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Message from the District Governor

06/01/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Sharon Scudder, District Governor

My traveling has slowed down but I still read about your clubs through your Lt. Governor's Club Visit Reports. Time is flying by so quickly and we have so much more to do. I need your help.

Key Leader Camp is in need of kids and chaperones. Please contact me if you can help with either. We must have action no later than June 15 or sooner or we will have to cut our losses and back out and scrap camp. I do not like the taste of crow. Camp dates are July 9-12, 2015 near Sturgis, SD. Hook ups are available for motor homes also. Please call or e-mail me soon, we need at least 10 chaperones.

The Talent show is coming up on August 7-9, 2015 at our MN-DAK District Convention. We are looking for a few good talented people. I know we have a lot of talented Kiwanians just like the Townswicks from Region 6 who already signed up. All I need is the participant's name, name of club and region represented, type of talent and description of it and the estimated time the act will take. We also need to know if you need a piano or if accompaniment is needed. Please check with your Lt. Governor to confirm your talent for your region and submit the information to me by the end of June. We want to make a little program of the information and want to make sure of the correctness of your information. We are going to have fun and I know we have talented Kiwanis, Key Clubs and Circle K members. See you at the District Convention in Grand Forks, ND on August 7-9, 2015.



Thanks to all the Lt. Governors for the reports on your clubs. Clubs work so hard for their communities and I appreciate hearing about them for all the children they serve. I wish all the clubs success and invite them to meet many of the members and District team at the Convention in Grand Forks. I would love to meet you and thank you for all you do.

Convention Registration is now on line. We have accommodations in all price ranges. We have planned a wonderful schedule of events, workshops, fun and know you will meet with a lot of comrades. Plan to attend and register now so we can get a good count early

enough to better plan and make sure your clubs are represented. See you on August 7-9, 2015 in Grand Forks, ND.

Bill Daughtery has worked very hard in keeping updates on contributions from each club on ELIMINATE – Thanks to all the Clubs, Key Clubs and Circle K Clubs for your contributions.

Bruce Klair and his team of the Forumla Counselors and Club Openers are working hard to provide new clubs and strengthen establish clubs so we have the members to support your communities and their needs. Invite a guest to your June meeting and share the experience you Love and are living to serve the children of the world. Let Bruce know if there are communities around your area that needs a Kiwanis Club to serve their community.

International Convention is coming up on June 25-27, 2015. Are you attending? We are lucky the 100th Anniversary is right here in the United States...Indianapolis, Indiana to be exact. Get a group together to travel, have fun and plan to learn and meet people around the world. Hope to see you there.

It's show time and the way ahead is now! We have work to do, service to provide and Kiwanis will end up with a standing ovation. I am anxious to hear from you and see you. What an encore that would be for me and the team to know and report on all the work that was done in 2015. Go forth and share Kiwanis.

Happy Father's Day to my fellow Kiwanians.

June Update

05/31/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas



Club Election Reports for 2015-2016: 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 about 4500 total registrations have been received for the **100th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Indianapolis, June 25-28.** Minnesota-Dakotas District has 51 members and 8 guests attending. You can check out some of the convention happenings at [Click here](#)

The District Kiwanis Convention in Grand Forks, ND, August 7-9, 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. The registration fee goes up after July 6th. 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 kiwanisone@kiwanis.org 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, 2014 to September 30, 2015. 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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District Kiwanis Convention Update

05/31/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Liz Lawrence-Ross

MNDAK KIWANIS DISTRICT CONVENTION
August 7-9, 2015
Alerus Center, Grand Forks, ND

In 2 short months we'll be celebrating 100 years of Kiwanis at our district convention. Please register and make your hotel reservations by July 6th to be eligible for special prize drawings during the convention. And remember to register for the MNDAK Khorale if you want to sing with them this summer; the only rehearsal will be on Thursday evening before the convention starts and you must attend that to participate.



[Click here to register for the District Convention](#)

We are excited that former Kiwanis International President Steve Siemens will give the keynote address at our convention on Saturday morning. He is a fabulous motivational speaker you don't want to miss.

