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District Governor Message

08/01/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Judie Rosendahl, District Governor

The 97th Annual Minnesota Dakotas District Convention will be here in a week and I, for one, am looking forward to it with great enthusiasm!

Our convention chair, Liz Lawrence Ross, has been working very hard to make this a great experience for us! It can only be better if more Kiwanians sign up and attend. We have a great keynote speaker, Mark J. Lindquist. He opened our convention last year by singing the Star Spangled Banner. He is also a motivational speaker who will share with us about "Everything I need to know, I learned in Key Club". A brass quintet will be our entertainment on Friday evening. I have heard them and they are excellent and will be great fun! Our talent show should be fun as we see the talent each region will provide! Our forums will be very helpful as we will soon be into a new Kiwanis year! Many opportunities await us including great service projects to choose from. We will be able to support our Eliminate Project at the silent auction, as well as at the used book sale. Please remember to bring your used books and your silent auction items. I am looking forward to seeing you in Minnetonka next week as we enjoy learning, fun, and fellowship!



Myron and I and nine others from our district recently returned from the 99th Kiwanis International Convention in Tokyo-Chiba, Japan! We enjoyed the great convention and being with fellow Kiwanians from near and far! We enjoyed typical Japanese food but we felt like two year olds ordering our food by pointing. We had a great time and enjoyed the culture of Japan! Several resolutions were passed during the delegate session including one that will have a great impact on our clubs. Kiwanis International will make Directors and Officers insurance available to each club for only a cost of \$4.00 per member. I believe each club will be receiving this information so that you can take advantage of this great opportunity. Our 2013-2014 District Counselor, Jane Erickson, was elected to the position of Vice-President. We are excited that she will be our International President in three years and I believe she will lead us well. We were entertained by Japanese musical groups from local schools including an orchestra, dancers, xylophones, and a choir. A Japanese professional flutist and dancers from the Philippines also performed for us. The Imperial Prince and Princess attended one session with much pageantry including requesting that no photos be taken. It was a fun

experience! Thank you for allowing me to represent you at this convention!

I ask you to continue to work hard the last two months of this Kiwanis year so that we will finish the year strong. I would like to encourage you to continue inviting people to visit your club and then ask them to become members. Internationally we have grown by 8,000 new members and over 100 new clubs this year. That is very exciting! Many more communities now have the benefit of Kiwanis to help fulfill the needs around them. **Adding new members will extend the reach of the greatest service organization in the world.** More members equals more service for the children! That is the underlying reason for adding new members-it creates a means of adding more hours of service. I encourage you to ask your friends, family, and co-workers to join your Kiwanis club. We can build more bridges for children to the future with more members. Let's see what we can do together these next two months to grow our service to children by growing our clubs!

August Update

08/01/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas



District Convention: Our District Convention in Minneapolis 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.

Kiwanis International Convention House of

Delegates: You can view a summary of action taken

on amendments presented at the Kiwanis International Convention in Japan at the following link: [Click here](#)

Club Secretaries: Be sure that you have submitted all of your monthly online club reports for the 13-14 year. Remember that the September report (last report of the year) is due by October 10th, 2014. 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 2014-2015: 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 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.

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Convention Corner

08/01/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Liz Lawrence-Ross

CONVENTION CORNER MN-DAK KIWANIS DISTRICT CONVENTION

August 8-10, 2014

Minneapolis Marriott Southwest in Minnetonka, MN

The convention is now just a few days away, and the committee has been very busy planning a fun weekend for all of you. We'll be welcomed by the Minnetonka Mayor, have many interesting forums, meet KI Trustee/Counselor Bruce Berven from Winnipeg, and hear a fun talent show featuring the Minnesota Valley Brass Quintet. We'll build another wall of diapers to donate to a local crisis nursery, have a silent auction with proceeds going to the Eliminate project. We'll have several hands-on service projects to do while you're there, repairing bikes, finishing trauma dolls/dogs and tying fleece blankets.



Just a few reminders for you: Each room has a microwave and mini-refrigerator; and there is an indoor swimming pool and a workout gym for you to use.

And of course, because it is road construction season there also is a major project on highway 169 near the hotel, so please follow detour signs. The service road around the hotel is a one-way street so stay to the left.

We're looking forward to seeing you soon!

Liz Lawrence-Ross MNDAK District Convention Director

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The Formula

07/31/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bruce Klair, District Growth Chair



As you probably have heard by now, Kiwanis has declared a "Campaign for Growth" to address our declining membership and the need for Kiwanis to grow in new communities. Kiwanis is calling the campaign to grow **"The Formula"**, and has given us the tools to make it work.

There are math formulas that solve complex problems. There are science formulas that cure disease. There are formulas that fuel cars and feed people. And now there's a formula for improving lives. It's a formula for Kiwanis.

