2000 - 2001

Governor - Dale R. Carlson, Worthington, MN
International President - Bo Shafer
District Convention - Pierre, SD
International Convention - Taipei, Taiwan
International Theme - Serving the Children of the World
Major Emphasis - Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD)

Clubs started in 2000-2001 - Fairmont Uptown, Fairmont, MN and Belle Fourche, SD (no longer exists)

Governor’s Theme - Building Kiwanis in the New Millenium

Starting 1997 a Strategic Planning Committee was formed to develop a reorganization and revitalization plan for the MN-DAK District. Dale Carlson served on that committee from it’s inception until the Regional Plan was adopted. Between 1997 and 2001 many meetings were held where ideas and proposals were discussed. Eventually the framework for a Regional governance structure was developed. The reasons for proposing a regionalization format were as follows:

1. Revitalization - The District had been losing members and clubs for several years. Some changes needed to be made.
2. Kiwanis education and information will be brought to the regions. It will not be necessary to travel long distances and over night stays will not be necessary.
3. The nature of the regional structure should get more Kiwanians involved in leadership positions. In total there should be more membership involvement.
4. Each region will have a lot of autonomy to set their own priorities and methods of operation. Less of the routine things will be dictated from the District level.
5. There will be an appreciable cost savings to the District based primarily on having fewer Lt. Governors. The cost savings will be passed on to the Regions so they will have a regional budget to use.

Implementation of the Regional Plan
1. 2000-2001 - At the 2000 District Convention approval was given to begin implementation of the plan. Election and training of regional officers, appointment of District Directors, development of job descriptions, preparing for changes in the by-laws and policies, and education and training on the regional and club level will take place.
2. 2001-2002 - At the 2001 District Convention the full plan with changes in the by-laws
was approved.

3. 2002-2003 and ongoing - A complete evaluation of the plan will occur.

The 2000-2001 Kiwanis year was a transition year for the MN-DAK District. The 23 Divisions structure was still in effect but transition toward Regionalization was occurring. For example, during 2000-2001 the Governor's visit was to regions as we attempted to get Kiwanians thinking in terms of Regions rather than Divisions. 2000-2001 was a pivotal year and by 2001-2002 the Regional Plan was fully in place. Getting the Regional Plan adopted and started was a big step in "Building Kiwanis in the New Millenium".

The Strategic Planning Committee also developed for the MN-DAK District the following:

**Our Mission** - To offer membership to those that want the opportunities of leadership, fellowship, and service to their communities and to the world.

**Our Vision** - To be the most effective service organization involving all Kiwanis family members.

**Our Primary Value** - Serving the children of the world.

**Governor Dale R. Carlson**

Kiwanis Service
Charter member of the Worthington Early Risers - chartered Nov. 20, 1968
Two terms as President of the Worthington Early Risers
Lt. Governor 1992-93
Served as a District Chairperson in several capacities
Governor 2000-2001
Board of Trustees, MN-DAK Education Foundation

Community Service
Member and President of the Worthington Public Utilities Commission
Member Nobles County Planning Commission
Member Worthington Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors - Worthington Area United Way
Member Nobles-Jackson County Environmental Health Board
Served his Church in many capacities including Chairperson of the Congregation

Professional Service
Teacher, Secondary 5 years
Teacher, College 19 years
Administrator, College 13 years
Most recent position prior to retirement - Executive Vice-President of Instruction,
Minnesota West Community and Technical College
Worthington Early Risers Kiwanis 35th Anniversary Celebration
November 24, 2003

Pictured are three charter members: L to R

Dale Carlson, Walt Larson, Ralph Lewis
Fridley High School Key Club Received State-Wide Recognition from Minnesota Community Education Association

Fridley High School Key Club has been awarded the “Outstanding Organization Award for 2000” presented by the Minnesota Community Education Association (MCEA).

Red Wing, Minnesota Has Sponsored Our First Aktion Club

Congratulations and thank you to the Red Wing Dawnbreakers, Red Wing Key Club, Red Wing Golden K and Red Wing Noon Club. They have sponsored and started the first Aktion Club in the MN-DAK District.

Left to right: Kevin Hauer, Elizabeth Harth, Mel Fisher, Lt. Governor Kiwanis Division 6; Kitty Halverson and Dalyn Bruemmer. Missing in Picture: Trisha Kosnopfel.
Fargo North Key Club Member Elected International Trustee

Alicia Fremling was elected Key Club International Trustee at the recent Key Club International Convention. The last time the MN-DAK District had a Key Club Trustee was in 1988-89.

Donald S. Mattson, M.D. Minn. State IDD Chair

Donald Mattson, M.D. has served as the Minnesota State IDD Chair. He expresses his deep and heartfelt COMMENDATION and GRATITUDE to all of you who have made the MN-DAK District #1 in the U.S. in per capita giving to IDD. You would make anyone PROUD!
New Rockford, ND Elementary School K-Kids Club Chartered

The New Rockford, ND K-Kids Club was chartered in 2001. The club had a successful first year with great support from the school faculty. Peggy Hibsch was Kiwanis advisor and there were four great advisors who assisted with the success. Both 4th and 5th graders participated in K-Kids.

Kiwanis ‘Over 90’s’ Party is a Hit

The Watertown Kiwanis Club sponsored a luncheon to honor area people who are 90+ years or who will turn 90 this year. Eight-six area residents age 90 or over attended and together they added up to 8,022 years of life at the 22nd annual “Over 90's” party.