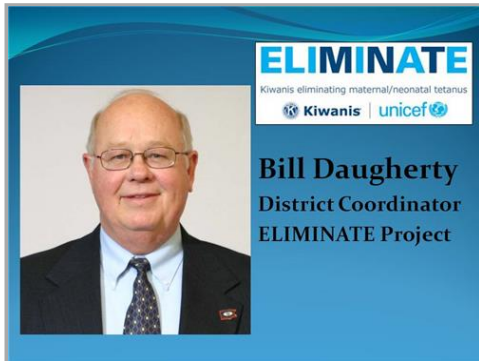
In case you haven't heard, Stewart and I will be leaving MNDAK and moving to the Florida gulf coast so the district will need a new convention director after this summer. Anyone interested in the district convention director position and scouting locations for future conventions, organizing and planning the conventions should contact MNDAK Secretary Steve Handegaard or me as soon as possible.

See you in Grand Forks!

Liz Lawrence-Ross

The Eliminate Project

05/27/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bill Daugherty



Add another club to our model club group. The Fargo Rough Riders have pledged to be a model club joining with 30 other clubs that have declared that goal. We also have one club, Fargo that is a \$100,000 club. There are a number of clubs that could make the commitment soon. By looking at the numbers and the FIVE Year period in which to complete the pledge the model club goal is reachable.

We as members of Minn-Dak need to look at local businesses that may be in a position to help save babies from dying of tetanus. Give it some thought. Someone you know could provide the funds to help in our effort. We have 88 % of our clubs giving and are at 49% of our \$3 MILLION dollar goal.

Club Leadership Education Update

05/19/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Loreena L. Luetgers

The regular Club Leadership Education sessions planned throughout the District are completed except the one held at the District Convention. We say "Thank You" to our certified instructors. They give freely of their time to help educate the club officers for their new role of president and secretary in Kiwanis. The sessions have had great learning, discussion times that are beneficial to every member attending and the sharing of service projects and fundraisers in which the clubs are involved. This is always a great time to get to know other Kiwanians in our District.



Reminder: Club secretaries need to attend the online session for their club to qualify for distinguished club. The online session is dedicated to their particular role.

We have seen an increase of club members that are taking the online sessions. This is great! These are the sessions that many of our officers and members are participating in besides President and Secretary: Club Board Member, Club Counselor, Club Opener, Committee Chair, Membership Committee, and Youth Protection Guidelines. Please take as many of these online sessions that you want. You can do these at times that are convenient for you, all at once or sign out and complete later. Just a note: be sure to click "complete" when you are finished.

District Convention CLE: This will be held on Friday morning, August 7th from 8:30 to 11:30 at the convention. Materials will be provided for you. Please register with Loreena Luetgers at luetgersloreena@gmail.com by August 1st to attend so we have room for you. Any Kiwanis member can attend and learn.

Drawings: Drawings will be held at the convention for three people: one person who

attended a classroom session, one an online session and one at the convention session. Also, this year there will be a gift for the club that had the most members who attended the CLE session, online and district combined. So, plan on being at the convention this year to bring your members and attend the CLE and maybe claim your prize.

Youth Protection Guidelines and Risk Management for Kiwanis Clubs

05/29/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

Just a reminder that there are some excellent resources on the Kiwanis International website concerning Youth Protection Guidelines and Risk Management for Kiwanis Clubs.

There are more than 300,000 members of all ages involved in Kiwanis youth programs. Almost all Kiwanis clubs sponsor an SLP club and do projects with youth. When we work with and mentor youth during projects and activities, their care and welfare are being entrusted to us.

To go to resources [Click here](#)

Kingsland Builders Club wins Kiwanis Scrapbook Contest

05/29/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Nancy Cornell, District Builders Club Administrato

Kingsland Builders Club in Spring Valley, MN is proud to announce that they have been awarded third place in the Kiwanis Builders Club scrapbook competition. The scrapbook had to include two service to community projects, two service to school projects, two fundraisers and one Kiwanis family project, along with any correspondence the club had received. The club consists of 20 seventh and eighth graders. The club celebrated their fourth anniversary in March. This is the second time the club has received a scrapbook award. At the end of their first full year, they received a third place award. Nancy Cornell is their Kiwanis advisor. She would like to encourage other Builders Clubs to submit a scrapbook next year. All the details are on the Builders Club website. [Click here](#)



Write the Check

05/28/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Kent Hochgraber, District Governor-Elect

The end of April each year is always my favorite Kiwanis Meeting. It is the time when we honor all the students with Scholarships for the next year, their first year in their College experience. In our club we have an honors banquet at the local Holiday Inn. This past year we had over 600 parents and students attend. We have in the past had a keynote speaker come in and talk, but four or five years ago we changed and now we have one student from each high school speak. We have five high schools involved, so each high school has to pick a student to talk. Each year I am very impressed with the talk each of

Kiwanis Educational Foundation, Inc.



