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Governor's Message

12/01/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Sharon Scudder

Happy Holidays to all the Club members and their families of Minnesota, North and South Dakota. I have had fantastic and joyful experiences in the many clubs I visited on my way to Regional Educational Conferences.

I met Santa Claus in Albert Lea, MN so he and I wanted to both greet you for the Season.

I failed to mention Region 5 in my Newsletter last month. Al Vanderlaan and his team put together a wonderful conference in Watertown, South Dakota.

Region 5 was my first Regional Conference on day one of my becoming Governor so thank you for all you do.

We had a great time in Watertown, SD at the Ramkota Inn. Stephanie Davern, representing Scholastic Book Fairs presented "the Oasis Project which was quite successful for the schools in Watertown. Many Clubs were represented and I was happy to see them all. Vicki Walters also presented for the Formula and did an excellent job as well as Chuck for the foundations. These Regional Educational Conferences are truly what they mean....Kiwanis Education at it's finest. Congratulations for Al on being the 1st of my visits and I wish you well in seeking a Lt. Governor for your fine Region.



My Month of November was one filled with joy and mileage. But what a good time I had sharing smiles, handshakes, service projects and meeting the members that make Kiwanis the Best Organization in the World.

Region 6 hosted their Educational Conference in Willmar, MN. I cannot say enough about the professionalism that the Conference was conducted. Dennis Hier and his team certainly put forth the effort and time to make this conference a success. There was a silent auction for Eliminate and Service Projects to work on after the Conference. I chose sorting toys at the Salvation Army.

My memorable moments were meeting two wonderful new members from the Winthrop Club, meeting and working with David Anderson from the Aktion Club, meeting young Matthew Norland, President of the Mankota Club and listening to a wonderful speaker Jackie Lageson & Rene Maes on Service Leadership Programs.

Of Course we had excellent Education from Bruce Klair and "the Formula", Loreena Luetgers with Achieving Club Excellence. Unfortunately Loreena will be resigning this

year so we are looking for someone to assist her the rest of the year and hopefully work into the position of Director of Education. Also Stewart Ross & Stephanie Daven presented an excellent presentation on the Scholastic Book Program and the Project called "the Oasis"

Dennis did a fine job of installing Michael Tobin as the Lt. Governor Elect for 2015-16. Michael also presented an outline of "50 Ways to find more members". The food and fellowship was excellent. Thank you members of Region 6 for a delightful Conference. Dennis you perform in conducting a Conference as well as you play the piano.

On the Road again, I left Willmar to return to the Region 4 Regional Educational Conference held in Lead, South Dakota on November 8, 2014. We had a wonderful Conference led by Lt. Governor Dan Leikvold. I was excited to share my message and goals with the Region who has supported me throughout the years.

I am thankful and excited to be from Region 4. The Clubs represented were from Sturgis, Lead-Deadwood, Rapid City, Hot Springs, and Spearfish. The Educational pieces were great from Chuck Schroeder representing the foundations and accepting money on the spot for Centennial Awards. How is that for coming forth to support our Foundations? I have to say to Bruce Klair that Tom Allen did a super job on his presentation for "the Formula"

Our lunch was catered by Lotus Up, who had 2 wonderful children helping and volunteering to pick up. One particular little guy came off the street to help. He literally was unknown to the group but heard something going on and wanted to help. There is a little Kiwanian in the making. Grab this Terrific Kid, we need to put him in an SLP.

A special congratulations to the Sturgis Golden "K" on the construction of their new building for the Community Food Pantry. DeWayne Hayes and Barry Furze have contributed much time in preparing grants and funding for this project.

Key Club of Lead was represented as well as Circle K. Lead Key Club was the speaker at lunch and shared their ideas and service. There was a Silent Action for Eliminate and this was successful due to each club donating items to be auctioned. Also there was a book drive to distribute to the less fortunate children in the community.

