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Time to Think Spring and Growth!!

04/02/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Denis Cornell, Governor

It's April...and spring is in full swing. This year it seems like we have taken a quantum leap into summer. Spring is the time of year that we think about renewal. Flowers begin to bloom and the new leaves begin to emerge on the trees and shrubs. This is also the time of year that we should think about a new opportunity to renew and strengthen our Kiwanis clubs. The best way to insure that we continue to provide quality service to our communities is to insure that we have strong Kiwanis clubs. Growth is essential to club strength and vitality. Just as a tree sprouts new growth in the spring to continue to be a vital part of the landscape, we also must continue to grow to be a vital part of the fabric of our community.

The month of May has been designated as Membership Month by Kiwanis International. During the month of April conduct a club analysis and prepare for a strong membership drive in May. Go to www.kiwanisone.org and click on the **May is Membership** tab to access a simple ten step process to prepare for a successful membership campaign. It is essential to properly prepare for the campaign in order to present potential members with the best possible exposure to Kiwanis. Come on..."Let's get growing!!"



The early bird registration for international convention expired on March 20th, but you can still register to be a part of history for the Minnesota-Dakotas District. Join us in New Orleans in June and help us campaign for the election of Stewart Ross as Vice President of Kiwanis International. Stewart will be only the third MN-DAK member to become Kiwanis International President. He will be the international president in 2015, the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis. Won't it be great to have the Kiwanis International President be from our district. Come with us and let's "Blow our horn for Kiwanis!!"

Has your club donated the Annual Club Gift to the Kiwanis International Foundation and the Century Club donation to the Minnesota-Dakotas Education Foundation? Your Annual Club Gift to the Kiwanis International Foundation is extremely important to ensure continued matching scholarships for our Circle K and Key Club students as well as grants for qualifying projects. Your Century Club donation will continue growth of the MN-DAK

Education Foundation which funds scholarships for students in each of the seven regions in our district. Check with your club president and/or treasurer to see if these donations have been made. The kids are depending on us.

As you read this, Nancy and I have completed visits to six of the seven regions in the district. We have met wonderful Kiwanians at every stop, participated in great service projects and raised funds for The Eliminate Project as well as the MN-DAK Education Foundation and Outreach. We sincerely thank everyone for the hospitality we have been shown. **YOU** are the most important people in Kiwanis!!

"Let them know us by our service!!"

April Update

04/01/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas



District Kiwanis Convention: Mark your calendars...the Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention will be held August 3-5, 2012 in St. Cloud, Minnesota. All clubs should be represented at this annual convention. More information will be coming soon!

Monthly Club Reports: Thanks again to club secretaries that submit their club reports online each month. Your reports provide very valuable information to the district officers and Kiwanis International. (Reminder to club secretaries: Be sure that your club monthly reports are submitted online by the 10th of each following month.)

Club Elections: Just a reminder that your club election results will be due June 1st. Club secretaries should submit the club election reports online through the same KiwanisOne webpage that we use for monthly club reporting.

Kiwanis International Convention- New Orleans: Besides registering for the convention, be sure to report your club's two International Convention delegates and two alternates to the International Office by April 30 on the Delegate Certification Form. Be sure to send copy to the District Office. You can download a copy of the form from the Kiwanis International Convention website.

Lt. Governor Education Conference Planned: Governor Elect Cynthia Braseth, along with the Lt. Governor team for the upcoming 2012-2013 Kiwanis year will be meeting April 27-29 in Fergus Falls. They will be learning more about their role on the district level and developing district plans and goals.

District Kiwanis Foundation Board and Past Governors Meeting: Both of these groups will be meeting May 18-19 in Fergus Falls.

As always, think Membership Growth at all times! Only through maintaining and growing our membership can we be the vibrant service organization that is truly "Serving the Children of the World".

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The Eliminate Project Needs YOU!!

03/28/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bill Daugherty

Minn/Dak is leading the way in our Region with the selection of club coordinators to work with our Divisional Coordinators. Club members with an interest in the Eliminate Project should seek out the positions of club coordinator so that we can change the World through Eliminating Maternal/Neonatal Tetanus. Clubs should be contacted by the Regional coordinators.