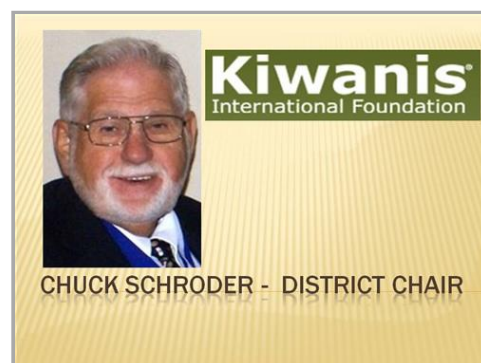
these students gives. It makes me feel that our country is in good hands for the future with these students. We get many complements from the parents and the educators on how they appreciate KIWANIS doing and holding this event.

So my points is: 1. When we are asked to donate that \$100.00 to the Minn-Dak Educational Foundation from each club WRITE THE CHECK. Some of the money from the International Foundation is used for scholarships and that is also another good source for some donations. There is no better way to insure our future than to support these young people and help them with their education costs. This is an investment in our future and our return on this precious investment will pay great dividends down the road. After all, our motto is helping the children of the world.

Why We Couldn't Help in Nepal

05/27/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: E.Chuck Schroder

I know many of you Kiwanis members have asked why hasn't Kiwanis International Foundation helped with the tragic situation in Nepal. We are deeply saddened by the crisis there. However, the Kiwanis International Foundation's polices require that we only consider sending funds, upon request, to Kiwanis entities who are in the affected areas so they can respond on behalf of all Kiwanians. Since we have NO formal Kiwanis presence there, we cannot provide resources.



If you as an individual Kiwanian wants to respond, you should donate to UNICEF at <https://www.unicefusa.org/donate/nepal-earthquake-help-children-now/24226?ms=ref> or through your own UNICEF national committee. If you have any questions on this please feel free to contact me.

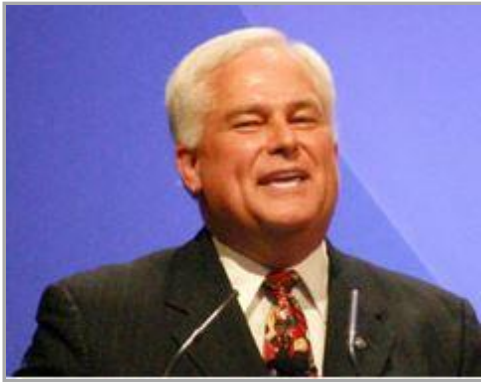
On a brighter note, we are looking for items for the raffle at the foundation booth. If you or your club has something you wish to give, please notify me at ecschröder@alliancecom.net. Thank you in advance for your support.

2015 District Kiwanis Convention Keynote Speaker - Steve Siemens

06/01/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Liz Lawrence-Ross

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you don't want to miss.



Club News

OHS Key Club elects officers for new school year

05/31/2015 - Club: Owatonna - Submitted by: Jerry Ganfield

Owatonna, MN—The Owatonna High School Key Club celebrated a year of accomplishments with a presentation of service awards by the outgoing club officers and recognized the incoming officers for fall 2015 Tuesday evening, May 26.

(Left to right) Outgoing president Lindsey Neubauer and secretary Madeleine Haberman welcomed 2015-2016 president Anna Hagen and secretary Gwyn Larson-McClusky during the presentations. The office of vice-president will be open to all Key Club members, freshmen to seniors, at the beginning of the new school year. OHS Key Club advisor is Ms. Jennifer Herr.



The club is sponsored by the Kiwanis (Noon) Club of Owatonna, a service organization focusing on the local and international health and educational needs of young children and youth.

MLB Pitch, Hit and Run Competition

05/29/2015 - Club: Fergus Falls - Submitted by: Fergus Falls Noon Kiwanis



The Fergus Falls Noon Club hosted a MLB Pitch, Hit and Run competition on May 27th for boys and girls ages 7-14.

Pitch, Hit & Run™ is the official skills competition of Major League Baseball®. This grassroots program is designed to provide youngsters with an opportunity to compete, free of charge, in a competition that recognizes individual excellence in core baseball/softball skills.

