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# MINNEKOTAN

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## Traveling around the District

Greetings on this wonderful season we are approaching! We have had so many blessings these past two months. We have met new Kiwanians and renewed friendships with others. We have attended outstanding meetings and have been uplifted by the spirit and vitality of Kiwanians around the district. Some of you have heard the specifics of our travels, but for others of you, let me just say that we have the finest clubs and individuals that you can find anywhere.



Congratulations to the new Sioux falls Diversity Club! They are already putting together projects with young people in mind and they are just getting started! They have fine leadership to which any of you who attended their charter night can attest. This is a club I would like to visit often! It was also fun to have my good friends and fellow governors, Stewart Ross and Bill Daughterty with me at this event. Congratulations to Bill Zortman for getting this club going and for the leadership of President Richard Kamolvathin!

What a glorious day - both weatherwise and friendship-wise my husband and I had driving across North Dakota and visiting the Mandan noon club, enjoying their hospitality and fun. Lt. Governors Kelly Schmidt and Barb Egan and I had a fruitful meeting. First hand visits are always the best kind!

What can I say about Circle K except that that group excites me with their renewed enthusiasm under the leadership of Ann Backes Dodge and Governor Jon Bzdawka. They are forging ahead in this rebuilding year.

This month we also made visits to the combined Region 4 & 5 Governor's visit and to Region 7's Governor's visit. In both cases we had a terrific time and as I have already told the Leadership team several times, continually am astounded at the service and dedication of our Kiwanians. Thanks Lt. Governors Frank Ferguson, Bill Zortman and Paul Michels for your organization and hospitality!

Now as we begin to get our baking, shopping, wrapping, decorating done for this wonder-filled season, I wish you a glorious, relaxing, fun-filled and awe-inspired holiday time. Remember our service to children and thanks for all you do for Kiwanis.

Governor Coralyn

## Update from the Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer - December 2006

By Steve Handegaard, Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer

Greetings! The holiday season is upon us and it is a great time to get involved in Kiwanis service and help others in your community! My wife Laura and I wish all of you and your families a very happy holiday season.



**Governor Elect Candidates:** If you are interested in running for Governor Elect for 2007-2008, please submit a picture and a short biographical sketch not to exceed 600 words, along with an endorsement from your home club, to the District Kiwanis Office, P.O. Box 735, Dalton, MN 56324 **no later than February 15, 2007**. Your information must be received by that date to be published in the March Minnekotan. Candidates can announce their intention to run at a later date, but will not be able to have an article in the MINNEKOTAN or district website. Governor Elect candidates must be a Past Lt. Governor. The election will take place at the District Convention in Fargo next August. A complete list of rules and regulations for District Office Campaigns can be obtained from the District Office.

**Leadership opportunities:** If you are interested in being a future District Lt. Governor, Regional or District Chairperson, etc., please contact your Lt. Governor, other officer or myself. Each year the district is in need of interested and dedicated leaders. It can be a very interesting, rewarding and educational experience.

**Club Donations to Outreach:** Thank you to all of the clubs that contributed to the Outreach Program during 05-06. We look forward to seeing your contribution again in 06-07. Most Kiwanis clubs include this as an annual budget item. Dollars given to the Outreach Program are used by Key Club and Circle K District Boards to build new Key and Circle K clubs, to

attend Kiwanis District Conventions and Kiwanis special meetings, and to acquire needed supplies and equipment. Our Circle K and Key Club District Boards are very busy and active. They need our financial support. Checks can be made payable to Kiwanis Outreach and mailed to me at the District Office.

**Club Liability Information:** All club secretaries should have received or will receive shortly a packet of information from Kiwanis International entitled, "General Liability 2006-2007 Risk Management Packet". The packet contains information about your club liability insurance and risk management techniques. Be sure that your members are aware of what kinds of activities are covered by the insurance and what is not covered.

**Another Reminder - Receive Monthly MINNEKOTAN via email:** Be sure to subscribe to receive the MINNEKOTAN directly to your email address. It is easy to do. Just go to the District Website and find the box that says "Sign Up to Receive News from Kiwanis". All you need to do is enter your email address and indicate which region you are from.

**Online Monthly Club Reporting:** Since our online reporting is a rather new procedure and so very important, I would like to once again review the process for the 06-07 year. Your club should be submitting your monthly club report online by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month. Clubs will not need to fill out an Annual Club Report Form at the end of 2006-2007 if ALL the monthly reports are filed online between October 2006 and September 2007. In addition, the Distinguished Club criteria are incorporated and your club will receive updates via email every month with your club's status towards becoming distinguished for 2006-2007. The online monthly reports will be the official basis for selecting the Distinguished Club Awards for 06-07. Your Lt. Governors, District Officers, District Office and Kiwanis International are able to view your reports without you having to send any additional emails or hard copies. For the few clubs that have not used the online reporting system, it is important that you begin filing your reports online. Anyone from your club with internet access can be assigned to enter your club reports online. All club secretaries were mailed hard copy instructions in October. If you have any questions, please give me a call or send me an email.

**Tri-K District Board Meeting:** Kiwanis, Circle K, and Key Club District Boards will meet in Willmar, MN on Friday, January 19 and Saturday, January 20, 2007. Check out some of our other District event dates on the District Website -----  
<http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/story.php?articleid=628>

Thanks again for all your great work in Kiwanis!

