

MINNEKOTAN

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Good Bye New Orleans - Hello St. Cloud

07/02/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Denis Cornell, Governor

The 97th annual Kiwanis International Convention has ended. The Minnesota-Dakotas District had a great contingent of delegates and guests all working with enthusiasm and excitement on Thursday and Friday campaigning for the election of Stewart Ross as the 2012-2013 Kiwanis International Vice President. While we were not successful we had a lot of fun and the campaign was run with integrity and class. While there is disappointment with the loss of the election, Stewart is, and always will be, a winner for MN-DAK. We will honor Stewart and Liz at our district convention in St. Cloud, MN, August 3rd through August 5th.



Candidates elected for Kiwanis International Office are as follows:

- Thomas E. DeJulio, New York District-President
- Gunter Gasser, Austria District-President Elect
- John R. Button, Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District-Vice President
- Dennis M. Oliver, Louisiana, Mississippi, West Tennessee District-Trustee (3 year term)
- James M. Rochford, Illinois-Eastern Iowa District-Trustee (3 year term)
- Elizabeth M. Tezza, Carolinas District-Trustee (3 year term)
- Kevin Dean, West Virginia District-Trustee (1 year term to fill the remaining year of Oscar Knight's term)

There were 17 amendments voted on during the Business Session. Of the 17 amendments, 15 passed. Amendment 13, a dues increase, was referred back to the finance committee for further review and amendment 15, to add a new Kiwanis Object, failed.

On Saturday morning at the Fellowship and Service Breakfast, Kiwanis International President, Alan Penn presented Presidential Awards in five categories. Recipients of these awards from MN-DAK were:

Presidential Inspirational Award – Bruce Klair, Red Wing Dawn Breakers

Presidential Humanitarian Award – Don Felmlee, Red Wing Golden K

Presidential SLP Support/Sponsorship Award – Mary Bowen, Columbia Heights-Fridley

Presidential Kiwanis One Day Award – Kiwanis Club of Fergus Falls Otter Risers and Kiwanis Club of Fergus Falls Noon, - Fergus Falls Roadway and River Cleanup & Park Bench and Table Painting

President's Community Service Award – Red Wing Golden K, Brain Game Books

Congratulations to these great individuals and clubs in our district for this well deserved recognition.

The 95th Annual Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International Convention will be held in St. Cloud, MN, August 3-5, 2012. Registration at the early bird price of \$130.00 is open until July 10th. After this date the price increases to \$155.00. This year's theme is, "Celebration of Women~ 25 years of Women in Kiwanis". You don't want to miss this opportunity to celebrate all that women have brought and are bringing to the world of Kiwanis.

Let's continue to work hard for the children in our communities and around the globe and let's continue to strengthen our clubs during this final quarter of the 2011-2012 Kiwanis year. Each one invite one to a service project or fundraiser and introduce them to the fantastic world of Kiwanis.

"Let them know us by our service"

July Update

07/01/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas



A total of **91 Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanians and 10 guests represented our district at the Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans.** If you were not able to join us at the International Convention, you can see, hear, and read about all the action on the Kiwanis International Convention's Web pages at [Click here](#)

Next year's Kiwanis International Convention will be held in Vancouver, B.C., June 27-30, 2013.

Think about attending next year! Registration is now open! You can find information about the Vancouver Convention on the Kiwanis International website [Click here](#)

Don't forget to register for the **Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention!!** You can still register! Early registration price has been extended to July 10. Registration is \$130 until July 10. After July 10 registration is \$155. You can access and print a copy of the District Convention Registration form and related information on our district website at: [Click here](#)

Thank you once again to Club Secretaries for submitting your **Club Election Reports for 2012-2013.** The reports **were due June 1,** so if you have not entered your

information online, please do so ASAP! Please include email addresses whenever possible. It is very important that we receive this information in a timely manner so that directories and mailing lists can be compiled.

Have a great summer and hope to see many of you at the District Convention in St. Cloud.

