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Let's Finish Strong!

07/31/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Denis Cornell, Governor

It seems like just a short time ago we were convening in Sioux Falls, SD for the 94th annual convention, but.....the 95th Annual Convention of the Minnesota-Dakotas District will convene in St. Cloud, MN on Friday August 3, 2012. If you are registered and attending this convention, I think that you will enjoy all that is in store as we celebrate **"25 Years of Women In Kiwanis"**. The FUNdraiser and SERvice Fair on Friday night is sure to be a hit as we emphasize the Kiwanis World Service Project, The Eliminate Project. Get your bags packed and travel safely to St. Cloud for some education, fun and excitement as well as renewing old acquaintances from around our great district.

If your club has donated to the Kiwanis International Foundation, Annual Club Gift, I thank you. If your club has not donated to this worthwhile cause, please send your donation to the foundation as soon as possible. Donations are lagging far behind last year and this will result in fewer grants from the foundation for club projects as well as fewer scholarships for our Circle K and Key Club students. The lack of donations will also impact the foundation's ability to respond with disaster relief worldwide. Please support the Kiwanis International Foundation, Annual Club Gift Campaign.



The Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis Education Foundation, Century Club Gift, also is in need of your support. The Kiwanis Educational Foundation is a scholarship grant program of the Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International. Because the only purpose of the Kiwanis Education Foundation is to provide scholarships to graduating high school seniors within our district, the Century Club program offers an on-going youth service project for all clubs. Clubs are asked to become a Century Club by donating \$100.00 to the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis Education Foundation. Clubs can become sustaining members of the Century Club by donating \$100.00 annually to the foundation. Please support the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis Education Foundation by becoming a sustaining member of the Century Club.

We have two months remaining in the 2011-2012 Kiwanis year. Continue to review your goals and your progress toward being a distinguished club. There is a link to the

Distinguished Criteria on the main page of the MN-DAK web site. Continue to invite prospective members and guests to your service projects and introduce them to the MAGICAL world of Kiwanis. Let's finish strong in 2011-2012 for a strong start to 2012-2013.

See you in St. Cloud!!

Let them know us by our service!! And....let's have fun!!

August Update

07/30/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas



District Convention: Our District Convention in St. Cloud 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 11-12 year. Remember that the September report (last report of the year) is due by October 10th, 2012. When you use the monthly online reporting system you will not be asked to submit a separate annual report.

Thanks again to Club Secretaries for submitting the **Annual Club Election Reports** for 2012-2013. The reports were due June 1, so if you have not submitted your information online, please do so ASAP! We are still waiting for some club election 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 and 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 wwwKiwanisOne.org/login.

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District Convention Elections and Bylaw Amendment

07/02/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

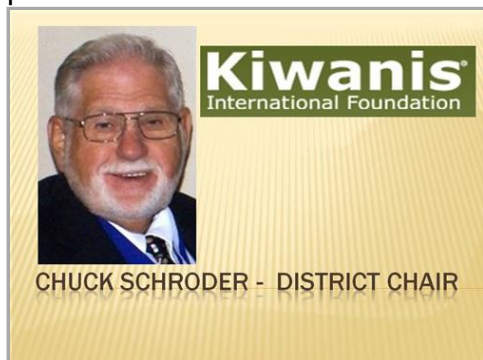
Official Notice of Elections and Bylaw Proposal to be considered by 2012 District Kiwanis Convention House of Delegates – Saturday, August 4, 2012, St. Cloud, MN

- Governor Elect 2012-2013- (two candidates):
 - David Fairbrother- Mankato Diversity Kiwanis Club, MN
 - Judith Rosendahl- Madison Kiwanis Club, MN
- Governor 2012-2013- (one candidate - moves up to position from Governor Elect)
 - Cynthia Braseth- Grand Forks Sunrisers Kiwanis Club
- One bylaw amendment will be considered at the House of Delegates. [Click here](#) for details.

Getting close to the end of the year

07/19/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: E. Chuck Schroder

Each of your clubs should have received a letter from the International Foundation by this time. If your club has contributed to the Annual Gift Campaign, you received a very nice thank you letter for your support and a flier showing what we have been able to do with what has been given. For those clubs that have not participated, you were asked to please do so and a flier to show what needs to be done was enclosed.



We are over \$6,000 behind last year at this time for the district and many things are being cut out of the programs. The year is coming to a close, and if you are planning to honor someone in your club or community, what a way to do so by getting them a Hixson for \$1000, or a Tablet of Honor for \$2,000, or a Leadership Society for \$250. This will be an honor and gift they will always remember.

We will again be having the raffle at the convention this year with many great items. If any of you wish to have something in the raffle and get your club credit for donating, please bring it to the convention. Tickets will be \$10.00 again this year.

Thank you all for what you are doing for the children of the world.

