

Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International – 2013-2014



Governor Judie Rosendahl - 2013-2014

Governor: Judie Rosendahl

First Gentleman: Myron Rosendahl

Club: Madison, Minnesota

International President: Gunter Gasser,
Spittal an der Drau, Austria

International Trustee/Counselor: Jane Erickson,
Bellevue, Nebraska

2014 District Convention: Minnetonka, Minnesota

2014 International Convention: Tokyo/Chiba, Japan

2013-2014 Kiwanis International motto: We Build Bridges for Children to the Future

2013-2014 District motto: Building Bridges, Connecting Generations

The District Executive Board consisted of Immediate Past Governor Cindy Braseth, Governor Elect Sherry Scudder, Secretary/Treasurer Steve Handegaard, and Governor Judie Rosendahl.

The goals for 2013-2014 were set in accordance with the Strategic Plan for the District. The goals were:

1. 70% of clubs will end the year with a +1 membership for a total of 4750 members.
2. 55% of clubs will sponsor at least 1 Service Leadership Programs.
3. 70% of clubs will add one new service project.
4. 70% of clubs would complete Club Leadership Education for club president and secretary.
5. 70% of member email addresses will be in MN-DAK data base.
6. Mn-DAK Convention attendance will increase to 250
7. All Region Education Conferences will have an education component and a hands-on service project.
8. 60% of clubs will have donated to the Eliminate MNT worldwide service project.
9. A minimum of one viable new club site in every region with the target to organize and charter a minimum of one new club.
10. Each club below charter strength will develop and implement a membership growth plan with the goal of reaching charter strength.

We accomplished goals 2,4,5,6,7,8 and we diligently worked to accomplish the others. The District membership at the end of the year was 4,380. We continued to lose members for a total decrease of 173. That was a disappointment but on the bright side, the rate of loss was less than in the past. We opened one new club this year, the Twin Cities Suburban in Lakeville, Minnesota. The outlook for this club is great as at the time of the charter celebration, they had one Key Club up and running and another one in the process of opening.

The highlight of the year was the visit of International President Gunter Gasser and his wife, Christiana, to the Minnesota Dakotas District. Rachel Disrud, with help from her husband, Lowell, and others on the committee planned a wonderful celebration. Gunter and Christiana arrived in Fargo on Thursday, October 31. The following day, Rachel and Lowell escorted them to a horse show in Fargo. Gunter was very pleased and purchased a large cowboy hat as a souvenir. Myron and I joined them for lunch and afterwards we toured the Hjemkomst Center



Kiwanis International President Gunter Gasser made a trauma doll at his visit to the Minnesota-Dakotas District.

in Moorhead with Gunter, Christiana, and the Disruds. The District Leadership Team was invited to a no-host meal Friday evening and also to a brunch Saturday morning at the hotel. A hands-on service project, making trauma dolls, was part of the event Saturday afternoon. Nearly two hundred dolls were made by about seventy Kiwanians, K Kids, Key Club members, and Circle K members. It was a wonderful time of shared activity! The evening banquet was attended by over one hundred people. The evening began with entertainment by a local barbershop choir. President Gunter shared his insight about building bridges for children to the future. Christiana spoke about her project of collecting handmade pictures from the Service Leadership Program members around the world which would be auctioned off at the International Convention in Japan to raise money for Eliminate. The District presented

Gunter with a Vantine Fellowship in appreciation for his visit to the Minnesota Dakotas District and to bring in a bit of the flavor of each of our three states, the District gave Christiana a Black Hills gold necklace. The following day Jack and Judy Zierdt escorted President Gunter and Christiana to the Twin Cities so they could visit the Mall of America before leaving. What a wonderful memory for everyone who attended this event and I want to thank Rachel Disrud for doing such a marvelous job of organizing it.

The Circle K and Key Club Fall Rallies were both wonderful experiences. So much energy was displayed and wonderful cooperation was evident! The Circle K Rally service project was to help put up lights for the Kiwanis Holiday Lights in Mankato. The high rope courses at the Key Club Rally were amazing! What brave young people we have!



The high ropes course at the District Key Club Rally was fun, scary, and a great leadership tool.

