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Message from the Governor

06/30/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Judie Rosendahl, District Governor

Myron and I enjoyed the Region 4 conference this month in Sturgis. Approximately 50 people attended and a live auction was held which raised nearly \$800 for Eliminate! We also had a very worthwhile time at the Region 5 conference. Not as many people were there but the sharing and learning were excellent with much fun included! I especially enjoyed meeting new Kiwanians at both venues. Thanks, Lieutenant Governors, for the good work in planning your conference!



I am eagerly anticipating our Minnesota Dakotas Convention August 8-10, 2014 in Minnetonka! What a joy it will be to spend time with fellow Kiwanians from all around our district from the farthest part of North Dakota to northern Minnesota, from the Black Hills area of South Dakota to the Twin Cities and every place in between. I am looking forward to the time of great fellowship we always enjoy at convention! It is so much fun to share the many good things my club is doing and to learn the great things being done in other clubs. I already have diapers purchased to add to the mountain of diapers to be given to a shelter for women and children. Can we do even more than last year? I believe we can and will! I have been thinking what I like the most at convention. Is it the fellowship, the Keynote speaker, the hands-on service opportunities, the visiting and sharing between Kiwanians, the forums to learn more about many aspects of Kiwanis, the entertainment, the good food, the used book sale, the silent auction for Eliminate, or paying our respects to Kiwanians we have lost this past year? I am finding it very difficult to decide but I really do think it is the Kiwanis fellowship and fun! I am looking forward to making new friends and reuniting with many past friends. What about you? What is your favorite part of the Minnesota Dakotas Convention? If you have never attended or if you have attended many times, I would like to encourage you to put it on your calendar right now. I think you will come away feeling that it was time well-spent!

The Kiwanis International Convention is just a few short weeks away and those of us who are traveling to Japan for this event are anticipating another great experience! I have attended six International conventions and I am expecting this one to be great as all of them have been. Those of us who are attending will learn much and be able to

bring the information back to share with others. I want to thank Courtney Taylor, our District On to Japan Chair, for the good job she has done to keep us informed about opportunities available to us as well as giving us Japanese language lessons. Thanks, Courtney!

No article would be complete without speaking about the Formula! What is that, you may ask? Bruce Klair will be sharing with us at the convention about the Formula. The Formula is "Love it, Share it, Live it." What do we love? Kiwanis. How can we share it? By telling others. How do we live it? By making it a part of our life. As we more fully make Kiwanis a part of our life, we will in turn improve our world one child and one community at a time.

I am anticipating a great convention! Remember there is still time to register at the discounted rate. Please put it on your calendar now as I am looking forward to seeing you! And so are many other Kiwanians! Learning, fun, and fellowship will be the key to the 2014 Minnesota Dakotas Convention. We need you there to make it the best-ever! See you in Minnetonka!

July Update

06/30/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas



Don't forget to register for the Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention!!

Registration is \$160 until July 7. After July 7 registration is \$185. 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 2014-2015. 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 Minneapolis.

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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MN-DAK Convention Corner

07/01/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Liz Lawrence-Ross

CONVENTION CORNER MNDAK KIWANIS DISTRICT CONVENTION

August 8-10, 2014 Minneapolis Marriott Southwest in Minnetonka, MN

The 2014 MNDAK convention is just over a month away so it is time to register and make your hotel reservations NOW, if you haven't already! The deadline to be entered for registration incentive prizes is July 7th.

New this year is a one-day registration fee of \$125 for Saturday-only attendees. The full convention registration fee is \$160 for Friday through Sunday. Late registration fees increase to \$140 and \$185 respectively after July 7th.

Part of the Friday night entertainment will be a talent show contest, so you should be rehearsing your acts now!

Liz Lawrence-Ross
MNDAK District Convention Director
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Bring large diapers to the MN-DAK summer convention in Minneapolis

06/29/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Stewart Ross



Last week I was fortunate to visit the Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery near downtown Minneapolis. I made the visit on behalf of our MN-DAK Kiwanis District. After looking at a number of organizations that help young children in crisis situations we learned that this group does an amazing job. My visit made it clear to me how wonderful these people are and how they are doing such important work for young children in the Minneapolis area. I was met by Tamara Watson, the major gifts officer. She in in the accompanying picture I took of her standing in front of a room full of clothes they have for children who enter the facility. Tamara was one of many dedicated professionals I met who are dedicating their lives and careers to helping children who don't even know what is happening in their lives in many cases.