Region 1 Darlene VanderVorst (701-633-3653 in Mandan,ND)

Region 2 Josh McKinney (605-310-9766 in Fargo, ND)

Region 3 Jean Collins (218-829-1318 in Brainerd) Scott Mescher (218-263-6379 in Hibbing) and Joe Hesch (218-525-2857 in Duluth)

Region 4 Don Kennedy (605-348-1848 in Rapid City)

Region 5 Allen Herrboldt (605-361-3654 in Sioux Falls)

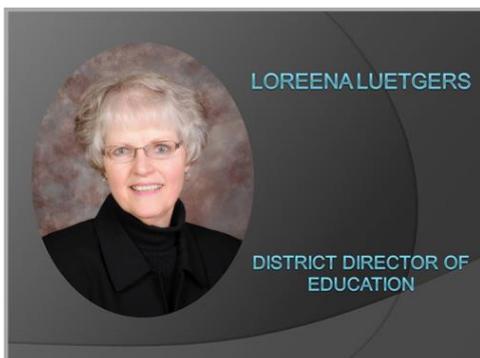
Region 6 Stewart Ross (507-304-1624 in Mankato) Dawn Fairbrother (507-363-6766 in Owatonna) and Dennis Leutgers (507-372-2011 in Worthington)

Region 7 Don Felmlee (651-388-2698 in Red Wing) and Herb Erickson (507-289-8550 in Rochester)

Let's rally around the Eliminate Project. We have a four to five year window to reach our goal.

Club Leadership Education is approaching

03/28/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Loreena Luetgers



When I started to write this article, I thought it would be great to let you hear from some of the participants that attended Club Leadership Education last year. Also, to read what one of the instructors had to say about their session.

I randomly chose a few instructors and participants, hoping to hear about the positive things that they experienced. You know, kind of a "commercial", if you please. Let me share some of the comments from the first one that I received:

"I am sorry to tell you I was not satisfied with the CLE program last year. As the incoming president for our local Kiwanis club, it did not fulfill my needs. I went specifically looking for help in organization, time management, and net working within the Kiwanis organization....I realize it will not help you write an article to get others to come to CLE training. But maybe in the right hands some positive changes can be accomplished." ~ Mark Nelson

I so appreciated this response! Maybe it will help others to come this year, because what he wrote to me was a list of ideas and thoughts and some of them were exactly what a few of us in leadership have been thinking for a long time. So, if you didn't think you want to come this year, "positive changes" will occur.

"The information we received was very valuable, but I think even more important was spending time with the other clubs in our area and receiving input and ideas from another perspective." ~ Kelsey Holt

Let me share a response from a CLE Instructor:

"Last spring I had the privilege to be a CLE instructor for the first time. Even though I was a little nervous, I did enjoy the experience. I enjoyed meeting Kiwanis members that I had not met before and to interact with those who have had significant Kiwanis leadership experience. I learned much myself through the interaction and sharing from both the seasoned leaders and those who were stepping into a leadership experience for the first time. The reward for leading the CLE was when a president-elect stated, "This is new to me, I did not realize that before." I am looking forward to leading a CLE session again." ~ Allen Herrboldt, Region 5

There are no two CLE sessions that are alike because of the instructors and interaction between the participants. This sharing is a learning time for everyone present and that is what Allen is referring to.

Each year the participants complete an evaluation following their session. Also, each instructor was given an evaluation so the Education Committee can also evaluate the Club Leadership Education as a whole. These are valuable to the committee. If we don't know what's wrong, how can we "fix" it?

The CLE sessions are currently being planned and the information will be sent to each club as soon as the arrangements are made. Last year we had eighteen sessions with over fifty percent of the clubs attending.

So, remember: It is FREE! It is for EVERYONE!

- Club officers and all members are invited.
- Requirement for the President positions for 2012-2013.
- Leadership skills
- Club officers' duties
- And much, much more

We, as club members, should want to help mentor others to become club officers. So, when you register, please bring along some club members with you. The only cost is the meal, which can be reimbursed by your club.

We are looking forward to seeing you at a Club Leadership Education session this year!

Proposed Standard Form for Club Bylaws

03/16/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Kiwanis International

Proposed Standard Form for Club Bylaws - More flexible and adaptable bylaws for Kiwanis' next 100 years.

Even though Kiwanis will soon turn 100, we're looking to the future, not the past. With that in mind, a Kiwanis International task force has proposed a new Standard Form for Club Bylaws with Kiwanis' next 100 years in mind.

