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From the Desk of the Governor

06/01/2013 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Cynthia Braseth, District Governor

Welcome to June! The leaves are finally out and the trees are budding, at least that's what my runny eyes and scratchy throat are telling me.

As in past months, I will cover the next two goals that we have outlined in the Strategic Plan. They are Goal 4 which is Improved Kiwanis Education and Goal 5 which is Improved Communications within the District, Regions and Clubs. I think these two things go together because they both deal with sending and receiving of information. Education and Communication is how we find out what's going on and what we need to do. It is a way to connect to other clubs, the District and International. Unfortunately, we are inundated with information these days and it's difficult to sift through to what's important. Well, Kiwanis education and communication is important if we want to continue to work toward "changing the world on child and one community at a time."



We all became Kiwanians for a reason. But I think that we've lost our way in our day to day routines, and can't see that we may need to update our perspective. I don't say that to offend, but I know that many officers do not attend Club Leadership Education (CLE) because they've been officers before and think "I know how to do that." Or, they heard from someone who attended years ago that "it's a waste of time." Well I'm here to tell you that the CLE sessions today are very different from when I attended as a Lt Governor. The president and secretary sessions are separated now with the Secretary one being totally online. And that makes sense when you think about the fact that everything secretaries do today is online. Why not learn it that way? The president session is aimed strictly at that role and allows for interaction among participants in the live sessions. Our goal is to improve attendance for CLE from our current 50% to 100% in 2016-2017. This year we are shooting for 60%. To accomplish this, we are increasing the number of face to face sessions and you can also attend online.

CLE is not the only education we are taking aim at. We spent a fair amount of time in the strategy sessions talking about general education to members about Kiwanis and what we are as an organization. We need to get back to basics and revitalize our clubs. We get into ruts and don't even know it. Why do we sit in the same chairs every

meeting? If someone asks you about Kiwanis, do you know what to tell them? Do new members know what Kiwanis is, where we came from etc? I learned in my own club, the answer to that question is "NO." To remedy this, we are working with past District officers to find volunteers to bring programs to your club meetings on some basic topics. We all need programs, right? Kiwanis is a great organization and we need to spread the word within our own clubs as well as the communities we serve.

We all need to know what's going on. The Minnekotan will become the main communication tool for this district over the next five years. We've fought that somewhat, recognizing that some people don't have access to online communications, but, it is time to move into the 21st century. I know that I am being optimistic in thinking that 20% of our members are reading this article. We really need to improve that. We must have good content. I can't wait for the day that all members get the email and say, "WOW! I can't wait to see what's new!"

Lastly, because it goes with the theme of getting back to basics and reconnecting with Kiwanis as a whole as well as the District, I hope that all of you have your plans in place to be at the District Convention in Aberdeen. The convention committee is working hard to put together a fun and information packed agenda. Mark your calendars for August 9-11. I know that you will have a great time!

June Update

05/30/2013 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard



Club Election Reports for 2013-2014: 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 3457 total registrations have been received for the 98th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Vancouver, June 27-30. Minnesota-Dakotas District has 39 members and 10 guests attending. You can check out some of the convention happenings at [Click here](#) Our Minnesota-Dakotas District Caucus will be held on Friday, June 28 at 7:00 a.m. in Salon E Room of the Renaissance Vancouver Harborside Hotel.

The District Kiwanis Convention in Aberdeen, South Dakota, August 9-11, 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 July 15. Register early! You can register online and 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, 2012 to September 30, 2013. 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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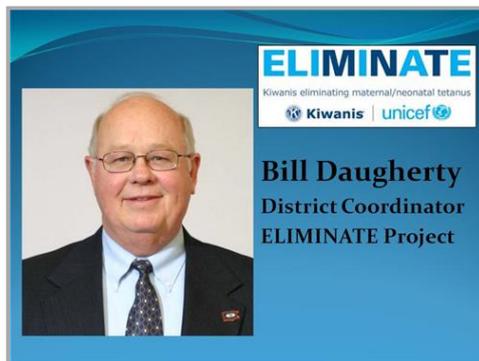
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Goals set for Minn-Dak and the Eliminate Program