The Formula is a member-led, multi-year initiative that focuses on Kiwanis members, investing in the Kiwanis experience and ultimately strengthening membership. It's an opportunity for Kiwanians like you to shape the future of their clubs and the service that impacts their communities.

You will be hearing a lot more about The Formula in the coming months. Your Lt. Governors will be sharing more details with you, and we have certified club counselors and new club openers in each region to help and guide clubs that want to grow their impact in their communities.

The Formula is based on a simple premise: When you love something, you want to share it. When something really matters, you want other people to love it with you. You want it to be more than something you “do”—you want it to be part of your life.

So, what is The Formula? It’s this:

1. Take something you love.
2. Share it with others.
3. Make it a part of your life.

The Formula is created from the love we feel for our clubs. It’s energized by the pride that inspires us to show others how much we love Kiwanis. And it’s powered by our eagerness to share our experience with others. Ultimately, that’s The Formula: the motivation to make Kiwanis a part of peoples’ lives. And to keep it strong in our own.

This is your opportunity. To shape the future of your club. To do more of what you love. More fellowship. More service. More for your community. More Kiwanis.

This is The Formula: Love it. Share it. Live it.

For more information, check out www.kiwanis.org/theformula.

Last Chance CLE?? Last Chance CLE!!

07/30/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Loreena Luetgers

The **Last Chance CLE??** Yes, Club Leadership Education will be held on August 8th at the Convention, so if you haven’t registered and are planning on attending the convention, please attend. If possible, contact me before August 5th so we know how many.

The Last Chance CLE!! Yes, September 30th is the deadline. I encourage you to do this.

Club Leadership Education: This is more than just for presidents. Look at what else you learn for the other positions in Kiwanis from an online session:

- President: So much to learn about leading your club and about Kiwanis.
- Secretary: Learn about the reporting system, reports to be filed and responsibilities.

These two positions, president and secretary, will go towards distinguished club criteria.

- Treasurer: Learn about budgets, expenditures and which account for them, etc.
- Board Member: Learn the responsibilities, parliamentary procedure for motions, etc.
- Committee Chair: Again, this is another session to help members who either are or will be a committee chair for the club. This presents what the responsibilities and



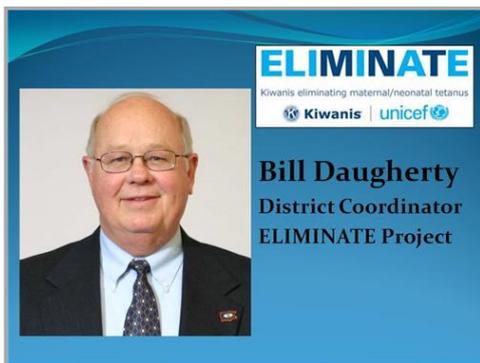
expectations of this position.

- Membership Chair: Learn about new members, retention and working with members
- Youth Protection Guidelines: This session is available online, and many Kiwanis members have already completed this. Many helps to working with youth that we need so we and the youth are not in danger as we work with them and for them.

These sessions can be done at one time, or you can log in and out in segments until you have completed the session. Whenever we learn more about Kiwanis and the positions we have, we become better members and able to help fellow members.

It's a Zellerbration

07/29/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bill Daugherty



In 10 days Kiwanians from all over Minnesota-Dakotas will be gathering for the annual District Convention in Minneapolis, MN. As a special guest, Neil Hudelson from Indianapolis will be present as a representative of The Eliminate Project. In fact Neil will be working with me on the two forums set for the Eliminate Project.

We want to make this a Zellerbration. Anyone wishing to donate \$1250 at the convention will be able to receive their Zeller medallion and pin plus a certificate

during the convention. If you are leaning toward becoming a Zeller Fellow please consider accomplishing it during the convention

When we started on this effort, we set a goal of \$3 million. As of July 16th we are at \$1,329,462 donated. Realize that that amount will save at least 738,590 lives from tetanus during the birthing process.

As you may have heard, during the International Convention in Japan there was a \$7 million dollar pledge made by the Taiwanese Region. Thus we have now surpassed the \$60 million mark.

If your club is going to make a donation soon, bring the check to the convention so that recognition can be made at that time. Remember also that any club donating an item for the Silent Auction will receive credit for that contribution. As a reminder the checks should be made out to the Kiwanis International Foundation, on the memo line indicate The Eliminate Project.

Hoping to see many of you soon in Minneapolis August 8-10.

Kiwanis' Got Talent

07/23/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Sherry Scudder

Just a reminder:

Lt Governor teams are working on this.....Each Region is encouraged to bring a prepared talent act to the District Convention in Minnesota. The talent show is 8-10 p.m. on Friday. There will be prizes.