The Standard Form for Club Bylaws states each club's agreement with Kiwanis International on basic standards to belong to the organization and to use the Kiwanis names and marks.

The current Standard Form often includes a high level of detail that, for the most part, probably is no longer helpful or necessary in modern society. The new proposal reduces the rules prescribed by Kiwanis International and provides greater flexibility and autonomy to clubs. It also simplifies the language, increases global applicability and applies to traditional and nontraditional clubs.

The Kiwanis International Board is sharing the new proposal for discussion purposes to learn what questions or concerns members may have before the board ultimately adopts the final wording later this year. Members are urged to review the proposal, which includes a summary of changes and frequently asked questions, at [Click here](#) . Comments may be sent to the Kiwanis International Office at bylawsspecialist@kiwanis.org .

There will also be two forums on this topic at the 2012 Kiwanis International convention.

Before the proposed new Standard Form can be adopted, some provisions of the Kiwanis International Bylaws first will have to be amended. The Kiwanis International council adopted some of these revisions in January 2012; other amendments will be considered at the 2012 Kiwanis International convention. You can review these at [Click here](#) .

We hope each club will take this opportunity to review the proposed club bylaws and provide comments, and send two delegates to the 2012 Kiwanis International convention to vote on corresponding changes to the Kiwanis International bylaws. See you in New Orleans!

Kiwanis in Bottineau

03/27/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bruce Klair, District New Club Building Director

The newest Kiwanis Club in the Minnesota/Dakotas District is the Kiwanis Club in Bottineau, North Dakota. After two pre-organizational meetings these folks held their official organizational meeting on March 22 and elected officers, chose a bank for their funds, determined a meeting time and place, and conducted all the necessary actions to submit their request for charter to Kiwanis International.

The Minot Golden K Kiwanis Club has agreed to be the sponsor for this club and we know with their guidance this will be a great club. Special thanks go to Immediate Past Governor Lowell Disrud, as well Minot Golden K Club president Weyburn Niewoehner for

their dedication and commitment to this effort.

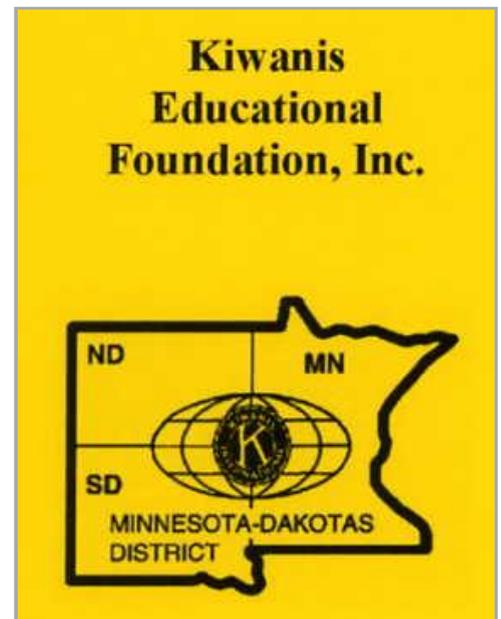


Century Club - Minnesota-Dakotas Educational Foundation

03/20/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Dale Carlson

We need more clubs to submit their Century Club donations to the MN-DAK District Kiwanis Educational Foundation. Donations have been coming in but many clubs have not responded. As of this date we have 22 clubs that have donated a total of \$2700.00. This is less than last year at the same time. If your club has not donated please encourage the club leadership to do so.

A Kiwanis Club in the Minnesota-Dakotas District becomes a Century Club member with a contribution of \$100.00 which can be taken from Youth Activities funds, Project Profit funds, or Administrative funds, whichever is most convenient. Because its only function is providing scholarship funds for graduating high school seniors, the MN-DAK District Kiwanis Educational Foundation offers an on-going youth service project for every club.



With the ever-increasing cost of higher education students need financial assistance more than ever. Scholarships awarded by the MN-DAK District Kiwanis Educational Foundation for the 2011-12 college year had to be reduced by \$50.00 to \$700.00 per student. This reduction was due to a poor return on investments and decreased giving by clubs and individuals. Please encourage your club to become a "Century Club" or continue to be a sustaining member of the "Century Club."