Boys and girls are divided into four age divisions: 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14, and have the chance to advance through four levels of competition, including Team Championships at Major League ballparks and the

National Finals at the 2015 MLB™ All-Star Game®.

The individual Pitching, Hitting and Running Champions, along with the All-Around Champion in each age and gender group at the Local Competition were awarded and advance to the Sectional Level of Competition.

South Point Kiwanis club honors 47 students

05/26/2015 - Club: Fargo South Point - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn

47 Students of Madison Elementary school in Fargo were treated to an honors breakfast. This event was to honor these students for Bringing Up Grades (BUG).

This is the 15th year that the South Point Kiwanis club and Madison school have held a similar breakfast for the honor students, their parents and families, plus the entire staff of Madison School.

Many of the teachers continue to thank us each year for providing this program as they feel it continues to motivate many of the students, and since it is given to students who may not be the top scholastic students, it recognizes them for bringing up their grades, as well as playground and hallway good citizenship as well.



Fargo South Point Kiwanis club and Madison School Music students

05/26/2015 - Club: Fargo South Point - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn



This past year the Fargo South Point Kiwanis club became involved in the Madison School music program.

There were several areas that were open to our help, and President Jeff of our club suggested we present a number of student Ukuleles plus a teaching model. In return for our help in starting this program with the instruments, we were invited to attend a music program at the school.

The students and instructor presented a short program in which we were shown the teaching methods used to help all of the various age students learn music and how to play the various instruments.

Bismarck Club Has Busy May

05/26/2015 - Club: Bismarck - Submitted by: Paul Schadewald

Bismarck Kiwanis 2015-16 Elections Held

On May 12 we held our election of officers for next year. Officers elected were: Bill Chaussee-President, Bill Willis III-President-Elect, Paul Schadewald, Secretary, and Joe Heringer, Dave Anderson and Barry Wolcott-2 year Board of Director terms. Their terms will start October 1, 2015. We are still trying to find a replacement for Steve Miller as Treasurer.

Kiwanis Track Meet

Thanks to Steve Miller, Wade Bice, Brett Mealio and Dave Anderson for working at the 2015 Kiwanis High School Track meet.

2015 Summer Meals Program

Our club plans to have volunteer members help with the summer meal program again this year. Roger Wetzel will be coordinating it. Last year we provided 2 members each Friday noon for 9 weeks at Kiwanis Park. Roger will be providing more info in the near future.

Bismarck Club Visited By USS North Dakota Commander To Be

The USS North Dakota has a new commanding officer and he visited the Bismarck Kiwanis Club and provided the noon program on May 26, 2015. Cmdr. Michael P. Hollenbach will take the place of Capt. Douglas Gordon in July at the submarine's base in Groton, Conn. Hollenbach will be the second commanding officer of the Navy's newest nuclear submarine, which is named in honor of the State of North Dakota. Hollenbach graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1997. His duties at sea have included serving on the USS Florida, where he completed six strategic deterrent patrols. Hollenbach was also the engineer officer on board Submarine NR-1 and the executive officer aboard the USS Miami. The USS North Dakota was commissioned in October 2014 in Groton, Conn. See attached photo.



Congratulations To Five Scholarship Winners

05/26/2015 - Club: Bismarck - Submitted by: Paul Schadewald

Bismarck Kiwanis awarded five scholarships at our May 5th meeting. \$1000 Club scholarships were awarded to Elise Bauman, Andrew Kohler and Hannah Rue. \$865 MN/Dakota District scholarships were presented to Blake Emmel and Katie Mastel. These scholarships are awarded annually to five Bismarck high school seniors. Thanks to our Scholarship Committee for choosing these outstanding students. Thanks to our members and cooperating businesses who have helped with our fundraisers and members who donated "Happy Day" money weekly at our meetings.

Finishing the Year with Service

05/16/2015 - Club: Fargo - Submitted by: NDSU Circle K

The NDSU Circle K added one last service project at its final meeting of the year: making dogs toys for the humane society. Local Kiwanians donated old t-shirts, and the college

students took a break from studying to shred them. By braiding the resulting strips of material, the Circle K's turned unwanted clothing into colorful ropes to be enjoyed by lonely pets.