Steve

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**BILL'S PITCH**

Imagine the Minnesota Twins with MVP Justin Morneau and Cy Young winner Johann Santana sparking the Twins this past season.

We in Minn-Dak have MVPs and Cy Young winners in each of our clubs. Just look around at your next meeting. You'll see MVPs at every table. These are the members that make the club what it is in the community. Join the team, volunteer your skills, share your enthusiasm, get involved.



As Kiwanians we are changing the world one child and one community at a time. This month of December will see many Kiwanians ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, providing coats for kids, delivering gifts to those in need. Yes we have MVPs in the District. Let's all get on the team and continue growing.

I need your help. In a week or so I need to develop forum ideas for our convention in Fargo this August. If you have an idea of a forum topic please contact me at [pugowner@sio.midco.net](mailto:pugowner@sio.midco.net). Your thoughts will be greatly appreciated.

## District Administrative Director's Directions!

One way

for me to do this is to submit an occasional article to the Minnekotan, hoping to reach most of the leaders of most of the clubs!

First off, congratulations to all the new officers! You now have several meetings and a couple of Board Meetings behind you, so hopefully you're feeling "in control and on a roll"! This looks to be another exciting Kiwanis year, and we CAN DO IT, but not without your help. What follows is a review of what should be done by now and what we can look forward to in the next month or two.

**BUDGET:** completed by Oct. 1 and approved by board of directors. Good idea to share with club as a whole. Also send copy to Lt. Gov. A sample budget can be found on pages 56,57 of Leadership Guide. Remember to include these important line items:

General Fund: Delegates to Int'l Convention (2), delegates to District Convention (3).

You might want to add: Attendees to Regional mtgs, and CLE registration.

Service Fund: Contributions to District and Int'l Foundations.

**COMMITTEES:** Should be in place by Oct. 1. According to By-Laws, the following committees are suggested: Club Administration, Community Services, Finance/Fund –Raising, Human & Spiritual Values, Membership Growth and Education, Public Relations, Sponsored Youth, YCPO. Suggestion: appoint committee chairs from

board of directors and expect monthly reports at the board meetings.

**SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS:** Oct. 1: includes web-master, newsletter editor, music coordinator, risk manager, historian, etc.

**GOALS:** Aim for improvements: membership, service projects, fund-raising, orientation, sponsored youth relationship, YCPO, public relations and visibility, interclubbing, etc.

**GENERAL:** If you have not been visited by your Lt. Gov. team member, extend an invitation to her/him to present a program at one of your meetings.

Make sure your club's monthly reports are in by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the next month.

Consider making a club donation to Kiwanis International Foundation Annual Gift Campaign.

Local PR Opportunity: announce the new officers for the coming year.

Submit an article to the Minnekotan; include a photo.

Plan a membership drive for January or February.

Organize a social or service project with your sponsored youth group(s), and/or invite their BoD to your board meeting.

**JANUARY:** Review and evaluate the first quarter's budget and goals. (Can you believe you will be ¼ done with this Kiwanis year?). Make plans for attending 2007 Int'l and District Conventions. Determine if your club needs to file a 990-EZ or 990 tax form (due Feb. 15). See page 55 of Leadership Guide.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season (and don't forget the reason!)

Colleen Hyde  
hyde@cord.edu

## Son Born to Past Lt. Governor of Region 2

Logan Hamilton, son of Lori (2004-2006 Lt. Governor Team) and Randy Larson, was born October 31, 2006 at 6:31 PM.

He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long.

## Education Foundation Scholarships

The applications are to be completed and mailed to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Kiwanis Educational Foundation on or before January 19, 2006. The schools are to make photo copies of the application and mail three photo copies plus original application form. Each high school is eligible to send a maximum of 3 applications.

By keeping the amount of the scholarship award at \$800.00 we will be able to award seven (7) more scholarships through out the district. There will be two scholarships per region in the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District plus the Designated Scholarships awarded.

If you have any questions and/or concerns regarding the scholarship application process and procedures please contact Jack Zierdt, Secretary/Treasurer of the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis Educational Foundation.

**International Convention**

**WANTED**  
**FOR AIDING**  
**AND IMPROVING**  
**THE LIVES OF CHILDREN**  
**AROUND THE WORLD**

**ALIAS: "Kiwanian"**  
**a.k.a.: "Kiwanis member,"**  
**"do-gooder," "hero."**

**Distinguishing features include small circular pin, embossed with letter "K," frequently worn on lapel and/or pocket.**

**MAY BE DISGUISED AS PANCAKE FLIPPERS OR PEANUT SELLERS.**

**SAN ANTONIO**  
 ONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**BEWARE:**  
**CONSIDER SUSPECTS ARMED WITH ENTHUSIASM AND EAGER TO SERVE. LAST SEEN SERVING COMMUNITIES AND DEALING IN FELLOWSHIP.**

## Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District Outreach Program

Annually, a Kiwanis club which sponsors a Key Club or Circle K Club provides \$500 to \$2000 – and sometimes more – to support the activities of that club. This money supplements club dues, provides scholarship assistance to District Conventions and defrays transportation expenses to these conventions.

The Outreach Program allows Kiwanis Clubs which do not sponsor a Key Club or Circle K Club to aid these Sponsored Youth Programs at the District Board level.

