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Summer's Here - Conventions Are On the Horizon

06/01/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Denis Cornell, Governor

June is here and it's almost time to head to New Orleans for the 97th Annual Kiwanis International Convention. This is an exceptionally exciting year as we will be campaigning for Stewart Ross for Kiwanis International VP. If you are not registered, you can still attend the convention and register on site in New Orleans. This will be a busy convention with three candidates for Kiwanis International Vice President, six candidates for International Trustee, seventeen by-law amendments as well as a proposed dues increase to be considered during the Friday business session. I would ask that all delegates take the time to review the by-law amendments and gather input from your club members so that you are prepared for debate on these important issues during convention. Biographical sketches for all candidates and the proposed by-law amendments can be found on the Kiwanis One web site, under the New Orleans Kiwanis Convention 2012 tab and click on Business.



The 95th Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Convention is fast approaching and we will be in St. Cloud, MN August 3rd through the 5th. The theme for this year's convention will be "Celebrating 25 Years of Women in Kiwanis".

We are planning a great celebration and a Friday evening "FUNdraiser and SERVICE Fair". You won't want to miss this opportunity to learn, serve and celebrate. I hope to see you all in St. Cloud.

May Membership Month is now past and I hope that you all had a very successful membership campaign. We should not consider May as the only membership month, however. Each and every month should be membership month for each and every club. The only way that we can provide more service in our communities is to increase the number of hands available to provide that service. Now that the 2011-2012 Kiwanis year is two thirds past we should re-evaluate our club efforts toward increasing club membership, sponsoring Service Leadership Programs (Young Children Priority One, K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K and Aktion Club), and our club service projects. Plant the seeds now in order to complete this year on a positive trend.

I am looking forward with great anticipation to visiting the newest Kiwanis club in the Minnesota-Dakotas District very soon for a charter celebration. The Kiwanis Club of Bottineau, ND will soon receive their charter. The club charter roster of 23 members along with the club by-laws and the dues check has been forwarded to Kiwanis International. Congratulations to the Kiwanis Club of Bottineau. We are also working diligently in Stillwater, MN to build a new club there. Progress is being made in Stillwater and we hope to complete the process by summer's end.

Let's keep going, growing and "Let them know us by our service!"

June Update

06/01/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

Club Election Reports for 2012-2013: Thank you once again to Club Secretaries for submitting your Club Election Reports. 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. The new Kiwanis year that starts in October is only 4 months away.

It is Kiwanis Convention time again! Both the District and International Conventions will provide some great learning and fun times this summer. To date 4405 total registrations have been received for the **97th Annual**

Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans. Minnesota-Dakotas District has 89 members and 10 guests attending. You can check out some of the convention happenings at [Click here](#) Location and times of our International Convention District meetings and Caucus can be found on our website [Click here](#)

The District Kiwanis Convention in St. Cloud, MN, August 3-5, is going to be a great time. I hope to see all of you there. The Official Call to Convention letter was mailed to all Kiwanis Club secretaries the first week in May. The mailing contained registration forms and also your club's delegate certification form. Early bird convention registrations are due before June 29th. Register early! You can also access and print a copy the District Convention Registration form and related information on our district website [Click here](#)

Outreach Program: Has your club contributed to the Outreach Program this Kiwanis year? Our Circle K and Key Club District Boards are very busy covering the three states building our Sponsored Youth Programs. They need our financial support. Checks can be made payable to Kiwanis Outreach and mailed to me at the District Office.

Club Secretaries: Remember to file your Monthly Club Reports online by the tenth of each month. If you have any problems filing your report, contact support@clubresource.com or myself at secretary@mndak-kiwanis.org

Interclub Award: Just a reminder that the club visit timeline for Interclub Award coincides with the Kiwanis year – October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012. Award patches will be distributed to qualifying clubs after the September 30 deadline. A complete summary of Interclub Award Criteria can be found on our website [Click here](#)

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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Stewart Ross for Kiwanis International VP/President Elect

05/31/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Jack Zierdt, Chair Campaign and Election Committee

Only 29 days until we will be making a very important decision for Kiwanis International at the International Convention in New Orleans. We need your help in making this decision to help us continue the MAGIC of Kiwanis. Your presence in New Orleans June 28 through June 30 to work with us in campaigning for and voting for Stewart Ross, from our Minnesota-Dakotas District, to the position of Vice President of Kiwanis International is crucial. We will be electing the individual that will serve as President who will be committed to celebrating Kiwanis as we move toward and beyond our 100th anniversary in 2015. "Stew" is our man, so please come and help us campaign and elect him as the next Vice President of Kiwanis International.

