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Greetings from the Desk of the Governor

12/01/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Cynthia Braseth, District Governor

A belated HAPPY THANKSGIVING to all of you. I hope that you all had some time with Family and Friends and spent some time considering how blessed we are to live in this great country and in this great District. I am thankful for all of you and the service that you all provide year round, but especially during this time of year.

This month I enjoyed the hospitality of Regions 6, 7 and 5. A lot more miles and more friends made. I also was able to spend time at "camp" with members of Key Club and Aktion Club. I want to thank Diane Johnson from the Rochester Day Makers for all of her dedication and hard work to put together the K Family Retreat again this year. When she told me I needed a sleeping bag, I was worried! I don't do camping but accommodations were very comfortable and if I have a hot shower, I'm happy. The Key Club board met while we were there and I appreciate very much the opportunity to talk with them and hear about the good work they do and some of the challenges they face.



I continue to find that each Region is unique in personality, but very similar in the service and activities that clubs are doing. Region 6 is very large both in area and the number of clubs. They treated me to a day full of education and discussion about the future of the District. We also were able to do two hands on Service projects. One group went to the Salvation Army and I went to a local food pantry with the other group. My hands were orange for the rest of the day from packaging raw carrots. The work done by organizations such as these is certainly inspiring. Region 7 provided the camp noted above and a very special day of fellowship and celebration. This region has a lot to celebrate. They lead in the number of model clubs for Eliminate. They have also been very busy building new Service Leadership Programs. They presented Vantine Fellowships to seven Kiwanians for their service to their communities and the Region. You can find more information about the Vantine Fellowship and how you can honor members of your clubs on the MNDK Website under the MNDK Education Foundation.

Region 5 is also large in area and provided a full day of discussion of what's good in the region and what needs improvement. We also had discussion around the future of the District. The hands on Service project was accompanied by a very moving presentation

by the Mitchell Area Safe House on the work done by staff and law enforcement to remove battered women, men and children from abusive situations and help them get started on new lives. We spent the time "tying" blankets for the safe house to give to the kids when they arrive.

As you can see, there are examples of the Six Objects everywhere in the District. I am truly blessed to be able to observe and be part of some of these activities as I travel the District. You too could have these same experiences. I urge each and every one of you to consider a leadership position in your club, your Region and the District. It is an experience you will never forget and WE NEED YOU! You can contact me or your Lt Governor if you have an interest or if you know someone who is a leader and may be interested in doing more.

Lastly, I want to wish everyone a Blessed Holiday Season. This is the time of year we all reach out to others. Please consider our fellow Kiwanians who have been affected by Sandy. You can still give through the Kiwanis International Foundation. Many of us in this District have been affected by disaster in the past and have known how help from others can make dealing with the aftermath easier.

December Update

11/30/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas



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

2012-2013 Club Insurance Resource Guide: Your club should have received the 2012-2013 Insurance Resource Guide in a mailing from Kiwanis International. It contains answers and information to most questions about your general liability coverage and risk management practices. If you have very specific liability insurance questions you can call Lisa Hendricks at Kiwanis International (1-800-KIWANIS ext 112) or you can also contact the insurance carrier directly. That contact information is listed in the guide.

Governor Elect Candidates: If you are interested in running for Governor Elect for 2013-2014, please submit a picture and a short biographical sketch not to exceed 600 words, along with an endorsement from your home club, to the District Kiwanis Office, P.O. Box 735, Dalton, MN 56324 no later than February 15, 2013 to be included in the March issue of the MINNEKOTAN. Candidates can announce their intention to run at a later date, but may not be able to have an article in the MINNEKOTAN or district website. Governor Elect candidates must be a Past Lt. Governor. The election will take place at the District Convention next August. A complete list of rules and regulations for district officer campaigns can be obtained from the District Office.

