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Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International

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March 2012

International Convention - Right Around the Corner

02/29/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Denis Cornell, Governor

Time is running out to register for the 97th Kiwanis International Convention. New Orleans is the place and June 28th to July 1st is the date. The deadline for the "Early Bird" registration cost of \$195.00 is March 20th.

If you have never attended an international convention you are in for a treat. In addition to a great venue for a convention you will experience an educational opportunity that should not be missed. The schedule is jam packed with events, forums, workshops and entertainment. Don't miss the Friday evening Legends

Concert with Aaron Neville and Branford Marsalis. The exhibit hall will be filled with service ideas and the Kiwanis store. International convention is also a great opportunity to meet Kiwanians from around the world, make new friends and renew old friendships. You will come home with a renewed commitment to serving the children of your community and around the globe.

Important decisions will be made with many proposed amendments anticipated and candidates to be elected during the 2012 Business Session on Friday. There are six candidates vying for the three United States and Pacific Canada International Trustee positions and three candidates vying for Kiwanis International Vice President. Every Kiwanis club is entitled to have two voting delegates and two alternate delegates for the convention Business Session. Don't miss the opportunity for your club to be represented.

Minnesota-Dakotas own Stewart Ross, from Mankato, MN, is one of the three candidates running for Kiwanis International Vice President this year. Stewart is currently completing a three year term as a Kiwanis International Trustee and has served Kiwanis in an outstanding manner in this position. Stewart and his wife Liz, a 14 year member and present secretary of a very active club, will bring a passion for Kiwanis to the office of Vice President which will inspire others to new levels of service and leadership. When Stewart is elected, he will become Kiwanis International President in 2015 which will be the 100th birthday of Kiwanis International. There have been only two other International Presidents in the history of the Minnesota-Dakotas District. Bennett O. Knudson, from Albert Lea, MN, in 1939-1940 and Merald T. Enstad, from Fergus Falls, MN, in 1980-1981. Won't it be great to have a Kiwanian from MN-DAK as the International President during this centennial year! Come and join the "Stew for VP" team as we blow our horn for Kiwanis and elect Stewart Ross for International VP. To



make this possible, we need you. If you are on **Facebook** go to the "**Stew for Kiwanis VP**" page and click "**like**" to receive updates on campaign activities. [Click here](#) to go to his Facebook page.

Please come to New Orleans and join us for education, fellowship and lots of fun. Registration is quick and easy at www.kiwanisone.org.

March Update

02/28/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas



District Kiwanis Convention: Mark your calendars....the Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention will be held August 3-5, 2012 in St. Cloud, Minnesota. All clubs should be represented at this annual convention. More information will be coming soon!

Club Officer Changes: If for some reason there is a change in your club president or secretary at any time during the year, be sure that your club promptly informs Kiwanis International and the District Office. These changes can also be entered online by the club

secretary. Your club may miss out on important communications if we do not have the correct contact information.

Club Elections: Just another reminder that your club election report will be due June 1st. The annual election of club officers should be done at the club annual meeting as specified in the Standard Club Bylaws- Section 5. The annual meeting of this club should be held at a regular meeting no earlier than the first meeting in April and no later than the second week in May. The membership shall be given at least two (2) weeks notice of the date and place of the annual meeting. One-third (1/3) of the active and senior members of the club shall constitute a quorum.

Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans, June 28- July 1, 2012:

Currently we have 44 members and 5 guests from our district that have registered for the convention. There is still time to register. The price of registration increases after March 20th, so if you planning to go register now.

Kiwanis Clubs in good standing are allowed to designate two representatives to the House of Delegates. Of course, you do not need to be a delegate to attend, everyone is welcome! Information and online registration forms can be found on the Kiwanis International convention website. [Click here](#)

Besides registering, be sure to report your club's two International Convention delegates and two alternates to the International Office by April 30 on the Delegate Certification Form. All club secretaries should have received the necessary forms, but if you need another copy you can find it on the Kiwanis International Convention website.