Here are just a few statistics that will help you better understand why we have selected this organization as the recipients of our diaper drive:

For 2012-2013 fiscal year

Crisis calls managed - 4217
Children sheltered at the Crisis Nursery- 2122
Referrals given to families- 1869
Parents participating in education- 176
Families placing children at the Nursery- 1308

Other things I found out in my visit were equally troubling. 99% of parents placing children were female. 95% of parents were single parents. 89% of parents were minorities. 85% of families served had annual incomes of \$10,000 or less. 37% of the

Nursery families were homeless (living in shelters or with friends).

Last year in Minnesota over 4,500 children were abused and neglected. The mission of the Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery is to end child abuse and neglect and create strong, healthy families. Last year we were able to help children in the Aberdeen, SD area. This year we can help children in the Minneapolis area. This is a service project our Kiwanis members and clubs already value! Please bring to the convention a carton of diapers from yourself and/or from your club. The more we collect the more we can help this great organization. I was told that the **biggest need for diapers is size 3 through 5**. If you have yet to purchase diapers, please purchase the larger sizes. They have plenty of infant diapers.

I am proud to be a part of an organization that can do such good work as a group of like individuals. Together, we will make a difference for many children in need in the Minneapolis area. Thank you in advance!

Stewart Ross, Director of Service for MN-DAK Kiwanis

Education, Convention & More

06/26/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Loreena Luetgers

Club Leadership Education and Achieving Club Excellence sessions will be held at the District Convention in Minneapolis on Friday morning, August 8th. The registration information is on the website. Please email your registrations to me at llueters@knology.net, along with your name, club you represent, email, phone number and which workshop you will be attending. The deadline is August 1st. This will be the last CLE session held within the District for this year, and if there aren't enough applicants, it will be cancelled. All other Club Leadership Education will have to be completed online no later than September 30th. We know that there are no two CLE sessions the same with discussions from the attendees.



Well, I would like to share with you what happened at one of the CLE sessions in Region 1. Lieutenant Governor, Gary Ochsner has given me permission to share this with everyone: "We did have something happen in Minot that caught Bill Lardy and myself off guard. During the session an elderly lady walked in and placed a \$10 bill on the table next to Bill Lardy. Bill asked her what this was for and she replied, 'I saw your Kiwanis meeting and know you do so much for kids and I want to donate.' We did thank her and then she walked out of the room. I am sorry to say that we were all so taken that we failed to get her name for a proper thank you. This is bad on us, but what an amazing experience. Anyway, those attending the meeting decided to donate the \$10 to the District Outreach fund as an anonymous donation given to Region 1."

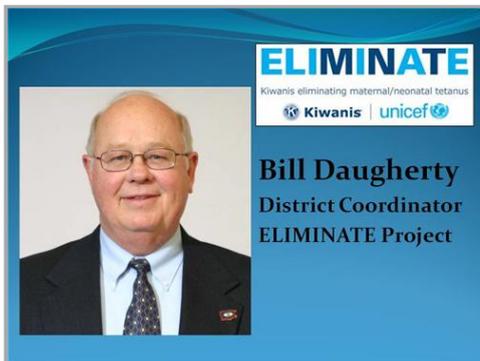
This was a "Kiwanis Moment" for them. People are watching Kiwanians. People are seeing the service that is being accomplished for the children in our communities.

Club officer materials: When the club president and/or secretary attend the District Convention in Minneapolis in August, there will be a packet of materials that have been compiled for each club. We want to help our club officers to be equipped with the materials needed to help in any way possible. If there is anything that we can help you with for education in any way for clubs and members, please let me know, as that's what

I am here for. We look forward to seeing you at the convention.

The Eliminate Project

06/28/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bill Daugherty



Minn-Dak has now gone over \$1.3 million dollars donated or pledged to the Project. We have about a year to go to complete our pledge of \$3 million. We have 29 model clubs and one \$100K club. As always we are looking for more clubs to accept the challenge and pledge to be a model club. A key to remember is that the club has FIVE years in which to complete the pledge. I hope you will give strong positive consideration to becoming a Model Club.