Clubs are encouraged to give to the Outreach Program. Gifts are divided equally between Key Club and Circle K, unless specified otherwise. Interestingly, Kiwanis Clubs which sponsor a Key Club or Circle K Club are some of the most consistent givers to the Outreach Program.

If you or your club would like to give to the Outreach Program, make a check payable to: “Minn-Dak Outreach Program” and mail to:

Steve Handegaard, District Secretary/Treasurer  
P.O. Box 735  
Dalton, MN 56324-0735

## Diversity Excites Kiwanis Community

The calendar will forever read: November 14, 2006 -- the day that the Sioux Falls Diversity Kiwanis Club was welcomed into the family with a rousing Charter Night at the Ramada Inn -- just across from where President's stay and athletes skate, hoop it, and hit it out of the park. This event attracted 3 Governors, 5 Lt Governors, 40 or so new Diversity Club Members --- and a challenge from a Sioux Falls transplant challenging to "walk the talk" and do something for those counting on you.

You knew it was special with fajitas, balloons, Kiwanis videos, and the unveiling of a "new" Kiwanis Club banner that was light blue with children of the world on it. As President Richard Kamolvathin and Region 5 Ambassador/Tag Team member Bobbi Nelson unrolled the banner and walked around the room to "We are the World" (the 9 minute version) -- you saw tears of joy. For some it was heartburn from the fajitas -- for others the knowledge that the tv critic that had buried Kiwanis and other service clubs just 2 years before needed to consider a retraction.

In a first for Kiwanis -- 3 members of the Minnesota-Dakotas Governor's Team signed the new charter. Governor Coralyn Dahl, Governor Elect Bill Daugherty, and 2005-2006 Governor Stewart Ross took the microphone and explained the significance of the evening. Governor Ross compared the evening to that of the 1st Diversity Club -- the Mankato Diversity club formed in July. Stewart said it was the first time that a new club had started in a one Governor's Year and carried over into the term of another. Governor Dahl said that many of the ideas that Sioux Falls Diversity had utilized including the mission statement would be used for proposals to other proposed Diversity Clubs in St. Cloud and other cities. Governor Daugherty -- a member of the Region 5 Team that helped in the planning for the Sioux Falls Diversity Club -- said that creation of this new entry would help push the overall Kiwanis Membership on the plus side for 2006-2007. 2005-2006 ended with an increase of more than 200 members -- the first increase in membership in more than a dozen years. Special thanks to Region 5 Lt Governors Vickie Walters, Bill Zortman, and Bev Werner along with Region 6's Curt Pearson and David Fairbrother for attending.

Qadir Aware -- Executive Director of the Sioux Falls Multi-Cultural Center -- in a keynote address -- told of how he came to this country years ago and the issues he had encountered being accepted in the community. Qadir -- a Rotarian -- spoke with concern for those groups that say they want to be a part of "politically correct" diversity organizations -- but can't walk that talk. He called on this club to read to diverse children at his center, consider taking any of the 94 cultures to lunch making them comfortable, and to answer the bell on what is really important in the community. Aware seemed to start believing the words that this Kiwanis Diversity Club could well be different and presented the club \$50 as agift for starting. He invited members to attend a Diversity Task Force meeting two days later at the Multi-Cultural Center. (10 members of the club attended -- and many are joining the task force to work together).

Aware, Governors Dahl, Daugherty, Ross, and Lt Governor Zortman -- shook hands and congratulated each of the charter members. Each was given a charter pin and Kiwanis International Charter Club Certificate.

Before the evening ended -- Charter members answered Mr. Aware's challenge with project plans including a reading project that Sioux Falls Canaries are planning in 5 other minor league baseball cities in the coming season. Adults will be reading to children while sitting in the infield at the Bird Cage. The 6 cities will be televised to sites around the country. John Kouris -- a manager with the team -- became a charter member and will provide support for many of the projects. Tracey Robinson talked about a reading program in the schools and youngsters will address color, culture, and questions about which color is best. The Diversity Club is working on a fire safety program that could help save lives with text in 16 languages.

With the Lutheran Social Services the club has launched a Kiwanis Winter Warmth Project. The plan to provide warm clothing to predominantly immigrant families who have arrived -- unprepared for the South Dakota winters. Contacts are Henry McCall at [henry.mccall@nmfn.com](mailto:henry.mccall@nmfn.com) and Trish Garcia at [Partricia.Garcia@LsssD.org](mailto:Partricia.Garcia@LsssD.org)

44 members were chartered and that membership continues to grow every week as people continue to ask "What about that Diversity Club". It's not the Dallas Cowboys yet -- but it's becoming America's Club in the Minnesota Dakota District.

## SIoux FALLS, SD DIVERSITY CLUB CELEBRATES CHARTER NIGHT!

There is a new Kiwanis Club in Region 5 of the MN-DAK District! On Tuesday, November 14, 2006 the Charter Night for the new Sioux Falls Diversity Club was held. Kiwanians from Region 6 attending were: **Stewart Ross**, Immediate Past Governor; **Curt Pearson**, Lt. Governor and his wife, **Glennis**; **David Fairbrother**, Lt. Governor-Elect; and **Dawn Fairbrother**, Director of Administration.

Lt. Governor, **Bill Zortman**, was the Master of Ceremonies, along with **Bobbi Nelson**, Publicity, TAG Team member and Ambassador, and **Richard Kamolvathin**, President of the new Diversity Kiwanis Club. There was also the unveiling of the new Kiwanis Club banner with children's faces on it as well as the music, "We Are The World" on the new Kiwanis International video.