There will be a meeting at 4:30 PM in New Orleans on Thursday June 28 to hand out T-shirts and campaign supplies. We will assign campaign teams and stations during this meeting and discuss our strategy for Friday morning June 29. This meeting will be held in a meeting room in our district designated hotel. We will campaign hard on Friday morning and have FUN doing it up until the election on Friday afternoon. The campaigning will be held outside the convention center (across from our hotel) by every

entrance to the center. We will elect "Stew" as VP/President Elect on Friday afternoon!! Following delegate assembly/business meeting on Friday afternoon we will have a celebration reception from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in a designated room in our hotel.

Come join us for FUN and CELEBRATION in living the MAGIC of Kiwanis in New Orleans.



St. Cloud is almost here, let's get together and cheer!

06/01/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Ann Backes Dodge



District Convention is approaching and St. Cloud is the place to be August let's get together and cheer for the year!!! The convention committee and the Kiwanians in St. Cloud have been planning and working diligently to give you, the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis member, a convention you will remember.

Dates to keep in mind:

- *Proposed Amendments must be received in writing by the District Secretary/Treasurer at least 60 days prior to the date of the convention, which means they need to be postmarked by June 4, 2012.
- *Convention Registration deadline is June 29, 2012, fees increase after that date.
- *Room block is held at the Best Western Kelly Inn until July 5, 2012.
- *Citizenship Award must be submitted by June 30, 2012, to Paul Redlinger.
- *Reserving a table for the FUNraising/SERVICE Fair with Ann Backes Dodge by July 6th, 2012.
- *Club Leadership Education Session registration deadline is August 1, 2012, and sent to Loreena Luetgers.

There will be fun and excitement in St. Cloud as we *Celebrate Women in Kiwanis* as well as our past year's successes and look forward to the new Kiwanis District Board leading us in 2012-2013.

Celebrating Women in Kiwanis,
Ann Backes Dodge
Interim District Convention Coordinator
Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District

World Wide Report Day Information

05/29/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bill Daugherty

On May 22nd Kiwanis had the first worldwide report day



on the Eliminate Project. All Districts reported from our international organization. We have now established 265 model clubs. These are clubs that have committed to donate an average of \$750 per member. The goal right now is that we will have 300 model clubs before the International Convention in New Orleans the end of June.

There was reported 1720 Zeller Fellows thus far. Some of these are at the diamond level. This is for donating \$1250 more than once. In Minn-Dak we currently have two Diamond Level Zeller Fellows.

There are now 1,824 club coordinators selected by their clubs to devote their efforts on the Eliminate Project at the club and community level. In Minn-Dak we have 66 club coordinators out of the 154 clubs we have. There is a need for the clubs to get behind this effort if we hope to reach our Minn-Dak goal of \$3 million donated.

Don't forget, we want to protect mothers and their new borns from contracting tetanus at birth. We can do it if we work together. If you need information on this effort you can contact me at Blldaugherty@yahoo.com or Phone 605-332-0780.

Changes to Guidelines for Adults Working with Sponsored Programs

05/30/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Kiwanis International



We thought it a good idea to communicate with you directly about some recent changes to the Guidelines for Adults Working with Kiwanis Sponsored Programs. The KI Board approved changes to the document and you will find the most recent version available on kiwanisone.org [Click here for Guidelines](#) and we will also be sharing this with district administrators for each of the programs.

The primary changes are as follows:

- Addition of a section on "Youth and Social Media."
- Addition of a section on "Behavioral or Health Issues."
- Some more clarity around the sections on background checks and on education.

We will be working with our administrators to make sure all Kiwanis clubs know and understand this information. We've had these guidelines for years, but unfortunately the knowledge isn't widespread enough. We will be using our communication channels to send this message and will also be developing a webinar/video highlighting this information.

Please remember that these are guidelines, and thus our best attempt to help protect both our youth and adults. Most of these things are hard to enforce. Thus, we hope to inspire Kiwanians to observe these guidelines through more expansive education efforts. Please let us know if you have any questions on the additions.

