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Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International

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Still Time to Convene

07/31/2010 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bruce Klair, District Governor

As I write this there is still time to register for the 93rd Annual MNDK District Convention, but time is growing short. The convention this year will be held on August 13-15 at the Doublewood Inn in Fargo, ND. Your club secretaries should still have registration forms on hand, or you can download the material from the District website. If you wait until the last minute, you can even register at the door when you arrive in Fargo. Our theme this year is "Kiwanis Rocks" and we are going to prove it right there in Vikingland. Whether you are a "first timer" or an "old timer", this convention will hold a lot in store for you. From the opening session to the closing ceremony, our convention planners have filled the weekend with fun and action-packed activities.

To get the most out of your convention experience, participate to the fullest. Become inspired with the excellent key note address right away on Friday afternoon. Wear your jeans and poodle skirts as we celebrate the 50's at the "Kiwanis Celebration Night" on Friday evening. Participate in the Kiwanis Khorale or just sit back and enjoy their performances throughout the weekend. Get your Kiwanis supplies at the Kiwanis Store. Shop for books at the Used Book Sale. Sign up for some excellent tours to enjoy the wonders of the Vikingland area. We hope you will bring supplies or gift cards to contribute to the District Service Project, providing supplies for the Fargo-Moorhead YWCA. There are great forums to choose from. Take in as many as you can and ask fellow club members to attend the ones you can't. We will all be inspired by an address by our new District Advisor, International Trustee Oscar Knight III. On Saturday afternoon we will conduct the business of the District at the House of Delegates. This is the time we will select our new leaders and retire the ones that have served us with so much dedication this past year. Finally, we will celebrate the success of the convention at the Governor's Banquet on Saturday night, and wrap the evening up at the Post Convention Party.



This convention is a great way to meet new friends and renew acquaintances with old ones. Meet as many people as you can, exchange ideas and ask them about their club and its service projects. Return home inspired and ready to share your experiences with

other members of your club. I know this will be a great experience, and we look forward to meeting each and every one of you.

In other business, a look at the calendar tells us that there are only two months left of this Kiwanis year. Has your club sent in their annual contribution to Outreach, the District Foundation and the International Foundation? We are running behind contributions that we had last year at this time, and we know that most clubs routinely have a line item in their budgets for these programs. Now is the time to make sure these contributions have been paid.

With only a short time left in the year, how is your club doing in membership? Membership recruiting has to be a year-long activity for your membership committee. At last year's convention I challenged all clubs to cover their losses this year and increase their membership by 5%. Already over 30 clubs have achieved that goal, and I plan to recognize them at the convention. If every club in our District could increase their membership by 5%, we would have 300 more sets of eyes to see the needs of our communities, and 300 more sets of hands to meet those needs. Now, more than ever, Kiwanians are needed to face the challenges our world faces today. If we won't, who will?

District Kiwanis Convention - August 13-15, 2010

07/31/2010 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn



More details and information about the District Convention to be held August 13-15, 2010 at the Doublewood Inn and Conference Center, Fargo, ND

CHECK LIST FOR KIWANIS ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION

Be sure to bring:

Toiletries etc., for the YMCA service project
Books for the used book store
Your club delegate form if not filed must be turned in

before you can receive your delegate ribbon.

- Money to purchase Kiwanis items from the Kiwanis Store
- 50's clothes for the Friday night event "Rockin in the 50's"
- Your enthusiasm

ROCKIN' IN THE 50'S PARTY --- Friday night

At the Friday night family event, we will be listening to 50's music brought to us by a well known local disc jockey. There will be time to listen, to visit with your Kiwanis Friends, and yes even a little time to enjoy a glide across the dance floor if you so desire.

This will also be the time when we will be honoring some great happenings in our district and in our clubs this past year, so plan to have some fun. If you have the bobby socks, Saddle oxfords penny loafers, blue jeans, tee shirts, and of course if you guys still have that full head of hair, here is a chance to show off that DUCK TAIL that all the guys and most of the girls thought was just the "Cats Meow".

Are you ready to go ROCKIN' in the 50's? Bring your rubber ducky and have a hoppin good time at the Friday Night event. Remember the 50's dress is optional, so don't stay

away.

