a proud member of Kiwanis. I have been blessed to call you friends and share in the commitment to serving community youth. Blessings to you all.

-Colleen