Background Check Resources:

These days, more organizations protect themselves with criminal-history background checks. Thanks to Kiwanis International's relationship with Safe Hiring Solutions, Kiwanis clubs can do the same. Criminal-history background checks are a new optional service.

Safe Hiring Solutions can perform the checks on club members—including those who work with children, manage club accounts or take on other potentially sensitive roles. With Safe Hiring Solutions' secure electronic process, no paperwork is required for you or your clubs. Find more information at [Click here](#)

Dues Proposal Set for Vote at International Convention

05/31/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Kiwanis International

The Kiwanis International Board will propose a US\$15 dues increase when the House of Delegates convenes at the 97th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans, June 28–July 1. Kiwanis dues have remained unchanged for nearly a decade. Several factors impact Kiwanis' financial status, including:

Inflation: With today's dollar, Kiwanis would need more than \$53 to continue doing

business at the same level as 2003 when delegates set dues at \$42.

Kiwanis membership:

The primary source of Kiwanis International revenue is members' dues. Since 2003–04, our membership has declined from 264,464 to 226,929 at the end of the 2010–11 year, and revenue from dues and fees has fallen from \$10.6 million to \$8.7 million.



Stewardship:

Every year, Kiwanis has cut expenses in various ways, including measures that have reduced services to our adult and youth clubs. As a result, the organization is operating efficiently and lean and has maintained an operating surplus every year since 2003—until last year. In order to return to fiscal stability, a dues increase is needed.

Kiwanis also would like to take advantage of additional opportunities, such as:

Education:

New technology is available to improve the member experience through online education and club administration and support.

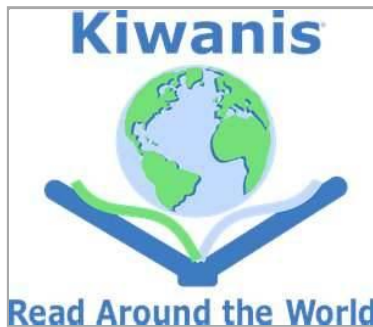
Program growth:

For each of the past four years, Aktion Club, CKI, Key Club and Builders Club set all-time membership records. K-Kids also has set membership records in all but one of these years. Kiwanis needs to maintain financial stability in order to continue its investment in these youth and adult programs.

If you have specific questions about the dues increase you can contact Jeff Oatess at Kiwanis International. joatess@kiwanis.org

Read Around the World Contest held in Region 6

05/24/2012 - Division: Division 06 - Submitted by: Judie Rosendahl, Lt. Gov



A Read Around the World Contest was held for all clubs in Region 6. The first place winner was the Kiwanis Club of St. Peter and the second place winner was the Hendricks Kiwanis Club. The projects were judged based on number of children involved, number of Kiwanians involved, number of books provided, and community participation.

The St. Peter club provides a used book to each family at each Food Shelf visit. The Hendricks club provides each kindergarten student in their school with a free book each month. Congratulations to both of these clubs for their very beneficial projects for our Kiwanis branded service project!

Both of these clubs received a certificate and letter of commendation from Region 6. Michael Tobin, Region 6 Service Director, conducted this contest and a special thanks goes to him for his work.

Kiwanis Clubs and Public Activities

05/30/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, Dist. Sec/Treas

From time to time we receive questions and concerns about Kiwanis Clubs and involvement in programs or activities involving candidates and other political purposes. The following section of the club bylaws gives some direction on these types of activities. First of all I refer to **Section 4**. It states that a Kiwanis Club shall not be used in any way for political purposes. As a Kiwanis Club you need to be very careful how you approach those kind of topics. Your officers and directors should discuss this occasionally and have a mutual understanding of what that means for your club. It does not necessarily mean that a club cannot engage speakers on political topics, but when and if it is done, it needs to be done in a fair and respectful way to all possible sides. With many topics there may not be a fair way to do that appropriately and in such cases those topics might be best left for some other community venue. It is helpful for clubs to review their club bylaws with their membership on a regular basis. Many members are not aware of the club bylaws or its contents.

