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Kiwanis Members:

A fun and educational experience is being prepared for everyone who attends the Minnesota Dakotas Convention and Leadership Conference at the Willmar Conference Center August 10 -12, 2018. The Willmar Conference Center is conveniently located at 2800 East Highway 12 on the east side of Willmar providing quick and easy access for our Kiwanians. The Willmar Conference Center provides elegant event space and includes easy access to the Best Western Plus and the Holiday Inn Express and Suites. The Conference Center and both hotels were remodeled in 2014.

Willmar is a central location just two hours west of Minneapolis/St. Paul. With over 100 lakes, 81 holes of golf and a variety of attractions, I am sure you will enjoy any "PLAY" time you might have in this beautiful area. Be sure to come early and stay afterwards to take advantage of this lovely area.

We are pleased to announce that our keynote speaker is Joel Javier "Jay" Vargas. The headline in the local newspaper describes him "From migrant worker to college professor: Sociology instructor Vargas relates to students with humor, stories." Mr. Vargas is the son of former migrant workers, and notes that "we all have stories, and everyone's story is important", therefore he will be speaking about his life and working with young people in today's society.

The Kiwanis Khorale will again be performing at the Governor's Banquet on Saturday evening and at the Memorial Service on Sunday morning. Sean Emery, a juggler and comedian, will perform for us on Friday evening and this year we will enjoy "Dueling Pianos" after the banquet Saturday evening. You won't want to miss this first class entertainment! The silent auction was a huge success last year and we are scheduling a repeat performance this year. Please begin planning now on what you will bring to raise money for Eliminate. Mothers of child bearing age around the world are still relying on us to eliminate maternal and neo-natal tetanus! It's not conquered and there is still more work to do!

Mark your calendars now and plan to register and book your room by July 15, 2018. You again have the option of registering for the entire convention, for Saturday only, and new this year, for Friday only. Your best deal, of course, is for the entire convention but if you can just make it for one day, you will still benefit from the fun, fellowship, and education.

The convention will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 10, 2018 followed by many educational opportunities. Registration will open at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 9th for anyone arriving early. More details will be in the Minnetotan online newsletter and on the web page at www.mndak-kiwanis.org. On behalf of the Convention Committee, we are looking forward to having a great convention this August. See you there!

Judie Rosendahl
MNDK Kiwanis District Convention Director