District Convention FIRST TIMERS LUNCHEON:

This will be the 4th year that we have offered the "First Timer" luncheon and social for all first time attendees at the convention. This luncheon takes place right before the convention opens, and gives our first time attendees an opportunity to meet and hear from some of the folks that are a part of the convention.

During this time the first timers are enjoying a box lunch that is an additional charge of \$5 when they registered, and while they are eating, various members of the board and convention committee will be speaking to them and explaining what they will be seeing and hearing, and what they should look for when they are deciding what to do next at the event.

Watch for the First Timers as they will be wearing a special ribbon on their name tag that will identify them as First Timers and when you have a chance to meet them, be sure to welcome them and get acquainted with another first time attendee at a Kiwanis Convention. REMEMBER THE FIRST CONVENTION YOU EVER ATTENDED?

TIME TO CLEAN OUT YOUR BOOK SHELVES:

Books are valuable, and we need yours. If you have books that you need to sort, or are planning to get rid of, the 93rd District Convention is a perfect place to do that. Your books can be brought to the used book store at the convention, and if you wish a receipt for your donation one will be provided.

If you want to buy a new supply of books what a better place to do so, and at the same time you will be helping the local YWCA with their daily needs to house women and children who no longer can stay safely at their previous home.

Bring those books and support a wonderful cause. See you at the BOOK STORE near the entrance of the Convention center.

ON A MORE PERSONAL NOTE:

This year the planning and preparation has had a slight change from past years. Pat Rittgarn District Co-Director of conventions has been very ill, and since the 6th of June she has been either in the hospital (coma for 5 days) Intensive care for 10 days and then at a TCU unit for another 16 days.

She is now recovering at her home with Larry and oxygen 24/7 with home nursing, physical therapy and occupational therapy daily. The diagnose was double pneumonia and little or no lung action at the time she was admitted to the hospital.

We have continued to work on the convention and I hope you will all have a super time even if you notice an item or two missing from the usual convention setting you have enjoyed over the past several years.

Our daughter and granddaughter will be with us during the convention, and we are hoping that Pat will be able to at least make a brief appearance if not full time this year. Start now to enjoy 3 days of fun, socializing with other Kiwanis members and just having a great time.

SEE YOU IN FARGO on AUGUST 13-14-15, 2010

District Convention Service Project

07/29/2010 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Mary Sieling, District Service Director

District Service Project - Helping the YWCA and the Emergency Shelter on Saturday, the 14th at the District Convention.

Our District Service Project this year at the Kiwanis District Convention will focus on providing donations to the Women's and Children's Emergency Shelter at the YWCA on the north side of Fargo.



During the last week (July) the emergency shelter for women and children has been over capacity. The YWCA Emergency Shelter has a capacity for 65 women and children and lately they have been providing a safe haven to 40 women and 43 children. By serving 83 women and children, they have set a new record for the highest number served at our shelter at one time. They exceed capacity only to provide safe shelter for those escaping domestic violence situations. Over 67% of the women and children calling the shelter home today sought shelter because of domestic violence.

Summertime is historically a "busy" time at the YWCA Emergency Shelter. Looking over the past five years, the summer months are often a time when more women and children seek services of the YWCA. The YWCA is unique. They serve women and children. Women who are often afraid to flee domestic violence situations in the winter for fear of having no place to go or being forced to sleep in their cars in addition to not wanting to disrupt their child's routine anymore than necessary.

Some of their current needs are included in the separate list in the newsletter. Their website is www.YWCAcassclay.org should you decide to read more about the good things that the YWCA is doing in this community.

Please bring your items to the Convention and look for drop off points at the Doublewood Hotel and the presentation on Saturday over lunch. The collection will take place on Saturday between 2:00 and 2:45 p.m.

Let's make this a successful drive by the Kiwanis organization to help with the good they do!

[Click here for list of needs](#)

Most Urgent Needs

- Body wash
- Disinfecting spray/wipes
- Gas and grocery gift cards
- Paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, etc.)