Our District Convention is fast approaching. We will gather in Minneapolis on August 8 - 10. A special guest will be joining us from the Eliminate Project, Neil Hudleson of the Indianapolis will be with us. Some of you have already met Neil and worked with in him during his trips to Minn-Dak. I am asking all to consider becoming a Zeller Fellow during the Convention. This award recognizes a donation of \$1250 payable over 2 years. Those contributing the full amount at the convention will be given their Zeller pin and medallion during the convention. Please consider this for August 8-10. Be sure to bring an item from your club for the silent auction. The bid amount is credited to the club that brought the item. See you soon in Minneapolis.

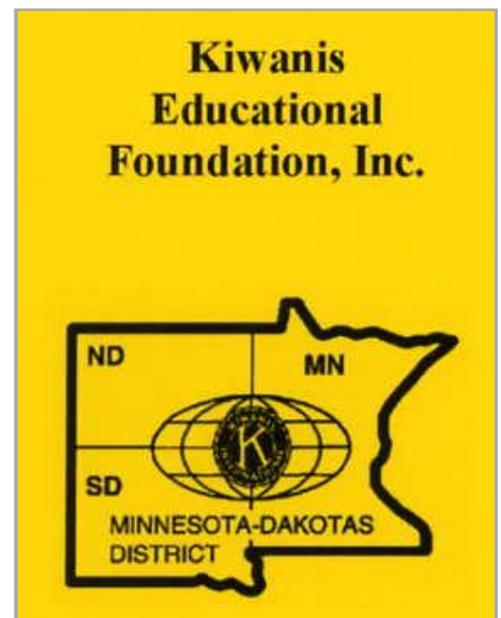
SUPPORT THE DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION WHEN ATTENDING THE DISTRICT CONVENTION

06/19/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Dale Carlson

For the college year starting in the fall the MN-DAK Kiwanis Educational Foundation awarded 56 scholarships of \$815 apiece to deserving 1st year students in our District. The scholarships must be used at a higher education institution located within our District. Monies given to the MN-DAK Kiwanis Educational Foundation go into an endowment fund and only interest is used to support the scholarships. We need to continually build the endowment fund so that larger scholarships can be given to deserving District students.

The District Convention will present several ways where you can support the Educational Foundation:

1. The Educational Foundation sponsors the Memorial Service held on Sunday morning of the Convention. A free-will collection is taken and all gifts go into the endowment fund. Give generously!
2. A raffle of donated items will be held. One half of the proceeds go to the endowment fund of the Educational Foundation and one half goes to the Kiwanis

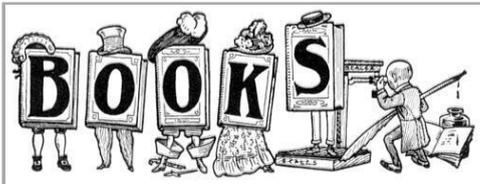


International Foundation. Bid high!

3. MN-DAK Kiwanis Educational Foundation brochures will be available at the convention. Pick them up and share with your home club. The brochure explains what is a "Century Club", a "Vantine Life Fellowship" and a "Joseph E. Messer Fellowship". If your home club is not a Century Club get this taken care of at the Convention. While at the Convention it is also a good time to purchase a Vantine Life Fellowship or a Joseph E. Messer Fellowship for yourself or to honor someone else.

District Convention Used Book Sale- Donate Your Used Books

06/30/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Larry and Trever Scudder



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.

Just drop off your used books at the convention book store when you arrive.

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

Official Notice of Elections and Bylaw Proposal to be considered by 2014 District Kiwanis Convention

06/30/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

Official Notice of Elections and Bylaw Proposal to be considered by 2014 District Kiwanis Convention House of Delegates – Saturday, August 9, 2014, Minneapolis, MN •

- Governor Elect 2014-2015- (one candidate): Kent Hochgraber, Fargo Kiwanis Club
- Governor 2014-2015- (one candidate - moves up to position from Governor Elect)- Sharon Scudder, Sturgis Golden K
- One bylaw amendment will be considered at the House of Delegates. [Click here](#)

Start Planning for the 100th Anniversary of Kiwanis

06/25/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas



The 100th Anniversary of Kiwanis is a great event to celebrate and a unique opportunity to tell others in your community about Kiwanis. There are numerous resources on the Kiwanis International website that will help you get started with planning your local celebration. [Click here for more information](#)

Club News

New Summer Volunteer Program for Bismarck Kiwanis

06/30/2014 - Club: Bismarck - Submitted by: Paul Schadewald

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM Food That's In When School Is Out

Free lunches are served week days at two Bismarck parks this summer through Great

Plains Food Bank. Bismarck Kiwanis members serve up the meals at Kiwanis Park every Friday until school starts this fall. Eight of our members were trained and background checked through RSVP, a volunteer coordinating group. Their staff lines up volunteers with all kinds of projects, including this summer meal program.