This year will be especially exciting as our very own Stewart Ross is a candidate for Kiwanis International Vice-President. Please check out his campaign website. [Click here](#) If you are attending the International Convention you will also want to order a campaign T-Shirt. [Click here](#) for order form.

District Kiwanis Tri-K Board Meeting: The meeting was held January 27 & 28, 2012. The minutes of the meeting can be found on the district website. [Click here](#)

Lt. Governor Education: The Lt. Governor Education Conference for the 2012-2013 Lt. Governor Teams will be held April 27-29, 2012 in Fergus Falls.

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Kiwanis Education Update

02/27/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Loreena Luetgers, District Education Director

Lieutenant Governor Education Weekend will be April 27-29th at Fergus Falls. This is the time that we help the three member Lieutenant Governor teams from the seven regions with leadership and communication skills. Most of all, the Lieutenant Governors learn their responsibilities and what they need to help the clubs in their regions.

Now is where we ask you, the clubs, for help. Some regions do not have their teams complete. We need your help, club members, to encourage past presidents to consider and accept being a Lieutenant Governor. This is a three year commitment to work with clubs in only one third of their region. Clubs and Lieutenant Governors build relationships and life-long friendships. The position will be one of the most rewarding that you will have.


The District needs positions filled in Region 1, (Lt. Gov. Elect 2011-12 and Lt. Gov. Elect 2012-2013), Region 2 and Region 5.

As the district's membership declines, let's work together at all levels to make our Kiwanis District grow in members, service and leadership. Please contact me with any questions you may have.



ELIMINATE PROJECT

02/25/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bill Daugherty

 Looking for a special way to recognize a Kiwanian for 50 years of membership? How about a family recognizing their parents on their 50th Wedding Anniversary? This past month these two occasions resulted in donating a Walter Zeller Fellowship to Kiwanis club members. I'm sure we can think of other ways to recognize our members with a Zeller Fellowship.

Remember, Walter Zeller, in 1940 provided 25 silver dollars which were auctioned off for \$650, thus the seed for the Kiwanis International Foundation was planted. The Eliminate Project developed the Walter Zeller Fellowship as a means to recognize individual donations of \$1250. Think of a Zeller when the desire to recognize someone special for their dedication to Kiwanis or any moment of celebration.

David Fairbrother Announces Candidacy for District Governor Elect

02/26/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: David Fairbrother, Gov Elect Candidate

Hello! My name is David Fairbrother, and I am offering myself as a candidate for the office of Governor-Elect, of the Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International, for the 2012-2013 Kiwanis year. I have been a member of Kiwanis for 12 years.

I have been the fortunate recipient of many hours of Kiwanis education. Not only did I receive Lt. Governor education, I was also able to attend when Dawn received her Lt. Governor training! That, plus three extra Tri-K and District Board meetings during Dawn's tenure. I always felt I learned something new during those meetings. Now I feel that it is time to give back to Kiwanis. If I am fortunate to be elected, I will work hard to learn, to listen, and to develop myself to continue the great work and results gained by

the distinguished Governors and District Officers that precede me. If then privileged to serve as Governor, I promise to respond positively to the challenges that lie ahead, using my experience, training and education.

I believe that the theme, "Believe, Achieve, Lead, and Educate", (BALE) can serve as the template for improvement and success for the Minnesota-Dakotas District. If we BELIEVE that we CAN, ..."change the world, ...one child and one community at a time," we will ACVHIEVE the Kiwanis motto, "Serving the Children of the World." Achieving will then inspire us to LEAD and EDUCATE others for service to children and community.