It was a privilege to have the MN-DAK District Governor **Coralyn Dahl** and first gentleman, **Orin Dahl**; Governor-Elect, **Bill Daugherty**, and first lady-Elect, **Arlyce Daugherty**, and **Stewart Ross**, Immediate Past Governor. It was a historical moment to have all three governors sign the charter for the new Diversity Club of Sioux Falls, SD.!

There were 42 new Kiwanis charter members that received their Kiwanis pins and charter member certificates. **Qadir Aware**, Executive Director of the Multi-Cultural Center, brought realism, diversity, and the importance of being involved and put our Kiwanians to work!

## SD Diversity Club

Much of the work was done last fiscal year but it is amazing what can be accomplished when no one cares who gets the credit. We have been working steadily on the Northfield, MN Club but it might not be chartered until next spring.

Saint Cloud, MN and Fargo, ND are also working on a Diversity Club which belies the slogan "Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to changing the world, one child and **one community at a time**." We can work in more than one community at a time in the MNDAK District! Other clubs are proposed and we will get to them soon.

Just when your director was at a low point in motivation, he attended a weekly Kiwanis Club meeting and gained inspiration from a likely source. Dr. Claire Faust had the invocation that day and he recited the Edgar A. Guest poem that many of us learned in school. Here it is:

### IT COULDN'T BE DONE

"Somebody said that it couldn't be done,

But he with a chuckle replied

That "maybe it couldn't, but he would be one

Who wouldn't say so till he tried.

So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin

On his face. If he worried he hid it.

He started to sing as he tackled the thing

That couldn't be done and he did it.

Somebody scoffed, "Oh you'll never do that,

At least no one has ever done it";

But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,

And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.

With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,

Without any doubting or quiddit,

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There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,

There are thousands to prophesy failure;

There are thousands to point out to you, one by one,

The dangers that wait to assail you

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Your director has been told that you can not build clubs in December and he was about to believe it. However, an opportunity to go back to Northfield and continue presented itself and we are going back next Wednesday, December 6 to finish the job! If you have an opportunity to open a club, even if somebody has said it couldn't be done, please contact any of your administration.

## FIRST ANNUAL MN-DAK DISTRICT KIWANIS KEY LEADER CAMP

Kiwanians **Clover Ellingson**, District Director of Key Leader; **Vickie Walters**, Region 5 Immediate Past Lt. Governor; **Coralyn Dahl**, Governor-Elect, **Orin Dahl**, first gentleman-elect; **Dwain "Pete" Petersen**, Region 6 Immediate Past Lt. Governor; **Carole Petersen**, Member of the Kiwanis Mankato Downtown Club; **David Fairbrother**, Lt. Governor-Elect; **Dawn Fairbrother**, Region 6 Director of Administration; **Erin Fischer**, Kiwanis International Key Leader Specialist; and **Forrest Perry**, Key Leader Facilitator were part of the 1st Annual MN-DAK District, Kiwanis International Key Leader Training Camp was held at Camp Lakodia in Madison, S.D. on September 22-24.

Fifty high school-age youth from the three-state area attended and received instruction and orientation in leadership skills and activities. The cost was \$150 per youth. The event was open to any high school student. Students did not have to be members of a Kiwanis Key Club. Some were sponsored by a local Kiwanis Club, some of their parents paid their fee, some clubs paid half the fee and the student paid the other half of the fee. The next Key Leader event will be held **October 5-7, 2007 at Inspiration Point in Clitherall, MN**. You may want to add some scholarship money to help students attend this event next year. For more information, please contact Clover at [cloverjean@cablone.net](mailto:cloverjean@cablone.net) or one of the other Kiwanians who took part in this very important yearly event.

## NEW CLUB BUILDING COLUMN

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"The best portion of a good man's life: his little, nameless unremembered acts of kindness and love."  
 -William Wordsworth

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The youth received instruction and orientation in leadership skills and activities. The youth shared food, fun, fellowship, skits, and each group of youth learned how team work could create a working plan for leadership. It was amazing to watch the youth grow and bloom from the time they arrived on Friday afternoon and when they left Sunday noon to return home.

The cost was \$150 per youth. The event was open to any high school student (9-12). Students do not have to be members of a Kiwanis Key Club. Some were sponsored by a local Kiwanis Club, some of their parents paid their fee, some clubs paid half the fee and the student paid the other half of the fee.

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## Kiwanis International Bylaw Amendment - Dues Waiver for 25% Membership Growth

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES October 18-21, 2006

#### BOARD INTERPRETATION OF BYLAW AMENDMENT – DUES WAIVER FOR 25% MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Upon motion duly made, supported, and carried it was:

**RESOLVED, That the Kiwanis International Board adopts the following interpretation of the Bylaw Amendment to Article XXII – Revenue, Sections 1 and 4 as it relates to clubs being relieved of dues obligations in a subsequent year if they achieve net growth greater than or equal to 25%. Before a club is eligible to have dues monies refunded to them, the following rules are being established and must be present for each eligible club:**

1. Starting date is September 30, 2006 and the first measurement date is September 30, 2007.
2. Ending membership count in one year is the beginning membership count in the following year.
3. All clubs worldwide are eligible.
4. Based upon ACTIVE members in the club as of measurement dates (September 30) as determined by Kiwanis International and reported to the District Offices.
5. Merged clubs are not eligible in the year of merger.
6. Only clubs on ACTIVE STATUS at the end of the measurement year are eligible.