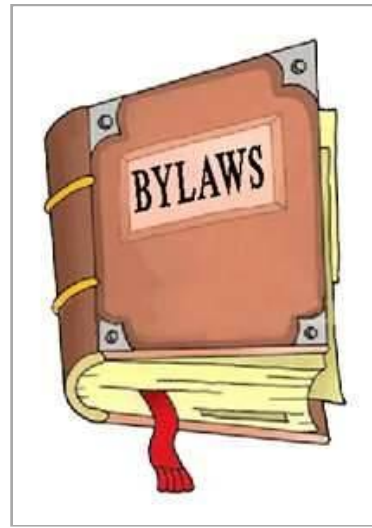
The following section is from the **STANDARD FORM FOR CLUB BYLAWS**

ARTICLE XVII. PUBLIC ACTIVITIES

Section 1. This club, by fair discussions at its meetings and in other ways, is encouraged to keep its members and the community informed on all questions of public importance and any proposed legislation affecting the community in which this club is located.

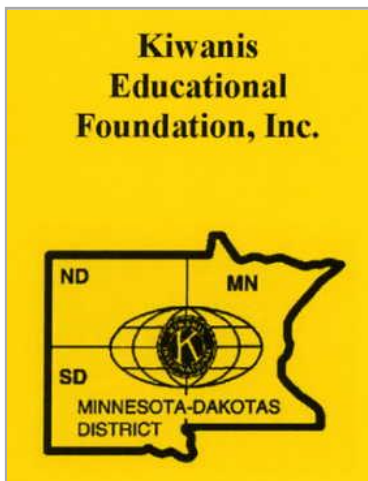
Section 2. This club shall have the right, and it shall be its duty, from time to time to give expression by proper means of its attitude on such public questions and such proposed legislation, provided that no other Kiwanis club is affected by the same. **Section 3.** When any other Kiwanis club or clubs within the district are affected by any such public questions or proposed legislation, before expressing an opinion, this club must refer the matter, with a favorable or unfavorable recommendation, to the District Board of Trustees. If a club or clubs outside the district are affected, the club must refer the matter to the International Board of Trustees. Upon approval of the recommendation by the district or International Board, respectively, the club may publicly express its opinion through legal and proper means.

Section 4. This club shall not be used in any way for political purposes, nor shall it, as a club, actively participate in the political candidacy of any person.



Minnesota-Dakotas Educational Foundation

05/29/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bill Daugherty



In reviewing the past issues of our Minnekotan, it became apparent that our membership needs to know the history of the Foundation. It dawned on me that all of us have the information before us in the form of the Minnesota-Dakotas Foundation brochure that each club receives annually from the Foundation office or at various times and meetings throughout the year.

Each club president should use this information to bring the message to the members of their club about this effort to provide scholarships to over 50 students. Our members need to hear about the ways we can continue to support the Foundation.

Revisit the club budget, make sure the Century Club donation is a line item and send in the \$100 donation.

Club News

Vikingland Poet Rides Again!

05/30/2012 - Club: Vikingland, Moorhead - Submitted by: Colleen Hyde

Listen my children and you shall hear
The story of Vikingland, NOT Paul Revere
Chartered the 17th of May in '72
Hardly a person's alive who's history they knew

It started in the minds of men numbered 3
Named Knattrud, Bergos and don't forget Utke
Two school principals and a director from college tech
And all because they weren't available to take a noon lunch check



First at the lower level-Holiday Inn with the greatest of regard
It's now the south parking lot of the Moorhead Courtyard
Then the Highway Host in Moorhead's Center Mall

Till floods soaked the carpets and water ran down the hall

South to the Hilton, each week a new room to control
The final straw was breakfast - a banana and a 3-day old roll
Today we're very happy, especially with the grub
Weekly visits to our beautiful, Moorhead Country Club

Our presidents are members we've always held dear
Aldan Knattrud was first, also Kiwanian of the year
On July 8th, '87, we finally got smart
Women were allowed to join and help do our part

Ruth Utke's our first lady, our first sainted soprano
Although not yet a member, she'd still come and play piano
With "Reinie" her husband, the songs he would lead
He even made up words, especially about Swedes

The club tried to sell things that everyone would need
Popcorn to eat, even fertilizer to weed
Remember grilling pancakes under a tent from Trollwood School
It rained all that week, we were stuck in the American Bank pool

With our brand new gas grill, flipping wet pancakes to boot
I can still see John Eidsness spattered in his 3-piece suit
We still maintained smiles, the rain we ignored
Instead of Home on the Range, we sang Home on the Fjord

So thank those responsible for Vikingland's formation
As we gather together for our 40th year celebration
Cherish these friendships deep in your breast
New friends are good, but old are the best.