On a personal note, I was born in Kansas, raised in Missouri, and settled in Minnesota. We all have had "sunrises" and "sunsets" in our lives. One of my "sunrises" was joining Kiwanis. In looking back, I call the Kiwanis events in my life, "celebrations." I "celebrate" these events:

- 12 year member of Kiwanis, joined Owatonna Golden K, President, 2003-2004;
- Currently endorsed and a member of Mankato Diversity Club, with wife, Dawn;
- Lt. Governor, Region 6, 2008-2009;
- Currently, serving as District K Kids Administrator;
- Currently, a mentor for Reading and Math with 1st and 2nd graders, local grade school;



- Region 6 Coordinator for ELIMINATE Program;
- Attended 8 International and District Conventions, and Region 6 Conferences;
- Attended 6 each Lt. Governor training, Tri-K, and District Board meetings;
- Attended 6 CLE training sessions as Lt. Governor and Dawn as Lt. Governor;
- Region 6 Director of Administration, 6 years;
- 'TAG TEAM" trained at Kiwanis International, with wife Dawn, 2005-2006-2007;
- Participated in New Club Building efforts at Redwood Falls, Hastings, and Northfield;
- KEY LEADER Camps, Madison, S.D. and Clitherall, MN, adult volunteer;
- Two Circle K EXTRAVAGANZA events, Fargo, Region 6 representative;
- Co-Editor, Region 6 and Club Newsletters;
- Cub Scouts and Webelos Leader, 10 years;
- Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout program;
- Hixon Fellow, and working on my Zeller.

Personal Information:

- Married to Dawn, 15 years, also a Kiwanian and current Immediate Past Lt. Governor, Region 6. We have a blended family of 5 Children and 15 Grandchildren;
- B.A., University of Minnesota, Mpls, Economics/Business and Political Science;
- Retired after a 42 year career in Purchasing and Manufacturing Materials Management;
- Certified Purchasing Manager, (C.P.M.), National Association Purchasing Management;
- APICS and Certified Freight Logistics Manager, College of Advanced Traffic, Chicago.
- Toastmaster Speaker and Master Mixer, Toastmaster's International;
- CDL Certified School Bus Driver for Special Needs kids

I sincerely ask for your support at the MNDK District Convention in St. Cloud, August, 2012.

2012 Newsletter/Brochure Contest

02/27/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Colleen Hyde



CLUB BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER, 2012:

A club bulletin/newsletter is a periodical document that informs club members and others of news and happenings from within the club, region, district, and international organization that would be of interest to the reader. It will be judged in a number of areas, such as appearance, reports, programs, sponsored youth, service projects, activities, education, entertainment, etc.

Entries will be judged in the following categories:

White Category: 30 members or less

Blue Category: 31-45 members

Orange Category: 46-70 members
Silver Category: 71-100 members
Gold Category: 101 and over members

There will be one regional winner in each category in which there are any entries. Two copies of the winning entries will be sent on to the district for further judging.

Up to 3 district winners will be awarded in each category. The district will choose one "Best Overall Club Newsletter/Bulletin". Winners will be announced at the District Convention.

Entries must be sent to the Regional Administrative Director or the Lt. Gov. (see list below) by **APRIL 1** (this is a change from last year!)

Send two (2) copies of each of three (3) issues of your club bulletin/newsletter to the person listed below for your region. Include club name, club size, region, and name, address, phone, and e-mail of a contact person for your club.

CLUB BROCHURE CONTEST, 2012:

A brochure is a document that is used to explain what a Kiwanis club is and does. It is used as an advertising and publicity tool, and contains general information about the club. It should be easy to read, attractive, and informative. Kiwanis International Objects should be included along with club goals and a history of service activities. Information must be accurate and up-to-date.

Only one winner will be selected from each region. The district winner will be selected from the regional winners, and will be announced at the District Convention.

Entries must be sent to the Regional Administrative Director or the Lt. Gov. (see list below) by **APRIL 1** (this is a change from last year!).

For the club brochure contest, send only one copy to the name listed below, and include club information (club name, region, and name, address, phone, and e-mail for a club contact person).