How to subscribe to MINNEKOTAN Newsletter: If you or someone you know does not receive the MINNEKOTAN Newsletter directly to your email address each month you can find a subscription link on our district webpage. (Highlighted in red)

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District Convention Elections and Bylaw Amendment

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

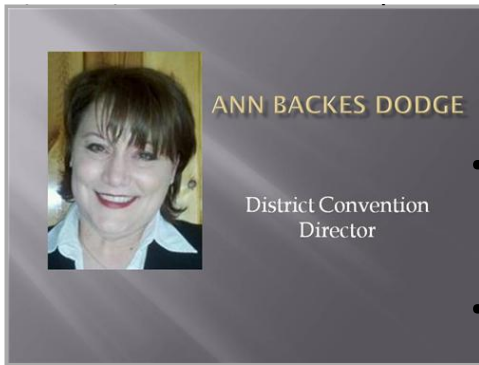
Official Notice of Elections and Bylaw Proposal to be considered by 2012 District Kiwanis Convention House of Delegates – Saturday, August 4, 2012, St. Cloud, MN

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

COMING SOON TO ST. CLOUD~THE 95th MN-DAK KIWANIS DISTRICT CONVENTION

07/02/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Ann Backes Dodge

The 95th MN-DAK Kiwanis District Convention is coming soon to St. Cloud! August 3-5, 2012, St. Cloud is the place to be as we "Celebrate Women in Kiwanis" and our



successes this past year.

Important dates to keep in mind:

- The deadline for registration is July 10th. After this date the registration fee goes up \$25.00 to \$155.00. Make sure your club is represented at the convention and in the House of Delegates!
- The Best Western Kelly Inn will be holding our block of rooms until July 5th, if you have not made your room reservations, do so today!
- Have you reserved your club's table to showcase your best FUNdraising and/or SERVICE project for the fair on Friday night? Please email me by July 6th!
- Club Leadership Education Session is Friday, August 3rd, in the morning, the deadline is August 1, with registrations going to Loreena Leutgers. If your 2012-2013 club officers have not attended CLE training, here is a great opportunity for them to receive important training that will make the club's year successful.

What can you learn by attending district convention? A great deal of important information for your club! Topics for the forums this year range from membership, adults working with youth, charter strength to how leaders communicate. We will have a candidates forum again this year as well as a forum from KIF and MN-DAK Education Foundation.

Our Friday night FUNdraising/SERVICE Fair will load you with information and ideas from other clubs in our district as well as how you can promote the KIF/ MN-DAK Education Foundation and the ELIMINATE Project. We will be having a fair theme throughout Friday. Saturday will be a jammed packed day of learning with forums and the House of Delegates. We will end Saturday with celebrating our successes this last year at the Governor's Banquet. Sunday morning we will have a Memorial Service before we head home.

It will be a weekend full of opportunities to learn, catch up with old friends and meet new friends. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Celebrating Women in Kiwanis,
Ann Backes Dodge
District Convention Coordinator
Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District
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Eliminate Project is on the move!!

06/22/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bill Daugherty

Remember, our District is planning to donate \$3 million to the Eliminate Project over the next three years. As new ideas come forth you will all be kept informed of ways to reach your club goals. By now all clubs should have advised me of their club coordinator for the Project. If you have not done so please get me the name and contact information soon.



Be thinking of the District Convention in St Cloud. We need to get more members involved in Kiwanis. Friday evening will be full of ideas for fundraising that we all can use. Once they experience a District convention they will have a better understanding of what it means to provide service to their communities as well as the World. Let's make

some things happen this August in St. Cloud. See you there!!

Contact me at blldaugherty@yahoo.com.

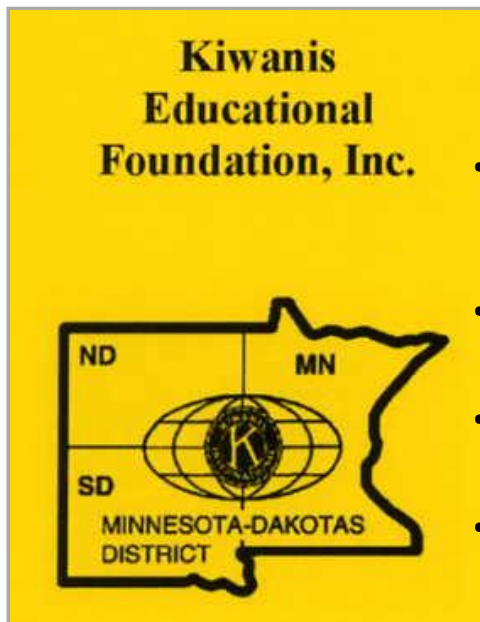
Jack Vantine - Model Kiwanian

06/21/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bill Lardy

Jack Vantine's life as a Kiwanian is a model for all Kiwanians. Even though Jack died several years ago it is good to recount some of the reasons why his Kiwanis membership is what all Kiwanis members should emulate.