Make sure your Region is represented. All acts must have own set up, instruments, and be prepared without assistance from Kiwanis Convention Staff. I look forward to cheering the many talents we have in Kiwanis. Key Club and Circle K Members can also help their Regions.

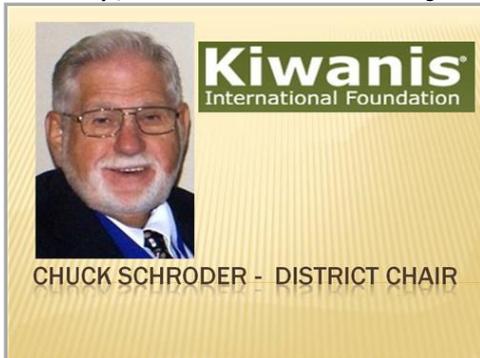
For more information contact your Lt. Governor team.

CONGRATULATIONS REGION FOUR

07/24/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: E.Chuck Schroder

CONGRATULATIONS goes out to region four and Lt. Governor Debbie Lobby for getting 100% of her clubs to participate in the annual gift program. Her region reached a per member amount of \$7.51. This is two years in a row for this region. Thanks so much Debbie.

Our district at the present time is at \$23,713.56 and \$5.23 pr member. Our goal this year is \$30,000 and we have two full months to reach it and it can be done. Not only club gifts count, but individual gifts count as well. The purchase of a Hixson, Leadership Society, Tablet of Honor or just a gift, all count this year and your club gets credit as well.



CHUCK SCHRODER - DISTRICT CHAIR

There are many clubs that have given in the past, but have not sent in their money for this year. Your Lt. Governor has been given a list of these clubs and has been asked to be in contact with your club. Don't forget, we get 5% of this money back to the district. We are sitting in 9th position right now and this is only 4 out of being in the top 5 districts and to receive a scholarship. Lets really make an effort to reach our goal and get us up into the top 5 districts.

This can only happen if you and your club take part in this great program. This money is used for grants, disaster relief, scholarships and many other things.

THANK YOU ALL FOR MAKING IT HAPPEN.

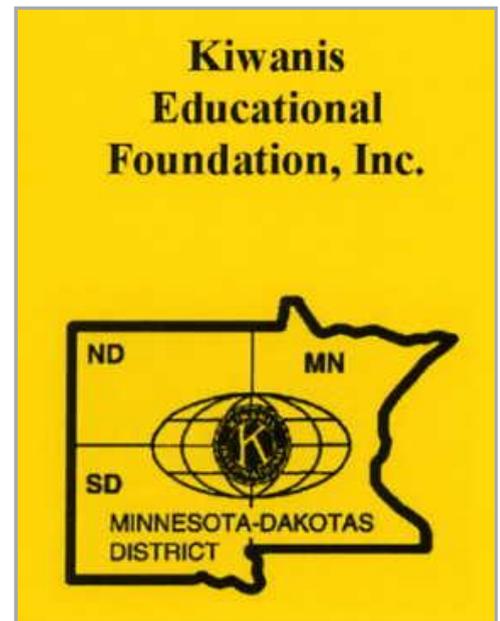
MN-Dak. Kiwanis Education Foundation Changing Lives

07/26/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Jean Collins

High school graduates are getting ready for their first year in college. Over sixty of those students have received an \$815 scholarship toward their education from the Minnesota Dakotas Kiwanis Education Foundation.

Kiwanians can continue to be a part of the great Foundation scholarship program by having their club become a Century Club member by donating \$100 to the Foundation. A personal \$100 donation qualifies a person to become a Vantine Fellow and a \$500 donation qualifies a person to become a Messer Fellow.

Many clubs and individuals will donate a Memorial to the Foundation at the passing of a member. A great thing about all donations is that they continue to grow the Foundation as only the earnings are used toward scholarships.



Club News

Region 7 St Louis Park GK celebrates 85th year 2014

07/23/2014 - Club: St. Louis Park Golden K - Submitted by: LTG Gail Heyda

I attended the recent 85th charter celebration of the St Louis Park GK Kiwanis club and special recognition was paid to Kiwanian, Ben Miller by his fellow members.

Ben Miller was born on October 22, 1911 in Richfield, South Dakota. At an early age he became interested in radio and electronics and pursued that interest. Ben was with Northwest Airlines as a radio technician for seven years and then with Lew Bonn Co. for 25 years. He had his own business-Education Electronics - for 25 years.



Ben joined the Golden Kiwanis Club of St Louis Park as a charter member in 1985. The club celebrated his 102nd birthday on October 25, 2013. Ben and his wife have been married 74 years. Congratulations, Ben on your years of service and long life. Lt Governor Gail Heyda, Region 7