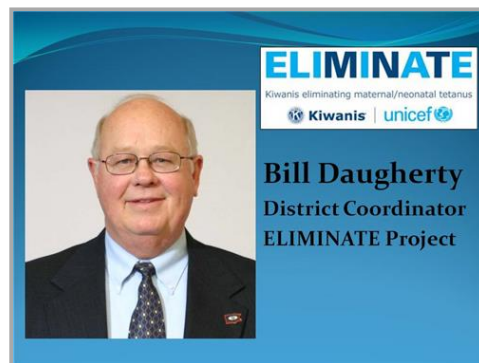
Chuck Schroder,
District Chairman

Eliminate at the District Convention

07/31/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bill Daugherty

The time is upon us for our District Convention. I hope those of you who are registered remember that FRIDAY evening is FUNnight. There will be ideas for fundraising and also displays by clubs of their successful attempts at raising funds in their communities.

Also, be sure to bring a check with your club's accumulated donations to the Eliminate Project. Remember the Check is made out to the Kiwanis International Foundation with the Eliminate Project noted on the Memo line. We hope to send them all in at once and show what Minn-Dak is up to for the Eliminate Project.

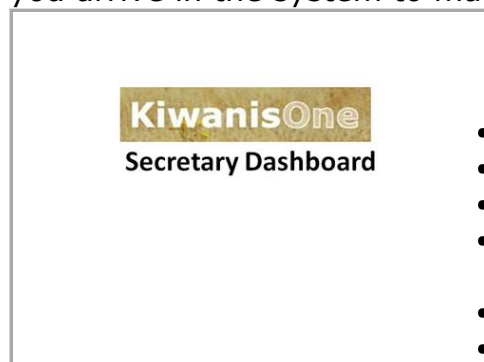


Look for our table with all sorts of materials for you to take home with you. If your club has not named a club coordinator, please let me know in St Cloud who it will be. Thanks and I look forward to seeing you in St Cloud.

Club Secretaries- Log in to your dashboard

07/29/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

Club Secretaries...every time you log into KiwanisOne.Org, scan your information on the Secretary Dashboard. It is the first thing you will see as a club secretary. Here's why: The dashboard gives a valuable snapshot of your club so you will be well prepared when you arrive in the system to manage club tasks.



At your fingertips you will see:

- Your club's membership numbers
 - Link to your club roster
 - Button to update your website address (URL)
 - Quick links to review or update your meeting time and location
 - List of SLP program you sponsor and ability to edit
 - Critical announcements for the month (in red)
 - List of most popular downloads
- Frequently used links

Pay special attention to the announcements posted in red, those are hot topics and messages from Kiwanis International. And of course you can add/delete/edit your membership, submit monthly reports and submit your annual club election report. Additionally, there is a place at the bottom of the dashboard where you can submit a question to the district office or Kiwanis International.

Reminder- FUNdraising/SERVice Fair

07/30/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: District Convention Committee

Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District FUNdraising/SERVICE Fair

WHERE: Minnesota-Dakotas 95th Annual District Convention,
St. Cloud, MN

WHEN: Friday Night, August 3, 2012

WHY: The purpose of the FUNdraising/SERVICE Fair is for the clubs in our district to share their best fundraising and service projects with other clubs. It will be a night of FUN & SERVICE as we will have an ELIMINATE booth set up with information for clubs as well as taking donations from clubs. Clubs should bring their donations in check form payable to the Kiwanis International Foundation so your club gets credit for the donation.



Each club will receive an 8 ft table to showcase their best or favorite fundraiser and/ or service project. There will be a carnival/ fair atmosphere with other activities happening during this time.

Blue ribbons will be awarded for:

- Best Service Project
- Best Fundraiser Project
- Best Decorated Table
- Largest club ELIMINATE Donation

International Convention Video

07/30/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard



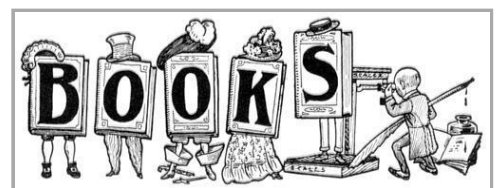
Watch a 5 minute video re-cap of the Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans.

[Click here](#)

District Convention Book Sale

06/29/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: First Lady, Nancy Cornell

Come to the District Convention with all the books that you have read since the last convention and leave with inspiring ideas, new friendships and a supply of reading material for the next 12 months. Even though the used book store will be up and running by 2:00 pm on Thursday, August 2, books are welcome anytime.



Proceeds from the book store will go to Outreach which supports Key Club and Circle K. Show your support for our future Kiwanians.

Club News

Community Service Scholarship Recipient 2012

07/30/2012 - Club: Sioux Falls - Submitted by: Diane Miller

The Kiwanis Club of Sioux Falls has selected Lindsey Herbert as the 2012 recipient of the \$1,000.00 Community Service Scholarship. As a Kiwanis Student of the Month from Washington High School, Lindsey was one of 30 outstanding students that attended weekly Kiwanis meetings, spoke to members of the club and wrote the winning essay "What Community Service Means To Me". Lindsey's parents are Jeff and Sarah Herbert, and she plans to attend USD this fall.