Entries for both contests should be sent to the following people in each region:

Regional Administrative Director/Lt. Gov. :

- Region 1: Doug Wolf 547 S. 7th Street, Suite 105, Bismarck, ND 58504-5859
dewolf@dougwolfassociates.com
- Region 2: Colleen Hyde 1708 19th St. S., Moorhead, MN 56560
hyde@cord.edu
- Region 3: Betz Tepley 15189 120th Ave., Little Falls, MN 56345-5228
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- Region 4: Barry Furze 1233 Deadwood St., Sturgis, SD 57785
bfurze@rushmore.com
- Region 5: Scott McCaskell 1204 Dakota South, Huron, SD 57350
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- Region 6: Dawn Fairbrother 620 13th St. SE, Owatonna, MN 55060
muffins3@charter.net
- Region 7: Colleen Michels 2165 Granite Circle NW, Rochester, MN 55901
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Questions? Contact Colleen Hyde, hyde@cord.edu

Circle K Book Drive

02/27/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Zachery Heher, Circle K Member

Last semester, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology's very own community group, Circle K International, put together a book drive around the entire campus. Circle K teamed up with Better World Books to fight world illiteracy. The book drive was meant to collect as many books from the students as possible, providing schools and libraries across the country with donated books. Some books will be sold through Better World Books to provide for literacy programs nationally and internationally.

According to Hayden Waisanen, Lieutenant Governor of the Dakota Star Division of the Minn-Dak Circle K District, the book drive was very successful. The book drive collected nine boxes full of books. Students from the campus donated used school books and fiction books to the book drive. The members of Circle K celebrated their success with a party. Most of the members of Circle K attended the party along with some guests.

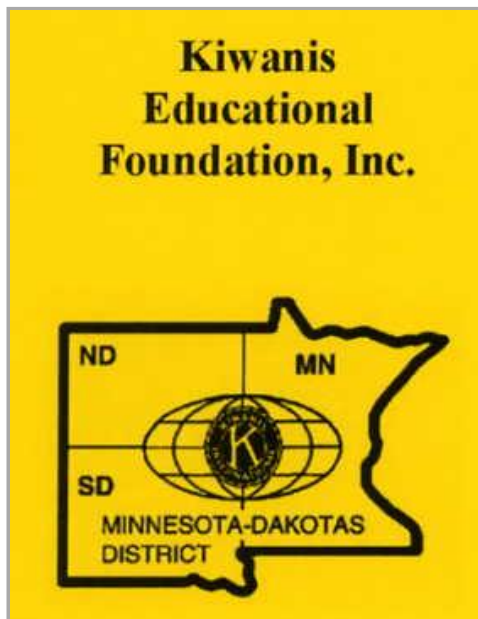
The book drive has been called one of the most successful drives by the members of Circle K. Hopefully in the future Circle K will return with another, even more successful book drive.

---- Zachery Heher (South Dakota School of Mines and Technology Circle K member)



Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis Educational Foundation

02/22/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bill Daugherty



Each month there is an article about the Foundation. We have touched on its history, its scholarship awards, and our endowment. How do we keep it going? There are several ways individuals or clubs can continue this great Foundation. The following are the five ways we continue to grow our ability to fund scholarships annually. 1. Vantine Life Fellowship; 2. Century Club; 3. Joseph E. Messer Fellowship; 4. Designated Scholarships; and 5. Memorials. These five methods of growth for our Foundation are described in the Kiwanis Educational Foundation brochure delivered to each club via mail, the Lt. Governors, at Regional Governor's visits and at the District Convention. Information is also available at our web site.

I am going to write about one type of sustaining program, the Century Club gift. Each year clubs are asked to consider donating \$100 to the Foundation to be a Century club. It is a wonderful way to keep the fund healthy as well as a way to recognize the importance your club places on scholarship in our District. Please join with the clubs that donate annually and become a Century Club this next month. Donations can be sent to The Kiwanis Educational Foundation at 914 Southern Pine Ln SW, Rochester, MN 55902.