Jack was a member of the Bismarck club for about 60 years and had nearly 40 years of perfect attendance. He served as governor of the Minnesota Dakotas District in 1956. Every year on his wedding anniversary he would tell his Bismarck Club that he had attended the Kiwanis meeting on his wedding day!

For many years he served as president of the Minnesota Dakotas District Foundation. After his death the Bismarck club funded a Foundation designated scholarship in his name and that of his late wife, Thelma, "The Jack and Thelma Vantine Scholarship." Another honor, memorializing the contribution Jack made to Kiwanis, was given by the Foundation Board of Directors when the board created a special designation called the Vantine Fellow. This designation is given when a contribution of \$100 or more is made to the Minnesota Dakotas Foundation.



This designation is a perfect way to recognize anyone, but especially Kiwanis members, for the good service that person may have done. Some ideas:

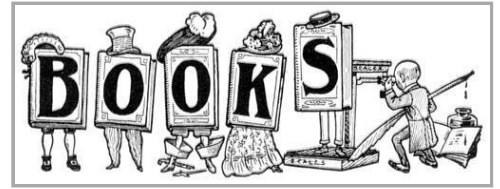
- If your club names a Kiwanian of the Year, give a contribution of \$100 to the Foundation in that person's name so he or she will also receive the Vantine Fellow award.
- If a club member reaches a milestone of membership, for example 50 years, the club should consider awarding a Vantine Fellow.
- If the club wishes to honor a person from the community for outstanding service, consider awarding a Vantine Fellow.
- If the memorials are received by the club when a member passes away consider using the donations for a Vantine Fellow.

These are just a few suggestions. One of Jack's goals was to increase the value of the Foundation assets to \$1 million. He didn't achieve that goal but if all of us in the District take advantage of the Vantine Fellow award we can make Jack's dream come true.

District Convention Book Sale

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

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



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

District Citizenship Award Nominations Due July 15

06/20/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Paul Redlinger

TO ALL KIWANIS CLUBS IN THE MINNESOTA-DAKOTAS DISTRICT:

Each year the Past District Officers Association (PDOA) selects a person or persons from within the Minnesota-Dakotas District to receive the "Citizenship Award." Nominees are submitted by Kiwanis Clubs of the Minnesota-Dakotas District. The award recipient(s) will be recognized at the banquet at our annual Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention in St. Cloud August 3-5, 2012 on Saturday evening.

There is not a formal application. If your club wishes to submit a nomination, please:

1. Submit a nomination of a person or persons who have been a part of a heroic deed this past year (between July 2011 and June 2012).
2. Include a short description of the circumstances of the heroic deed, and any news clippings or other supporting information.
3. Include the name of your Kiwanis Club and President, a contact person with the contact information (preferably e-mail address) and the name of your Lieutenant Governor and Region number.

The PDOA will inform the nominating Club if their nominee was chosen for the award. The nominating Kiwanis Club is responsible for the travel and lodging expenses for the recipient to attend the banquet at the District Convention. The PDOA will pay for the recipient's meal at the banquet.

The information must be submitted by July 15th, 2012 to:

Paul Redlinger, PDOA President
Redlynn@aol.com

NEED YOUR HELP NOW

06/25/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Chuck Schroder

The Kiwanis International Foundation needs your help now. Last year we were at \$18,179 for \$3.34 pr member and this year we are only at \$11,930 or \$2.31 pr member. What does this mean for our district. It means that Key Club and Circle K members will only get two (2) scholarships, where last year we were able to give four (4) each. It means we will not get as many dollars back to the district as we have in the past, grants

will be cut back and so will all the other things the Foundation does.