When there is free food, kids show up. We never know whether there will be 15 or 30. So far there has been plenty of food to go around and the program was recently changed to serve meals for adults too. There even are food packages for weekends and prizes for kids who regularly get meals. This is a new project for Bismarck Kiwanis, doing what Kiwanis does best, serving the children of the world.

The caption for this photo: Bismarck Kiwanis members prepare the shelter meal site in Kiwanis Park for the children arriving soon for their free noon meal.

Roughrider Country Kiwanis Club

06/25/2014 - Club: Rough Rider Country, Dickinson - Submitted by: Ninetta Wandler

Greeting to all,

We have had a very busy year here in Dickinson, I am late in reporting our after the prom party which was held in April. We had about 152 young adults from Dickinson High and Trinity High School attend. We raised over \$8,000.00 for this event, we had Mystical Minds entertain them, gave away lots of great doors prizes ranging from gift cards to TV'S, X-boxes, and mini tablet. Great food from Lady J's restaurant where the event was held.

Safety City wrapped up 2 weeks ago where we had 50 children their riding there bikes thru our little wooden town learning all different types of safety, bike, street, farm, to name a few. They all received certificates, bike helmets, Safety City T-Shirts and other items. Fun was had by all and as one youngster said to his Grandma when she took him on the last day, "Grandma I miss bike school already." This is a 2 week program that Community Action puts on and we help and sponsor this event.

We had our elections last week and I guess the club will have to put up with me for another year. Our vice-president will be Jason Jacobs and Diane Melbye will be taking over his spot as a director. Have a great summer Ninetta Wandler President

Third annual Daybreakers Kiwanis Golf Klassic set for July 27

06/23/2014 - Club: Day-Breakers, Albert Lea - Submitted by: Jennifer Levisen

The third annual Daybreakers Kiwanis Golf Klassic has been scheduled for Sunday, July 27 at Green Lea Golf Course in Albert Lea, Minnesota. All proceeds from this annual event benefit Kiwanis International's current global campaign for children, The Eliminate Project.

There will be a 1 p.m. shotgun start and it is four person best shot. The cost is \$50 per player and the price includes:

- 18 holes of golf
- BBQ buffet
- Prizes

Players of all ages are invited to play! There will be gift bags for the first 40 golfers registered. Carts are available for a \$30 rental fee. Please contact Green Lea Golf Course at 507-373-1061/507-373-1061 to reserve.

Not a golfer? Please join us for the BBQ buffet for only \$10. The buffet will start at 5:30 p.m. Hole sponsorships are also available for \$100.

Any questions about this event can be directed to Catherine Buboltz, 507-377-0835/507-377-0835.

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GIFT BAG FOR FIRST 40 GOLFERS REGISTERED

Please complete and return with payment (checks payable to Daybreakers Kiwanis) to: Catherine Buboltz, 305 Lloyd Place, Albert Lea, MN 56007

Team Contact: _____
Phone: _____

Other Team Members: _____

Questions? Call Catherine at 507-377-0835

90 Years and Older Recognition

06/16/2014 - Club: Watertown - Submitted by: Tim Oviatt



While most of the Watertown, SD Kiwanis Club's focus of fundraising, community service and programs centers on our youth – winter coats, Junior Achievement, scholarships – the club has for the past 35 years honored the most senior of our senior citizens with recognition of those who are 90 years old and older. This year's luncheon on June 9th hosted 77 seniors, with four being 100 years old or more. A total of 145 Kiwanians, seniors and their spouses/friend/son or daughter/driver enjoyed the Lake Kampeska venue that included entertainment, singing a few old favorites, a

few stories and humor that targeted the seniors and many of their stories and memories of growing up, travels, military service and family.

Owatonna High School Key Club holds award ceremony

06/11/2014 - Club: Owatonna - Submitted by: Jerry Ganfield

Presenters at the 2014 Key Club Award Ceremony included Jerry Ganfield, Kiwanis Club

liaison, Bailey Lippert, secretary, Ella Rasp, vice president, Kelly Neubauer, president and Ms. Jennifer Herr, Key Club advisor.

