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Stew's News

I know people always say this but it is hard to believe that this will be my second to last column for the Minnekotan as governor of the Minnesota-Dakotas District. It has been a busy and eventful year for myself, our leadership team and our district.



There is much we can be proud of and some things we still need to work at. Let's look at what we should be proud of first. We have opened two new clubs so far this year and another is now over the magic number of 25 and will be official in a week or so.

This is a huge accomplishment for our district, since we have not built a new club for the past five years. Even more exciting, one of these new clubs is now at 75 members, one of the largest in the district already with a charter night of July 1st! We have also found a way to develop membership among people of color and other minorities.

Other districts are looking at what WE have done in leading the way in this regard. Better yet, at least two of our regions are working on building more diversity in new clubs and should have clubs going early in the next Kiwanis year. These new clubs have generated around 125 new members, doing service and paying dues to the district to help our budget shortfall. Even more importantly, as older clubs fold over time, they can be replaced by younger clubs that are interested in service for their communities and helping children, the motto of Kiwanis.

At the same time we can be proud of our new club building efforts, much work has been done to bring our district up to a level necessary to use all of the new technology available in the 21st century. We now have a majority of club secretaries reporting on their clubs each month electronically, saving time and paper and postage. Our leadership team is communicating like never before through email. There are more and more club websites and electronic newsletters. Receiving a letter in the mail is surprising nowadays! We had a super Holiday Extravaganza in Fargo back in January that fulfilled every expectation we had in planning this event that featured Kiwanians and our youth getting together in a fun-filled night.

It will occur again next January even bigger and better! We have begun some new traditions in the district such as the Region Star Awards which will be given out at the District Convention. We expect these awards will continue for many years to come as Liz and I have vowed to pay the costs associated with the cost of the awards and engraving. Having been the guest at something like 80 Kiwanis clubs the past couple of years I have seen first hand the great work our members do for their communities and beyond. Perhaps in my final column next month I should simply list every service project all of our clubs complete each year—it would take up many, many pages.

All this patting on the back is deserved but we have plenty of problems we still need to turn into opportunities. We have too many clubs in trouble, having done nothing for many years to find new members to replace those who leave. No club can be completely healthy without the addition of some new members EVERY year, year after year. Some clubs don't realize this until it is too late. Of all the problems we continue to deal with, including a dwindling budget, I think the most serious is attitude. Clubs need to work at keeping themselves alive, vibrant and excited. I look at a Kiwanis Club something like a marriage. You just can't take things for granted.

You need to work at communication, commitments, doing your share, finding ways to enjoy successes and share failures and problems. Clubs, like couples, need to find ways to keep life fun and exciting. Traditions are good and healthy in Kiwanis Clubs but sometimes traditions get in the way of bringing in new members and keeping clubs healthy. There is a real balance between keeping traditions for many years and developing new ones as clubs change over time. Well, I am running out of space and time. I have really enjoyed this year, helping our district and Kiwanis in general. It is a good feeling to have given everything I have to make things better and to leave things a little better than I found them nearly a year ago. That is all one can do.

We are lucky to have Coralyn Dahl as our next governor--she will do a super job. She will continue the work begun this year. She will leave our district a little better come September 2007. For now, I will continue to work as hard as I can until the new year begins, and then I will continue to help in any way I can.

Together We Can, Together We Will, Together We Did...some great things this year. I applaud all of you for being Kiwanians and making a difference!

Update from the District Secretary/Treasurer - August 2006

By Steve Handegaard, Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer



Greetings! Those of us that attended the Kiwanis International Convention in Montreal recently had a great experience. Sixty two Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanians and 19 guests were registered for the convention. It was a convention filled with fun, fellowship, learning, and inspiration.

Attending an International Convention gives you an opportunity to understand and experience the great impact that Kiwanis makes in the lives of children and adults world-wide. Educational programs and forums provide many new ideas for Kiwanis Club leaders. In addition, there is always the interesting and often exciting "House of Delegates" session. That is where the business items of the organization are discussed. On most topics you will find a wide range of opinions and debate. Remember you can check out all the results of the International Convention at the International Kiwanis Website <http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/>

The local Kiwanis Club is where all of our important work happens. Events such as the Kiwanis International Convention and other International and District events help to support the work and enthusiasm of all that is done locally. The importance of each and every club is even evident in the International Convention House of Delegates session. Every club, regardless of its size is entitled to send two voting delegates. Make sure that your club takes the opportunity to send delegates next year! Next year's convention is going to be held in San Antonio, Texas, July 4-8.

Following are a few reminders and updates:

- Don't forget the Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention is coming up August 4-6 in St. Cloud, Minnesota.
- If your club completed the requirements for the **2005-2006 Distinguished Club Award**, please return your application form to the District Kiwanis Office no later than **October 15**. If you need another copy of the application form let me know and I will email or mail it to you.
- A list of the 2006-2007 **District Kiwanis Educational Foundation scholarship recipients** has been posted on the district website <http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/story.php?articleid=1126&id=3>
- Thank you once again to Club Secretaries for submitting your **Annual Club Election Reports for 2006-2007**. The reports were due **June 1**, so if you have not sent your form, please do so ASAP! As of this writing 19 clubs are still missing! Please try to include email addresses

whenever possible. It is very important that Kiwanis International and the District Office both receive this information in a timely manner so that directories and mailing lists can be compiled. You can find a copy of the election report on the Kiwanis International website: <http://www.kiwanis.org/lit/download.asp?id=244>

- Be sure your club is represented at the **CLE program**. (Club Leadership Education) All incoming presidents and secretaries are required to attend. A total of 15 different CLE sites were scheduled this year in our district! You can attend any location. As of August 1st there are still 7 sites to go. All club secretaries were mailed information and a registration form.