05/28/2013 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bill Daugherty

The past two weeks have been very busy for the District and our effort to donate to the Eliminate Project. Many clubs have been contacted by the regional coordinators to establish a goal for the club over the length of the project. Many clubs have made the pledge to be model clubs as well as clubs seeking to attain a \$350 per member average donation. We need to be mindful that as a district we have set a goal of \$3MIL. Thus far we have hit 31% of the goal. Thus there is a need to increase our efforts if we are to make it to \$3MIL.



Just received word that the Port of Duluth club has sent in the pledge form to be a model club. They then become the 19th model club in our district. Governor Cindy has a goal of hitting 30 model clubs by the end of her year as governor.

Clubs should attempt to develop local donor support for the Eliminate Project as well as developing new fundraising efforts to assist them in reaching their goal.

Save the Date- International President Visit

05/23/2013 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Judie Rosendahl, District Governor Elect



I am pleased to announce that Kiwanis International President for 2013-14, Gunter Gasser and his wife, Christiana, will be in the Minnesota Dakotas District on November 2, 2013 in Fargo, North Dakota. Plans are underway for this once in every five years event. We will have a hands-on service project in the afternoon with a banquet in the evening in which we will hear from President Gunter. More details will follow but please reserve that date on your calendar!

President Gunter's Bio [Click here](#)

2013 District Kiwanis Convention Updates

05/30/2013 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Minnesota-Dakotas District

Convention UPDATE-

Ann Backes Dodge, District Convention Coordinator

Have you registered for the 96th Annual Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District Convention yet? Time is ticking!!! You can register one of two ways this year. Either jump on and register online at www.mndak-kiwanis.org or mail in your registration form. Just make sure you have registered by July 15th, because after that date the registration fee goes up to \$155.00.



Two highlights for this convention are:

- The service project with the Boys and Girls Club of Aberdeen. There are several possible projects that we could be involved with such as reading to the children, to leading activities, to painting part of the building. There will be something for everyone. We also want to support a local shelter for women and children and so we are asking attendees to bring some diapers to the convention. The director of the shelter will be accepting the diapers at convention.
- Our Keynote Speaker is Holly Hoffman, who was the last woman standing and placed fourth in Season 21 Survivor Nicaragua. She is also the author of "Your Winner Within." Holly's message is that to be successful you need attitude, determination, confidence, desire and faith; and to never give up.

There is much more being planned so make sure to take time now to register and make your hotel reservations at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Aberdeen! Celebrating Kiwanis-The All-American Family,

District Convention Offers Two Forums on SLP's-

Colleen Hyde

Clubs interested in starting a new or additional SLP (Service Leadership Program) such as K-Kids, Builder's Club, Key Club, Circle K, or Action Club have an opportunity to learn all about it at two forums offered at the District Convention in August.

Plan to send someone from your club to the forums to discover how to start a new SLP club and/or how to make the SLP clubs you already sponsor more successful.

The first forum will take you through the process of starting a new club, and the second forum will be more specifically for advisors of already functioning clubs. Certainly, anyone can attend either forum and bring information back to their Kiwanis Club.

These forums will be led by the District SLP Administrators, and facilitated by myself, Colleen Hyde, the District SLP Liason to the Board of Directors.

Make plans now to attend the Convention at Aberdeen; take advantage of all the great opportunities to learn and grow in Kiwanis!

Remember: Our Kids ARE Our Future!

Eliminate at the District Convention-

Bill Daugherty

The District Convention in Aberdeen is fast approaching (August 9-11th). I hope that you are planning to attend. Clubs are asked to bring an item(s) for a Silent Auction for the Eliminate Project. All items purchased by members will be credited to the donating club and their Eliminate Program goal. Please consider a bid that will help in the war against neonatal and maternal tetanus. The Silent Auction will close at the break on Saturday afternoon.