Food

- ANY AND ALL FOOD IS NEEDED
- Fresh/frozen meat, produce, dairy, box dinners

Seasonal Clothing

- Children's slippers
- Children's socks (5T and larger)
- Adult and youth swimsuits of all sizes
- Women's and children's underwear (all sizes)

Household

- Hand/dish soap
- Laundry detergent & fabric softener
- Glass cleaner, counter top spray, bathroom cleaners

Hygiene

- Hair ties
- Shaving cream
- Antibiotic cream
- Diapers (sizes 5-6)
- Pull-ups (girls and boys, all sizes)
- Children's bubble bath & bath toys
- Unscented lotions/hand cream
- Feminine hygiene products (tampons & pads)

Other

- Jumper cables
- New bike helmets
- New full sheet sets
- Stroller and double strollers
- Gently-used furniture (couches, twin & full beds, dressers, desks)

Desired Items

- Batteries 9V, AA
- New pot/pan & silverware sets
- Activity passes (Yunker Farm, pool, zoo, movies, etc.)
- Gently-used countertop appliances (microwaves, toasters, etc.)
- Small cable ready televisions, converter boxes, and DVD players

August 2010 Update

07/30/2010 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas



District Convention: Our District Convention in Fargo is just a few days away. Lots of preparation and planning has been happening to ensure that this will be another great convention. It will be a great opportunity to learn new ideas, meet new friends and enjoy great Kiwanis fellowship. I hope to see you there. Further information about the convention can be found in the MINNEKOTAN and on the district website.

Club Secretaries: Be sure that you have submitted all of your monthly online club reports for the 09-10 year.

Remember that the September report (last report of the year) is due by October 10th, 2010. When you use the monthly online reporting system you will not be asked to submit a separate annual report.

Club Officer Election Reports: Thanks again to Club Secretaries for submitting the Annual Club Election Reports for 2010-2011. The reports were due June 1, so if you have not submitted your information online, please do so ASAP! We are still waiting for quite a few reports! Please include email addresses whenever possible. It is very important that Kiwanis International and the District Office both receive this information in a timely

manner so that directories and mailing lists can be compiled. When filed online the report automatically goes to both Kiwanis International and the District Office.

Don't get lost! The club locator [CLICK HERE](#) on the Kiwanis.org website is one of its most used functions. Prospective members and current members who are relocating use the search function to find a club in their area. But if your club doesn't have a valid postal address, site visitors won't be able to find you. Don't get left off the map! Club secretaries, make sure your club's address is valid and up to date via the Secretary dashboard at www.KiwanisOne.org/login.

Subscribe to the audio version of KIWANIS magazine: For those with a visual impairment, KIWANIS magazine is available in an audio version. Sign up for your subscription at no cost at magazine@kiwanis.org.

Kiwanis videos available: If a picture is worth a thousand words, what's the value of a two-minute video? Quite high if it's a video capturing Kiwanians working on a One Day project or announcing the details of the Eliminate Project. Kiwanis videos are available for download. Use them to educate yourself or inspire others at a club meeting or link to them from your club or district site. Follow instructions in this how-to guide ([CLICK HERE](#)) to download, access or request a copy of the Kiwanis videos. Check out our most popular downloads ([CLICK HERE](#)).

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Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention Forums

07/26/2010 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: sh

Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention Forums
August 13 & 14, 2010

FRIDAY, August 13, 2010
4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Forum A. **"Positive Motion"** - Patrick Kasper, Fargo
South Point Kiwanis

Forum B. **"Good To Great"** - Stephanie Ursini, Kiwanis
International Area Director

Forum C. **"Conversations with a Lt. Governor."** -
What it takes to be a Lt. Governor - Loreena Luetgers-Asst. Ed. Director

Forum D. **"How to Start an Aktion Club"** - Barb Grabar, Fargo Kiwanis Club
Larry Sonnek, Aktion Club Administrator

Forum E. **"Working with Youth: The rules of engagement"**
- Ken Kohler, Moorhead Vikingland

SATURDAY, August 14, 2010



10:35 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

- Forum A **"Achieving Club Excellence"** - Stephanie Ursini, KI Area Director
Forum B **"Electronic Social Networking"** - Robert Birtsch-NDSU Extension
Forum C **"How to Start a Builders Club"** - Gary Munyer, District Adm Builders Club
Forum D **"Kiwanis Int'l Foundation/Mn-Dak District Foundation"**
-Chuck Schroder/Jack Zierdt
Forum E **"Creating an Effective Membership Committee"**
-Sharon Scudder-District, Membership Director