Hope to see many of you at the District Convention in St. Cloud.

Steve

Coralyn's Corner

Today, my husband Orin and I had the special pleasure of attending the 89th birthday party of former President of Kiwanis International, Merald Enstad. The Fergus Falls noon club prepared a special meeting just to honor Merald and it was a distinct privilege to part of this great day.

The Director of the Historical Center in Fergus Falls spoke about the history of what all has happened in the years since Merald has been alive. The speech was full of history and memorabilia, but also brought in poignant stories of Merald as a Kiwanian. He mentioned Mr. Enstad's campaign for District Governor when at the convention, his supporters set up a lemonade stand to call attention to Merald, a campaign he won handsly!



In 1980, Merald became the President of Kiwanis International, having, of course, gone through the toughest battle to win the K.I. Treasurer position and then advancing to President Elect before he became President. In 1988 he sponsored the first woman in the Fergus Falls Club, (for which the women in the meeting applauded!) and he continues to be active in the club having sold, I believe, 410 pancake breakfast tickets at a recent fundraiser!

The love and honor poured out was so evident as member after member told stories of his kindness and caring. The luncheon meal even closed with rootbeer floats. What a great day! Happy birthday, Merald!

As you read this, it is, of course, the week of our District Convention and the last minute details, the preparations and the expectations of one of the best conventions yet. We have so much to be thankful for in our district with the many dedicated members. We hope to be able to celebrate that and so much more at this convention even as we attend to the business that must go on. I hope that you will be a participant in this, if only through the delegates you send. We have much to be thankful for, and many to thank and honor. Be a part of it!

Risky Business. . .

Many Kiwanis Clubs and Districts are involved with various types of facilities that have water hazards ranging from community pools to camps with pools, lakes or ponds. ***It is important to understand what protective measures must be taken in order for these facilities to be covered by the Kiwanis International Commercial General Liability policy.***

The Kiwanis policy contains a "Water Hazard Endorsement" which reads as follows;

“It is agreed that this insurance does not apply to any claim or “suit” arising from swimming activities UNLESS:

A. As respects swimming pools;

1. The pool is fenced and locked and “No Swimming Allowed” signs are posted when the pool is closed;
2. Water depth markings are clearly visible on horizontal and vertical pool side surfaces;
3. Safety equipment (life preservers, rope, pole, etc.) is present and in good working condition;
4. When the pool is open but no lifeguard is in attendance, “No Lifeguard On Duty – Swim At Your Own Risk” signs are posted and clearly visible.

B. As respects any swimming facility other than a pool;

1. The swimming area shall be clearly marked by rope and buoys;
2. Safety equipment (life preservers, lifeboat, rope, pole, etc.) is present and in good working condition;
3. “Swim At Your Own Risk” and “Diving Prohibited” signs are posted and clearly visible.”

MAJOR POINT: With Kiwanis emphasis on youth activities, and with many Clubs or Districts owning or operating pools or camps with swimming facilities, ***it is imperative that the requirements outlined above are complied with in order for Kiwanis Commercial General Liability coverage to apply.*** If a child were to be injured or drown and the required safeguards were not in place, the insurance company would deny coverage for any claim if the requirements of this endorsement had not been met.

When dealing with children, the law requires that we provide the highest standard of care possible. In fact, many state and local statutes or ordinances already require that safety standards like those outlined above be implemented at any swimming facility for the protection of both adults and children. It’s only common sense as well as good Risk Management and safety practice to implement and maintain these protective safeguards. ***Failure to do so could leave your Club, District, and members legally liable and uninsured for any claims arising out of the ownership, operation or maintenance of swimming facilities.***

WATERCRAFT:

In this issue, we will address the matter of coverage afforded under the Kiwanis International Commercial General Liability Insurance Program relative to various types of watercraft exposures which may be encountered by Kiwanis Clubs.

In order to better understand this issue, we must first examine the watercraft exclusion as contained in the General Liability Policy which reads as follows:

Exclusion 2 g: “This insurance does not apply to Bodily Injury or Property Damage arising out of the ownership, maintenance, use or entrustment to others of any aircraft, auto, or watercraft owned or operated by or rented to or loaned to any insured. Use includes operation and loading or unloading.

This exclusion does not apply to:

- (1) A watercraft while ashore on premises you own or rent;
- (2) A watercraft you **do not own** that is:
 - (a) **less than 50 feet long;** and
 - (b) not being used to carry persons or property for a charge;”

This means **there is no coverage for liability arising out of any watercraft owned by a Club** unless the watercraft is on shore or unless the watercraft is a rowboat or a canoe which are specifically covered under the policy by endorsement.