7. Clubs on the following status at the end of the measurement year (September 30) are not eligible: Charter Suspended Notice, Charter Suspended, Pending Revocation, Charter Revoked, and Charter Suspended by District.
8. All club dues and fees must be paid as of the end of the measurement year (September 30), including all new member fees to be eligible.
9. New clubs are eligible in the year organized using the clubs organizational date as the start date.
10. All clubs must pay their current year dues by the due date of their respective annual dues billing period (for US/Canada district clubs) or within 90 days of the date of being invoiced (for clubs in Regions III, IV, and V) to be eligible.

Refunds will be sent to eligible clubs within 120 days of the end of year measurement date. Kiwanis International will determine the method of refund.

### **Kiwanis of Jamestown Phonics Phone Project**

The Phonics Phone is a teaching tool that helps children hear the words they say. When you speak, your words project forward toward the person or persons to whom you are talking. And that's great for conversation, but not ideal for listening to your self.

By using the Phonics Phone, the words you say are directed back into your own ears. You can hear much better, much clearer what you say. Reading specialists know that children must hear the words and sounds (phonemes) they say in order to say the words and sounds correctly. Teachers tell us that the Phonics Phone works well doing just that.

Phonics Phones aren't made from ordinary plastic plumbing pipe. Phonics Phone are made of polished furniture grade PVC. The fittings are manufactured to be able to turn so they can be used for partner reading. Teachers say partner reading is a great way for two students to hear each other while not disturbing the class.

The Kiwanis of Jamestown chose to make the phones themselves which was a fun and exciting project but best of all easy to do! The goal is to make enough phones for each school within the community.

For more information on how your club can participate in this project for your community and the Kiwanis club kit go to <http://www.phonicsphone.org/pages/clubkitoffer.html>

### **Minnesota-Dakota's Key Leader Sets Date for 2007**

The Key Leader event is set for October 5-7 at Inspiration Point Camp in Clitherall, Minnesota. <http://www.ipoint.org/contact.php> The Key Leader District Chair is Clover Ellingson. The site coordinator is Vickie Walters. If you are interested in volunteering your time as a chaporone with light duties at this event or by helping with promotion, please email me at [CloverJean@cableone.net](mailto:CloverJean@cableone.net).

### **Kiwanis Club of Mitchell Intalls Playground Equipment**

On a beautiful October 2006 Sunday afternoon the Kiwanis Club of Mitchell,SD spouses, grandchildren and friends gathered around the new multi purpose playground equipment at the Mitchell Kiwanis Woodlot Park.

The group enjoyed playing and reminiscing about how the park has developed over the past ten years. This growth has been a labor of love by club members with the assistance of the Mitchell Park and Recreation Department, which is under the direction of Kiwanian and Park Superintend Randy Arendt. The purchase of the new playground unit was made possible by a Kiwanis International Foundation Grant, a Mitchell Charitable Foundation Grant and club funds raised from its annual Spaghetti Feed held each February.

### **Kiwanis membership grows toward million-member goal**

Kiwanis International membership totaled 260,701 in 8,241 clubs as of September 30, 2006. This figure represents an increase of 11,413 members and 124 clubs compared to final figures as of September 30, 2005. The count for 2006 reflects all reported member adds and deletes during the year and all new clubs organized.

"This is great news for Kiwanis and for all those we serve," says International President Nelson Tucker. "This gain is the first measurable progress toward our goal of one million members by 2015, the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis." Club delegates adopted the million-member goal at the 2005 International Convention.

Positive growth was achieved in all four regions of the Kiwanis world: North America, Latin America, Asia-Pacific, and Europe.

"Our commitment to regional growth plans, positive organizational messages, Kiwanis-branded service, K University, and membership growth (TAG) teams are examples of how we are building momentum," says CEO/Executive Director Rob Parker. "We have established a strong foundation and must continue our

commitment to achieving a million members by 2015.”

The final figure for each club, division, and district on September 30 is also the official starting figure for 2006-07. Clubs can add and delete members at any time during the Kiwanis year, as well as when the club roster is submitted to each club at the time of annual dues billing. However, member adds and deletes during the year will not change the October 1 starting figure.

Clubs only pay dues for members reported on their corrected club roster, while annual growth achievement is measured by the September 30 final figure each year. To maintain accuracy and avoid confusion, it is important for clubs to report member adds and deletes as they occur. New members should begin receiving Kiwanis magazine and their district newsletter as soon as possible, so they can become informed about the organization they have joined.

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### THE KIWANIS CLUBS OF FARIBAULT CHILI SUPPER IS A SUCCESS!

The Kiwanis Club of Faribault held a Chili Supper on Sunday, October 29, 2006 at the American Legion Club from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The menu was Chili, grilled cheese sandwiches, ice cream, coffee and milk. The cost per person was \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages, 2-10 years old.

The Kiwanis Club had a net profit of over \$1,400. They were really pleased with the outcome. The funds will be used to support our project to purchase school supplies for all the elementary schools in Faribault. These school supplies are given to students who cannot afford to purchase the supplies on the list that was provided by each individual school. They are also putting together bags, with a blanket, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb and a stuffed animal for foster children.