A special raffle item has been donated for the Eliminate Project. It is a framed Terry Redlin painting (\$2,000 value). The raffle tickets will be sold for \$25 each. Raffle tickets will be available in the Silent Auction area. The drawing will be done just prior to the Saturday evening banquet.

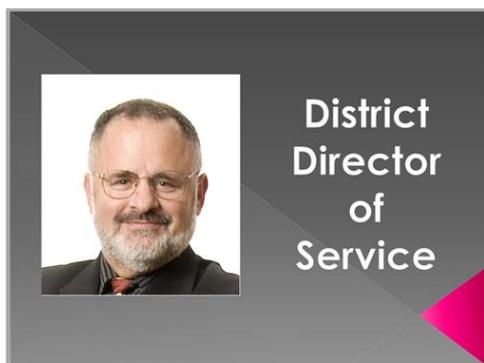
District Convention Book Store and Diaper Collection- Myron Rosendahl

A book sale will be held at the Mn-Dak District Convention this year in August in Aberdeen, South Dakota. All Kiwanians are asked to bring used books for the annual book sale. We are again selling your used books at a very reasonable price with the proceeds to be donated to the District Eliminate MNT Project. Please consider donating some of your time to help with this sale. You may sign up to help when you arrive at the convention.

All Kiwanians and Kiwanis clubs are asked to bring as many packages of diapers as possible to the convention. They will be given to Safe Harbor, a crisis and abuse center in the Aberdeen area. It will be fun to see how many diapers we can bring!

Nearly \$40,000 in children's books donated to clubs in Southern MN

05/22/2013 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Stewart Ross



As part of the MN-DAK Strategic Plan adopted by the board in January, there is a plan to develop a district-wide service project that all clubs and members can participant in. The project is the delivery and reading of books to young children (especially five and under) along with attempt to set up forums for their parents to let them know how important reading to children is and the development of a solid vocabulary before attending kindergarten. We are especially interested in getting these books into the hands of children from families with economic issues, home where there are not many

(if any) books for children. The research is clear that children who begin kindergarten behind others often never catch up, even in high school. There is solid research that this is true at about a 75% level.

We have started the project as a pilot study, asking Kiwanis Clubs in Southern Minnesota to step up to be part of the experiment. There are 24 clubs located in the 20 counties served by the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) located in Owatonna, MN. They were the only eligible clubs since the SMIF donated the books. In all, 5000 books have been donated to these clubs. The cost of these books is estimated to be nearly \$40,000! SMIF purchased them from the Pearson Company for \$1 a book and

then donated them to our Kiwanis Clubs for the program.

I have enjoyed presenting to the clubs in Southern Minnesota the importance of supporting young children BEFORE they attend kindergarten. The response has been wonderful. We fully expect to enlarge the project next year to include most of Minnesota and by year three all of the district. We thank Tim Penny and his SMIF for offering our district this wonderful opportunity. We know that anyone who is well enough to attend a Kiwanis meeting has the ability to read a book to a child. We also know that doing this kind of physical service creates an emotional attachment for members of clubs to the club itself.

We are excited about the possibilities in front of our district over the next three years as we ramp up the project. We will have reports about our success at the summer district convention. We also will be reading to children at the Aberdeen Boys and Girls Club during the convention. Don't miss this wonderful change to be a part of service while meeting others in our district. See you in August!

Circle K Hosts Fourth Annual District Large Scale Service Project

05/27/2013 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Anne Christensen, Circle K District Governor

Minnesota-Dakotas Circle K invites you to attend the fourth annual District Large Scale Service Project (DLSSP)! This year, DLSSP will take place in Coon Rapids, MN, on July 20, 2013. The Circle K District Board has planned a Saturday full of service and fellowship for Kiwanians, Circle Kers, and Key Clubbers. Service projects include Feed My Starving Children, playing bingo and interacting with residents at a local nursing home, and cleaning up local parks. In addition to service, there will be a Kiwanis Family picnic.