1:20 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- Forum A **"Behavior Styles/Team Work"** - Lowell Disrud - Gov. Elect.
Forum B **"Healthy Brains for Children"** - Jody Crowe/Founder-Director
Forum C **"K-Kids/BUG/Terrific Kids"** - David Fairbrother -Dist K-Kids Administrator
Forum D **"Circle K: How you as a Kiwanian can be involved"**
-Ann Backes Dodge-Circle K Administrator

Kiwanis International Trustee Counselor Appointed

07/30/2010 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: sh



Oscar E. Knight III was appointed Kiwanis International Trustee/Counselor for the Minnesota-Dakotas District for 2010-2011. Oscar will be attending our District Convention in Fargo.

Oscar E. Knight III of San Diego, California, was elected to a three-year term as a Kiwanis International Trustee in June 2010, at the 95th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas.

A member of the Kiwanis Club of La Mesa for 22 years, he served as its president in 1992-93. He served as governor of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District in 2007-2008 and prior to that was lieutenant governor for Division 31 in San Diego's East County. Oscar received city and state awards for helping raise more than \$1 million for victims of wildfires in San Diego's East County.

A life member with 27 years of perfect attendance, Oscar also is a former member of the San Diego Kiwanis Club and a current and charter member of the Division 100 Miracle Mile of Quarters Club.

A mortgage banker, Oscar holds a degree in business administration from Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio, and a master's degree in finance from National University, San Diego. He is active in his community, volunteering for the American Red Cross, San Diego County YMCA, Grossmont College Foundation, and the Girl Scouts of America.

Oscar and his wife, Gladys, have three children and two grandchildren.

Message from International President

07/30/2010 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Paul Palazzolo

Fellow Kiwanians,

This is one of the most historic times in Kiwanis history! With our new global project for children to ELIMINATE maternal and neo-natal tetanus, this is the right time to prepare for continued success in the Minnesota-Dakotas District.

To tackle this new global initiative along with local efforts, we need to be strong and we need to be ready. That's why I'm asking for your pledge to help your club achieve its potential for service by achieving its potential for membership strength!

Please make the commitment to:

1.) **Sponsor a new member into your club.** Ask someone to be a part of the fun and service that you enjoy!

2.) **Organize an effort to "ReMember" Kiwanians in your club who may not be as active as they once were.** Bring them "back home" to your club. Whatever their reason for inactivity, reach out before you delete them from the roster.

3.) **Energize your Kiwanis Family clubs.** The new school year brings opportunities to fulfill our responsibilities of sponsorship and perhaps gain some new Kiwanians from school personnel and parents.

Too much to ask? Not when it comes to making your club the best possible Kiwanis experience for your members, for your community AND for the children of the world.

Thanks for all you do as a Kiwanian.

Yours in service,

Paul Palazzolo,
Kiwanis International President



INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF DELEGATES ACTION

07/26/2010 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: sh

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF DELEGATES ACTION

During the 95th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, the House of Delegates met to elect Kiwanis International officers and vote on proposed amendments to the bylaws. These are the results:

INTERNATIONAL OFFICER ELECTIONS

President: Sylvester Neal
Auburn, Washington
Kiwanis Club of The Valley

President-elect: Alan Penn

Medina, Ohio
Kiwanis Club of Medina Breakfast

Vice President: Thomas E. "Tom" DeJulio
Bronx, New York
Kiwanis Club of Fordham

Trustee: John M. "Johnny" Johnson
3-year term – 2009-12 East Cobb County, Georgia
Kiwanis Club of East Cobb County, Georgia

Trustee: Oscar E. Knight III
3-year term – 2009-12 La Mesa, California
Kiwanis Club of La Mesa, California

Trustee: Susan A. "Sue" Petrisin
3-year term – 2009-12 East Lansing, Michigan
Kiwanis Club of East Lansing Michigan

Trustee: Sjoerd R.J. Timmermans
3-year term – 2009-12 Den Haag, the Netherlands
Kiwanis Club of Den Haag, the Netherlands

Trustee: Wen-Pin Su
3-year term – 2009-12 Tainan, Taiwan
Kiwanis Club of Tainan, Taiwan

AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Kiwanis members considered 14 proposed amendments and one resolution during the 2010 Kiwanis International Convention's House of Delegates. Here's how they voted. For full details you may download a copy of the official results at: [Click here](#)

Adopted:

- Amendment No. 2: Eliminate unintended contradictions regarding discipline of International Officers and allow the International Board the ability, if deemed appropriate, to bar someone removed from office from filling other offices or appointments.
- Amendment No. 4: Return the title of the top staff position in Kiwanis International to "Executive Director."
- Amendment No. 5: Accommodate districts that wish to have an additional year of training and orientation for the person who eventually will serve as governor.
- Amendment No. 7: Make more effective use of electronic methods of communications and information distribution.
- Amendment No. 8: Allow federation conventions to be held within the stated 20-day prohibition period for good reason if deemed appropriate by the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees.

Adopted as amended:

- Amendment No. 1: Change the designation for regions from numbers to names.
- Amendment No. 3: Require criminal history background checks for all incumbents and candidates for International Office and for all offices in direct line of succession to district governor in order to ensure the highest standards of leadership in Kiwanis.

Defeated:

- Amendment No. 6: Allocate the costs to hold Kiwanis International conventions equitably among the member clubs of the organization.
- Amendment No. 9: Add a preface clause that summarizes each of the Kiwanis Objects

and restate the Objects in summary form.

- Amendment No. 12: Allow club members who are not delegates to sit with their club delegates in the House of Delegates at international conventions.

Withdrawn:

- Amendment No. 10: Allow districts the option to restrict voting at district conventions and division conferences to clubs that are at least one year old, based on the date of charter presentation.
- Amendment No. 11: Allow districts the option to determine the number of club delegates (from one to five) based on club size and provide that all delegates must have been club members for at least one year before being elected by the club to represent it.
- Amendment No. 14: Create a new class of "family members" providing that up to three relations of an active member may have the same benefits and obligations as active members but pay reduced dues and fees.

Failed for lack of a motion:

- Amendment No. 13: Reduce dues for members age 65 and over by 50 percent.
Resolution

- Kiwanis delegates approved a memorial resolution to honor Past Kiwanis International President Aubrey Irby, who passed away July 11, 2009.

"ELIMINATE" - The New World-Wide Service Project

07/26/2010 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: sh

Have you heard about Kiwanis International's next global campaign for children?

Watch the announcement and find other information about the project on the Kiwanis International website [Click here](#)

The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus will eliminate MNT, a disease that kills one baby every nine minutes. In partnership with UNICEF, we are targeting the poorest, most underserved women and children in the world, and paving the way for other interventions that will boost maternal health and child survival. Hand-in-hand, Kiwanis and UNICEF will once again change the world.



Kiwanis successfully completed its first global campaign for children by virtually eliminating iodine deficiency disorders (IDD). Kiwanis raised more than US\$100 million, which today is at work in more than 103 nations. The number of households estimated to be consuming iodized salt has jumped from 20 percent in 1990 to more than 70 percent, and the effort has been heralded as one of the most successful health initiatives in the world.

Help us build on this success! Today we need every Kiwanian to prepare for the road ahead. Educate yourself and your club. Find Resources Online.

Prepare your club. You'll need a strong club to take on the challenges of the campaign.

Become a fan of The ELIMINATE Project on Facebook for regular updates.

Has Your Club Filed Your Annual IRS Tax Form 990????

07/30/2010 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard

(The following information has been provided by Jeff Oates, Kiwanis International.)

U.S. DISTRICTS ONLY - The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has issued a one-time special relief program for small charities that have not filed a return for 2007, 2008 or 2009. These charities have until October 15, 2010 to file the necessary return in order to maintain their not-for-profit status. After October 15, 2010, the IRS will revoke the not-for-profit status of small charities that did not take advantage of the relief program. "Charities", in this case, includes Kiwanis Clubs.

The first type of relief is for organizations with less than \$25,000 in average annual receipts. These organizations can visit the IRS website (www.IRS.gov) and complete Form 990-N. The second type of relief is a voluntary compliance program for organizations that file Form 990-EZ. These organizations must file the delinquent returns and pay a compliance fee. Relief is not available to organizations that file Form 990 or Form 990-PF. Additional information regarding this relief program is available on the IRS website, such as a listing, by state, of organizations that have not filed a return.