### THE GOLDEN "K" KIWANIS CLUB OF OWATONNA CREATES A BOOK NOOK!

A team of Kiwanians: **Bob Hollinger**, President, **Bob Blankers**, Book Nook coordinator, and our beloved piano player, **David Fairbrother**, Director and Chairperson of the Youth Committee, and **Dawn Fairbrother**, President-Elect and Chairperson of the Young Children Priority One Committee, worked with **Stormy Trom**, Director and the Manager of the Steele County Food Shelf to create a Book Nook. A book nook was created in an area inside the door of the Food Shelf. Books were collected by fellow Kiwanians and brought to the new book nook. **Bob Blankers** is in charge of keeping Book Nook supplied with books. In the future, our Kiwanis Club may create a Book Nook at the Steele County Clothesline location.

### FIRST ANNUAL MN-DAK DISTRICT KIWANIS KEY LEADER CAMP

Kiwanians **Clover Ellingson**, District Director of Key Leader; **Vickie Walters**, Region 5 Immediate Past Lt. Governor; **Coralyn Dahl**, Governor-Elect, **Orin Dahl**, first gentleman-elect; **Dwain "Pete" Petersen**, Region 6 Immediate Past Lt. Governor; **Carole Petersen**, Member of the Kiwanis Mankato Downtown Club; **David Fairbrother**, Lt. Governor-Elect; **Dawn Fairbrother**, Region 6 Director of Administration; **Erin Fischer**, Kiwanis International Key Leader Specialist; and **Forrest Perry**, Key Leader Facilitator were part of the 1st Annual MN-DAK District, Kiwanis International Key Leader Training Camp was held at Camp Lakodia in Madison, S.D. on September 22-24.

Fifty high school-age youth from the three-state area attended and received instruction and orientation in leadership skills and activities. The cost was \$150 per youth. The event was open to any high school student. Students did not have to be members of a Kiwanis Key Club. Some were sponsored by a local Kiwanis Club, some of their parents paid their fee, some clubs paid half the fee and the student paid the other half of the fee. The next Key Leader event will be held **October 5-7, 2007 at Inspiration Point in Clitherall, MN**. You may want to add some scholarship money to help students attend this event next year. For more information, please contact Clover at [cloverjean@cablone.net](mailto:cloverjean@cablone.net) or one of the other Kiwanians who took part in this very important yearly event.

### Kiwanis Brings Ambassador to Rapid City

By Jim Kuehn

On October 23rd, thanks to persistence and some fortunate circumstances, Rapid Citians became better informed about world affairs while supporting Kiwanis-Mary Hall Park, an ongoing project of the two Kiwanis clubs in Rapid City, South Dakota.

In February, while reading the Kiwanis Magazine, Jim Kissel, President of the Kiwanis-Mary Hall Park Committee, was attracted to an advertisement by the American Foreign Service Association. In it, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice suggested that Kiwanians invite retired American diplomats to speak at their clubs. Immediately, Jim thought about a Kiwanis family connection that might bring such a program to the Black Hills. Michael Armacost, former U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines and Japan, is married to the former Roberta Bray of Rapid City. Her mother, Mrs. Robert Bray, lives a few doors away from Kissel, and her father, Dr. Robert Bray, was a longtime member of the Rapid City Downtown Kiwanis Club.

Pursuing the idea, Kissel learned that Armacost and his wife could be part of a family gathering in Rapid City, and with no fee to the Kiwanis organization, Armacost would speak about affairs in Asia. The Park Committee then promoted and arranged a dinner specifically for Kiwanians. Any proceeds about the cost of hall rental, food, and incidentals would go to the new park which is an environmental learning area for school children and a joint venture with the City of Rapid City.

Armacost was interviewed on a local noon television show and was quoted at length in the Rapid City Journal. The former President of the Brookings Institute said Asia needs to be monitored by the United States. "The cost of inattentiveness could be very high," said the former Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

The Journal writer quoted Armacost as saying that northeast Asia is "in the never five, 10 or 15 years probably more important than any other region in the world." As to North Korea's first nuclear test on October 9th, Armacost said, "They've always had this as one of their ambitions." He continued, "...North Korea is a pretty ineffectual country. It's surrounded by big countries on the borders who don't like that they have nuclear weapons -- Russia, the Chinese, the Japanese, South Koreans. So the key to making any headway would seem to be to speak in a unified way with the neighbors of North Korea."

Kiwanians and their guests left with gratitude to Armacost and appreciation to Mrs. Bray for assisting with arrangements. Any bills were paid, \$640 went into the Park Committee's checking account.

## **GOLDEN "K" KIWANIS CLUB HONORS KIWANIAN WHO SERVED IN THE MILITARY**

The Golden Kiwanis Club of Owatonna, MN. held their first annual Veterans Day observance to honor those in the Club who served in the military. The idea came from Dawn Fairbrother, who presented the program.

Dawn, who has done other patriotic programs, opened the program by stating: "No matter what a person's political beliefs may be, we must always support our troops who are serving in the military! Our military needs all the prayers, positive reinforcement and support we can give to them as well as their families!" "We also need to recognize those who did not, could not, and were not and are not able to serve as being the heroes who remained home and worked to keep the homeland safe; plus get the airplanes, jeeps, tanks, and weapons, etc. made so our military had what they needed to fight!"