A “**non-owned watercraft**” by definition is one which is not owned by your Club. By way of example, this would include boats owned by club members or boats chartered by your Club for use in Club activities. However, **for these to be covered, they must be less than 50 feet in length as stated in the above exclusion. *If the length of the Non-Owned Watercraft exceeds 50 feet, there is no coverage under the Kiwanis Policy!***

In the case of club members using their boats in Club activities, the Club should be certain that the member has adequate personal insurance (we suggest a \$500,000 liability limit). Kiwanis coverage would be primary for the Club, and **excess over the individual club member’s personal boat policy**. This is essentially the same scenario as that involving a club member using his personal auto on Club business. The Kiwanis Non-Owned Auto coverage is **primary for the Club**, and **excess over the members personal Auto policy**.

If your Club ever charters a boat for Club activities, and the vessel is over 50 feet in length, there are two means to secure proper coverage for the Club, its members, and Kiwanis International. **If the boat is chartered *without* a crew**, the Club will have to **buy a Non-Owned Watercraft Liability Policy naming the Club and Kiwanis International as insureds**. In such cases, we suggest liability limits of at least \$1,000,000, and as much as \$5,000,000 if children are involved or if the number of people on the boat will exceed five.

If the boat is chartered *with* crew, you can ***request the boat owner to provide the liability insurance and name your Club and Kiwanis International as Additional Insureds***. We suggest you require limits of liability of at least \$3,000,000, and preferably \$5,000,000, if possible. If the boat owner refuses, your only alternative will be to purchase a Non-Owned Watercraft Liability Policy as outlined in the paragraph above.

MAJOR POINT: As a general rule, remember that watercraft owned by your Club, are not covered under the Kiwanis International General Liability Policy (with the exception of owned rowboats and canoes). Non-Owned Watercraft of 50 or more feet **are not covered**, and you must either purchase a separate policy with adequate limits of liability, or request the owner of the vessel to provide the coverage via a Certificate of Insurance evidencing adequate limits of liability, and naming your Club and Kiwanis International as Additional Insureds.

Submitted by District Risk Manager Colleen Hyde

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Governor Makes It 80 Clubs and Counting!!

Very seldom anymore do you catch Governor Stewart Ross with his eyes closed ---but who could blame him as one of the most traveled Kiwanis Dakotas-Minnesota leader in years.

His stop at Sioux Falls South --- was mixed with visiting Former Governor Ren Fetzler -- hearing from a woman about her involvement in Kiwanis but never wanting to become an officer --- and making sure his few minutes with the 30 some attendees didn't interfere with the main menu -- a need for more nursing home beds in South Dakota.



Such is the life of a Governor who has been running since taking office last October. This visit marked his 80th club to speak to. His message was vintage Ross --- energetic -- talking about the accomplishments of the year -- the reason for his Sioux Falls visit -- and promotion of Bill Daugherty -- the Governor Elect candidate and friend Bill Zortman who working the internet and street getting ready to be Region 5 Lt Governor.

The purpose -- as he explained for the Sioux Falls visit -- is the possibility to add to the Diversity Clubs in the Minnesota-Dakotas region. In July --- a diversity group of 26 came together and formed in Mankato. Today there are 73 members. Rochester is calling and they are looking at setting up a diversity club -- and the hopes are that Sioux Falls will be able to form a club with the help of two Asian-community leaders.

For Governor Ross --- he helped lead the building of a handful of clubs. Yes, the first time in five years for the District -- that new clubs have taken off.

Sioux Falls South is Bill Daugherty's home club. Bill is the only announced candidate for Governor in 2007-2008. He thanked Bill for stepping up to the plate and later after the speech did something that wasn't done for him ---- a sit down briefing away from the convention -- to help get the popular Mr. Daugherty ready for the miles, challenges, and leadership ahead of him.

For Governor Ross --- he has spent time in Sioux Falls where there are 5 clubs ---- and an inspiration to other cities with their monthly President's meetings. Some communities don't even know when other clubs in their towns meet. In Sioux Falls --- volunteer opportunities -- new ideas ---- and Kiwanis signs are shared.

For Stewart Ross -- Sioux Falls isn't the end of the road. But as he rode down Kiwanis Street he could see the sunrise of not only Coralyn Dahl as Governor --- but Sioux Falls' favorite son Bill Daugherty as leadership to serve in the future. Thanks Governor Ross for coming our way on our three state Kiwanis Street.

Kiwanis International Trustee Appointed Counselor to Minnesota-Dakotas District

During the Kiwanis International Convention in Montreal, Governor Elect Coralyn Dahl and District Secretary/Treasurer Steve Handegaard met with Peter J. Mihelich, Jr. our newly appointed Kiwanis International Trustee/Counselor to the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District for 2006-2007.



Peter Mihelich was elected to a three-year term as a Trustee of Kiwanis International at the

89th annual International Convention in St. Louis in June 2004.

Pete is a 22 year member with perfect attendance and past distinguished president of the Kiwanis Club of St. Charles, Missouri. He served as Governor of the Missouri-Arkansas District in 1995-96. He was a member of the International Committee of Membership Growth- North America before his election to the board. He holds Life Member Status in Kiwanis International and is a Diamond Hixson Fellow of the Kiwanis International Foundation.

Pete is a printing executive with degrees in electrical engineering and management science. Pete and his wife, Joyce, are parents of three children and have two grandchildren.

Pete and his wife Joyce will be joining us at the 2006 District Convention in St. Cloud.