The Circle K District Convention was held in Fargo, North Dakota and what a wonderful



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experience that was! The fun and fellowship was the best! We enjoyed the Pterodactyl game which I have introduced to several other groups since. Money was also raised for Eliminate with a pie throwing contest. Surprisingly the District Secretary/Treasurer was the one chosen to throw a pie in the face of the Governor! Anne Christensen received the Distinguished Governor Award for her year as Governor of CKI. She worked very hard and is very deserving of this recognition!

The Key Club District Convention was held in St. Cloud, Minnesota with over 200 attending. The keynote speaker, Scott Backovich from California, was amazing! I believe the Key Clubbers came away with much that will benefit them in the future.

Both the Minnesota Dakotas Education Foundation and the Kiwanis International Foundation enjoyed a great year! Jack Zierdt, Minnesota Dakotas Education Foundation treasurer decided to send each club an invoice this year and the results were tremendous! The year ended with cash donations of \$9,515 which is a record! Sixty-six scholarships were given to high school seniors throughout Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The Kiwanis International Foundation had a very successful year raising just under \$30,000 in the District.

The Outreach Fund received \$2,900 in donations this year. A banner patch was created and was given to each club that donated to Outreach.

The Eliminate MNT campaign continued to raise funds in the District. Lloyd Paulson of the Moorhead, Minnesota club gave a challenge grant in the amount of \$150,000 to help fund Zellers in Region 2. We finished the year just under the half way mark to our goal of \$3,000,000 leaving much work to do in the future.



The Outreach banner patch was created to give to clubs who support Outreach with a donation of any size.

The Formula was implemented this year by International: The Formula-Love It! Share It! Live It! The Formula is a five year plan to increase Kiwanis membership worldwide. Approximately twenty-five people attended the Area 4 conference in Las Vegas which kicked off the Formula in our District.

The Willmar Kiwanis Club and the Ortonville club both celebrated 90th anniversaries and the South Sioux Falls Kiwanis Club celebrated its 60th anniversary. I was pleased to attend these events and bring greetings from the District for a job well-done.

Eleven people from the Minnesota Dakotas District attended the Kiwanis International Convention in Tokyo/Chiba, Japan. The convention was very interesting and educational. The convention was held in conjunction with the Asia Pacific Federation 50th Anniversary celebration. The Japanese prince attended and brought greetings from the royal family. Pictures were prohibited while he was in attendance. Steve Handegaard represented the Minnesota Dakota District as the recipient of the 2012-2013 Distinguished District Award. I am pleased to extend congratulations to Cindy Braseth, Minnesota Dakotas District Governor for 2012-2013 for a job well done!



The Minnesota-Dakotas District received the Distinguished District Award for 2012-2013. Steve Handegaard, Secretary-Treasurer received the plaque from Immediate Past President Tom DeJulio at the International Convention in Tokyo/Chiba, Japan.



The diaper tower at the District Convention is a worthwhile and fun service project.

The Minnesota Dakotas District Convention was held in Minnetonka, Minnesota. The diaper service project was a huge highlight! The diapers were given to the Minneapolis Crisis Nursery. The attendees were very excited to be involved in this project and gave generously both in diapers and cash. Our keynote speaker, Mark Lundquist, spoke on "Everything I need to know, I learned in Key Club" which was very well received. We invited vendors to attend the convention this year as a means to raise funds to help defray the cost of the

convention. The Past Governors partners sponsored the used book sale with the proceeds donated to Eliminate. Over ninety-four items were donated to the Silent Auction with proceeds of \$3500 given to Eliminate.

I want to thank the District Leadership team which includes the Lieutenant Governor teams, the directors and administrators, and the committee chairs for all their help and guidance throughout the year. Having a great team is the most important aspect to a successful year! Thanks so much!

I want to thank each of you for the privilege of being your Kiwanis Governor for 2013-2014. It was a great pleasure and honor for me in every way! I feel that the only thing better than being a Lieutenant Governor is being Governor! Myron and I thoroughly enjoyed being with fellow Kiwanians as we traveled this year. You are the most important people in Kiwanis! Without the local club members, nothing would be accomplished! Kiwanis is only as strong as the clubs and clubs are only as strong as the members. Thank you for working with me this year to improve the world one child and one community at a time. We have truly built bridges for children to the future! Think of all the ways you have done this in your own community! Now that is impressive!



Governor Judie and First Gentleman Myron