Our Kiwanis Club has 22 members who have served in World War II plus the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. These brave Kiwanians are: **Berlyn Staska, Orville Hanson, Maynard Burt, Don Klaessy, Clem Schroeder, Bob Hollinger, Jack Etherton, Carrol Evans, Dave Meyers, Fred Bosacker, Merle Brekke, Wayne Knutson, Tom Bryne, Worth Gallentine, Ken Numedahl, Sandy Johnson, Elmer Lamont, Cliff Hokanson, Willis Yule, Del Cass, Ken Mjoen, and Alan Peterson.**

Every branch of the military was represented. Service veterans, **Clem Schroeder, Jack Etherton, M. "Nick" Nikoley and Bob Hollinger** came to the podium and talked about their World War II experiences. Each member was given a patriotic cross pin, pocket calendar, flag pencil and a "\$100" designed pencil for being a part of the program.

The program started with the singing of the National Anthem and God Bless America. As members of each branch of service came forward, our Pianist, **Bob Blankers**, played their military hymn. The program ended with several readings and information about our American flag and what each fold of the American Flag means. There was also a prayer for all the men and women who are currently serving in the military and their families. Please see page 6 for "Scenes From Our Veterans Day program.

### **DO YOU HAVE SOMEONE CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE MILITARY?**

If you do, please let us know if you would like your fellow Kiwanians to pray for them and/or, write to them, and/or perhaps send them a "Care package" from home. You are also welcome to contact **Dawn Fairbrother, via muffins3@charter.net or by calling 507-451-5939** and have your story put in a future edition of the Minnekotan and/or the Region 6 Newsletter.

### **DO YOU LIVE IN THE ALBERT LEA, MN. AREA?**

The Albert Lea Golden "K" II has scheduled a **Breakfast Buffet** fundraiser for **Saturday, December 09, 2006** at Applebee's Neighborhood Restaurant. The Restaurant is located at 2740 Bridge Avenue in Albert Lea, MN.

The menu will consist of eggs, sausage, hash browns, pancakes, coffee and juice. They will be serving from 7:00 a.m.

until 10:00 a.m. Tickets cost \$5.00 per person. All of their Golden "K" Club members are selling tickets. You may also purchase a ticket at the door. All funds earned at this event will help the Kiwanians to continue with their service projects for children.

You can contact James Tomson, Club Secretary at 507-373-5797 or Robert Pleiss, Club President at 507-373-1901 for more information.

If you are in the area on that date, please try to attend and help make their fundraiser a success!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WORTHINGTON EARLY RISERS CLUB!

The Worthington Early Risers combined hard work with teamwork plus their love of children and attained Distinguished Club status for the 2004-2005 Kiwanis Year.

Representing the MN-DAK Kiwanis District, Worthington, Region 6, represents one of 11 distinguished clubs who earned the award in the areas of education, service and growth, according to the criteria set by Kiwanis International.

Congratulations to each and every member of this club! You are an inspiration to other Region 6 Kiwanis Clubs to become distinguished!

## Kiwanis Day in South Dakota -- A New Experience - Revisited

Governor Mike Rounds proclaimed November 4th -- Kiwanis Day in South Dakota. And Kiwanians from all over Region 4 and Region 5 -- met for the first time "together" in nearly 10 years. The setting was the South Dakota Hall of Fame in Chamberlain -- on the banks of the Missouri River. It was a gorgeous day as the 55 or so that attended from East and West River South Dakota used every minute to listen to Governor Coralyn Dahl -- a native daughter of South Dakota -- returning to give her 6-c's of success, hear from seven members of the new Diversity Club, take an hour to share pride in their club and project ideas that others could use -- and dine on pheasant that fit nicely with else was on the menu.

The Region 5 Club-s on central time met an hour early -- and Lt Governor Bill Zortman presented Region 5 Kiwanians of the Week beginning with October 2nd -- running through to November 6th. Winners were **Colleen Weiss of Pierre** for her enthusiasm, promotion of reading to children, and support of Kiwanis. **Jack Stengel of Milbank** was given the Kiwanian of the Week award for his years of support -- including the last six months as President -- going the extra mile driving weekly from Sioux Falls to Milbank. **Mick Niles of Chamberlain** was named for one-man band support of the River City Band Festival. Mick was also given a special trombone nicktie by the Lt Governor for his work bringing River City music and Kiwanis together for 7 years. **Janice Monolis** -- heavily responsible for the creation of the David Buchanan Visitation Center for family abuse in Huron was named as well. She has also supported the Redfield Family Violence Center. **Rose Pulford of Madison** has served as the cheerleader for all of Kiwanis and particularly our own Vickie Walters. The first surprise of the day was for Lyle Terveen -- who rode to Chamberlain with Sioux Falls Downtown President Rick Hoogendoorn. What he didn't know was that his son **Kevin Terveen** -- would be receiving a Kiwanian of the Week Award for organizing a clothing drive with K-Kids of Discovery elementary school for the benefit of the Multi-Cultural Center -- as well as saving the club \$1000 on the new website.

At 11:30 -- Lt Governor Frank Ferguson from Region 4 and Lt Governor Zortman from Region 5 opened the conference. 2005-2006 Lt Governors Vickie Walters and Kay Cox read a proclamation from Governor Rounds making it Kiwanis Day in South Dakota. The proclamation was presented to the South Dakota Hall of Fame and the Chamberlain Club for their historic safe-keeping.