Thanks to all the members and the fine job done by the Lt. Governor Dan. Keep up the good work in membership as you have been doing. Thanks again for your support.

Due to the distance in traveling, I decided to stay in Minnesota for the two Regional Conferences scheduled and do some club visits. I learned a lot and met some wonderful people including Santa Claus. My first visit in Minnesota this time around was to the Albert Lea Day-Breakers who had a wonderful program on the Blue Zones Project.

Darryl Meyer and his wife took me to dinner the night before so I was versed on the direction to the meeting place.

Then off to Red Wing I went. My son, Troy accompanied me along with the GPS, believe it---I didn't get lost. What a beautiful sight. The Conference was held on November 15, 2014 at the St. James Hotel overlooking the Mississippi River.

The newly elected Lt. Governor Dick Odell presided with celebrations of Kiwanis Club of South Suburban Twin Cities. Congratulations to Liz Lawrence-Ross as President, and Stewart as Secretary. Liz Lawrence-Ross, District Convention Director also talked about the upcoming District Convention on August 7-10, 2015 in Grand Forks, ND. Education included Bruce Klair, District Growth Chair, Jack Zierdt, representing KI and District Educational Foundations. Stewart Ross gave an update on Region 6 & 7 Book Project SMIF, Stephanie Daven reported on Scholastic Books and of course Bill Daugherty the District Coordinator for the Eliminate Project. There was a club drawing

for Eliminate also.

Some highlights for me was the nomination of Robyn Udenberg who was elected as the new Lt. Governor Elect for Region 7 2014-15. She will be a great asset to Region 7. The entertainment by the Silver Tones was an added value to the Conference along with those gigantic rolls prior to the opening. Gail Heyda was recognized for helping to put this Conference together and helping Dick to preside. Mary and the Fridley Key Club what a firecracker job you did on the favors. Thanks to all for a beautiful conference and for all your well-wishes extended to me. Oh, , by the way congratulations to Gene Hasselquist for Perfect Attendance for the past 33 years.

Bad weather approaching, stayed the night and headed to Albert Lea the next day. I visited the Albert Lea Noon Club on Monday. Yes, Santa was at their club and they welcomed me with a newspaper article about my visit and gave me time to present my goals and message. I was honored to wish Dick Paul a 90th Happy Birthday as well. This club does great work and is very active. I encouraged everyone to read the Minnekotan to keep well informed. What a pleasant group of members. Thank you for having me.

The next 4 of 5 planned visits took me to Owatonna to visit the Kiwanis Club of Owatonna on November 19, 2014. Michael Tobin was a gracious host. They had a program on Transportation which is dear to my heart since I sat on the Transportation Board for the City of Sturgis. Great program and great members. They had quite a line of activity they were involved with for the month and upcoming holidays. I was excited to see so many young business people involved in the club.

My next trip was delightful as I made two visits in one city of Faribault in one day. The first one was an Early Riser 6:45 a.m. meeting. It was great. I met many members who were cheerful, fun, and had many service projects ahead of them for the month. I can honestly say that during my stay in Faribault, the Kiwanis is well known in their community. I then surprised the Faribault Golden "K" at 9:00 A.M. when I looked lost and a member guided me in and announced me to everyone's surprise. I loved it. Their program did not attend so I was able to be the program---What an opportunity I was given. I shared my goals and talked about service, membership and and of course shared my views on the Sturgis Rally. I met a member who just turned 91 and was a charter member and still doing service in the Kiwanis Club. Thank you Faribault Golden "K" for letting me just drop in.

I started out to Lakeville, MN to welcome in the newly chartered Club, however met with an emergency that ended up with my son at Fairmont Hospital.

Congratulations to the Kiwanis Club of South Suburban Twin Cities. I know you will be a strong Club with your new leadership and determination---you will be great. Hope to visit you sometime this year.