Club Donations to Outreach: Special thanks to all of the clubs that contributed to the Outreach Program during 11-12. We look forward to seeing your contribution again in 12-13. Most Kiwanis clubs include this as an annual budget item. Dollars given to the Outreach Program are used by Key Club and Circle K District Boards to build new Key

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

Download International Convention Materials: Need help promoting the Kiwanis International Convention in your club bulletins and newsletters? Check out the convention Web site at www.kiwanisone.org/convention, where you'll find information about the convention as well as helpful downloads such as logos and ads.

Online Monthly Club Reporting: Since our online reporting is so very important, I would like to once again review the process for the 12-13 year. Your club should be submitting your monthly club report online by the 10th of the following month. Your Lt. Governors, District Officers, District Office and Kiwanis International are able to view your reports without you having to send any additional emails or hard copies. If you have any questions, please give me a call or send me an email.

Tri-K District Board Meeting: Kiwanis, Circle K, and Key Club District Boards will meet in Fergus Falls, MN on Friday, January 25 and Saturday, January 26, 2013. Thanks again for all your great work in Kiwanis!

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2011-2012 Kiwanis Interclub Awards

11/30/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Joe Hesch, Interclub Chair

The following Kiwanis Clubs met the requirements for the Annual Interclub Award. Congratulations to the Interclub Award recipients for 2011 - 2012.

Region 1

Jamestown

Region 2

Alexandria Golden K

Fargo

Fargo South Point

Grand Forks Noon

Moorhead

Moorhead Vikingland

Region 3

Baxter Lakes Area and Friends

Cloquet Golden K

Grand Rapids

Port of Duluth

Region 4

Lead



Rapid City
Rapid City Westside

Region 5

Sioux Falls
Sioux Falls Day Break
Sioux Falls East
South Sioux Falls

Region 6

Albert Lea
Albert Lea Golden K II
Albert Lea Day Breakers
Austin
Early Risers, Worthington
Fairmont Early Risers
Faribault
Hendricks
Jackson
Madison
New Ulm
Pipestone
Slayton

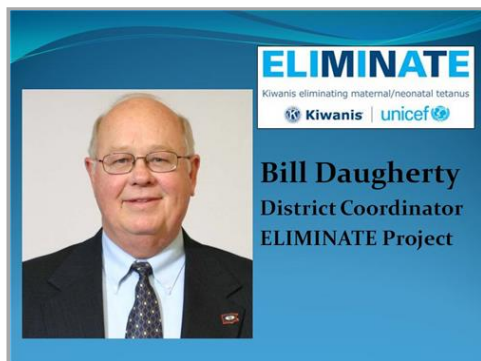
Region 7

Columbia Heights – Fridley
St. Paul North Suburban Golden K
Northeast Minneapolis
Red Wing Dawn Breakers
Red Wing Golden K
Rochester Day Makers
Rochester Golden K
Saint Anthony
Spring Valley

(Criteria for Interclub Award- [Click here](#))

ELIMINATE PROJECT

11/28/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bill Daugherty



During this month we should be thinking about a personal donation to the Eliminate Project. There are multiple levels available to individuals for donations. See the Eliminate web site at www.EliminateProject.org for the various levels. The Zeller Fellowship is a donation level of \$1250 and is similar to the Hixson Fellowship.

Whenever you make a donation to the Eliminate project be sure to make the check out to the Kiwanis International Foundation and indicate the Eliminate Project on the Memo line. Also be sure to indicate your club so that the club will receive credit for the donation.

It is important that clubs send the funds they have collected for the project on a timely basis. Each club should determine at what level they will send the funds to KI. If the funds are transferred prior to the 5th of the month they will appear on the monthly report published on or about the 20th of the month.

A "BIG" hats off to the Fargo club for pledging to be a \$100,000 club. They have agreed to donate that amount over the next five years. Remember, you have five years from the date of the pledge to complete the pledge. This allows 5 years from the date of declaring a Model Club status to complete this pledge.