During the luncheon -- Governor Dahl -- praised the value of Region 4 and Region 5 meeting together and called on Kiwanians to follow the 6 c's---

---**comfort** --key to the way we do things. But don't be so comfortable that you can't see things differently.

---**Competition** -- good between clubs and individuals but needs to be in good spirit!

---**Change** -- What change? International trustees are looking at plans that could change Regions, Districts and much more in the next 5 years.

---**Cooperation** -- Serving others -- and sharing how we do is key to cooperation.

---**Congeniality** --- not overbearing -- help others -- and by working together we help so many.

---**Conscience** -- how do I measure up? Do we shut others out? Conscience can be our guide.

Governor Dahl was introduced by South Dakota's Favorite Son -- Governor Elect Bill Daugherty of Sioux Falls -- who like others is hopeful that during his year Region 4 and Region 5 can again meet together. Lt Governor Ferguson announced later that the 2007 meeting will be at Pierre --- where Pierre President Jeff Mammenga serves as a high ranking officer of a museum you have to experience.

Connie Halverson explained the value of the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile that has helped 3700 with dental care in the last year or so with Aberdeen, Belle Fourche, Bison, Buffalo, Eagle Butte, Herreid, Hot Springs, Murdo, Piedmont, Rapid City, Rosebud, Sioux Falls, Sturgis, Watertown and others. Retail value of the care is at \$1.5 million. Only one opening in 2007 -- and Jed Klein of Huron asked about that.

An hour long session in the afternoon gave each club a chance to share ideas and take ownership of what their club did. Region 4 and Region 5 took good notes --- but all in Kiwanis -- here are the ideas submitted by club:

- **Hot Springs** -- provides dictionaries for schools --- a project that was in the top 10 of all those suggested. They also do terrific kids
- **Lead** --- does a student of the month in the schools --- provides muffins for moms and once a year does a donut for grandparents at the school.
- **Sioux Falls Downtown** -- provided \$27,000 from the Pancake House -- does a zoo day, supports 2 elementary K-kids and has a special December 7th Christmas Party.
- **Madison** -- does a special night for prom kids to let them party and keep them off the streets. In addition a seat belt safety program they call Buckle Up Bulldog might fit your club.
- **Rapid City Downtown** -- has an 8 acre park and does a shoe project with the kids. \$2000 is donated to the Dental Bus.
- **Sioux Falls East** -- Former Gov Chuck Schroeder donated his special UNICEF tie. The former Governor explained how East worked with Sioux Falls South on the collection of crayons for children in Haiti -- and collected soccer balls to keep them coloring and kicking.
- **Sioux Falls South** -- Governor Daugherty's home club -- created the crayons project and originated the Sioux Falls Canaries Night. A year ago 12 attended -- this year 99. Other clubs -- including those from Rapid City and West River asked to be contacted on the event so they can join Iowa, Minnesota and other Kiwanis Clubs that attended the tail-gate and ball game.
- **Spearfish** -- Crossing guard duty has been successful as well as working with parents to make sure kids are not left in hot cars during the summer.
- **Aberdeen** -- Lt Governor 2006-2007 Bev Werner reported than an ice cream social and high school scholarship is just a couple of the projects they do.
- Mitchell -- Received a \$5,000 grant for playground equipment. Hospital and teddy bears are working well together -- and the club just turned 85!
- **Pierre** -- Will be 85 in February. They have a fishing pond for kids and have \$25,000 in scholarships
- **Brookings Golden K** -- 4 grade water conference -- helped the food pantry -- plus domestic abuse support at the hospital -- not bad for 104 member club
- **Huron** -- Pancake house at the State Fair --Salvation Army ---- a variety show -- and support for the Domestic Abuse Shelter
- **Sioux Falls West** -- Minnehaha County Treasurer Pam Nelson is organizing a statewide campaign for Kiwanis license plates.
- **Redfield** -- Once a threat to cease existence -- is now excited about the Crisis Center, HS Track Meet, Concession stand sales, bike ideas, and vital scholarships for the community.
- **Chamberlain** -- Read to school kids -- hosts the October Band Festival -- and uses a steak fry for installation night
- **Sioux Falls Daybreak** -- The only early morning club in Region 4 does the spinoza bears. \$150 for the talking, care bears that helps with serious and many times death circumstances for youngsters of all ages. The sale of the beannie babies and donations for other clubs in Chamberlain allowed them to buy 3 spinoza bears. The Lt Governor's home club ---- thanks all for the generosity.

In addition to the fine session with the **Ambassadors and Tag Team Members -- Don Kennedy in Region 4 --- Bobbi Nelson and Brenda Kleinjan in Region 5** -- clubs found new contacts and new ideas for publicity and recruiting members. Remember the Tag Team and Ambassadors are only a click away from helping your club.

In an emotional session --- seven members of the new Diversity Kiwanis Club talked about the next generation of Kiwanians that will help identify projects that fly under the radar --- as well as the members that want to help -- but probably needed this kind of challenge to get them involved. The support from Region 4 and Region 5 helped them hold an unforgettable Charter Night 10 days later in Sioux Falls. A special donation from the Kiwanis Clubs of Region 4 and Region 5 --- helped get them started as a club. Excess funds from the Region 4 - 5 event in 2007 -- will go to the new club that Region 4 is in the process of forming.

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