Pictured left to right in photo taken at International Convention:
Orin Dahl, Joyce Mihelich, Peter Mihelich, and Governor Elect Coralyn Dahl.

One Can Make a Difference-Through Club Leadership Education

July 20 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota was the kick-off for Region 5 Club Leadership Education. Seven clubs were represented with Bill Zortman, Liet. Governor for 2006-07 their to present the theme for the year. "The Year of the Club". The clubs that attended got a chance to focus on the impact that their Kiwanis Club makes in their communities. Kiwanis International has set a goal for a million members in 2015. The session reviewed and encouraged new ways to invite and to retain members in their Kiwanis Clubs. Bill Daugherty, Secretary of the Sioux Falls South Club, who is running for Governor of Minnesota-Dakota for 2007-08 was also present. He also was the past Lietentant Governor of Region 5. The next education session will be held in Chamberlain, July 29. If you have not attended your CLE education please make plans on attending in Brookings, SD at the Staurolite Inn on August 12 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.



One Can Make a Difference for our youth and our communities in Kiwanis!

Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Foundation Scholarships Awarded

2006-2007 Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis Education Foundation Scholarships

REGION 1

Laura Erickson
Bismarck, ND
Jack and Thelma Vantine Designated Scholarship Bismarck Kiwanis Club

Britanny D. Goter
Mandan, ND
Region 1 Scholarship

Sarah J. Hatzenbuhler
Bismarck, ND
Bismarck Kiwanis Club Designated Scholarship

Danyiele Faul
Harvey, ND
John J Tebelius Memorial Designated Scholarship Harvey High School

Alison Huseth
Harvey, ND
Harvey Kiwanis Club Designated Scholarship

Kara Knecht
Hurdsfield, ND
Harvey Kiwanis Club Designate Scholarship sponsored by Iona Tebelius

REGION 2

Karin Costin
Moorhead, MN
Moorhead Noon Kiwanis Club Designated Scholarship

Matthew Klingenberg
Valley City, ND
Emma Louise Johnson Memorial Designated Scholarship at Valley City State University
sponsored by Bruce C. Johnson

Brian T. Kistner
Eden Prairie, MN
John A. Johnson Memorial Designated Scholarship at University of North Dakota sponsored
by Bruce C. Johnson

Amanda Klepperich
Fargo, ND
Dr. Clifford and Gladys Wold Designated Scholarship at Fargo North High School

Jeremy Koeplin
Valley City, ND
Martin Gudmestad Family Memorial Designated Scholarship at Valley City High School
sponsored by Bruce C. Johnson

Amanda Malm
Grand Forks, ND
Floyd Christianson Memorial Designated Scholarship at Red River High School Grand Forks
Noon Kiwanis Club

Megan Martin

Fargo, ND

Dr. Clifford and Gladys Wold Designated Scholarship at Fargo South High School

Ross Peterson

Alexandria, MN

Region 2 Scholarship

Christopher Winning

Valley City, ND

Bertram Cannady Designated Scholarship at Valley City High School

Bruce C. Johnson Donor

Michael York

Eagan, MN

Joseph E. and Verne Shaw Messer Designated Scholarship at Valley City State University

Justine Erickson

Thief River Falls, MN

Kiwanis Club of Thief River Falls Designated Scholarship

No Applications were received from Central High School this year. Therefore this scholarship will not be awarded this coming year.

Ray Bostrom Memorial Scholarship from Central High School in Grand Forks, North Dakota

REGION 3

Ryan C. Larson

Clearwater, MN

Region 3 Scholarship

Kelsey Splinter

Superior, WI

Superior Kiwanis Club Designated Scholarship

TBD (To Be Decided) This student is usually picked in April or May of each year by the Port of Duluth Kiwanis Club Scholarship Committee.

Port of Duluth Kiwanis Club Designated Scholarship at College of St. Scholastica for Circle K Student

REGION 4

Katie E. Hogan

Rapid City, SD

Region 4 Scholarship

REGION 5

Stephanie Cooper

Brookings, SD

Dr. Victor S. Webster Brookings Kiwanis Club Designated Scholarship

Megan Schumacher

Watertown, SD

Joseph E. and Verne Shaw Messer Designated Scholarship at Watertown HS

Kevin Haiar
Sioux Falls, SD
District At-Large Kniskern Designated Scholarship

Adam Strand
Sioux Falls, SD
Region 5 Scholarship

Brenda Winrow
Gary, SD
Anonymously Donated Designated Scholarship at
Deuel High School through Kiwanis Club of Clear Lake, SD

REGION 6

Karin Anderson
Clinton, MN
Region 6 Scholarship

Chelsey Buley
Mankato, MN
Kiwanis Club of Mankato Noon Claire Faust Designated Scholarship

Michelle Dammen
Austin, MN
Kiwanis Club of Austin Noon Designated Scholarship

Nathaniel S. Gendron
Owatonna, MN
Kiwanis Club of Owatonna Golden K Designated Scholarship Elmer G. & Irene J. Lamont
Sponsors

Kelsey Hanson
Willmar, MN
Kiwanis Club of Willmar Designated Scholarship Bruce C. Johnson Donor

Rebekah M. Holmes
Blooming Prairie, MN
Kiwanis Club of Owatonna Golden K Designated Scholarship for a Key Club Student

Emma Kwolek
Mankato, MN
Kiwanis Club of Mankato Noon Hal Burke Designated Scholarship

