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Bill's Pitch

The convention will be on us within a week. I hope to see some of you at the Moorhead Courtyard Marriott(sp). It is hard to believe that we are getting close to the end of a Kiwanis year. We have two months left to zero in on membership growth.

This has been a constant message this year. Nows the time to get new members signed up. It is also a time to review your membership lists to be sure those members that should be deleted from membership are deleted prior to September 30th.

Congratulations are in order for the effort all clubs put into tackling our Kiwanis Foundation goal of \$5.00 per member. That will also be the number for next year so we all need to use that figure in our budgets for 20008-2009.

See you soon!!

Bill Daugherty, Minnesota-Dakotas Governor 07-08



Update from the Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer - August 2008

By Steve Handegaard, Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer

Following are a few reminders and updates:

- Don't forget!! The Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention is coming up August 8-10 in Moorhead, Minnesota. Be sure your club is represented.
- **Club Secretaries:** Be sure that you have submitted all of your monthly online club reports for the 07-08 year. Remember that the September report (last report of the year) is due by October 10th, 2008. With the new monthly online reporting system you will not be asked to submit a separate annual report.
- Thanks again to Club Secretaries for submitting the **Annual Club Election Reports for 2008-2009**. The reports were due June 1, so if you have not submitted your information online, please do so ASAP! We are still waiting for 27 club election reports! Please 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. Most club secretaries filed the report online and that automatically goes to both Kiwanis International and the District Office.

- We are putting the final touches on our brand new Minnesota-Dakotas District Website. We expect to roll it out in late August or early September. Those attending the District Convention will get a preview of the new website. Watch for more details soon.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

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Leading to Serve ... Opportunities for Service, Growth and Learning at District Convention

Even though the District Convention which starts August 8 and continues to Sunday, August 10, in Moorhead MN; is only a week away there is still time for clubs to send delegate registrations. And there is good reason to do so as delegates return with refreshing ideas for clubs to consider implementing.

Kiwanis International Counselor, International Trustee-designate Tadao ODA, and his wife, Michiko, from Japan will attend. Dr. ODA will give an update from Kiwanis International and make presentations recognizing award winners at Saturday evening's banquet. See an article about Dr. ODA in this issue of the Minnekotan.



Another important event is the Together Achieving Growth (TAG) seminar on Friday afternoon, August 8. The seminar, conducted by New Club Building and Membership Growth Chair Stewart Ross, will give attendees information and action plans to help build new clubs and assist clubs in recruiting new members.

If your club has not yet registered its delegates do it now! The registration form is at: <http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/2008DISTRICTCONVENTIONREGISTRATION.pdf>. A summary of the convention is at: http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/Summary_of_2008_District_Convention_program.pdf

See you at the Convention!

A BIG WOW!

Columbia Heights/Fridley Kiwanians and new Kiwanians expressed “Wows” and gave “High Fives” at their July 1st meeting. President Dale Schuetz and Secretary Kathy Welle inducted, Member Mary Bowen pinned and Member Dale Cichoke presented roses to six new club members! The Club held a gala dinner meeting celebration.

Three of the new members are past Fridley Key Clubbers who held Fridley Board positions and will attend the University of Minnesota and Mankato State this fall. Two are mother-daughter pair, the daughter being a former Key Clubber and mother being a great Key Club project organizer and fund raiser. The sixth new member is a young minister and financial advisor who has a strong interest in service to children.

On the day following the installation, the club received another membership application. This application is from the Charter President of the Columbia Heights Key Club formed 10 years ago. She is a working mother with a young son who now has time for Kiwanis service.

To accommodate the new members the club plans to change its meeting profile from Tuesday noons to two Tuesday noons, and two Tuesday evenings per month. The new members prefer evenings.

Those present joked that the average age of the club members was cut in half that evening. Now if the original members can keep up in the desire to do service that the new members have the club will really be rejuvenated!

Mary Bowen
Columbia Heights/Fridley Kiwanis Club

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Committees: It's a good idea to give some thought to the people you would like to work with in the next twelve months. Allow yourself some time to obtain committee chairs, as they sometimes need convincing!

Budget: Work with the treasurer and secretary as well as the outgoing president to set a budget for

the coming year. You can certainly follow last year's budget as a guide, adding line items that were not included previously, and eliminating items that no longer apply. Don't forget to budget for convention (District and International) and regional meeting attendance, CLE for next years officers, Outreach and Foundation contributions, social events, and of course, dues!

District Convention: Hopefully you are planning to attend. You will have opportunities to learn from other Kiwanians , get new ideas for meetings, programs, and service projects, and to understand how our organization functions on a larger level.

International Convention: While it is done and gone, if you were fortunate to attend, share your experiences with your club, and encourage your president-elect to plan to go to Nashville next summer! (And think about attending yourself! It's great fun!)

Goals: Spend some time thinking about your goals for the coming year. Consider both Club goals and personal goals. Presidents are traditionally challenged to bring in two new members during their year as a way to inspire and set an example for their clubs!