Spent the night in Fairmont and headed to Little Falls, MN to the Region 3 Conference. Gary and his team did an excellent job. Although the attendance was small, the conference was great. I presented my goals and talked a bit and Lt. Governor Gary Torfin was surprised when he said I did not speak as long as normal but I just left time for Stewart to present his program. Bill Daugherty and Bruce Klair did fine presentations on Eliminate and at the Formula. I believe 5 clubs were represented and Betz made a wonderful lunch with food to go. it was delicious and thanks for the time you spent preparing the meal. We ended with a service project assembling food packages to send away to feed the children of the world.

After 10 days away from home, I was glad to start my journey home to make time for my family and friends knowing Santa would be on his way to my house soon.

Happy Holidays to all. (pictured: Governor Sherry with Santa (David Mullenbach))

[Click here](#) for more photos of Sherry's visits to Regions and Clubs.

December Update

11/30/2014 - 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.

Governor Elect Candidates: If you are interested in running for Governor Elect for 2015-2016, 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,

2015 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 13-14. We look forward to seeing your contribution again in 14-15. 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.

Online Monthly Club Reporting: Since our online reporting is so very important, I would like to once again review the process for the 14-15 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.

Following are links to two very helpful tutorial videos:

New Kiwanis Reporting System - Part 1 - Login and Dashboard Tour [Click here](#)

New Kiwanis Reporting System - Part 2 - Monthly Reports [Click here](#)

Tri-K District Board Meeting: Kiwanis, Circle K, and Key Club District Boards will meet in Fergus Falls, MN on Friday, January 16 and Saturday, January 17, 2015.

District Kiwanis Leadership Directory: Just a reminder that you can view or print a copy of our district leadership directory on our district website [Click here](#)

Directory of Club Officer and Club Meeting Locations: Last month I emailed all club

secretaries a directory of all clubs in the district. If you would like a copy contact your club secretary, or send me an email and I will email it to you. The club directory is not posted on the district website, but is available upon request.

Thanks again for all your great work in Kiwanis!

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Every Community Needs Kiwanis

11/28/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bruce Klair

For some Kiwanians, opening a new Kiwanis club is the greatest service you can perform. There is no greater reward in Kiwanis than knowing you have helped to bring the Kiwanis service opportunities to a community that had previously not known about Kiwanis. Or perhaps you would want to explore adding a second Kiwanis club to a community. A Kiwanis club that meets on a different day, at a different time, attracts non-traditional members and explores service options not previously considered.

When I was first asked to help open a new Kiwanis club, I was reluctant. I'm not a salesman, and I didn't want to feel I was bothering people. I didn't want to be turned down or face rejection. I quickly found out this was not a problem, whether folks joined or not, almost everyone wanted to hear more about Kiwanis and the great things it can do for a community. And I met a lot of new friends that way, some of whom never did join the new Kiwanis club!



The greatest part of opening a new club is when you hear about all the good things the club is doing in the years since it opened. Knowing that you had a part in bringing these service activities to a community is a reward beyond words. And in most cases, a club that sponsors a new Kiwanis club finds its own club gets a renewed sense of purpose, enthusiasm and excitement.

Check out the kiwanisone.org web-site for a step-by-step guide to get your club started on sponsoring and opening a new Kiwanis club. In addition, several people in our District are Certified New Club Openers and are waiting for an opportunity to work with clubs in opening more clubs. Contact these people:

Cindy Braseth, Mentor MN: cabnurse@live.com
Mark Johnson, Hibbing, MN: mejhnson52@gmail.com
Judie Rosendahl, Madison, MN: mjrose@frontiernet.net
Dave Harms, LakeCity, MN: dmh538@gmail.com