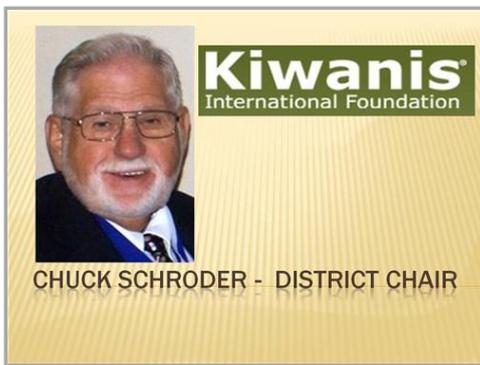
Circle K's DLSSP will begin at about 9am and conclude by 4:30pm on July 20. The event is free of charge and you will only need to bring a sack lunch. If you or your club are interested in attending this Kiwanis Family event, please email the Circle K Minn-Dak District Governor Anne Christensen at anne.christensen@mines.sdsmt.edu or call (605) 838-8846. The Circle K District Board looks forward to seeing you there!



We are making slow progress

05/29/2013 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Chuck Schroder

As I sit here reviewing the latest report from KIF on what our district has given to the annual gift program, I find that so many clubs have not participated as yet and they have given in the past. We are only at \$2.64 pr member and this means we will only be getting 2 scholarships next year for our SLP"s. For those clubs that have given in the past and have not done so this year, please send your gift now.



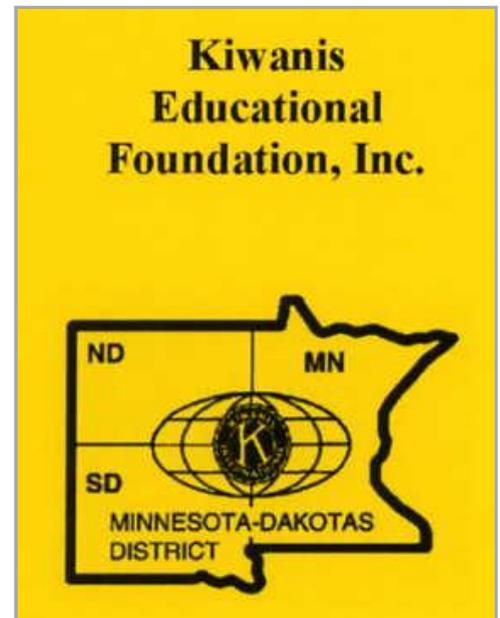
We are still in need of raffle items for the district convention. Please let me know if you plan on bringing something. I can be reached by e-mail at ecschröder@alliancecom.net or by phone at 1-605-359-6088. This raffle brings a lot fun to the convention and it helps our youth in the district. Hope to see you all at the district convention and stop by the Foundation's booth and see the new look.

District Educational Foundation Reminder

05/28/2013 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Judie Rosendahl

It is so exciting to realize that our MnDak Educational Foundation awarded fifty-five \$825 scholarships this year! That monetary amount was increased this year and our goal is to continue increasing the scholarship amount as the funds increase.

The MnDak Educational Foundation has reached 1 million dollars in assets. That is a great milestone and should be celebrated! This has been accomplished largely by individual Kiwanis clubs in our district giving \$100 each year to the foundation. Giving \$100 annually makes the club a Century Club. With that designation, your club is honored in the booklet distributed at the district convention and your club receives a banner patch. But the most important reason to donate \$100 each year is the satisfaction of being a part of awarding fifty-five scholarships to worthy high school seniors who are planning to seek further education in either North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, or Superior, Wisconsin.



It is important to remember that clubs who have designated scholarships still need to contribute through the Century Club to help insure their scholarships. There are many clubs that have scholarship recipients but have not yet contributed this year or possibly have not in recent years. If every club in our district would become a Century Club by donating \$100 each year, we would soon be able to award \$1000 scholarships and possibly award an even greater number of scholarships.

