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A Time to Reflect and to Look Ahead

01/01/2011 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Lowell Disrud, District Governor

Happy New Year!

I hope that your holiday season with family and friends was wonderful. Now as we start a new calendar year, it is time to reflect on 2010 and to consider the coming year.

As you contemplate the many aspects of your life, please think about your service in Kiwanis. We are one fourth of the way through this Kiwanis year. What were your personal goals as you started this Kiwanis year? Are you on track to achieve your goals? What were the goals of your club and is your club on track to achieve those goals? What can you do to make your goals happen? How can we help one another?

January is also a good time to think about your future involvement in Kiwanis. If you are a new member or have not served as a board member or officer in your club please reflect on how you can be actively involved. Now is a good time to ask questions and learn about leadership opportunities. If you have been president of your club, have you considered being available to serve as a Lt Governor or in a position as a Regional or District Administrator? Now is also a good time to learn about various positions in your club and district. The personal opportunities and rewards of serving Kiwanis in a leadership role far outweigh the time and resources required. Serving in a new leadership role will lead to new friendships, experiences, and rewards as you use your talents in a new way for our organization.

The Minnesota-Dakotas Governor team, Lt Governor Teams, Administrators, and Secretary/Treasurer are all available to assist with whatever questions or needs you have. Please let us know how we can help you make 2011 a great year for you personally as well as for your Kiwanis club.

Together, let us look back on 2010 with pride and satisfaction as we think about what we have done together for children and our communities. January 2011 is also a good time to look forward with hope and anticipation, as we plan our goals and our work for the upcoming year.



Let's build the Kiwanis fire warmer and brighter in 2011. "Put another log on the fire."

Have a great Kiwanis year in 2011.

January Update

12/31/2010 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas



Happy New Year!

Governor Elect Candidates: If you are interested in running for Governor Elect for 2011-2012, 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, 2011. Your information must be received by that date to be published in the March MINNEKOTAN. Candidates can announce their intention to run at a later date, but will 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 in Fargo next August. A complete list of rules and regulations for district officer campaigns can be obtained from the District Office.

Leadership opportunities: If you are interested in being a future District Lt. Governor, Regional or District Chairperson, etc., please contact your Lt. Governor, other officer or myself. Each year the district is in need of interested and dedicated leaders. It can be a very interesting, rewarding and educational experience.

Kiwanis International Convention in Geneva: Sign up early and save! Early-bird registration for the 96th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Geneva ([Click here](#)) ends Jan. 31.

All clubs should be represented at the International Convention. Be a delegate and vote for the future of Kiwanis! You can help shape the future of this great organization by representing your club as a voting delegate. Kiwanis Clubs in good standing are allowed to designate two representatives to the House of Delegates. Of course, you do not need to be a delegate to attend, everyone is welcome!

Club Liability Information: All club secretaries should have received a packet of information from Kiwanis International entitled, "General Liability 2010-2011 Risk Management Packet". The packet contains information about your club liability insurance and risk management techniques. (You can also view all of the information online [Click here](#)) Be sure that your members are aware of what kinds of activities are covered by the insurance and what is not covered. Just a reminder that at the 2009 International Convention an amendment was passed that allows clubs to use funds from their service accounts to pay part or the entire general liability insurance premium.

Interclubs: I get lots of questions about the criteria for the Interclub Award. You can find the criteria on our district website in the Awards section- [Click here](#) Remember the timeline for the award coincides with our regular Kiwanis year- October 1st through September 30th.

Online Monthly Club Reporting: Since our online reporting is so very important, I would like to once again review the process for the 10-11 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. Among other things the online monthly reports will again be the official basis for selecting the Distinguished Club Awards for 10-11. If you have any questions, please give me a call or send me an email. Reminder: Club Presidents also have viewing access to your monthly online reports.

Tri-K District Board Meeting: Kiwanis, Circle K, and Key Club District Boards will meet in Fergus Falls, MN on Friday, January 14 and Saturday, January 15, 2011. Check out some of our other District event dates on the District Website ----- [Click here](#)

Thanks again for all your great work in Kiwanis!

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NOW IS THE TIME

12/27/2010 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: E. Chuck Schroder, District Chair

I hope that everyone had a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. I know that we had a wonderful holiday season in our household. But I know that there were many children that didn't have it as well as my grandchildren or you and I did. The International Foundation has tried to help where they could, but with the lack of funds, they can only do so much.



Now is the time for you and your club to send in your annual gift campaign contribution. It is \$5.00 pr member pr. year end membership roster for your clubs total amount. You can go to the following web site and see just where we are and how are district is doing and if your club has participated: [Click here](#) In our group, we have fallen next to last. We are over \$2,000.00 behind last year at this time. We are only at \$.79 pr member and this means we will not qualify for any scholarships for Key Club or Circle K as it stands now. It also means that the grants will not be coming as they were when we were at our goal in the past years.