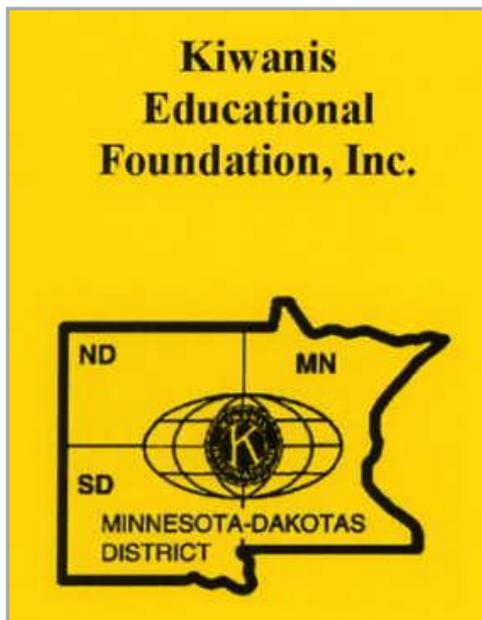
These folks, along with the Certified Club Counselors we listed in last month's MINNEKOTAN, are waiting to hear from you and will help you make this the most successful Kiwanis year ever!

Minnesota Dakotas District Education Foundation

11/25/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bill Lardy, Foundation President

No doubt your club has approved its budget for the year. I hope the budget includes funds for the District Foundation's Century Club program. Money given for the Century Club, which may come from the service account, supports the Foundation's endowment from which scholarships are awarded each year to selected graduating seniors throughout the district. As Foundation board member Larry Rittgarn said in last month's Minnekotan each year the foundation awards 40-50 scholarships.

The past several years have seen the size of each scholarship range in value from \$800 to \$850. This is no small amount, yet because tuition, fees, books, housing, transportation and other college costs continue to increase, the size of the scholarships awarded should also increase. Unfortunately that is not the case which is why it is critical for each club in the District to "join" the Century Club. Many clubs give more than the \$100 requested. Yet some clubs give nothing at all. So I request all club officers and directors to review your budget. Is there a budget for Foundation Century club? If not please find a way to include it. If there is a line item for Century Club please request the



Treasurer to send it to Foundation Secretary/Treasurer Jack Zierdt, 914 Southern Pine Ln SW, Rochester, MN 55902.

I think of each gift to the Foundation as an investment in the future of our society as well as an investment in each young scholarship recipient. These investment will pay dividends far into the future.

Kiwanis First Ladies Passed Away

11/26/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: S. Handegaard

Two First Ladies of Kiwanis passed away very recently. Both will be greatly missed. Both were very involved along with their husbands on the Club, District and International level in Kiwanis.

Jeanette Enstad, of Fergus Falls and wife of the late Merald Enstad, Past Kiwanis International President and Past Governor of MNDK District passed away on Monday, November 24, 2014



[Click here](#) to view Jeanette's obituary.

Condolences can be sent to her granddaughter, Jen Peterson, 615 Vasa Ave W, Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Marcia Horan, of Moorhead and wife of Tom Horan, Past District Kiwanis Governor and Past District Secretary-Treasurer passed away on November 12, 2014.

[Click here](#) to view Marcia's obituary.

Condolences can be sent to Tom Horan, 300 44th Ave S, Moorhead, MN 56560

TODAY-TOMORROW AND FOREVER

11/29/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: E.Chuck Schroder

The reason I chose the heading I did, is because it fits with one of our goals for the our district for the KIF foundation. We would like to have every club in the district have



someone get a Hixson. Not only will the individual get credit for his or her contribution, but their club will as well. You may designate how you want your Hixson to be used. If you just want it to be unrestricted, then we can use it for Grants, SLP'S, etc. and this will be considered Today. If you want it to be for a specific program such as SLP'S then it becomes Tomorrow. If you just want the interest to be used, then it becomes Forever. The same thing can be done with the

Leadership Society. The cost of a Hixson is \$1,000 and can be paid over a period of two years and the Leadership Society is \$250.00. Remember, not only does the individual get credit for the contribution, but their club does as well. This would be a very nice Christmas gift for someone or to honor a person in your club or community.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a VERY MERRY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Key Club Fall Rally