Vikingland - 40th AnniversaryKiwanis Rules!!

-----By Ken Kohler, with apologies to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

(Photo: Marcia and Tom Horan and Paulette and Dave Odette line up for dinner at Vikingland Kiwanis' 40th Anniversary picnic.)

Beving honored with Zeller Fellowship award from Kiwanis

05/30/2012 - Club: Spring Valley - Submitted by: Nancy Cornell



(Article by Gretchen Mensink Lovejoy, appeared in Spring Valley Tribune, May 9, 2012)

Ray Beving was honored with a Zeller Fellowship award on Wednesday, May 2, during the Spring Valley Kiwanis Club meeting.

Kiwanis Minnesota-Dakotas Governor Denis Cornell spoke to his home club about the local goal set forth by the club for The Eliminate Project, an undertaking of Kiwanis International and UNICEF to raise \$110 million to eliminate MNT in Africa, Asia, Europe and North America.

Cornell said, "We set our goal at \$12.60 per meeting, or \$28,500 total (at the end of 2015), and when the money has been raised, we will be able to protect over 61 million mothers and their babies from maternal and neo-natal tetanus (MNT),"

Part of that undertaking includes the Zeller Fellowship, an award for individual contributors who give \$1,250.

Cornell continued, "We have \$625, and about a month ago, an anonymous supporter donated \$625 to the Spring Valley Kiwanis Club, specifying that it be designated toward The **Eliminate Project** campaign. A person can purchase a Zeller Fellowship for \$1,250, and when the anonymous donor gave the \$625, they said they wanted the fellowship to be presented to someone else for all the great work that person has done in the club. That person is Ray Beving.

"Ray Beving has repaired toys for the children of the area for years, has been here at meetings early to set up and stayed after to take things down and is faithful to club

service. All the work you do is greatly appreciated by the club and the children we're serving."

The Zeller Fellowship award was named for Walter Zeller, who donated 25 Canadian silver dollars to be auctioned off for the formation of the Kiwanis International Foundation. The silver dollars garnered a sum of US\$690, which created the nest egg for the foundation's start.

According to the Kiwanis website, "A native of Waterloo County (near the city of Kitchener, Ontario), Zeller was the founder of Zeller's chain of thrift stores. He began his business career in 1912 with a job as a stock boy with the F.W. Woolworth Company, and was later the general sales manager for the metropolitan chain of stores for New York.

"He was considered by co-workers to be energetic, forthright, and magnetic, and served as director-at-large of the National War Savings Committee and a special adviser to the chairman of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. Zeller gave much of his life to philanthropy, serving as the Montreal director of the YMCA and staying involved in many capacities with his Kiwanis club. He served as the Montreal president and governor of the Quebec-Ontario-Maritime District."

The website also noted that those who give US\$1,250 to The Eliminate Project - paid one time or over two years - may become Walter Zeller Fellows. The newly named Walter Zeller Fellows receive a commemorative lapel pin and a medallion in a display box. They also receive a certificate and other forms of recognition to commemorate their support of the project.

Beving received his certificate, medallion and lapel pin from Cornell and Stewart Ross, candidate for the vice presidency of Kiwanis International, congratulated by both officials and applauded by his fellow Kiwanians for the effort he has given serving the club and local children.

Additionally, Spring Valley Kiwanis Past President Nancy Cornell announced that the club's soup supper fundraiser held at Four Daughters Vineyard and Winery April 30 garnered \$932 toward The Eliminate Project. Diners were able to purchase a ticket for \$10 - a donation toward the project - and have a bowl of gourmet soup. Four Daughters also contributed a portion of proceeds from sales that evening.

The Spring Valley Kiwanis Club will continue to raise funds for The Eliminate Project, as Denis Cornell noted, "In concert with UNICEF, we hope to eliminate the dreaded disease of maternal and neo-natal tetanus."

For more information on The Eliminate Project, log onto the Kiwanis International website at www.kiwanis.org.