I don't like to talk gloom and doom, but we need to step up and bring this district back to the front of our group. With the changes in the distinguished club ratings, if your club doesn't participate it can't make it. Please take the time and bring it up to your club to get them to participate. For those clubs that have participated, thank you for your support.

Chuck Schroder
District Chair

IRS Tax Filing Requirements

12/30/2010 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas



The IRS "grace period" for filing of Form 990 tax returns by Kiwanis Clubs has now officially ended. If the fiscal year end of your Kiwanis Club is September 30th, you must file one of three possible tax returns by no later than February 15, 2011. Failure to do so could mean the loss of your exemption from Federal Income Taxes. If your fiscal year end is other than September 30th, you could already be in violation of this policy.

For the 2009 tax year, which includes the period beginning October 1, 2009 and ending September 30, 2010, the filing requirements are as follows:

Form 990 Annual Gross Receipts \$500,000 or more
Form 990-EZ Annual Gross Receipts under \$500,000
Form 990-N Annual Gross Receipts under \$25,000

Gross Receipts are the total amount the club receives from all sources during its annual account period, without subtracting any costs or expenses.

Many Kiwanis Clubs will be able to use the Form 990-N. The 990-N is a postcard return that must be filed online. You can access the filing site by clicking on the following link: [Click here](#)

When you file your Form 990-N, you will need your club's EIN (Employer Identification Number). If you do not know what that number is, we have a list for most of our clubs in the district office.

Please do not neglect this filing requirement. Failure to do so could lead to very serious consequences for your club.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this procedure, please contact me in the district office.

Kiwanis One Day - April 2, 2011

12/30/2010 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard

Think you won't make a difference? Think again.

Each year, the 600,000 members of the Kiwanis family are called together for one day of service. In 2011, Kiwanis One Day is April 2.

It's a global effort, but it's made of personal commitment. After all, Kiwanis One Day consists of the collective participation of Kiwanis, Aktion Club, CKI, Key Club, Builders Club and K-Kids members around the world.

It begins with your club's participation. It multiplies by



involving other Kiwanis and Service Leadership Program clubs in your community. It extends to the impact you have on your community. And it results in an international spirit of service that inspires people worldwide.

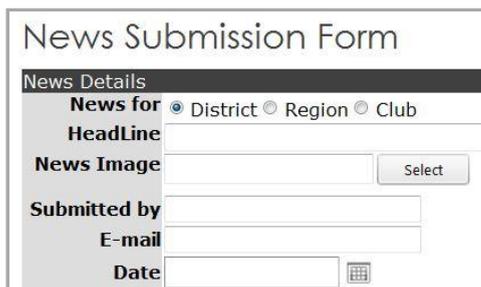
There will be no limit to what you can do—and no boundaries on your spirit of fellowship. In fact, your efforts will be echoed by clubs in communities all around the globe. [Click here](#) to get started planning your project.

How's your club changing the world on Kiwanis One Day? Here's your chance to let us know ... and to give your club a chance at worldwide recognition.

One winning club will have its story told in a KIWANIS magazine story, and another winning club's project will be professionally videotaped. The video will be provided to the club to use for recruitment, promotion and more. [Click here](#) for more information and to enter the contest.

Submit an Article About Your Club Project

12/29/2011 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas



Clubs are encouraged to submit articles to the electronic MINNEKOTAN and the District Website

Communicate with membership- inform, educate, motivate, recognize, share ideas

Article topics:

- Topics included in the MINNEKOTAN should be of general interest to members across the district or region.
- Clubs are encouraged to highlight service projects and successful fundraisers or other significant events. Short and sweet articles with one good (close up) action photo. Anyone can submit the article online.

Tips for submitting an article:

- Go to the new district website "NEWS" menu - Here is the link [Click here](#)
- Enter the requested information- Select "District News", "Regional News", or "Club News", etc..
- Be sure to select current "date" and "year".
- Your "Headline" should give the reader a very good idea of the content/purpose of the story/article, but as short as possible.
- Submit a photo if desired. One photo per article.
- Type your text into the editor box. It is best to type the text directly into the online

submission page. Avoid cutting and pasting text from another word processing program. (If you do cut and paste, be sure to insert as "plain text".)

- Shorter and sweet is better! Less than 500 words recommended. Avoid repeating information that can be found elsewhere on the KI or district website. Share links when appropriate.