11/23/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Peter Larson

Region 2 Lt. Governor, Peter Larson, enjoyed flying at the Minnesota Dakotas Key Club Fall Rally. I was invited to the Fall Rally by Colton Iverson, Key Club Lt Governor at the District Convention in August. The event was held at the YMA Camp Ihdupi, Loretto, MN on Oct. 24-26th. The Rally had incredible weather, many informative and fun events including low and high challenge courses that everyone could participate in, service project workshops and late night campfires. Governor Sherry Scudder attended the rally and also enjoyed the interaction with our Key Club members. Minot, ND brought a bus with 20 Key Club members and advisors in a big display of support for this event.



One item I learned which kept attendance down was ACT testing where many Key Club members scheduled the test for the last weekend before Halloween when this event is held each year. Remind your Key Club members to keep that weekend open and enjoy a great rally.

Finally, I want to thank Key Club Administrator Mary Beth Townsend for planning and pulling off a great rally.

Children's rights focus of Kiwanis and United Nations policy meetings

11/30/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Kiwanis International

Making the world a better place for children is the focus of meetings set for Kiwanis International President John R. Button, M.D., and leaders of the United Nations. The meetings coincide with the 25th anniversary of Convention on the Rights of the Child, one of the most widely ratified human rights treaties in history.

Dr. Button will help shape global public policy during the high-level meetings set for November 20, 2014, at the United Nations headquarters in New York, New York. The group will receive a status report on children's rights and determine how to speed up progress to reach the 6.3 million children under the age of five who continue to die each year.

"The world has made much progress in the past 25 years ensuring children have access to health care, adequate nutrition, education, freedom from violence and exploitation, but more needs to be done for the millions of children who continue to lack the essential services that ensure their survival," said Dr. Button. "Kiwanis International will continue to engage the world community through our global network of service to give children the ability to thrive into adulthood.

"Kiwanis International has pledged US\$110 million to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus as its current global campaign for children. Kiwanis leaders expect to fulfill the pledge during the summer of 2015 in celebration of the organization's 100th Anniversary.

"The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus will not only save or protect millions of lives, it will build the framework for other lifesaving vaccines and nutrients to be delivered to children and their families living in the poorest places on Earth," said Stan Soderstrom, executive director of Kiwanis International. "We are proud again to be a part of an effort that changes the course of human history."

Kiwanis International's previous global campaign continues to protect tens of millions of children from Iodine Deficiency Disorder, the leading cause of preventable mental disabilities. UNICEF has called the effort to end IDD one of the greatest public health accomplishments of the 20th century.

Kiwanis International partners with Aplos for club accounting and Form 990 software

11/30/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Kiwanis International

Aplos Software, a company specializing in web-based, nonprofit software, announced today that it will partner with Kiwanis International to offer nonprofit accounting and Form 990 software for Kiwanis clubs. Kiwanis International has over 8,000 adult clubs throughout the world and is a global organization of members of every age who are dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

As the recommended software for club treasurers, Aplos will assist the organization's clubs in maintaining their tax-exempt status with preparation and submission of Form 990, a required annual IRS informational return. In addition, treasurers will use the web-based fund accounting software to track finances by funds, share access with club officers, and securely transition accounting records between treasurers.

“Aplos was a natural fit for Kiwanis because our club treasurers can now track their funds and prepare Form 990 faster and with fewer questions,” said Scott Smith, chief technology officer for Kiwanis International. “This frees them to focus on their core mission of serving our community.”

Kiwanis clubs will utilize the Aplos suite of web-based nonprofit software products, Aplos e-File, Accounting, and Donations. Fund accounting is a crucial element for nonprofits like Kiwanis to correctly track dedicated funds. With Aplos Donations, clubs can also accept and track online donations.