The IRS issued the guidance on July 26, 2010, noting, "This one-time relief benefits Form 990-N (e-Postcard) and Form 990-EZ filers only. Organizations required to file Form 990 or Form 990-PF are not eligible and are automatically revoked if they fail to file for three consecutive years." The guidance also specifies that this one time relief is available to organizations whose returns were due on or after May 17 and before October 15, 2010, and reiterates that nonprofits that do lose tax-exempt status must re-apply if they want their exemptions restored.

Advice for Clubs That Missed a 2010 Filing Deadline:

U.S. DISTRICTS ONLY - Start by checking the IRS list of organizations at risk of revocation, available at <http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=225889,00.html> . If you find your club on the list and its gross receipts are less than \$25,000, an officer from the organization should file Form 990-N at <http://epostcard.form990.org/>. If your organization's revenues are \$25,000 or greater, view the information on <http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=184445,00.html> to determine whether your club qualifies to file a Form 990-EZ. If it does, follow the instructions on <http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=225704,00.html> to participate in the Filing Relief Voluntary Compliance Program. You will be required to pay a fee of \$100, \$200, or \$500, depending on the amount of your 2009 gross annual revenues. If your organization is required to file Form 990 or Form 990-PF and has missed the deadline for filing your 2009 return, you cannot participate in the Filing Relief Voluntary Compliance Program. You must re-apply to the IRS if you wish to regain your exemption.

Three More Things About The Form 990 Deadline:

U.S. DISTRICTS ONLY -

- The information above is for Key Club and CKI clubs also! There are many of them out on that IRS list that have yet to file.
- Many clubs have not missed the deadline. Because of most club's fiscal year not ending until September 30th, they have until February of 2011. Encourage all clubs to get this

done though.

- Kiwanis International will be sending more communication on this out to clubs via the general mailing, web and Kiwanis Magazine.

Club News

Brainerd Kiwanis hosts CHOW time in search of members

07/27/2010 - Club: Brainerd - Submitted by: Jean Collins

The Brainerd Chamber of Commerce has a C.H.O.W. time once a month in which businesses can "shamelessly" promote their business. July 22, 2010 the Brainerd Kiwanis Club hosted the event at a picnic at Kiwanis Park Brainerd. Jim Tousignant a Chamber committee member and Pres. Elect of the Kiwanis club welcomed all attendees. Pres. Mike Dillon talked about the many projects the Brainerd Kiwanians participate in service to the community. Our usual Happy Dollar time was joined by many of the business members. More than 70 business people and Kiwanians were in attendance.



A time of introduction and promotion of businesses was added to by Kiwanians telling their special Kiwanis moment. A number of guests talked about wanting to visit the Kiwanis club meetings. Also, at the meeting were members of the Baxter Lakes Area and Friends Kiwanis Club so they could also talk about time/place their club meets.

Kiwanis Park has a metal duck that was made by some of our original members of the Brainerd Kiwanis club and during the discussion time there were many stories of what the "Duck" means to their family; including a story of one person's marriage proposal at the duck.

The Fridley 49er's Day Parade

07/27/2010 - Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Julian Greenup, Publicist



At 5:30 pm, Thursday, June 25, fifteen Fridley High School Key Club Members awaited their turn to participate in the Annual 49er's Day Parade with their parade float. Key Clubbers assembled the float the previous Monday at Erik Keeler's home. It featured the MN-Dak Key Club District theme, "Surfin' into Service." The float consisted of materials that depicted fish, shells, sand and blue water as well as flamingo beach towels, tiki torches and blow-up floats.

During the four mile parade the 15 Key Clubbers and their Faculty Advisor, Gene Burns, walked and threw candy to bystanders. Many

spectators yelled, "I was in Key Club, hooray!" "Please throw me some candy!" Others yelled, "Nice float!"

While the parade took place, four Key Clubbers sold Culver's custard sundaes along the parade route. Sales went well.

All involved had a good time showing the vibrancy of the Club. It was an exciting, fun day. Plus, it didn't hurt that Key Club made some money too!

Julian Greenup, Publicist
Fridley Key Club
7/20/10