Lindsey J. Morley
Owatonna, MN
Kiwanis Club of Owatonna Golden Designated Scholarship

Joseph Rose
Owatonna, MN
Kiwanis Club of Owatonna Golden K Designated Scholarship Allan L. Peterson and Evelyn
L. Kaplan Sponsors

John Weitgenant
 Worthington, MN
Kiwanis Club of Worthington Golden K Designated Scholarship

Imia Hahn
 Winthrop, MN
Kiwanis Club of Winthrop Designated Scholarship

Jessica Garberg
 Hutchinson, MN
Kiwanis Club of Hutchinson Designated Scholarship

REGION 7

Stefan A. Bartkowicz
 Circle Pines, MN
Region 7 Scholarship

Kevin Henry Bettendorf
 Minneapolis, MN
Kiwanis Club of St. Anthony Designated Scholarship for a Key Club Student

Alex Hildebrandt
 St. Paul, MN
Rev. Larry Gudmestad Memorial Designated Scholarship at Augsburg College
Sponsored by Bruce C. Johnson

Janae Kellogg
 Fountain, MN
Kiwanis Club of Spring Valley Designated Scholarship for a Key Club Student

Megan Swanson
 Red Wing, MN
Joseph E. & Verne Shaw Messer Designated Scholarship at Red Wing High School

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Bill Daugherty Preps for Governor Leadership Role

Bill Daugherty has a lot to smile about. Early in 2006 --- he was going through the mechanics of serving as Past Lt Governor in Region 5. He had been dropped off the mailing lists that follow that position of a Past Lt. Governor.



For Daugherty --- that was something that was very difficult. He had been a blue collar worker as Lt Governor traveling from Pierre to Yanton to Milbank and being "history" didn't make sense.

Then after being asked, persuaded, and even pushed -- he made the popular announcement from Bismarck, to Rochester to Redfield to become a candidate for Governor Elect.

There were rumors of many others looking to enter the race. That didn't happen. The new Governor Elect candidate status gave him a chance to see another weekend of training at his hometown of Wilmer --- and to work hands on with the "Do" Bees of Kiwanis leadership.

He heard others -- including Lt Governor Elect Bill Zortman in his own Region 5 -- talk about the need to involve "Past" Lt Governors and Governors and not just toss away three years of training and traveling. The idea of "The Year of the Club" made sense. The reason was simple -- Bill Daugherty has always rolled up his sleeves to help clubs that needed help -- regardless of how many miles he had to travel or what the price of gas was.

As Governor Ross visited Sioux Falls -- the last Thursday of July --- and the Thursday before the convention -- he seized the opportunity to sit with Stewart and pick his mind on what would be expected of him, how he might approach changes and challenges in Kiwanis --- and just what a well-traveled Governor had learned in his Service Club Watch.

He was even proud to introduce the Governor to Roger Iverson --- selected by a panel of Region 5 judges as winner of the Spirit Award. Iverson is a part of Sioux Falls South as well.

What kind of Governor will Bill Daugherty make? Stewart doesn't know -- Coralyn doesn't know --- nor does Bill. But you can take it from those that know him -- that you'll get someone that believes in Kiwanis, knows it won't be easy, and will continue working everyday.

Yes Kiwanis members you can sleep well at night knowing that Bill Daugherty is on the Leadership Team. If you don't know him --- get to know him. You won't be sorry.

Kiwanis International Structure Review Enters New Phase

In the fall of 2004, Kiwanis International began a project studying the structure of its organization and how it could better support clubs and the service they perform. The program's goal is to make Kiwanis International a rewarding experience for volunteers throughout the world by providing the best service to our members through the most efficient means possible. With that end in mind, a Special Committee on Structure was appointed. It met several times over the past year to deliberate on the various issues surrounding Kiwanis International's structure. That committee submitted its final report this past June 28 to the International Board.

Kiwanis International is now ready for the next step in this project. "We need your help," says International President Steve Siemens.

The committee's report and exhibits are posted on this Web site. Please take the time to read this material thoroughly.

<http://www.kiwanis.org/resources/structure.asp>

Tailgate, Baseball, Bird Cage Brings Kiwanis Invitation

Earlier this year.. Carol Woltjer of Sioux Falls South Kiwanis worked with the George, Iowa Kiwanis Club promoting the collection of crayons for needy kids in Haiti. With the help of Sioux Falls East and other Kiwanis Clubs -- 1500 pounds of crayons were collected. This year the students in Haiti will have two colors each instead of one.

That project helped serve as an inspiration for having a night that Kiwanis members from across South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota and elsewhere could come together for a night of tailgating and watching the Sioux Falls Canaries play the St. Paul Saints. Gametime is 7:05 on August 17th (a Thursday) and the tailgate party will start in Canaries parking lot at 6:00.

The reaction to the project has been excellent. Worthington even suggested they might bring a bus. The "Crayon Collectors" in George and other Iowa communities had an interest as did points in South Dakota.

Tickets for the game are a discounted \$5.00. Cost for the tailgate for those 9 and over is \$5.00 Tony's will cater with pork loin sandwiches, hot dogs, baked beans, chips, cookie , pop and water available.

Carol Woltjer reports "we think we have all the bases covered". For \$10 you can enjoy a favlorful meal, awesome Kiwanis fellowship, and enjoy a "diamond" evening for one and all.