As an authorized IRS e-file provider, Aplos e-File helps the clubs based in the United States prepare and submit Form 990-N or Form 990-EZ to the IRS and monitor the status of their returns. If a club fails to file a Form 990-N three years in a row, they automatically lose their tax-exempt status. To prevent this from occurring, the headquarters for Kiwanis International will utilize Aplos Oversight to monitor the e-file status of clubs to help clubs maintain their tax-exempt status.

“We are proud to partner with Kiwanis International and support the service of their clubs by helping them easily maintain their tax-exempt status and making it possible for each club to do excellent fund accounting,” said Tim Goetz, CEO and co-Founder of Aplos. “Great accounting is the foundation to building a strong and trusted organization that invests in their community for generations to come.”

As a cloud-based software, users can access Aplos online from any location with an Internet connection, have multiple users with role-based permissions, and automatically back up data online. Kiwanis clubs change treasurers regularly and need to share auditing access with external accountants, so the web-based platform allows the clubs to securely share access without software downloads or moving data. More information about Aplos Accounting can be found at www.aplos.com.

Aplos specializes in web-based software that makes it simple to manage a nonprofit, including fund adonations, and tax preparation software. In addition, Aplos Oversight is a financial management software for administrators to easily oversee the finances of multiple nonprofits. Based in California, Aplos was founded in 2009 and has served over 10,000 organizations with its various software programs. For more information, visit <http://www.aplos.com> or call Aplos at (888) 274-1316.

International Convention 2015

11/30/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Courtney Taylor



You may wonder what's so important about attending a Kiwanis International Convention. Do you enjoy traveling with people from around your district? Do you like meeting strangers from other parts of the country and world? Have you ever visited the Indianapolis Motor Speedway or Circle Centre? These are just a few of the reasons to mark the 100th Annual Kiwanis International Convention hosted by the Indiana District in your personal and club budgets.

Downtown Indy might entertain you with the Canal Walk and White River State Park. Delegates with K-Kids in tow may enjoy the Indianapolis Zoo or Children's Museum. The Indianapolis Museum of Art boasts more than 50,000 works. If you rent a car, visit the Traders Point Creamery in Zionsville, just 15 miles outside of Indianapolis.

The resources you can bring back from an international convention are limitless. Workshops offer a variety of topics, including the Kiwanis International Foundation and the Eliminate Project. In addition to voting on officers and amendments, the Business Session provides an overview of the organization and its sponsored leadership programs. Not the least of this year's excitement will be the 100th anniversary celebration.

This convention will be held June 25-28. For more information about this and other centennial events, look in your Kiwanis Magazine and visit kiwanis.org.

Club News

Mankato Holiday Lights Display

11/30/2014 - Club: Mankato - Submitted by: Mankato Kiwanis

The Mankato Kiwanis Club was featured in the last issue of the Kiwanis International Magazine. To see more about this project [Click here](#)



Walter Zeller award presentation

11/29/2014 - Club: Fargo South Point - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn

Walter Zeller was a leader in Kiwanis during the early years of the organization. He had a strong commitment to the mission of Kiwanis. In Zeller's honor, Kiwanis International has created the Walter Zeller Fellowship which recognizes gifts of \$1,250 to the Eliminate Project. South Point Kiwanis has honored Patricia Chadwick with a Walter Zeller Fellowship award. Patricia has a long commitment to Madison School and has demonstrated her love of Madison Children and their families for over 18 years. She is the perfect example of the Kiwanis mission to serve Children. On November 19th, at South Point's weekly meeting at Old Chicago, Patricia was honored and was presented with a medallion, lapel pin and certificate. Patricia's husband, Chuck, and Madison

principal, Bobby Olson, joined Patricia for the celebration.

Thank you, Patricia, for your commitment to children!



Builders Club Says Happy Thanksgiving

11/27/2014 - Club: Rapid City - Submitted by: Tom Allen

Happy Thanksgiving!