Please encourage your club to become a Century Club! The students will benefit greatly from your commitment!

Region 7- 2013 Kiwanis One Day Service Project

05/15/2013 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Kathy Welle

Region 7 Kiwanis Clubs and Key Clubs held a special Kiwanis One Day service project on



April 13, 2013. Last Fall, a survey was sent to the clubs asking for their preference of service projects. Building Dressers got the most votes, so a Dresser Building event was coordinated with Wendy Erickson, Bridging, Inc.

Assembling the dressers made a difference in the lives of many families in need. We sponsored 90 dresser kits and assembled 78 of them! 10 Kiwanis Clubs - 5 Key Clubs = 120 volunteers participated on April 13, 2013.

For more information about Bridging, Inc. go to www.bridging.org

See photos of the event [Click here](#)

Club News

Community Prayer Breakfast

05/27/2013 - Club: Early Risers, Worthington - Submitted by: Clair Williams

Early Risers Kiwanis of Worthington held its annual Community Prayer Breakfast on Saturday May 18th. The American Reformed Church was the host facility. Jay Milbrandt, a Worthington native son, was the featured speaker. Jay is a graduate of Bethel University and did his post graduate work at Pepperdine University with a Law Degree, and also works with children of refugees that have been persecuted in Burma and have fled to Thailand for freedom. He just returned from Thailand spending a month working with the Freedom Rangers. 117 attendees enjoyed a breakfast of ham and eggs, roll, fruit, coffee and juice, and came away from the meeting with a new perspective of working with "The Children of the World".



Watertown, SD Kiwanis Donations

05/22/2013 - Club: Watertown - Submitted by: Tim Oviatt



A portion of Watertown Kiwanis Club's profits from its annual spring lawn fertilizer sales were recently awarded to the Boys & Girls Club of Watertown. Pictured from left to right are Tim Oviatt, Kiwanis fertilizer sales coordinator; Heath Heggelund, Boys & Girls Club chief professional officer; Louis Canfield, Boys & Girls Club director of club services; and Jeff Dunn, Kiwanis Club president.

The Watertown Kiwanis Club awarded a portion of the

profits from its annual spring lawn fertilizer sales to the Key Club at Watertown High School, a Kiwanis sponsored organization. Pictured left to right are Tim Oviatt, Kiwanis fertilizer sales coordinator; Tricia Gerlach, Key Club advisor; Kayla Kaasa, Key Club's incoming president; Hilary Loehrer, incoming Key Club secretary ; and Jeff Dunn, Kiwanis Club president

To view photos [Click here](#)

K-Kids Activities 2012-13, Prairie Elem. School, Worthington, MN

05/19/2013 - Club: Early Risers, Worthington - Submitted by: Dale Carlson

The Prairie Elementary School K-Kids Club, Worthington, Minnesota enjoyed another successful year of service to the community and their school. Thank you K-Kids! This is the 13th year of the K-Kids Club at Prairie Elementary School. Approximately 105 students participated in this year's K-Kids Club.



Here is a listing of the activities for 2012-13:

1. Hosted a K-Kids open gym night to kick-off the year.
2. Helped the Early Risers Kiwanis Club with Peanut Day which raised \$976.24 for youth activities in the community.
3. Helped to sponsor and organize a Veteran's Day breakfast and program to honor all veterans and school tours were given following the program.
4. Holiday Party - decorated cookies and gave to teachers to show appreciation.
5. Attended a boy's basketball game wearing their K-Kids T-shirts.
6. Raised \$2,628.26 in the annual Pennies for Patients fund drive. This money goes to help Minnesota children with cancer.
7. Collected 264 pounds of food in March for the Food Pantry.
8. Collected Campbell Soup labels, box tops for education and milk bottle caps to be redeemed for school equipment.
9. Sponsored a Fighting the Winter Blues dress up week in February.
10. Served as Prairie Ambassadors to help new students feel comfortable at Prairie Elementary School.
11. Had an end of year bowling party to celebrate a successful year.
12. On May 9 the Early Risers Kiwanis Club sponsored an Achievement and Recognition Breakfast for all K-Kids, their parents and Early Risers members. Rich Ackerman was honored with a Youth Service Award by the Early Risers Kiwanis Club for the many ways he has helped the K-Kids Club for many years.
13. The 2012-13 K-Kids officers are Brock Bruns, President; Maranda Thier, Vice-President; Emma Hansen, Secretary; Madison Schaefer, Treasurer.