If you want to attend please send money to Randy Hohn, 5412 W Deer Creek, Sioux Falls, SD, 57106. Make checks payable to Sioux Falls Daybreak Kiwanis.

Included for each \$5.00 paid admission is a free baseball from the Canaries.

Those not planning to attend the game should arrive at the sight of the tailgate --- to pick up your tickets. If you want to attend the tailgate and not the game -- please let us know when you send in your money.

We think that this will open the door to Kiwanis fun --- Kiwanis spirit ---- and Kiwanis future. So what's wrong with that?

Be sure to bring your own lawn chairs.

"Year of the Club" Planned in Region 5

Kiwanis International offers us resources that are unbelievable. Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary Steve Handegaard keeps pushing us all in the three states. With that behind us ---- the Region 5 leadership team has decided to make 2006-2007 --- "The Year of the Club".

Lt Governor Elect Bill Zortman -- 2006-2007 --- has been putting together the largest team in the 7 Regions to accomplish the work listening, learning, and then leading.

Bev Werner in Aberdeen (Lt Governor 2007-2008) and Vickie Walters (Lt Governor 2005-2006) will work with Zortman using administrators Randy Hohn and Lyle Terveen, educators and planners Alan Herrboldt and Verne Kahre, and Ambassador Bobbi Nelson to work events with the 24 clubs beginning in late September.

In addition -- past Lt Governors and Governors are being asked to help as well. Lillian Hellickson and Jim Thvedt from Brookings have agreed to help along with past Governors Chuck Schroeder and Ren Fetzer. Others are expected to join the process as well.

Past leaders that want to help should contact Lt Governor Zortman at billtell.pre@midconetwork.com or call 605-728-BILL.

The plan was being reviewed at the St. Cloud Convention in early August.

2006-2007 will be "The Year of the Club" in Region 5 --- and it will be only as good as the goodness of the 24 clubs. It will be a year of work --- but fun -- comraderie -- and learning what really counts in our communities and clubs.

As the leaders in Region 5 were told --- "It's About Time."

2005-2006 Distinguished Member Forms Due November 15, 2006

Did you qualify for the Distinguished Member Award during 2005-2006? If so, be sure to submit your application form to Kiwanis International. You can download a form at the following web address:

<http://www.kiwanis.org/lit/download.asp?id=391>

To qualify, club members must complete the following:

- Recruit two new active members during 2005-2006 Club year.
- Participate in two service projects.
- Attend both your Regional Conference and the District Convention.

Distinguished Members will receive a lapel pin and recognition at the 2007 Kiwanis International Convention.

Forms are due no later than November 15, 2006.

Minot Kiwanis Band toots its own horn

The Minot, ND Kiwanis Club has something few Kiwanis clubs have anymore....a band. The seven member band plays weekly for the 75 member group. Each week the musical members entertain the troops with their popular renditions of songs like Smile, You're a Grand Ole Flag, Dixie and the ever favorite Stodola Pumpa. "The band really adds to the fun atmosphere and excitement of the meetings," says Kiwanis of Minot President Cheryl Lane. Lane says "The band members are a real asset to our organization."



The band, under the direction of Hardy Lieberg, is made up of two trombones, one trumpet, one saxophone, one clarinet, a tuba and a piano player. The ensemble entertains the rest of the gang while they are still eating lunch...then it's on to business with the National Anthem and songs from the blue book.

Kiwanis members have their favorite songs, and their not so favorite songs. Member Alan VanDelinder says, in his opinion "The entire club would each pay NOT to sing Stodola Pumpa. He adds jokingly, "But unfortunately it's Director Lieberg and Judge Gary Holum's favorite, so there's not much we can do about it."

Stop by the Minot Grand International Inn for some great music, a little conversation and a whole lot of commitment to Kiwanis at the Kiwanis Club of Minot meeting every Tuesday at noon.

91st Annual Kiwanis International Convention Coverage

Detailed results and coverage of the Kiwanis International Convention held in Montreal, June 28-July 2, can be found on the Kiwanis International Website.

Go to the following web address to view:

- Photos
- Videos
- Speeches
- Forum and workshop summaries
- Election and amendment results.

<http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/>

Distinguished Kiwanis Clubs for 2004-2005

The following Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis Clubs received the status of Kiwanis International Distinguished Club for 2004-2005.

Albert Lea Noon

Anoka

Brainerd

Columbia Heights-Fridley

Fergus Falls Noon

Jamestown

Mandan Golden K

New Rockford

Red Wing Golden K

Rochester Day Makers

Worthington Early Risers

These clubs will be recognized at the 2006 District Convention in St. Cloud.

North Suburban Golden K St. Paul Launches Web Site

Now in its 25th year and numbering 112 active members, the Kiwanis Club of North Suburban Golden K St. Paul has launched a web site named *goldenkayer.org* as a project of Committee on Membership & Education chair Wayne Carlson and committee member Jeremy Newhouse.

After the home page, it includes pages for club meeting information, a list of major committees, current news about or involving members and club projects, club history, roster of officers and members, calendar (information about the speaker and topic at each meeting for the next several weeks), the food shelf (which the club has operated for 20 years), and a contact page with telephone numbers and e-mail addresses.