Investment returns are better this year and the MN-DAK Kiwanis Educational Foundation Board of Directors anticipate that we may be able to increase the annual scholarship to \$800.00 per student for the 2012-13 college year. Our goal is to get to \$1000.00 per year per student in the near future. PLEASE HELP US MAKE OUR GOAL!

In recognition of the gift the club will receive a Foundation patch for it's banner and will be listed publicly with other Century Club members. Many clubs which are already Century Clubs sustain their membership with an annual contribution of \$100.00 and receive additional recognition for their gift.

Please contact: Jack Zierdt, Secretary/Treasurer
Kiwanis Educational Foundation
914 Southern Pine Ln. SW
Rochester, MN 55902

to contribute to the "Century Club" or to get information and forms pertaining to the

"Century Club" or other MN-DAK District Kiwanis Educational Foundation programs. You may also find the information and forms on the MN-DAK District Web Site.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

03/27/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Chuck Schroder

When I was thinking what I would write about this month, I looked back at some of the articles that I have written and then it hit me. Each one of us that belong to Kiwanis can



make a difference in someone's life by contributing to the Kiwanis International Foundation.

The money that we give to the Annual Gift Campaign, touches so many people in the world, by our grants to the clubs, for the scholarships to our Key Club and Circle K members, for research, and many other needed projects. But, we won't be able to make that difference if we don't contribute. If your club has not participated yet in the annual gift campaign, now is the time to send it in.

At the present time, our district is only at \$1.91 per member. Last year at this same time we were over \$3.00 per member. The \$5.00 per member is for the whole year, and this can be done by passing the hat at a club meeting a couple of times. So if your club has not done so, please make sure that they do it now, so you can say "I MADE A DIFFERENCE".

Chuck Schroder, KIF
District Chairman

DO YOU HAVE ANY TERRIFIC/B.U.G.S?

03/28/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: David Fairbrother, Administrator for K-Kids

David Fairbrother, the Minnesota-Dakotas District K Kids Administrator, is looking for your help in identifying any B.U.G. and/or TERRIFIC KIDS projects currently in operation in the Minnesota-Dakotas District. B.U.G. stands for BRING UP GRADES, and is a project of the K Kids program, that helps to motivate students improve academically. TERRIFIC KIDS is a separate project that helps to improve student self esteem and conduct.

I am seeking to identify which MNDK Clubs are utilizing these projects. Benefits for known programs would include suggestions, tips, and information available from Kiwanis International that I send out on a monthly basis. Participating in either of these two programs currently help Clubs to qualify for the Distinguished Club award.

If your Club is conducting one or both of these projects, or if you know of another Club that is, please contact me with this information at muffins3@charter.net, or 507-451-5939. Thanks for your assistance and cooperation!

Club News

Key Part of Community

03/30/2012 - Club: Austin - Submitted by: Austin Kiwanis Club

(Submitted by Dawn Fairbrother- the following article was written by Dave Churchill, Editor of the of the Austin Daily Herald in his weekly column on Friday March 16, 2012.)

AUSTIN NOON KIWANIS CLUB IS A KEY PART OF THEIR COMMUNITY!

This is a fine example of the difference that one Kiwanis Club can make in their community to fulfill the Kiwanis motto: "Kiwanis is an organization, of volunteers, dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time".

When the Austin Herald published its annual Progress Edition at the end of last month, the Austin Noon Kiwanis Club, of 37, members was rather pleased with how it turned out. But pride, as the old saying has it, goeth before a fall. We learned that the Progress Edition page which listed Austin service clubs had come up short: Our Kiwanis Club was left out.

As a listing of service clubs, this was a major oversight because Kiwanis Clubs have been part of the Austin community since the spring of 1922; and have done a lot of good during those 90 years, dedicating the majority of their extensive fund-raising proceeds to youth and children's causes.

As our Kiwanis Club was checking around for information on the Kiwanis Clubs in Austin, Noon Club member, Laura Tjomsland, brought in a copy of "The First 75 Years," a Club history that long-time Kiwanian, Gene Roden, wrote in 1997.

Mr Roden's history refers to project after project and donation after donation that flowed from Kiwanis that included everything from gifts of a few dollars to major support for the construction of a swimming pool.