If your club has not participated in the annual club gift program, please send it in. We are trying to reach \$5.00 pr member and this is not too much to ask. If your club doesn't have this in their budget, they should. But they can pass the hat a few times at the meetings and it will work itself out. Many clubs have it in their budget, but they don't send it in. So ask your club president if they have sent the money in and if not why not. Then take it upon yourself to get it done and you will see how easy it is.

We will be having our raffle again this year at the convention. We have great items coming and if you wish to contribute something, just bring it to the convention and we will have a spot for you.

Remember, our youth are the backbone of Kiwanis and we don't want to cut them short. Thank you for your support and all you are doing for Kiwanis.



CHUCK SCHRODER - DISTRICT CHAIR

FUNdraising/SERVice Fair at District Convention

07/01/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: District Convention Committee



Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District FUNdraising/SERVice Fair

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

WHEN: Friday Night, August 3, 2012

WHY: The purpose of the FUNdraising/SERVice Fair is for the clubs in our district to share their best fundraising and service projects with other clubs. It will be a night of FUN & SERVICE as we will have an ELIMINATE booth set up with information for clubs as well as taking donations from clubs. Clubs

should bring their donations in check form payable to the Kiwanis International Foundation so your club gets credit for the donation.

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

Blue ribbons will be awarded for:

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

Register your club to participate in the FUNdraising/ SERVICE Fair by July 6th, 2012!

Email the name and phone number of the person responsible for your club's table along with your club name and address to Ann Backes Dodge at annbackes@hotmail.com .

Club News

Sturgis Community Garden

06/25/2012 - Club: Sturgis Golden K - Submitted by: Deb Looby

Sturgis Golden K Kiwanis and Sturgis Aktion Club have been busy this summer preparing their gardens in the newly formed Community Garden area. Once harvested much of this produce will be taken to the Kiwanis' Food Pantry for distribution.



33rd Annual Over 90's Luncheon

06/19/2012 - Club: Watertown - Submitted by: Tom Oviatt

Watertown, SD Kiwanis Club's "33rd Annual Over 90's Luncheon" was held at Lunkers Restaurant on Watertown's beautiful Lake Kampeska on June 4th. Honoring the area's most senior citizens, more than 80 persons 90 years old or more attended the event along with nearly 90 other guests and Kiwanians.

Awards were given to the oldest – 100; most grandchildren – 56; most great children – 96; longest married – 71 years, most recent to turn 90; and the oldest man – 96.

Singing some old favorites, a few "remember when" jokes, formal entertainment and



great food combined for a memorable event and prompted one 94 year old to send a letter to the editor, telling all of northeast South Dakota about the Kiwanis event!

St. Cloud Kiwanis Sponsor Golf Outing

06/19/2012 - Club: Saint Cloud - Submitted by: Art Grachek

The Downtown St. Cloud Kiwanis Club is holding its annual golf outing on Monday, July 30th at the beautiful St. Cloud Country Club. The event is a fundraiser for Kids Against Hunger of Central Minnesota and for other Kiwanis club projects benefiting children and youth. This is a fun and entertaining event for all levels of golfers.

The event begins with a social hour and registration from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. with a shotgun start at noon. Following tourney play golfers are invited for a buffet dinner starting at 4 p.m. Between 4 and 5 p.m., prizes will be announced and a raffle will be held. Cost for golf and dinner is \$95.00. Additional options for foursomes and sponsorships are available. For more information and registration form, go to the club's web site at www.stcloudkiwanis.org and enter the NEWS area.

Minot Golden K members take train ride

06/17/2012 - Club: Minot, Golden K - Submitted by: Richard Sabol-Secretary



Three members and two spouses of the Minot Golden K traveled by train, 2012 BNSF Railway Special, from Minot to Towner and back. The BNSF Special featured 15 restored cars from the 1950's and 1960's. The Kiwanis members not only enjoyed the ride, but the fellowship was enjoyed by all. Viewing the backlands brought back memories of days gone by. Members on the ride were: Weyburn Niewoehner, Buddy Walter and Richard Sabol.