Regional, District and International resources: Familiarize yourself with the District and International web sites; you'll find an amazing amount of information available! Make contact with your Lt. Gov. team member, invite them to visit your club (set a date) and ask them to be the program for the day. Also make sure that they have your e-mail and postal addresses as well as your phone numbers so that they can easily keep you informed of regional and district news.

Club analysis: Consider surveying the club membership, formally or informally, as a way to determine if there are ways to change and improve the operation of the club.

If you didn't attend CLE, contact your Lt. Gov. for a copy of the Leadership Guide. It has tons of information and ideas.

Taking the time, making the effort to prepare in advance will likely make your first few weeks as president go smoothly and successfully.

Congratulations and GOOD LUCK! Have a great year!

Submitted by Colleen Hyde
District Administrative Director

Kiwanis International Foundation establishes new scholarship fund

Acting on a request from Don Canaday, Kiwanis International President-designate, the Kiwanis International Foundation is establishing a scholarship fund to honor his beloved wife, Linda Canaday, who died recently of complications from surgery.

Linda Canaday was a former teacher and, along with her husband, associated with Kiwanis for many years. Donations will help fund scholarships for Key Club students.

"I can think of nothing that would honor Linda more than a fund such as this," said Don Canaday. "Through this tribute, her love of children, shown through her teaching and her committed and caring compassion for children through Kiwanis will live on."

To donate, please send check or money order to The Linda Canaday Scholarship Fund, care of the Kiwanis International Foundation, 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Or for information, please call, toll free: 1-800-549-2647 (U.S. and Canada Only)

Distinguished Club and Distinguished Member Awards for 2007-2008

There are still two months remaining to fulfill the requirements for Distinguished Member or Distinguished Club. Just a reminder that your club secretary can track your club's progress towards Distinguished Club Status on their online monthly club reporting program. Check it out to see how many points your club has accumulated.

The criteria for both the 2007-2008 Distinguished Member and Distinguished Club Award can be found in the Member Download section of the Kiwanis International Website.

<http://community.kiwanisone.org/media/p/1694.aspx>

91st Annual Kiwanis District Convention

It is nearly time for the 91st Annual convention to kick into high gear.

Your district directors for the convention, Pat and Larry Rittgarn and their committee want to make sure you are ready for the event.

Here is your check list of things to bring:

- Books for the book store
- Medical supplies for the Service project (HERO)
- Your club delegate form if it was not sent in earlier
- Your enthusiasm
- Your tooth brush
- YOURSELF

We are going to have fun, fun, fun at the 91st annual Kiwanis District Convention, so plan now to be with us and to really be ready to CELEBRATE 2008.

Newest AKtion club

On August 13, 2008, 139 charter members of the Fargo-Moorhead Aktion Club, will be installed at the Holiday Inn, in Fargo, ND.

This new club is being co-sponsored by all 7 Kiwanis clubs in the Fargo-Moorhead area, and members of the clubs as well as members of the District board will be present for this event.

Barb Graber the advisor from Fraser Hall Ltd, and the Kiwanis Advisor Lowell Disrud are looking forward to a great

evening with this great club.

The members of the club have already competed several service projects in the community and several members will be attending the Kiwanis District Convention.

Hixson Ambassador Program

What an exciting new program that has just come out from the Kiwanis International Foundation. The George F. Hixson Fellowship was created by the Kiwanis International Foundation Board of Trustees in 1983, Hixson Fellowships were instrumental in securing donations during the IDD campaign. Kiwanians Throughout the world established membership in the Fellowship through a US \$1,000 contribution. Today, there are over 33,000 Hixson fellows, representing US\$33,000,000 in Kiwanis generosity.

In order to build momentum for the endowment campaign, KIF has initiated a new fund raising program: The Hixson Ambassador program, which will be available **ONLY TO HIXSON FELLOWS**. This program will require a \$1,000 contribution, either paid in cash or pledged over three years. Similar to the Hixson program, membership is not recognized until the full amount is contributed. Funds raised from this new program will benefit the endowment, or can be designated for the Kiwanis International auditorium.

We will recognize this group of Kiwanis donors with a new Hixson Ambassador medallion (numbered sequentially) hanging from a solid blue ribbon, and a Letter of Acknowledgement. In addition to the new medal, Ambassadors will automatically receive their next Diamond-level Hixson award. We suggest that each of the new Hixson Ambassadors identify, cultivate, and recruit at least five other Hixson Fellows to become Hixson Ambassadors.

To date, we have achieved excellent success, as we have cash in-hand or pledges from almost 60 new Hixson Ambassadors, recruited from the KI Board, the KIF Board, KIF Chairmen, Staff, and local Kiwanians. It is believed this incentive program has the potential to raise \$10 to \$20 million in new donations from Kiwanians interested in joining our Hixson Ambassador group, and greatly enhance the endowment campaign.