That's a tradition that has continued in more recent years. The Noon Kiwanis Club projects have included Neveln School playground equipment, St. Augustine School playground equipment, college scholarships for Austin students, playground equipment for Woodson School, contributions to 4-H, Pacelli After-Prom...it's a long list. They support at least 26 different projects and organizations.

And, that is just the Austin Noon Kiwanis Club. The Austin Early-Risers who, as their name suggests, meet on Wednesday mornings, likewise, raise funds to support children's causes and scholarships for the Austin community.

As dry as the subject material might sound, the Noon Club history made for an interesting read, not least because of Mr. Roden's dry sense of humor. Of the Kiwanis Club's activities he wrote, "As a fundraiser the club attempted selling petunias; 2,870 boxes were left after an advance sale. The history of 1976 was particularly brief because Mr. Roden could find meeting minutes for only a few months. "One wonders whether the Club was growing complacent." Apparently it was not, because much more complete records exist for later years, details that give glimpses into some of the major historical events in Austin and the nation.

In the early 1980's, for instance, many organizations that had admitted only men or only women as members were pressured to change their policies. Mr. Roden's concise summary makes it clear how difficult the change was. One local employer quit paying employees' dues for clubs that didn't admit both genders. In 1984, Noon club members

split on whether to support a national rule change that would admit women. In 1987, a Supreme Court ruling forced the Rotary Clubs to admit women and Kiwanis, like most organizations, followed suit.

From the early days shortly after World War I until past the dawn of the Internet, Mr. Roden's history paints a picture of how Kiwanis evolved, changed and continued to serve the community. Like many other service organizations, they have been a big part of the fabric of the Austin community.

The two Austin Kiwanis Clubs meet on Wednesday. The Noon Club at the Hormel Historic Home. The Early Risers, 7:00 a.m., at the Eagles Club.

South Dakota School of Mines students recognized at Circle K convention

03/28/2012 - Club: Rapid City - Submitted by: Patricia Mahon



RAPID CITY, S.D. (March 20, 2012) – The Circle K International chapter of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology was recognized for Distinguished Club Improvement, Outstanding Single Service Award and Club Achievement at a recent district convention.

Students attending the March 24 Minnesota Dakotas (Minn-Dak) Circle K District Convention in Brookings were Rushang Bhardwaj, a freshman chemical engineering major from Gurgaon, India; Anne Christensen, club secretary/treasurer, a sophomore industrial engineering and engineering management major from Sioux Falls; Spencer Ferguson, club president, a junior civil engineering major from Sioux Falls; Zebedee Johnson, a freshman mining engineering major from New Richmond, Wisc.; Nicholas Kelly, a junior mechanical engineering major from Sioux Falls; and Hayden Waisanen, a senior computer science major from Deadwood. Waisanen was elected as the 2012-2013 Minn-Dak district governor and Zebedee Johnson was elected lieutenant governor of the Circle K Dakota Star Division.

Ferguson was awarded one of four \$1,000 Will Backes Scholarships during the convention.

Waisanen delivered the keynote address, "The Epidemic of Service," at the convention banquet based on the first-place honor his presentation received during the summer 2011 Circle K International Convention.

The SDSM&T Circle K chapter is the college affiliate of the Rapid City Downtown Kiwanis Club. Student members of the service organization have logged 500 hours of volunteer work so far this school year, including organizing the trick-or-treat for canned goods, collaborating with the Black Hills Workshop through the Heroes and Hardrockers program and participating with the Martin Luther King Day-on food drive.

Got a Buck Eighty?

03/28/2012 - Club: Sioux Falls Daybreak - Submitted by: Randy Hohn-Daybreak Kiwanis

Sioux Falls Daybreak Kiwanis is pleased to announce that they have partnered with Faini Designs Jewelry Studio of Sioux Falls to host a \$1.80 ELIMINATE Night. The evening will be entertaining, informational and give everyone chances to win, to bid, to snack 'n sip and most importantly; to see different ways to contribute to the ELIMINATE Project taken on by Kiwanis.



The theme for the evening is focused on the mere \$1.80 it takes to provide the necessary shots needed by Moms to save baby's lives against tetanus.