The club meets every Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. in the Rose Room of the Roseville Skating Center Banquet Facility, 2661 Civic Center Drive. Speakers and their topics have always been emphasized. Guests are welcome. For plenty of free parking, enter off Woodhill Drive between Hamline and Lexington Avenues, one block north of County Road C..

Minn-Dak Key Club District Completes March on Boston

After taking in the history of the Boston area, members of the Key Club District made history of their own at their International Convention. The Fridley Key Club started the the Fourth of July Fireworks with a first place in the traditional scrapbook contest and a third place in the Major Emphasis Program category.



Minn-Dak also had an amazing three candidates for International office complete the first day of caucusing. When the dust settled, Minn-Dak is now represented at the International level by two trustees: Jake Anthony of Grand Rapids High School and Megan Gabel of the Fridley High School Key Club. This is the first time that Minn-Dak has been so honored.

Diversity Club Designing in Sioux Falls

Governor Stewart Ross, Governor Elect (Elect) Bill Daugherty, and Lt Governor Bill Zortman 2006-2007 met with Richard Kamolvathin and Kim Hinrichs-Nguyen in Sioux Falls on July 28th. The end result? Plans began for the first new club in Region 5 in nearly a decade. And it will be a "Diversity Club."



Best guess is that it will be late October or November for a charter night. Richard has a Thailand tie and Kim is Vietnamese.

In addition to those that met with Richard and Kim --- Governor 2006-2007 Coralyn Dahl, Lt Governor Vickie Walters 2005-2006, Lt Governor Bev Werner 2007-2008, Region 5 cabinet level members Randy Hohn, Lyle Terveen, Alan Herrboldt, Verne Kahre and Membership Ambassador Bobbi Nelson will work with the new proposed club as well.

The Kiwanis representatives attending the initial meeting walked away knowing that a new avenue is quickly developing for members. As Richard and Kim put it -- "we want to thank Kiwanis for the great opportunity presented today. As we mentioned in our meeting, Civic Pride is our primary motivation and our goal is to establish the foundation for a diversity group in Sioux Falls under the Kiwanis Banner. After careful research and guidance from Bill Zortman, Lt Governor 2006-2007 we have chosen to proceed and develop our chapter under the leadership of Region 5."

It's hoped that the club will become as large as the new Mankato Diversity Kiwanis Club which started July 1st and has now reached more than 70 members.

Stay tuned -- "The Year of the Club" will be one to watch in Region 5 in 2006-2007. The Sioux Falls Diversity Club would become the 6th Kiwanis Club in Sioux Falls.

The are tentatively planning to involve a large cross-section of Sioux Falls professionals, will include the Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce, and hold meetings after-hours in the evening.

Club Leadership Education Sessions still available

The price for attendance includes your material for the year and the meal that is served during the day or evening sessions. President-Elect is \$35.00, Secretary \$25.00, other members \$15.00. The remaining dates on the schedule are:

August 12: Staruolite Inn, 2515 6th St., Brookings, SD
9:00AM to 2:00PM

August 16: West Tool and Design Bldg., 1220 N Tower Rd., Fergus Fls, MN 5:00PM to 9:30PM

August 19: Comfort Inn, 1030 E. Interstate Ave., Bismarck, ND 8:30AM to 3:00PM

August 19: Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1900 7th St. NW, New Brighton, MN 8:30AM to 3:30 PM

August 26: Roughcut, Hwy 281 South, New Rockford, ND 8:30AM to 3:00PM

August 26: Ramada Plaza Suites, 1635 42nd St S., Fargo, ND 9:00AM to 3:00PM

August 26: Rapid City, Place to be announced

8:30AM to 3:00PM

September 9, Peace United Church of Christ, 402 8th Ave. S. St. Cloud, MN 8:30AM-3:00PM

You can ask your club secretary for the sign up form and receive instructions how to register for these important sessions.

Vickie Walters

Club Educator Region 5

“A WALK IN THE PARK”, CREATES A DREAM AND A VISION FOR KIWANIAN IRIS TARVESTAD

Frank Hall Park is between the Aqua Center and a channel that leads to the Albert Lea Lake. There is a bike trail which is also used for walking. The actual park has beautiful old trees on a hillside. There is an old wooden sand box nestled in between two trees near the hilltop. Down by the road are two horseshoe pits. There is an old metal swing set and slide. Neither one of these was inviting or safe.

The vision started when Kiwanian, Iris Tarvestad, 2003-2004 Albert Lea Noon Kiwanis Club President, and her husband, Terry, were walking their dogs at the Frank Hall Park in Albert Lea. They really enjoy the area.

One day Iris and Terry were driving by the park and talked of the city taking down the old-style slide and swing set that was there as it was dangerous and then turning that area into a green space.

Iris told her husband, Terry, “We should put some decent playground equipment there.” Then he said, “Who is we?” and Iris said, “Oh, I don’t know, but I think I want to ask our Kiwanis Club.”

The next step was to speak to Richard Paul, Club Secretary, who informed Iris that a president can do one-year projects with Board approval. Further, the club can do a

three-year project with a club membership commitment and vote.

On Iris' last day as Club President, she told the club her story, and asked if there was interest in raising \$20,000.00 to put playground equipment at Frank Hall Park. The response was wonderful. What to do next? The Club Secretary encouraged Iris to ask for a three year Club commitment, and just about every hand went up. After that meeting, several members came up to offer their help and get things started.