Photo: Ray Beving receives a Zeller Fellowship award from Minnesota-Dakota Governor Denis Cornell and candidate for Kiwanis International vice president Stewart Ross, center.

\$1.80 Eliminate Night a Success

05/29/2012 - Club: Sioux Falls Daybreak - Submitted by: Randy Hohn

Sioux Falls Daybreak Kiwanis is very pleased with the success of their first ever \$1.80 Eliminate Night. They partnered with Faini Designs Jewelry Studio to entertain and educate other Kiwanians about jewelry manufacturing, Eliminate and most importantly to raise money for the three year Eliminate project Kiwanis International has taken on.

Pictured is Randy Hohn (on the left), representing Faini Designs Jewelry Studio, awarding Judee Howard and Bob Reiersen, SFDaybreak Eliminate co-chairs, a check in the amount of **\$2,092.86** to go towards the Eliminate project.



The monies raised resulted from raffle ticket sales, dollar for dollar matching jar, four silent auctions, bev'n snack sales and more. Two hundred dollars was given to the Kiwanis

Diversity Club for having the highest turnout of members along with a donation from one of their own club members. These dollars will jumpstart the Eliminate project for the Diversity club of Sioux Falls.

Any Kiwanis club with questions about having a \$1.80 Eliminate Night with a local business of theirs is welcome to contact Randy Hohn, SF Daybreak Kiwanis secretary 605-359-2428 for input. You may see the seven minute presentation on YouTube by searching under 'eliminate project with faini.'

113 Years of Kiwanis and Community Service

05/29/2012 - Club: Rochester - Submitted by: Clare Warren



(Left) Richard Kersten, and Marc Carpenter, both long time Rochester residents, were honored by their Kiwanis Club of Rochester at the Tuesday meeting.

Kersten (age 86) was born and raised in Rochester. He is a graduate of the University of MN with a degree in Mathematics and Statistics. He graduated in 1951, got married to Carol (recently deceased) and went to work at Mayo in the statistics area. In 1953 her purchased the local business 'Kersten Furs' from his father and brother.

Richard joined Kiwanis in 1962 making this his 50th year. He was always active and promoted the goals of Kiwanis, "Children First." His daughter Jane and granddaughter Elizabeth (recent graduate of U of M Medical School) attended the presentation.

Marc Carpenter was a native of Hugo, MN. For years he had a beer distributorship in the St. Paul area. When he moved to Rochester, he became a real estate investor. Even at age 97 he is still active in this area of business. Carpenter has been a member of Kiwanis of Rochester for 63 years. Like Kersten, he has always been very active in club projects and has financially contributed above and beyond to Kiwanis International as well as the local projects.

During WWII Marc was a PBY pilot flying on over 100 missions. At home he has raised four children and he still lives at Charter House. There he can visit his wife Helen who is confined to the extended care area.

Both men were honored for their service to Kiwanis and the Community with plaques of 'Distinguished Service', certificates of appreciation from their local club, Life Memberships to Kiwanis and a \$1000 check in the name of each has been sent to Kiwanis International. **The money will go to the International Project called "Eliminate."** It is their goal to collect \$100,000,000 over the next 5 years to work with UNICEF in the eradication of maternal and neo-natal tetanus, a leading cause of death in third world countries.

Rochester Day Maker Receives Mother's Day Zellar Award

05/29/2012 - Club: Rochester Day Makers - Submitted by: R J Odell, President

Walter P Zeller Award – Diane Johnson, 5/29/2012

The special Mother's Day Walter P. Zeller Award was presented to Rochester Day Maker Diane Johnson at our club meeting in May. Presenting the Zeller award was Denis Cornell, Governor MN-Dak District, Stewart Ross, KI VP Candidate, and Herb Erickson, Sub-region Eliminate Coordinator.

Upon receipt of her Mother's Day Zellar Award, Diane thanked her husband, daughter, and the Day Makers membership for their financial support of this important Eliminate Fellowship. She also expressed her surprise at how beautifully the two award medallions were crafted.

Diane continues her Kiwanis "service" by taking a leading position with our Service Leadership Programs for Builders Club and Century HS Key Club. She has also led the Key Club in sponsoring an Eliminate 5K Run/Walk, K-Family Retreat and even the Rochester Walmart team's participation in the huge fund raising winter event... the Polar Plunge in February. She is also a Day Maker Club Director.