I will have the sign up cards available at the district convention. **REMEMBER YOU MUST ALREADY BE A HIXSON FELLOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS NEW PROGRAM.**

Chuck Schroder, District Chairman

Kiwanis International Foundation

Kiwanis International Counselor Named for the Minnesota Dakotas District

International President-designate Don Canaday has asked Kiwanis International Trustee-designate Tadao ODA, Ph.D., of the Japan District to be Counselor for the Minnesota Dakotas District for 2008-2009. Dr. ODA was elected to a three-year term as Trustee of Kiwanis International at the Asia-Pacific Convention in March 2008.

Tadao has belonged to the Kiwanis Club of Sendai, Japan, for the past nine years and is also a member of the Kiwanis Club of Tokyo. He is a past president of the Sendai Club, a Heritage Society member and is a Diamond Level George F. Hixson Fellow as well as a Hixson Ambassador of the Kiwanis International Foundation.

Before joining the International Board Tadao served on the Kiwanis International Committee on Membership Growth and New Club Building for Asia-Pacific and is a member of the International

Task Force on Leadership Education. He has served as Lt. Governor and Governor of the Japan District.

In addition to his involvement in Kiwanis Tadao is a professor emeritus of Tohoku University. He has bachelors and masters degrees at Kyoto University and his doctorate is at Harvard University. He is the author of several books and articles in his mathematics specialty. Tadao and his wife, Michiko, are parents to one son.

Dr. ODA will attend the Minnesota Dakotas District Convention in Moorhead August 8-10. He will address the convention during Saturday's luncheon and attend the District Board Meetings on Friday and Sunday. He will preside over District Officer retirement and installation ceremonies at Saturday night's banquet.

Kiwanis members of the Minnesota Dakotas District are pleased that Dr. ODA will serve as District Counselor. We are happy he will attend our convention and extend our heartfelt welcome to him and his wife, Michiko, to our three states!

Region 6 - 2008-2009 Lt. Governor Visits to Clubs

The following is the list of Clubs and which Lt. Governor is assigned to your Kiwanis Club.

Judie Rosendahl, 2008-2009 Lt. Governor Designate

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Benson, Granite Falls, Hector, Hendricks, Hutchinson, Litchfield, Madison, Morris, Olivia, Ortonville, Willmar

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Fairmont Early Risers, Fairmont Noon, Jackson, Lakefield, Pipestone, Slayton, Tracy, Tyler, Westbrook, Windom, Worthington Early Risers, Worthington Noon, Worthington Golden K

David Fairbrother, 2008-2009 Immediate Past Lt. Governor Designate

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Albert Lea Day Breakers, Albert Lea Noon, Albert Lea Golden K I, Albert Lea Golden K II, Austin Early Risers, Austin Noon, Austin Golden K, Blue Earth Noon, Faribault Early Risers, Faribault Golden K, Mankato Downtown, Minnesota State University, Minnesota Diversity Club, New Ulm Noon, Owatonna Noon, Owatonna Golden K, St. Peter Noon, Winthrop Noon

Submitted by Dawn Fairbrother

Diversity Kiwanis Brings the Circus To Sioux Falls-- Volunteers at Jazz Fest

The BIG TOP was raised at about 9AM on Circus Day, an event open to the public. What an amazing process to watch a tent, the size of a football field, being raised by the elephants. 275 stakes are driven each and every day as the tent goes up and down every 24 hours at each new stop. In the afternoon, Circus goers were greeted by a petting zoo, where patrons were allowed to pet and feed the animals, including the elephants. Pony rides, elephant and camel rides preceded the two shows at 4:30 and 7:30. The event sported 3 rings with elephants, performers, motorcyclists, acrobats, puppies, and horses, all under the protection of the 2000 seat tent. No one left hungry as there was plenty of the normal Circus fare of popcorn, hotdogs,

nachos, cotton candy, Carmel apples, ect. If you did not attend, you won't want to miss the next Circus when it returns to Sioux Falls in 3 years!

The Kiwanis Circus was the first major fundraiser for this 1 ½ year old club. Billion Automotive was a very generous Sponsor for this event, which helped this club get a jump start for fundraising. A portion of the proceeds will go to CASA, or Court Appointed Special Advocates, an organization that supports abused and neglected children going through the court system. The remainder of proceeds will go towards other ongoing Diversity Kiwanis Projects.

Diversity Kiwanis Club Members also worked hard raising funds at Jazz Fest this year. Jazz Fest is the largest free Jazz Festival in America hosted right here in Sioux Falls by the Jazz and Blues Society. The lineup this year was spectacular and Diversity Club's Members, along with the help of other club's members, worked hard gathering donations from event goers at the gate.

For more information on our club and projects, please visit our website at diversitykiwanis.org.

On behalf of Diversity Club of Sioux Falls, a big Thank you to all that helped to make our events a success.



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