The West Middle School Builders Club of Rapid City helped 14 less fortunate students and their families have a very Happy Thanksgiving! Builders Club members planned a food drive to help their fellow students during a meeting in late October. The sixth grade members were responsible for setting up a drive for potatoes and gravy, plus stuffing components for a dinner. The seventh grade members were responsible for the vegetable and components and the eighth grade students raised funds to purchase turkeys and pies to complete the dinner. Boxes were placed in classrooms so students could drop off their donations over a two week period.



At their November 18th meeting all of the components were boxed up and the Builders Club found they had collected enough money and food to provide 14 Thanksgiving dinners. There were also a lot of extra food items the Builders Club was able to donate to Feeding South Dakota allowing other members of the community to have a happy holiday season. Club members made notes to include in the food baskets wishing the family a "Happy Thanksgiving from the West Middle School Builders Club." School administrators contacted possible families of West Middle School students who might need some help with their Thanksgiving meal. The Thanksgiving food baskets were picked up or delivered on November 24th in plenty of time to get the turkey thawed and ready for their dinner.

The West Middle School Builders will prepare for their next project at their meeting on December 2nd. They anticipate wrapping presents for the young children in a local early Headstart program. The gifts will be purchased by the Rapid City Kiwanis Club as part of "Young Children - Priority One".

Kiwanis Club of Minot helps area groups

11/26/2014 - Club: Minot - Submitted by: Carla Dolan

Many times, the members of Kiwanis wonder if all their hard work flipping pancakes and selling tickets are going to make a difference. On Tuesday, November 25, members realized just how important mixing that batter can be. The group presented seven organizations with checks to help support their efforts to improve the lives of children in our area. Character Counts, Teen Drug Court, PATH, MHS Girls BB Boosters, International Music Camp, Horn of Plenty and Minot Head Start all received money from the club. The money given to the Head Start will be used to purchase two new lap tops for teachers there. The lap tops the Head Start was using were in the shop more than they were in the classroom.

The group recently gave money and canned goods to the Food Bank in Minot in memory of Alex Lutes. Alex was tragically killed in a hunting accident. As the President of the Central Campus Key Club, he was passionate about the food drives. His family and friends spearheaded an effort to continue that passion. It's efforts like these that make us all realize selling some tickets and getting up early to make pancakes, really is making a difference one child and community at a time.

Jamestown Kiwanis exceeds Eliminate goal

11/26/2014 - Club: Jamestown - Submitted by: KatieRyan-Anderson

Club donates \$28,000 to international project

The Jamestown (N.D.) Kiwanis club met its goal this year, saving the lives of more than 15,000 mothers and babies around the world.

The club raised more than \$28,000 to benefit Kiwanis International's Eliminate Project. In partnership with UNICEF, Kiwanis raises money to purchase tetanus shots to give to mothers and babies in developing countries. The shots, which require three doses, cost a total of \$1.80.

Woman and babies contract tetanus through unsafe and unclean birthing practices.

"We're happy to help and raise awareness to this cause from our little corner of the world," said Sharon Caine, co-chair of the Eliminate Project in Jamestown.

The Jamestown Kiwanis club not only met its goal, but it also achieved Model Club status, or \$750 per member-average.

Fundraisers included external events as well as internal. Some of the most profitable included live auctions in which Kiwanis members brought the food, the items, and then purchased those items from each other.

"One member spent \$2,500 on a homemade steak supper for four," Caine said. "Another member bid \$800 on a 10-speed bike. After the auction, he gave it away to another club member with a little boy. That's how generous our members are."

Another popular fundraiser was the mini-auction, held occasionally at regular weekly meetings. Members donated auction items, which typically included artwork, homemade pies or gourmet coffee. The co-chairs would secretly select a dollar amount for each item. Mini-auctions typically raised \$250.



"Anyone can bid, but only a dollar at a time," said Co-Chair Katie Ryan-Anderson. "So Person A bid \$1, Person B added his dollar to make \$2 and so on. Once the bid hit the secret amount, say \$25, whoever happened to put in that dollar won the item. So someone could walk away with a \$25 item for a \$1 donation. It was important to us to include all our members in this project, regardless of their ability to donate."