Revised Kiwanis Club Bylaws

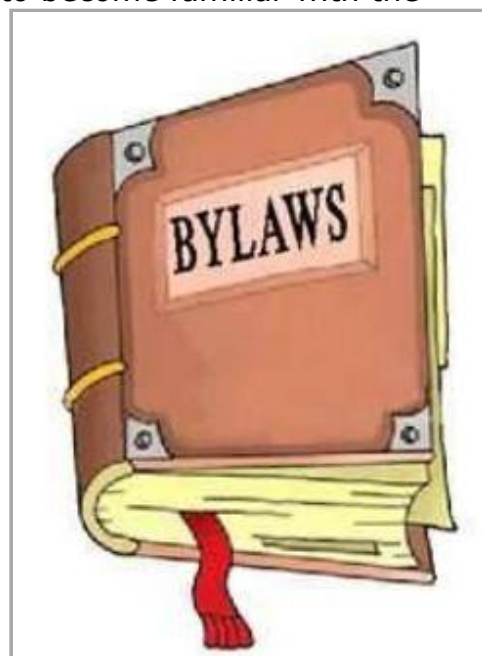
12/02/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

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.

In October 2012, the Kiwanis International Board adopted a new Standard Form for Club Bylaws that provides greater flexibility and autonomy to clubs. It also includes club policies that may be personalized by each club. The revised Standard Form is being prepared now for clubs to submit online, beginning in December.

Clubs are asked to review the content of the new bylaws to become familiar with the information and consider what personalized options your club will select.

Be sure to also review the helpful Frequently Asked Questions to learn more. [Click here](#)



District Key Club Board attends K-Family Retreat

11/19/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Rayna Wang



The Key Club District Board recently attended the K-Family Retreat, with about 40 other Key Clubbers from the Minn-Dak District. Throughout the weekend, Key Clubbers worked on various service projects, such as stuffing Trauma Dolls, decorating Eliminate buttons, and cutting streamers for the Rochester Children's Museum. We also had the incredible opportunity to spend time with Holly Hoffman, a finalist from the show, "Survivor."

She gave an inspiring presentation, explaining the physical and emotional challenges of competing to survive in the jungles of Nicaragua. Through her story, she demonstrated that our confidence, attitude, determination, desire, and faith are the things that truly matter and have the greatest impact on our lives.

We, as a Board, met for our Mid-Year Board meeting and discussed our plans for the District and International Convention. We reevaluated our goals for our Board, the seven Regions, and the District as a whole. Additionally, we reflected on the successes of the Regional Fall Leadership Education Events (FLEEs) and decided to return to hosting a District-wide Fall Event next year to hopefully increase participation from clubs. We had the opportunity of meeting our Kiwanis District Governor, Cindy Braseth, as well!

Overall, Key Clubbers had a great time working on service projects, participating in fun events, and learning about the different branches of the Kiwanis Family. Our weekend at Camp Victory, in Zumbro Falls, MN, was certainly memorable!

(Pictured is Minn-Dak Key Club District Board with Holly Hoffman.)

Minnesota Dakotas Foundation Scholarships for Outstanding Students

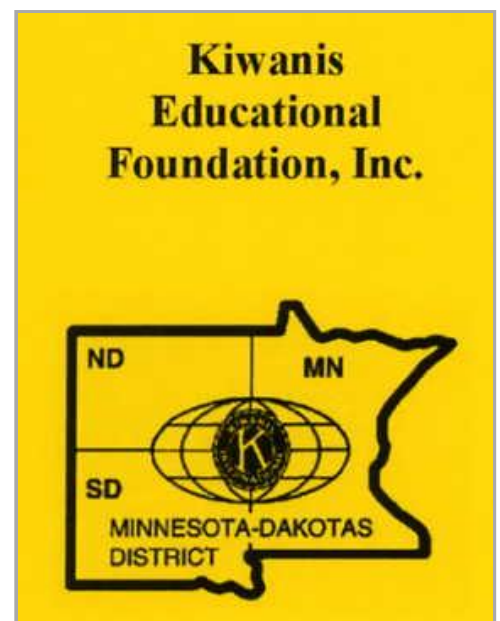
11/27/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bill Lardy, Foundation Vice President

Most Kiwanians in the Minnesota Dakotas District know that their district foundation presents over 50 scholarships each year to graduating high school seniors who will attend a post-secondary school in either Minnesota or North Dakota or South Dakota or Superior, WI. The foundation funds the scholarships with growth and interest from assets held by the Foundation. The district foundation also matches funds from the Kiwanis International Foundation for four scholarships.