Articles due:

- Generally due 3 days prior to the end of the month to be included in the Monthly MINNEKOTAN Newsletter.

Club News

Kiwanis Aktion Club Chartered in Sturgis

12/30/2010 - Club: Sturgis Golden K - Submitted by: Angel Foster

The Golden K Kiwanis Club of Sturgis and Black Hills Special Services Cooperative have teamed up to start an Aktion Club—an organization for adults with disabilities who want to become service leaders in their communities.

A November 19 ceremony led by Golden K president Michael Fox officially established the club. Four officers were installed: John McEachron, president; Natalie McCauley, vice president; Rose Freeman, secretary; and Miracle Dosch, treasurer.



"You officers are important because you are the club's leaders," said Michael Fox. "But behind every good leader is a good group, so it's important for all members to take part in what this club does."

The Aktion Club will meet the first and third Fridays of each month in Sturgis. More information is available from Angel Foster, Black Hills Special Services Cooperative community supports specialist. Foster said Aktion clubs worldwide have helped people with disabilities give back to their communities, and learn to feel more confident and develop leadership skills.

Food drives and supplying slippers for nursing home residents were discussed as first projects for the club.

Christmas with Dignity- Key Club Project

12/30/2010 - Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Will Earley, Key Club

12/06/2010 - Club: Lead - Submitted by: Mona Tinker, Club Secretary

The Kiwanis Club of Lead celebrated their 85th Anniversary at the Golden Hills Resort in Lead, Monday November 15, at 6 pm. Each table was decorated with a centerpiece once used by the Homestake Mining Company as a pattern or mold for metal parts needed in



their production. They were borrowed from the Black Hills Mining Museum by Board Member Bob Phillips.

Clubs represented were from Lead, Spearfish, Sturgis, Rapid City Downtown, & Rapid City West Side. All living Past Presidents from our club were contacted and invited to attend this very important event. Several were able to attend. 101 Year old Ed Ross of Lead, Past President 1948-49, was not able to attend. All Past Presidents who were introduced, had many good memories of their time in our club. Past President, & Past Lt. Governor Bob Phillips introduced the Past Presidents, and guests.

Lt. Governor Elect, Gus Jacob congratulated the Club in the absence of Lt. Governor Don Kennedy, who was unable to attend. Past Lt. Governor Sherry Scudder, also congratulated the club on our 85th Birthday.

Entertainment was provided by students from Lead/Dwd. High School All-State Chorus members and also school musical cast members. Past Kiwanis President Dean Peterson, directed the group.

President Steve Fairbairn led the meeting and presented Past President Bruce Adams with his Past Presidents pin. He also gave out Perfect Attendance tabs to Bruce Adams, 3 Yrs.; Judy Hink, 3 Yrs.; Diana Mathisrud, 11 Yrs.; Mona Tinker, 15 Yrs.; Bev Hink, 21 Yrs.; Ralph Hoggat, 23 Yrs.; Bob Phillips, 24 Yrs.; and Dick Tinker, 39 Yrs. Congratulations to all with perfect attendance.

Photo of head table: (Left to right)

Gus Jacob, Lt. Gov. Elect; Mary Ann Jacob; Sandy Fairbairn; Steve Fairbairn, Lead Club President; Dick Tinker; Mona Tinker, Lead Club Secretary; and Diana Mathisrud, Lead Club Treasurer

Hendricks, MN Kiwanis Club in Juledazzle Parade

12/05/2010 - Club: Hendricks - Submitted by: Julie Hogie

Hendricks, MN celebrated the Christmas season with a Juledazzle parade held during three weekends in the month of December. Chris & Berneil Hoversten, as seen in the attached picture represented the Kiwanis Club in the parade. The lighted parade was a new adventure for the community, and was a "hit". Over 700 people were in attendance on the first evening of the parade, and the excitement continued thru the following weeks. The Hoversten's, assisted by Dale Artz, a fellow Kiwanis member, decked their golf cart with lights galore and donned the Mr. & Mrs. Santa outfits for the enjoyment of all viewing the parade.



YOUTH RECOGNITION PRAYER BREAKFAST

12/04/2010 - Club: North Suburban Golden K, St. Paul - Submitted by: Ron Panter, North Suburban GK



Youth Recognition Prayer Breakfast sponsored by North Suburban Golden K & North Suburban Kiwanis clubs of Roseville, MN was held October 9, 2010. This annual breakfast honored 19 area high school students for their active participation and ministry in their respective churches.

Students were nominated by a Kiwanis member and their church staff. Each student was introduced and honored by the sponsoring Kiwanian and given a plaque of recognition. Speakers were club president and pastors. The breakfast was held in one of the supporting churches, open to and representing all faiths.