To name a few things Faini Designs Jewelry Studio has committed to:

- A raffle of a Drusy Quartz gemstone pendant valued over \$300.00 (tickets \$1.80 each)
- Every dollar put in the 2 for Jug (up to \$250.00) that night will be matched by Faini Designs Jewelry Studio for ELIMINATE
- Four silent auctions starting at \$18.00 with \$1.80 increments going to ELIMINATE
- For each Kiwanian signing in = \$1.80 going to ELIMINATE
- For each Reflections bracelet or bead sold = \$1.80 going to ELIMINATE
- Faini Designs Jewelry Studio will award \$100.00 to the Kiwanis Club with highest percent of club members attending ELIMINATE Night (outside of Daybreak)
- And much more including extensive tours of the facility showing how jewelry is made.

The ELIMINATE Night will be held Thursday April 26th from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Faini Designs Jewelry Studio located at 69th & Western in Sioux Falls. ALL Kiwanians can bring family and/or friends to this exciting night to have a great time while supporting a great cause - ELIMINATE.

Raffle tickets will be sold from April 26th through May 10th. Reflections jewelry can be viewed at www.ReflectionBeads.com and can be pre-ordered by contacting randy@FainiDesigns.com . Any questions about this event can be directed to that e-mail or call 605-339-6956.

Corporate Membership

03/27/2012 - Club: Sturgis Golden K - Submitted by: Deb Looby

Sturgis Golden K Kiwanis Club has been working on Corporate Membership. Pictured



here are District Membership Chairperson Sharon Scudder along with Don Workentine of the Sturgis Golden K Kiwanis. Together they and other members sent out over 100 invites to members of the corporate community.

So far three corporate membership applications have been received and many more are expected!

Sturgis Golden K Kiwnais Donate to the Community

03/27/2012 - Club: Sturgis Golden K - Submitted by: Deb Looby

Kiwanis Worldwide dedicates their services to one child at a time. Sturgis Golden K takes it a step further and donates each year to many children at a time! Although many of our recipients were unavailable for pictures, we gave freely to many organizations.



Shown here with our president Gordan Kotab are representatives of Relay for Life, Sturgis Jaycees, Project Friendship (keeping disabled children with friendships), Little Mended Hearts (taking care of families with those children with heart defects) and Sturgis Community Center (providing scholarships for children).

Sturgis Golden K is proud to give back to our community!

Alex Golden K Donation Purchases Emergency Pediatric Medical Bags

03/23/2012 - Club: Alexandria Golden K - Submitted by: John Loken



The Alexandria Kiwanis Golden K recently donated \$1,000 to the Alexandria Fire Department to purchase pediatric medical bags for use in responding to medical emergencies involving infants and small children. With this donation the department was able to purchase three bags. Each bag contains national EMSC (Emergency Medical Services for Children) equipment and supplies. These items are suited for the physiologic, anatomic, developmental and emotional characteristics of children and their unique health care needs. The

pediatric medical bags are now carried in the Heavy Rescue Truck (unit #27), Chief's Rig (unit # 30) and Mini Rescue Truck (unit #24). With this equipment our first responders are better equipped to deal with the special needs of infants and small children in our community.

Kiwanis International is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. Around the world, Kiwanis members stage nearly 150,000 service projects, devote more than 6 million hours of service and raise nearly US\$107 million every year for communities, families and projects. Golden K is a special Kiwanis Club, dedicated to serving the community and its youth. Golden K is made up primarily of retired people, although it is not limited to them. In addition to its donation to the fire department, the Alexandria Golden K manages the "Terrific Kids" program, provides for a summer tennis clinic for 4-6 grade students and gives financial support to many Douglas County organizations. For more information on Kiwanis and Golden K, please email Harvey Weisel at: hgweisel@rea-wireless.com

Photo attached:

L to R:

1. Arland Hirman, Past President, Alexandria Kiwanis Golden K
2. Bill Thoennes, 1st Assistant Chief (in yellow)
3. Mark Bergerson, Rescue EMS Officer (in red)
4. Roger Granlund, Treasurer, Alexandria Kiwanis Golden K

5. Ron Moore, Captain (black)
6. Chris Johnson, Lieutenant (white)

Pennies for Patients - Prairie Elementary School K-Kids Club

03/21/2012 - Club: Early Risers, Worthington - Submitted by: Dale Carlson

Congratulations to the Prairie Elementary School K-Kids Club (Worthington, MN) on a tremendous job of raising money for Pennies for Patients. The money raised goes to help Minnesota children with cancer and leukemia. Last year K-Kids raised \$1712.24 for Pennies for Patients. This year their goal was to raise \$2,000.00. They actually raised \$4,892.86. ISN'T THAT INCREDIBLE!