For more information on Eliminate, visit <http://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/en/theELIMINATEproject/home.aspx>. For more information on Jamestown Kiwanis, visit www.Facebook.com/JamestownKiwanis or email JamestownKiwanis@gmail.com.

Fridley Key Club Operation Christmas Child

11/26/2014 - Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Dany Christensen, Chair of OCC

The members of Fridley Key Club came together to donate 75 Operation Christmas Child boxes this year. Operation Christmas Child is a Christian organization that sends and distributes boxes full of items to children in need in different countries. When the children receive these boxes they are ecstatic and are very thankful that there are people in this world that care enough about them to give a present to them. Fridley Key Club members were given a box that they filled with toys, coloring books, soap,



washcloths, and candy. After the boxes were turned back in they were checked and dropped off at one of the many drop off locations in Minnesota.

2014-2015 Lt Gov Elect from the Lake City Club

11/24/2014 - Club: Lake City - Submitted by: Andru Peters

At a recent Minnesota-Dakotas Region 7 Education Day meeting event held in Red Wing, MN, District Governor Richard Odell announced the Region 7 2014-2015 Lt. Governor Elect Robyn Udenberg, immediate past president of the Lake City club.

Robyn has been an active member of the Lake City Kiwanis Club since joining in the Spring of 2009. Prior to being the club president, she held the secretary role and served in numerous committees, which included supporting the local food shelf drive, recognized pancake flipper at the annual pancake breakfast event, and the high school Dictionary project. Robyn also on two occasions was the Club volunteer participating in the Polar Plunge challenge

Prior to becoming a Kiwanian, Robyn served on the Board of Directors for the Dakota Woodlands, a women & children homeless shelter program in Dakota County. She was chair of the United Way giving campaign for Blue Cross Blue Shield Select Account Division, as well as being a graduate of the Blandin Community Leadership Program. Other activities



include being a member of the Frontenac Sportsman Club and a member of the Lake City Environmental Learning Program volunteers.

She recently was instrumental in forming and became the first coach of the Lake City High School Trap Shooting Team inaugural season. Along with this association Robyn has become a certified Firearm's Safety Instructor.

Kiwanis Club of Lake City is part of a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. The 2014 – 2015 goal for the 50th year for the Lake City Kiwanis Club is meeting the needs and continue to improve the wellbeing of each child, one child at a time in our community

Trick or Treating for UNICEF

11/24/2014 - Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Fridley Key Club



Four Fridley Key Clubbers and Kiwanis Advisor Crzy Mry "Trick or Treated" during the lunch period in the high school on October 31st. Most students checked their pockets, purses and backpacks for loose change and spare dollars. They were generous in their giving. Many wanted to take a photo of themselves and Tinker Bell. Others were fascinated to learn about Eliminate, the eradication of neonatal tetanus in developing countries. This project is sponsored by Key Club and Kiwanis International throughout the world. For just \$1.80, three shots at .60 cents each, a baby can be

saved from this disease.

In less than one hour the Fridley High School students and staff saved 46 babies. Yet more will be saved when final monies are collected as many students went "Trick or Treating" that night. The total amount expected from this project is about \$500. That amount will save 278 babies. The Fridley Key Club is truly making a difference!

Bismarck Kiwanis Veteran's Day Program 2014

11/24/2014 - Club: Bismarck - Submitted by: Paul Schadewald, Secretary

Bismarck Kiwanis had a special Veteran's Day program at our November 11, 2014 meeting. Members were encouraged to wear or bring their uniforms. Several did and our oldest member, Dr. Herb Wilson still fits into his World War II uniform. Most of us are not able to do this. Our speaker was Captain Jeff Hoffer from the North Dakota National Guard. We had 42 people attend our program and it really was a special day.