For the 2012-13 school year the scholarships funded entirely by the foundation were \$800 each. In dollar terms the scholarships amounted to over \$43,000 last year. For the 2013-14 school year scholarships will be \$825. This amount goes a long way to help 54 young people get a start with their post-secondary education.

The foundation assets are recovering nicely from the significant decline that started as the recession began in 2007-2008. This recovery is largely responsible for the increase of \$25 per scholarship for the year ahead.

Yet all of us know that college costs are increasing even faster. I ask each reader, "Please send a year end, tax deductible contribution to the Foundation." Your gift, plus



continued increases in the stock and bond portfolios will make it possible to increase the amount of future scholarships. Larger scholarships are needed so that the very best students consider them worthwhile.

Please send a check to:
Jack Zierdt, Secretary/Treasurer
Minnesota Dakotas Education Foundation
914 Southern Pine Ln SW
Rochester MN 55902

Increasing Club Membership

11/27/2012 - Division: Division 05 - Submitted by: Carol Grode-Hanks, Region 5 Lt. Gov.

Some tips on increasing your club's membership include the following:

- Contacting your local volunteer center
- Using current volunteers—they are convincing salespeople, because they are committed to your cause and believe in your organization
- Using the mass media (e.g., television, radio, newspapers, billboards), as well as neighborhood newspapers, newsletters, and organizational bulletins
- Making announcements at services, educational sessions, meetings, and social gatherings of your congregation or organization
- Posting volunteer opportunities on appropriate Web sites
- Making personal appearances at schools, senior centers, career fairs, and other venues or events
- Giving slide shows and videotape presentations
- Staffing booths and exhibits at special events
- Using mailings, from mass mailings to personalized, handwritten notes
- Getting referrals from staff, ministers, friends, and lay leaders, such as deacons
- Registering with volunteer referral organizations
- Volunteering in other organizations' projects
- Coordinating with schools that require community service hours for graduation
- Asking people to volunteer—most people volunteer because they are asked.

Region 5 Governor's Visit a success

11/27/2012 - Division: Division 05 - Submitted by: Carol Grode-Hanks, Region 5 Lt. Gov.

Approximately 20 Kiwanians from Region 5 gathered in Mitchell, South Dakota for the annual Governor's Visit. Special guest, Stewart Ross, gave a presentation on Club Excellence. Since Governor Cindy lives and breathes service, everybody took part in a local service project - making tie blankets for children at a local shelter for abused families. Each child who enters the shelter receives a blanket - TO KEEP. It's a great project and we made 5 blankets in less than one hour. Tears were in everyone's eyes as Michelle Mogck, Rural Advocate for the Mitchell Area Safehouse shared several stories of families served. Indeed, Project Safehouse is a much-needed and much appreciated service.

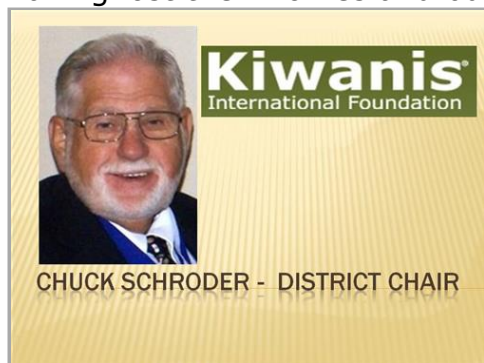


The day ended with several door prizes including a beautiful Kiwanis necktie from Taiwan (donated by Stewart Ross), Kiwanis notecards, travel mugs, pens and flashlights. Don't miss the opportunity to attend regional events- they really energize you and reconnect you to Kiwanis, new and old friends, and help you learn and grow.