Diane definitely has her "service ducks in a row" and knows the importance of getting out front with programs to support our youth, community and international programs like Eliminate.



St. Anthony Club Celebrates 50th in Style

05/23/2012 - Club: Saint Anthony - Submitted by: Mary Dierbeck



The St. Anthony Club celebrated 50 years on May 12th, with a dinner and silent auction at Jax Cafe in Minneapolis. The committee organized by Dianne Sparks spent over a year in preparation. Highlights were having Stewart Ross as our Guest Speaker. He attended with his wife Liz and also Governor Denis Cornell and Nancy.

The evening began with the Presentation of the Flag with Boy Scout Troop 711.

The National Anthem was lead by our Key Club member

Erika Sawyer. John Dierbeck was the Master of Ceremonies and is current Club President. Our Club was sponsored in 1962 by NE Minneapolis and Columbia Heights Fridley. Dr. Charles Kirk and Mary Bowen addressed the group on behalf of the sponsoring clubs. Stewart gave us a condensed version of his MAGIC speech he will give at the International Convention. And a bonus, played "The Saints Come Marching In" on the blue trombone! Mayor Jerry Faust gave us a special plaque with a Proclamation of Kiwanis Day in the city and thanked us for all we do to make it such a special place to live. He was especially pleased with our sponsoring all the Youth clubs especially Aktion Club. Special entertainment was provided by Kathy and Tom Plantenberg who gave everyone free DVD's of their special song and video "Year of the Child".

Many club members made the evening special and donated time, energy, printing and silent auction gifts. The silent auction lead by Mike Hamann raised \$1350.00 one half of which will be donated to Project Eliminate. The food and ambiance was incredible and the fast paced night was wrapped up by a Benediction by Rev. Gordon Minehart from the NE Club who helped charter our club 50 years ago. Many happy dollars were donated today at our regular meeting by club members. Just under 80 folks had an especially uplifting evening which will be remembered fondly in the coming years.

Photo: John Dierbeck and Governor Denis Cornell greeting the NE Minneapolis Royalty.

K-Kids Activities 2011-12, Prairie Elem. School, Worthington, MN

05/23/2012 - Club: Early Risers, Worthington - Submitted by: Dale Carlson

The K-Kids Club at Prairie Elementary School, Worthington, Minnesota just completed another extremely successful year. This is the twelfth year of the K-Kids Club at Prairie Elementary School. Approximately 75 students participated in this year's K-Kids Club.



Here is a listing of the activities for 2011-2012:

1. Started the year with an open gym night with a variety of activities for all K-Kids members.
2. Sponsored Homecoming Week events at Prairie Elementary School.
3. Helped the Early Risers Kiwanis Club with Peanut Days which raised over \$1000 for youth activities in the community.
4. Made CARES posters to display around Prairie Elementary School. These posters emphasize Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy, and Self-Control.
5. Helped to sponsor and organize a Veteran's Day program to honor all veterans.
6. Decorated cookies as part of a Holiday Party to celebrate Christmas.
7. Attended a boy's basketball game wearing their K-Kids T-shirts.
8. Collected Pennies for Patients and raised \$4,892.86 to help Minnesota children with cancer.
9. Collected over 150 pounds of food for the Manna Food Pantry in March.
10. Collected Campbell Soup labels to be redeemed for school play equipment.

11. Planned and organized the Spring Fling week at Prairie Elementary School.
12. The four officers of K-Kids serve as Prairie Ambassadors to welcome new students to Prairie Elementary School. The four officers of the club are Presley Eggers, President; Bryce Olsen, V. President; Will Bradner, Treasurer; Madisyn Huisman, Secretary.
13. Had an end of year bowling party to celebrate a successful year.
14. On May 10 the Early Risers Kiwanis Club sponsored an Achievement and Recognition Breakfast for all K-Kids, their parents and Early Risers members. Stephanie Fletcher was honored with a Youth Service Award by the Early Risers Kiwanis Club for her two years of dedicated service as an advisor.

Prairie Elementary School K-Kids is sponsored by the Early Risers Kiwanis Club of Worthington, Minnesota. Zach Dingmann and Stephanie Fletcher, 4th grade teachers at Prairie Elementary School, are the advisors for K-Kids. They have both done an excellent job of advising the K-Kids. Dale Carlson serves as the Early Risers Kiwanis Club advisor to K-Kids.