2014 OHS Key Club officers ended year with an Awards Ceremony.

The Owatonna High School Key Club ended its year May 27 with an evening ceremony at the OHS auditorium recognizing the service hours of each club member, awarding 2013-2014 medals to club members with the greatest number of service hours each month, and installing officers for 2015. Members of the month were based on the most hours of service and the number of meetings attended. Bronze level award winners were Lindsey Dirks (20 hours), Brianna Ong (21), and Brianna Kadlec (21.5). Gold level award was Lindsey Neubauer (47).



The most successful club events were volunteering in the Salvation Army, collecting clothes for the Clothesline, and making a meal for Owatonna's Lily Sparrow House, serving homeless women and children.

2014 President Kelly Neubauer and fellow officers installed the 2015 officers Lindsey Neubauer, president, Anna Madsen, vice president and Madeline Haberman, secretary.

Key Club is sponsored by the Kiwanis (Noon) Club of Owatonna. Kiwanis liaison Jerry Ganfield presented \$500 scholarships to Key Club graduating seniors Kelsey Deason, Kelly Neubauer, Anna Rahrick, Natalie Rivera and Colin Titus. OHS Key Club members in 2013-2014 included approximately 60 students meeting Mondays and Tuesdays.

Key Club is an international organization sponsored by Kiwanis International, which has a priority of volunteering to assist youth and community, and developing leadership opportunities.

Helping Students One-On-One

06/10/2014 - Club: Sioux Falls East - Submitted by: Sandra Soye

 There is an increased appreciation in our schools for volunteers who are willing to spend an hour a week with students needing a mentor. Mentors serve in the roll of Life Coach, assist with homework when asked, and provide an additional adult role model in the hectic teen years. Kiwanis East in Sioux Falls is pleased to recognize Chuck Schroder who received the Mentor Volunteer of the Year Award (2013-2014) from the Sioux Falls School System at their Mentor Volunteer Recognition ceremony in May.

Chuck has been a student mentor for 9 years. He has partnered with one young man from 2nd grade through the 8th grade and now moves with him into high school. A real friendship has been forged between these two. Chuck took on a second student 4 years ago and has continued that commitment to the present. Chuck has worked with his students to navigate through home problems, help with studies, keep students on a positive note and provide reassurance when times are tough as they are for any student.

Mentors are needed in many school systems. The dividends are worth the effort for both the mentor and the student. This is an excellent opportunity for Kiwanians to expand our club goal of helping children. We hope Chuck's recognition will be an inspiration for all of us to consider this important area of service to children.

Congratulations, Chuck.

B.U.G. breakfast at Madison School

06/10/2014 - Club: Fargo South Point - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn

13th Annual B. U. G breakfast at Madison School in Fargo, ND was hosted by the Fargo South Point Kiwanis club, and its members. Each year the club has provided the breakfast, plus many awards for the children as well as honoring all of the staff at the school.

This program continues to be a highlight of the year for the teachers, and staff as well as creating some excitement for the children as they work towards not only improving grades, but also work on everyday activities. Children are rated not only on their grades, but much effort is also put into working with the children to improve habits both in the classroom as well as on the playground.

In addition the to B.U.G. program the South Point members also provide various winter clothes, as well as reading to the students, and also providing books for their library. In the fall the club also provides a very large supply of school supplies along with back packs so the children can receive these items as needed right at the school.

“Duct Taping the Teachers” for Children’s Miracle Network

06/05/2014 - Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Fridley Key Club

The Fridley Key Club hosted a fund raising event “Duct Taping the Teachers” on Friday, May 16th. The funds raised went to a longtime favorite, Children’s Miracle Network.

The idea was simple. Students who gathered in the cafeteria paid to place duct tape horizontally around two volunteer teachers. The price was \$1.00 for two feet or \$5.00 for eight feet of tape to stick the teachers to the poles (figure the math). The teachers started by standing on chairs with their backs against support poles. As the morning progressed, students purchased more and more duct tape to place around the teachers. Soon the chairs could be removed. The duct tape supported the teachers. The two teachers each received a coffee mug filled with Hersey kisses. Children’s Miracle Network received \$100.25.

The success of the project was overwhelming. The project created an upbeat tone for the morning. Judging by the project’s success the Fridley Key Club will continue it for many years to come!