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

Madison, Mn Kiwanis Club donates 40 pillowcase dresses

05/13/2013 - Club: Madison - Submitted by: Judie Rosendahl



The Madison, MN Kiwanis club made forty little dresses and donated them for use in Haiti or Africa through the Key Club in Fridley, Minnesota. The dresses were made from slightly used or new pillowcases. They were decorated attractively and some little girl in a third world county will be happy to have a new dress. Karie Sorknes and Jeanene Munsterman, both Kiwanis members, made the dresses and many of the pillowcases were donated by Judie Rosendahl. The Kiwanis club donated pillowcases and money to purchase the accessories used in the dresses.

Fridley Key Club Celebrates a Successful Year at District Convention

05/08/2013 - Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Mary Bowen

Fifteen members of the Fridley Key Club attended the Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention in St. Cloud in April. The convention focused on building leadership and celebrating service done by key clubs throughout the district. The 150 member club was recognized for the 10th year in a row as a Distinguished Diamond Level club – the highest recognition awarded by Key Club International. The club also won the spirit award, and the K-family award for collaboration with other groups within the Kiwanis International family.

Key Club's focus is on community service projects. Fridley was awarded best single-service project and best project that supports a major emphasis of Kiwanis – both for the project of "Happy Dolls" sent to hospitals. The district governor's award was given to Fridley for "Sweets for Treats," a Valentine's fundraiser for Mended Little Hearts. The club was also recognized for projects aligning to the district theme of "Olympians of Service" and the UNICEF patch was given for a donation of \$2,500 towards UNICEF's ELIMINATE project.



The club also competed in several contests and Fridley's entries were among the winners in:

- Traditional Scrapbook – 1st place - Nicole Varichak
- District Newsletter – 1st place – Suzy Kersey
- Digital Poster – 2nd Place – Yash Khatavkar
- Promotional Video – 2nd Place - Erik Keeler
- Oratory – 1st Place - Maddy Earley
- Talent – Ukulele performance by Suzy Kersey and “Cups” performance by Maddy Earley with backup performers from several clubs

Several individuals were recognized as well. Three club officers were recognized as Distinguished in their category: Maddy Earley (President), Paige Nocton (Secretary), and Dan Stevenson (Treasurer). The Tom P. Horan Award is given to a member who is not an officer but showed great contribution and leadership. This year’s award was earned by Nicole Varichak, a junior. The highest honor each year given to an adult advisor is the Gold Key Award. This year’s Gold Key winner was Fridley’s recently retired advisor, Eugenie Burns.

Finally, each of the regions in the Minn-Dak district is led by an elected Lieutenant Governor. A Fridley junior, Christine Hitomi, finished serving her year as regional LTG, and was succeeded by Fridley freshman Emma Broos. The Fridley Key Club is very proud of the leadership skills, service hours, and passion in each of its members!

Jamestown Aktion Club Formed for Adults Living with Disabilities

05/06/2013 - Club: Jamestown - Submitted by: Janna Bergstedt



The Jamestown Kiwanis Club is proud to introduce Jamestown's very own Aktion Club. This Service Leadership Program provides adults living with disabilities opportunities to give back to their communities, build leadership and decision-making skills, and develop and use their talents. Aktion Club has more than 11,000 members worldwide.

On April 4, 2013 charter members in Jamestown received pins and certificates at a meeting held at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church. Sixteen people were welcomed into the club for the inaugural year of Aktion Club in Jamestown.