Mr. Zach Dingmann's 4th grade room raised \$308.36. This earned them 1st place among all the classrooms and they were rewarded with a classroom pizza party.

Seventeen Prairie Elementary School teachers volunteered for a "pie-in-face" contest. Any student who raised money for Pennies for Patients had their name placed in a drawing to "pie a teacher." On Thursday PM (March 8) the entire school gathered in the gym and 17 student names were drawn and they got to "pie a teacher." The students and faculty had a very fun time with this and it was a fitting celebration for a job well done.

A big thank you to Ms. Stephanie Fletcher and Mr. Zach Dingmann faculty advisors to K-Kids and to the K-Kids themselves. Also a big thank you to all the Prairie Elementary School students who participated, to the faculty, administration, and staff for their cooperation and support.

Thanks also to the members of the Worthington Early Risers Kiwanis Club who sponsor and support the Prairie Elementary School K-Kids Club.

Detroit Lake Polar Fest Plunge

03/16/2012 - Club: Detroit Lakes - Submitted by: Kimberly Wegleitner, President



The Detroit Lakes Kiwanis and their Key Club Raised \$1000 for the Polar Fest Plunge! Thanks to Key Club Members: Alice Steffl, Andrea Brognen, Desiree Spreeman, Ward Tinjum, Amber Eidschink, Lindsay Baker and Beau Blanchard, for jumping! It was a great day to do something crazy! Thank you to the DL Kiwanis Club for all of your pledges!

Celebrating 90 Years- Kiwanis Club of Redfield

03/14/2012 - Club: Redfield - Submitted by: Diane Dangel

Redfield (SD) Kiwanis was chartered February 3, 1922. We will celebrate our 90th anniversary on Wednesday, April 18th with a dinner and speaker that is open to the public.

The speaker will be Holly Hoffman, Eureka SD, who gained fame as a cast member on the CBS hit show "Survivor: Nicaragua". She finished 4th and was the last woman standing as well as the last member of her tribe to be voted off. Her story reads, "I became a motivational speaker, encouraging others to take opportunities and also focusing on attitude, confidence, determination, desire and faith."



The event will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 1514 East First Street, Redfield, beginning at 6:00 pm. The cost of the tickets for the meal and speaker is \$10 and must be purchased by April 15th.

Holly will also speak to the Redfield High School students and staff that afternoon, courtesy of our Kiwanis group.

Please contact Diane Dangel to purchase tickets or if you have any questions at ddangel13@msn.com or by phone (605) 472-1942. Thank you.

International Interclub

03/06/2012 - Club: Fargo - Submitted by: Courtney Taylor



At the end of January, I had the privilege of traveling to Japan. My trip was for pleasure, but I couldn't help including a little business. A friend at the Kiwanis International Office connected me with a liaison to the Japan District, who connected me with someone at the Japan District Office in Tokyo. A few days later, I was informed that the Kiwanis Club of Saitama was ready to receive me.

The size of the meeting was around 30 attendees, and roughly 40% were women. The served luncheon took place 12:00-12:30, and officers spoke 12:30-12:40. They even asked me to speak! I struggled with a few polite phrases in Japanese, and a translator helped me with the rest. The featured presenter, Professor Norio Toyoshima, spoke 12:40-1:25. He discussed the future of Japan. He suggested that an increase in the sales tax would weaken the country. He compared Japanese politics to those of the United States, England, and others. He also recommended that Japan consider revising its constitution to establish local ownership. Finally, he suggested that to have a great majority political party, you must have a good minority party. For this reason, Japan should not merge its current parties. Before and after his speech, Toyoshima bowed respectfully to the Kiwanis flag. Following the presentation, three clusters of members remained: some discussed an upcoming conference in Sri Lanka, several convened in a board meeting, and still more lingered to complete a service project of sewing and stuffing cloth dolls to be donated to the local hospital.

Visiting the Kiwanis Club of Saitama was one of the highlights of my trip abroad. The experience verified that Kiwanis really is everywhere and that our network is strong even against a tough language barrier. I encourage members of the Minn-Dak District to seek other clubs wherever you travel, and I look forward to seeing my new Japanese acquaintances at the International Convention in New Orleans!