HOW YOU AND YOUR CLUB CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

11/23/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: E. Chuck Schroder

Now is the time that you and your club can make a difference by contributing to the annual gift campaign at \$5.00 or \$6.00 pr member. It was suggested that a one dollar increase be requested this year. With all of the disasters the need is greater than ever. With the East coast suffering from Hurricane Sandy and many of our own Kiwanians having lost their homes and businesses, we have to step up and help.



With the Holiday season here and wanting to give a gift to someone and don't know what to get them? Well how about giving a membership in the Kiwanis Leadership Society for \$250.00. This can be designated for Eliminate and your club will get credit. The recipient will receive a very nice personalized plaque that can be presented at the club meeting or at a special moment at home. This can also be a way that you can honor someone in your community or club. It is worth thinking about.

Thank you all for what you are doing for Kiwanis and the Children of the World. Here is wishing all a very Happy Holiday season.

Club News

November Kiwanis Family Service Project

11/30/2012 - Club: Grand Rapids - Submitted by: Bernie Backes

On November 27, 2012, the Grand Rapids Kiwanis Family joined together to do a Kid Pack project at the Second Harvest Food Bank. The Kid Pack Project provides food for school children who are food insecure. Each student who is in need of food receives a Kid Pack to take home on Friday. Nineteen schools benefit from this program.

Our Kiwanis Family includes the Grand Rapids High School Key Club, Greenway High School Key Club, Itasca Community College Circle K, Daybreakers Kiwanis Morning Club and the Grand Rapids Kiwanis Noon Club. The Greenway Key Club is sponsored by the Daybreakers Morning Club and the Grand Rapids Key Club and the ICC Circle K are sponsored by the Grand Rapids Noon Club.

A pizza and goodies social was held after packing Kid Packs. Everyone was pleased with being able to help make a difference in someone else's life.

Fargo South Point Kiwanis teams up with Madison School

11/28/2012 - Club: Fargo South Point - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn

Fill the Dome 2012 - This is the 6th year that a totally student run project has been so successful to reach a goal of nearly a half-million meals for the hungry. Cash raised was over \$75,000 and 84 tons of food to date and cash continues to come in.



This project is supported by over 60 schools in the Red River Valley, hundreds of students and Madison School which the Fargo South Point Kiwanis club supports participated in this program again this year, and our club donated over \$400 worth of goods which consisted of 26 large bags of groceries.

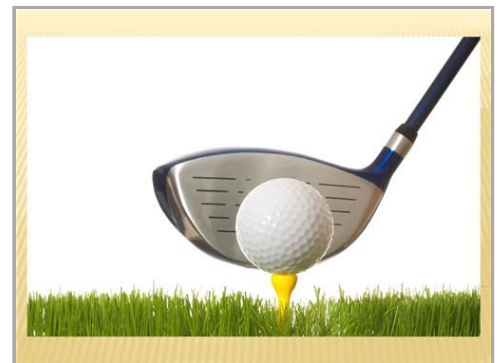
The groceries were purchased and delivered to Madison School by Mary Ann Berg, club President, and Marlene Saar, Immediate past president.

Shown in the photo is Bobby Olson, principal of Madison along with several students who helped unload the groceries.

First Albert Lea Daybreakers Kiwanis Golf Klassic a success

11/26/2012 - Club: Day-Breakers, Albert Lea - Submitted by: Jennifer Levisen

The first Albert Lea Daybreakers Kiwanis Golf Klassic was held Sept. 22 at the Clarks Grove Golf Course, Clarks Grove, Minn. The four person best-shot tournament started with a shotgun start. Lunch was served after the first nine holes were played. The second nine holes each included a challenge each player had to do while either teeing off or putting. One was a portable disc golf hole where the players used disc golf equipment to play the hole. Other holes included teeing off wearing a fireman's coat, placing the golf ball on a dixie cup, and wearing vision distortion goggles to putt.