Meetings are held on a regular basis and conducted much like other service organizations’ meetings. They have officers including a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Happy quarters are collected for local charities and club members tell each other what they’re happy for that day.

Aktion Club members throughout the world give an estimated 92,484 hours of service each year, performing a variety of community services, such as environmental projects, park beautification, food drives, nursing home visitations and assisting Kiwanis clubs with their projects. The Jamestown Aktion Club plans to help the local Kiwanis Club with their upcoming Pancake Day on May 6th from 7am-7pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Other projects are planned such as Kids Against Hunger, Adopt a Road, and Camp Rowkiwan cleanup.

For more information about Aktion Club, contact Teresa Kurtz at 701-952-0220 ext. 331 or teresak@coresinc.org. The next meeting will be held at May 2nd at 1:30pm at First United Methodist Church.

The Aktion Club is a partnership with the Kiwanis Club. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. Kiwanis membership is 240,000 members in 7,700 located in 80 countries. The club meets Mondays at noon and welcomes new members. For more information about membership contact Janna Bergstedt at 701-253-5109 or janna.bergstedt@myfccu.com.

[Click here for more photos](#)

Kids Against Hunger event Kiwanis One Day

05/02/2013 - Club: Fargo - Submitted by: Clover Ellingson

Fargo North Key Club hosted the annual Kiwanis One Day event in Fargo. This is an annual event sponsored by the area Kiwanis, Circle K, Builders, and Key Clubs. The local chapter of Kids Against Hunger is run by the Fargo-Moorhead Kiwanis family. Every year, the area clubs contribute to this event and send volunteers. This year, over 60 volunteers from Kiwanis, Circle K, area Key clubs including Theif River Falls and this year, Girl and Boy Scouts joined together to produce 10,800 meals. All the meals stayed in the community and were given to local food pantries. Area shelters and nonprofits were thrilled to receive the vegan meals and are looking forward to getting more of these donations in the future.



Hendricks Club sponsors Food for Kidz event

05/02/2013 - Club: Hendricks - Submitted by: Julie Hogie



The Hendricks, MN Kiwanis Club sponsored a Food for Kidz food packaging event on April 27th. With the help of many volunteers, ages 5 to 95, over 30,000 meals were packaged. Along with funds from the local club, financial donations to cover the cost of the meals were received from many area churches, organizations and individuals.

Kiwanis One Day Project

05/02/2013 - Club: Red Wing Dawn Breakers - Submitted by: Kay Kuhlmann, President Elect, Red Wing Dawnbreakers

For the 2013 Kiwanis One Day, the Red Wing Dawnbreaker's Club volunteered to clean the Betcher Chapel, located at Oakwood Cemetery. The City and Dawnbreaker's Kiwanis have worked together on many partnerships over the years. The cleaning project involved sweeping, mopping, and polishing the beautiful wood pews. The work was delicate as the chapel is a work of art. The Chapel is a beautiful facility built with funds donated by the Margaret Betcher in memory to her husband Charles in 1907, and donated to the City of Red Wing. When the chapel was built, it was widely acclaimed for its practical usefulness as well as for its beauty. Every convenience for mortuary chapels of that time was provided for.

The octagon-designed chapel was built with the finest Red Wing stone of the time and featured a red tile roof with copper trimmings. Inside, the tile floor, ash and marble accents enhance the chapel's magnificence. Opalescent stained-glass windows of Gothic design are at the sides, front and back of the chapel and give an added dignity and beauty.

The chapel was recently added to the Nation Register of Historic Places and is located in the Oakwood Cemetery (which dates back to 1864).

Pictured are the cleaning crew including backrow – Al Nelson, Jim Johnson, Ed Krause, Brian Schreiber, Bill Franciskovich; front row: Jeff Grosso, Roseanne Grosso, Kay Kuhlmann, and Barbara Eldridge. Also participating, but not pictured were Burt Will, and Cal Eastlund.