Iris' dream and vision was born, and adopted by all four Albert Lea Kiwanis Clubs and the City of Albert Lea!

Next a luncheon meeting was held and the group came up with a working plan to do the research on equipment and who owned the property. Attending were: Jean Pestorious, Rhonda Allison, Dick Kary, Jane Adams, Richard Ackland and Iris. It was decided also that this big project should have the help and sponsorship of the three other Kiwanis Clubs in the City: Daybreakers, Golden "K" I, and Golden "K" II. They all joined in.

Kent Erlandson offered to sell the club a John Deere lawn tractor to raffle off. A raffle application went to the state, and it was approved for the playground project.

Area playgrounds were visited for ideas. Jay Hutchinson, Albert Lea City Park and Recreation Director was contacted, and gave approval to Kiwanis for this playground project at Frank Hall Park. (This is city property.)

"MN-WI Playground, Twin Cities" was contacted to secure a design and facility list. Store management met our team (Iris Tarvestad, Jean Pestorious, Rhonda Allison and Jay Hutchinson) in Albert Lea. A design appropriate to the site was made and given approval.

Julie Jensen and Pat Kunkel then became the co-chairs for the fundraising raffle. The four Kiwanis Clubs in the city joined the effort to sell raffle tickets. This is a success.

Good work by Bob Graham, City Planner and Kiwanian, wrote a grant application to the Kiwanis International Foundation for financial support. The Foundation approved and granted \$7,500.00 for this playground.

The Mayo Clinic Foundation contributed \$6,000.00 to the project as secured by Steve Waldhoff, Kiwanian and Mayo Albert Lea Administrative Officer.

Additional gifts to the overall effort came in from: the Elk's #70 Does Drove, Erlandson's, American Bank, City of Albert Lea, Steve Waldhoff and Iris Tarvestad. A second year raffle was conducted, headed again by Julie Jensen and Pat Kunkel.

Jay Hutchinson and the City of Albert Lea were most helpful with financing, grounds preparations and installing each item of equipment. Kiwanians helped with the installation.

So on a beautiful, sunny day with lots of blue sky and a few puffy white clouds moving across the sky, the new playground was dedicated, one year sooner than expected, on Saturday, July 22, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. followed by a luncheon and program at the Elks Club at 12:15 p.m.

Club President, Jean Pestorious, gave the welcome speech to the many Kiwanians, and other special guests who attended the dedication and luncheon.

Then Kiwanis International President, Steve Siemens, who did the dedication of the playground said, "This is what Kiwanis is all about: 'Serving the Children of the World' and "Remember that upon completing my dedication speech, all Kiwanians have to play on each piece of playground equipment (swings, climbing wall, horses, and slide) before going to the Elks Club for lunch!", During President Siemens speech he also thanked Iris Tarvestad for her dream and vision, plus he also thanked the four Albert Lea Kiwanis Clubs for their cooperation, hard work and dedication to taking Iris' dream and vision and bringing it to a reality!

Special Congratulations to Kiwanian Iris Tarvestad for using her leadership and commitment to bring the members of all four (4) Albert Lea Clubs together, along with the city of Albert Lea, to make her vision and dream a reality!

OWATONNA, MN. GOLDEN "K" KIWANIS CLUB AWARDS SIX SCHOLARSHIPS TO OWATONNA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

Eldon Steuernagel, Club Advisor, introduced guests for our annual scholarship program. In attendance were **Jack Zierdt**, District Scholarship Chairman, and **Sherri Allen**, Principal of the Owatonna High School.

This year our Club presented four \$1,000 scholarships and next year will present five \$1,000 scholarships.

Scholarship recipients were; **Nate Gendron**, \$1,000, **Gustavus Adolphus**; **Joseph Rose**, \$1,000, South Dakota State; **Kelly Ker**, \$500, St. Cloud State; **Rebecca Holmes**, \$1,000 (Key Club) not present; **Lindsay Morley**, \$1,000, not present; and **Kelsey Daly**, \$500. Following the presentations, District Scholarship **Jonathan Zierdt** told the Club that the District Scholarship program limited us to five scholarships, and that the bestowed amounts had slipped to \$800 each from \$1,000, due to stock market adjustments. The \$200 balance for each was supplemented by a donation from the Club. District Designated Scholarship funding is now \$20,000 to endow a scholarship. Other recognitions for individual contributions to the Kiwanis Foundation are \$500 for Messer Fellow and \$100 for a Life Fellow.

Our first scholarship was started in 1990, and was awarded to **Charles Hackerson**. To date, our Club has contributed \$50,000 to endow the five District Designated Scholarships.

Pictured at left, Club Advisor, Eldon Steuernagel, who along with his wife, **Gladys**, sponsored this Scholarship which was given to scholarship winner, **Kelly Kerr**.

Pictured at left, from left to right, is our **District Educational Foundation Secretary-Treasurer, Jack Zierdt, Club President, Darrell "Ole" Oleson**, and scholarship winner, **Nathaniel "Nate" Gendron**.

Pictured at left is Scholarship winner, **Joseph Rose**, and **Alan Peterson**, who along with his wife, **Evelyn Kaplan Peterson**, sponsored this scholarship.

Fargo Golden K Kiwanis Awards College Scholarships



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