Dakota Smiles Dental Bus

05/11/2015 - Club: Huron - Submitted by: Gayle Bussell



The Huron, SD Kiwanis Club is proud to work with United Way of Huron in bringing The Dakota Smiles Dental Bus to Huron. The bus has been coming to Huron since 2008 for 11 times here for either a week or two weeks each year. The total number of patients seen over this period is 394 with a dollar value of \$232,571.00 with a cost to Kiwanis and United Way of \$22,500.00 The average cost per child is \$530.00.

53% of the children had tooth decay, also 53% of the children getting dental care have no insurance. This project is at no cost to the patients.

61st Annual Pancake Breakfast

05/08/2015 - Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Katrina Mraz

On Sunday, April 26 a group of enthusiastic Fridley Key Clubbers came together at the NE Minneapolis Armory to lend a helping hand for the Northeast Kiwanis Club's 61st annual pancake breakfast. During the pancake breakfast communities and clubs came together to have a great time full of singing and laughter.

The key clubbers poured coffee, got sticky with syrup, cleaned and reset tables, and served the great company that came to the event. Families and friends came to visit in the friendly atmosphere and have the best pancakes in town! Everyone was working hard, even though it felt like we were hardly working because of all the fun we had. Anyone who attended, whether it was the volunteers or those who came to eat, left with happy hearts and full bellies.



Written by Vice President and Chair, Katrina Mraz

St. Anthony Aktion Club raises \$1016.00 in MN Food Share Drive and makes 100 May baskets

05/04/2015 - Club: Saint Anthony - Submitted by: Mary Dierbeck

Aktion Club has had a busy year so far. During the month of March, the Club raised



\$1016.00 for MN Food Share. We did this with the help of Culver's Restaurant of St. Anthony selling \$1.00 pledge cards. Also we passed out a can at our regular Kiwanis meetings in March. Part was also raised by the members and staff of some of our Aktion Club members. 400#'s of food was also collected. Along with that we sent in \$100.00 from the Club for Eliminate from our Happy Quarters and Bean Bag fund raiser.

Finally we put together 100 May baskets and took them to the St. Anthony Care Center. We have played bingo with the residents on a few occasions and it's one of our members favorite outings.

At our May meeting we will be touring the St. Anthony Police Department and seeing a squad car. This was arranged by our Kiwanis member Jon Ohl, who is the Chief of Police for St. Anthony.

Stillwater Area Kiwanis Held 1st Bluegrass Event

05/03/2015 - Club: Stillwater Area - Submitted by: Judy Gulden

The Stillwater Area Kiwanis Club recently held its first bluegrass fundraising event, St. Croix River Valley Bluegrass. We extended our Kiwanis appreciation to all the audience members, the generous musicians, sponsors, and donors and venue staff. We informed everyone about our club and activities. We were pleased and appreciative of all that attended and who made the event possible. The music line-up was suburb: Platte Valley Boys, Blue Hazard, Thrift Store Sonata, Brian Wicklunds Fiddle Pal Students. Food was purchased from Famous Dave's. Everyone was very happy with the venue, The Heights Hall and Club, which has been recently remodeled and the acoustics were terrific.

It was a successful fundraiser and the planning team is already active planning it's 2nd event for 2016. The funds raised from the event on April 19 will help send teens to leadership training, enable our Kiwanis Club to create a Kiwanis Builders Club at one of our junior high schools to teach members positive leadership and to encourage community involvement. We can now help supply athletic equipment and books to a charter school's library and give winter hats, mittens and scarfs to children enrolled in the Head Start program and organizations, schools and agencies that serve children in need.

We are now able to put dreams in action and participate in the FamilyMeans Youth Development program for youth ages 5-18 living in Cimarron, a manufactured home community located in Lake Elmo, Minnesota. Cimarron is both socially and economically isolated and has higher poverty rates than neighboring areas. Eighty five percent of the children living in Cimarron are eligible for free school lunch. The Stillwater Area Kiwanis Club wants to be involved in the Cimarron youth program to help equip its participants to learn, thrive, connect and be productive citizen's throughout their lives. Activities offered include school tutoring, preparing teens for college or technical school and adulthood and offering engaging activities that foster creativity, positive social skills and

community pride. We are eager to be a part of this vibrant youth program.

The Stillwater Area Kiwanis Club is growing and we are proud of our club for being quite mighty for its size. We are active in the Stillwater area and eager to continue to implement quality activities to better our community.