Pat Rittgarn Music Scholarship award winner

05/23/2012 - Club: Fargo South Point - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn

Tracy Shaw of Fargo North High School was the 2012 recipient of the Pat Rittgarn Music Scholarship.

This scholarship will be an annual award at Fargo North for the next 9 years, and Larry Rittgarn was there to meet the recipient and have a photo of them together.

Tracy and her parents will be guests at the Fargo South Point Kiwanis club meeting and meet the rest of the club members who helped make this scholarship possible.



Mandan Mayors Prayer Breakfast

05/22/2012 - Club: Mandan - Submitted by: Darlene Vander Vorst

On Tuesday, May 15th the Mayor, city commission and other local officials attended the annual Mayor's prayer breakfast, sponsored by the Mandan Kiwanis Club. Citizens, business and professional and all walks of life were in attendance and Kiwanis Builders Club members also participated.

The Mandan Mayor's prayer breakfast began under former Governor of the MinnDak District, Lionel Muthiah. Lionel, as a member of the Mandan Golden K saw a need for the community to come together and recognize their dependence on God. Together with other members of the Golden K the prayer breakfast was initiated and has since become an annual event, now sponsored by the Mandan Noon Club. Local talent, and youth are always on hand to bring music to the occasion. This year a high school student, Breanna Meissner sang "My Father's Eyes" and she and her father performed a vocal duet.

Father Chad Zion of Christ the King Catholic Church was this year's speaker. The Mandan Noon Kiwanis Club recognizes the objects of Kiwanis, the human and spiritual by hosting this annual affair.

Fargo South Point Kiwanis Honors 65 Children

05/20/2012 - Club: Fargo South Point - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn



Fargo South Point Kiwanis Club hosted the 11th Annual honors breakfast for students and their parents from Madison School, in Fargo, ND. On May 2 students, parents, and teaching staff of Madison School along with most of the South Point members celebrated another great year with increased grades, improved classroom and playground performances.

There were over 60 students receiving special awards and all of the teaching staff and the schools staff were also honored and presented a joint gift for their use at the school.

Some of the students that were in this program when it was started by the South Point club have now graduated from High School and are either in college or working. The continued support of this program in a school such as Madison is so important, since there are over 20 languages and over 40 dialects spoken in the school.

March of Dimes Money Madness

05/15/2012 - Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Erik Keeler

On the week of May 9-11, 2012, the Fridley High School Key Club sponsored the third annual project called "March of Dimes Money Madness." Key Club International has a long standing relationship with the March of Dimes Foundation, an organization which improves the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature births and infant mortality. The Foundation is a useful way to make high school students aware of the problems in premature births and to get students involved with making a change.



The chairs of this project, Erik Keeler, Matthew Mraz, Jack Fite, and Dan Stevenson, asked teachers/staff if they would be willing to dress up in crazy costumes for the last three days of the week. Each participating teacher or staff member had a money bucket at the "March of Dimes Money Madness" table in the cafeteria. The teacher with the most money donated during the week was declared the winner and received a nominal prize. The total money proceeds would go to the March of Dimes.

Five teachers/staff jumped at the chance to volunteer! As the week progressed, one staff member declared a campaign slogan saying "You can't go wrong with Wrona." Our popular guidance counselor, Ms. Wrona, dressed up as a crow and won the most student votes on the first day. As the teachers began to compete for the best dressed, the costumes got better and better! Student and staff involvement in this project was incredible. Our principal, Ms. VanGorp, also participated in this project. She dressed up in the school mascot tiger named "Fred Lee." Behind the scenes she changed her clothes several times because of professional meetings she had to attend in business attire.

This "March of Dimes Money Madness" project was a success for the Fridley High School Key Club and the March of Dimes Foundation. The club raised \$156! On Friday, the donations doubled which showed how excited our school was for this project. This project added spirit to the school as students voted on costumes such as an alien, bee, spacewoman, crow, gingerbread woman, green M&M and Green Lantern. It was a fun way to channel the "squirrelness" of May students. Key Club was the talk of the school!

Erik Keeler, Co-Chair
Fridley High School Key Club
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