This year's scholarship also recognizes Kiwanis member and Treasurer, David Brandt, as one of the major donors to The Community Service Scholarship Fund. Kiwanis is a global organization of members of every age who are dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.



Burgers for Babies

07/26/2012 - Club: Rapid City Westside - Submitted by: Vern Hagedorn



Kiwanians know what altruistic service is, but our youth have no understanding what "altruism" means. It is not part of the school's core curriculum, nor is it tested by national testing. However, the 240 students at Canyon Lake Elementary School in Rapid City, South Dakota not only have learned what it means, but they have put it to good use helping mothers and children in third world countries fight neonatal tetanus.

Energy Levels Rise

Our club, the Kiwanis Club of Rapid City Westside [South Dakota, USA] participated in a public service announcement about the Kiwanis Eliminate Project which aired at 5:30 a.m. on a local TV station. One of the fifth grade teachers at Canyon Lake Elementary, and her husband, were working out, heard the public service announcement and contacted our club because their fifth grade classes were interested in Somalia. They wanted to know if UNICEF was involved in Somalia.

Our research indicated that UNICEF has been deeply involved in Somalia fighting measles, improving health, and water systems, and assisting with disasters. We provided a graphic that we found showing that Somalia has less than 50% of the MNT eliminated.

When interest in the Eliminate Project spread to the other fifth grade teacher and the

literacy teacher, the "Little Big Mac" Project was born! All of the MNT information that our club could gather, including information articles from the KI Magazine, was forwarded to the teachers.

To quote Mrs. Schroeder "I shared the information with our fifth graders this afternoon. They have decided to make a presentation in order to inform our principal and to ask for his permission. They are so excited. I showed them a two minute video from the website and it was very effective. They would love to raise the entire \$110 million, but... we decided to scale back and remember that \$1.80 changes the world." The student's more realistic goal for their project is to save 500 children.

An MNT Project Is Born!

Two students create a PowerPoint presentation to receive their principal's permission to develop a school-wide fundraiser for the Kiwanis fundraiser project. The students receive a "thumbs up" approval from their principal.

Mrs. Schroeder and Mr. Goehring work with the students to develop their project which they call "Little Big Macs." Prototypes are created and the students make presentations in each classroom as pre-sale marketing.

As the big day arrives for the sale, three assembly lines are created to assemble the "Little Big Mac" cookies. The buns [two vanilla wafers] are prepared. Lettuce [green frosting] is added to one half of the bun while the tomato [red frosting] is added to the other half of the bun. Finally the burger [a chocolate covered mint cookie] is inserted between the two bun halves and the finished burgers are packaged. Production managers were Mrs. Schroeder and Mr. Goehring assisted by other school staff and family members.

While the assembly line is working, another group of students are busy working on advertising.

Past club secretary Kathleen Van Horn, and current secretary Vern Hagedorn were present to observe the assembly line production. Vern commented, "This is awesome. A non-Kiwanis associated group [such as K-Kids] being so creative and supportive of the Kiwanis project, taking such an interest in helping other children around the world. My highest complements to you and your students!"

The "Big Day" Arrives

On March 2nd Mrs. Schroeder, fifth grade teacher and project leader, stated, "It was a blast. We sold out in about 4 minutes. Money was just flying into our bucket. We thought kids would bring 50¢, but we didn't anticipate the kids that would bring in several dollars! Now our little 5th graders are fired up and want to ask Mr. Tucker if they can do it one more time."

Through the work of these two teachers and classes, they raised \$122.50 above expenses and together the kids at Canyon Lake have saved the lives of 65 women and well over 65 babies!

April 5th was approved by principal Tucker for the second cookie sale. Sales totaled another \$96.51. For a school of 240, that is a total of \$219.01 raised for the Eliminate Project by the work of 21 students and 2 teachers.

In order to help the fifth grade students come closer to meeting their goal, the Rapid City Westside Kiwanis Club donated \$39 toward their expenses which brings the total donated to \$258.01. That amount was sent to the Kiwanis International Foundation with this article.

As Mrs. Schroeder says, "Canyon Lake may be a little school, but it has an enormous heart."

A Challenge To Local Clubs

Our club secretary raised the question as a challenge to our local club, and to all clubs. "Where in Rapid City [or any community] can you get this kind of benefit – an immunization and health education – for \$1.80? These students are providing an altruistic service with no expectation of any possible return. Amazing! This type of learning is truly a life skill which can't be measured by any state or national standardized test!"

We might be hesitant to set an Eliminate Project goal that causes us to reach out; but to accomplish it, we must have the enthusiasm of the youth at Canyon Lake Elementary.