A number of donated-prizes were drawn for after the tournament and first place received four tickets to the Minnesota Gopher v. Michigan State football game. Although the weather was cool, the tournament was well attended and everyone had a great time. We're already looking forward to the second annual tournament in 2013!

FRIDLEY KEY CLUB CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL KEY CLUB WEEK

11/14/2012 - Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Erik Keeler and Mary Bowen

November 5-9 was International Key Club Week. The Fridley High School Key Club



celebrated it with a big bang! It scheduled each day with a new project or idea.

On Monday Members wore their club t-shirts. They flooded the school with a sea of lime green shirts! At the close of the day, Club Members gathered in the basketball court area to take a group picture for the yearbook. They formed a smiley face with seniors being privileged members standing in the eye and mouth

areas.

Key Clubbers celebrated Tuesday by informing the entire school about Eliminate, the elimination of neonatal tetanus. Key Club and Kiwanis Members plan to eradicate this disease by 2015. They placed baby bottle banks in advisors' rooms. The bottles encouraged students and staff members to donate loose change during a Miracle Minute of time. This minute raised \$117.61 and saved 65 babies.

They thanked their Key Club Advisors on Wednesday during a large group meeting. They also signed up for the upcoming 54 Hour Teeter Totter Marathon, Salvation Army Bell Ringing and Santa's Workshop.

Three Key Club Officers went to the Fridley Community Center on Wednesday to present Honorary Key Club pins and certificates to the JAMS ladies. This group of fourteen ladies has sewn cool ties for troops, pillowcase dresses for Africa, fleece warm ups and flannel pajamas and knitted bandages for leprosy patients and made over 800 hospital dolls over the past years. Key Club wanted to tell them how special they are.

Key Clubbers spent Thursday afternoon at a workshop making corn cob propeller magnets for Teacher Appreciation and felt flowers for Kiwanis Education Day. The many Key Clubbers who come to craft sessions really dig them this year. About fifty Key Clubbers attend each session.

Key Clubbers held Hat Day on Friday. Each student or staff member paid \$1.00 to the Key Club. In return they received a sticker that allowed them to wear a hat throughout the day. All sorts of hats; for example, flamingo, cowboy, Chinese, monkey, fish, chef and sports were worn. This fun day collected \$149.00 for Eliminate.

The Club has set a goal of \$2,000 for Eliminate. It is well on its way with the events of Key Club Week. The 54 Hour Teeter Totter Marathon is just around the corner. Monies raised from it will go to Eliminate.

Hats off to Key Club Members. They had an awesome week of celebration!

Erik Keeler, Vice President
Mary Bowen, Kiwanis Advisor
Fridley High School Key Club

Grand Forks Noon Club and SunRisers Club Present Check

11/13/2012 - Club: Grand Forks - Submitted by: Zach Ahrens

Kiwanis Noon Club President Duane Hafner and Kiwanis SunRisers Club President Zach Ahrens presented a check for \$32,500 for Kiwanis Park to Grand Forks Park District Board President Jay Panzer at the November 6, 2012 Commissioners meeting.



New Year's Eve On Ice

11/13/2012 - Club: Detroit Lakes - Submitted by: Kimberly Wegleitner



The Detroit Lakes Kiwanis Club is holding a Fundraiser Event in December. Here's more information:

New Year's Eve On Ice

Monday Dec. 31, 2012 at the Holiday Inn on the Lake in Detroit Lakes.

4 Course Dinner, Champagne, Music & More!

6pm Social

7pm Dinner

9pm Music/Dancing

Cost \$75 per person

A formal event to celebrate the new year!

If you would like more details, please contact the DL Kiwanis Club, Kimberly Wegleitner at kimberlyw@lakeshirts.com.