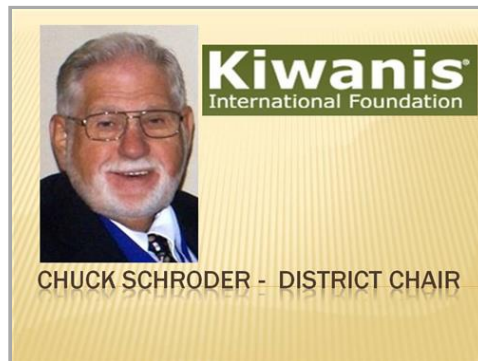
Thank you for your attention to this vital program!

NOW IS THE TIME

02/07/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: E. Chuck Schroder

Now is the time for your club to step up and send in your contribution to the annual gift

campaign for \$5.00 per member. I have just reviewed the January 31st report from KIF and it shows that our district is \$5,024.00 behind last year at this time. Last year we had given \$11,764.00 and at \$2.16 per member and and this year we are at \$6,740.00 and \$1.31 per member. It is always hard to catch up, but we have done it in the past and I know we can do it now.



Your clubs should have this money as a line item in your annual budget along with the district education foundation. If your club doesn't have it in their budget, then pass the hat at a couple of meetings and you will get it.

We had a very good year last year and were able to award 4 scholarships to both Key Club and Circle K and they were very grateful. The selection committee met at the tri-K board meeting and had a very hard time selecting the winners. They were all just great and all were very deserving. If we want to be able to help next year, then we need to step up and send in our money.

In the Kiwanis magazine for February, there was a very good article about the International Foundation by John Peter Curielli. His quote was "Of all the foundations I've been involved with, this one touches the most lives all over the world". Take time to read this article and you will see just how true this statement is.

NOW IS THE TIME for your club to step up and send your money in. Thank you for all you are doing for Kiwanis and the children of the world.

3 Steps to Recruiting New Members

02/22/2012 - Division: Division 05 - Submitted by: Carol Grode-Hanks, Region 5 Lt Gov Elect

Region 5 is down 38 members and we need to reverse that trend. Who wouldn't want to be involved in Kiwanis? There are three steps to successful recruitment: 1) planning, 2) recruiting 3) training.

Planning- Assess your club and determine what you need to grow. Every club needs more than just people. As we continue to change the world one child, one community at a time, think about your club specifically and set goals to meet our mission. When a prospective member asks you why he should join, you have a defined plan on how they will contribute to the mission. Be ready to tell others why being involved in your club is so rewarding.

Recruiting- Assess your image. How does the public see your club? Are you involved in the community actively making change? Do you support local efforts in making a difference? Don't assume the public knows what your club is doing. If you don't have a publicity committee, develop one and try to make the local paper monthly. It is important people associate your club with value to the community.

Develop your message. Your message should be inviting and encourage others to join. Identify the needs of your club and how new members can address those needs, and the benefits to the volunteer. Share your passion!!

Training- Be sure you have an orientation program. The more the new member knows, and understands Kiwanis, the better they can represent you to the public. Ask for club members to step up and be an orientation leader. They can not only give a bi-annual presentation, but can mentor and orient new members individually. Plus, the existing member can learn more too about District, and KI. Be sure to schedule your orientations. When new members join, you have orientation information readily available so they feel welcome and assured they will have the opportunity to learn about their commitment to your club.

Let's all work together and make our NEGATIVE 38 a POSITIVE 38. If each club in Region 5 commits to 2 new members while retaining current membership, we will have 50 new members- and the region would be a POSITIVE 12!!! Our Region 5 has 882 members.... seriously, if everyone recruited just ONE new member.... WOW... just think of what we could do. So again, I ask you- Who wouldn't want to be involved in Kiwanis?

Club News

Faribault Early Risers Club Provides Basic Blessings Backpacks

02/25/2012 - Club: Fairmont, Early Risers - Submitted by: Dawn Fairbrother, Region 6 Immed Past Lt Gov

The Region 6 Kiwanis Club of Faribault, MN. provides blessings to children every weekend, spring break, holidays and summertime.

In the spring of 2010, through the efforts of the staff of Reliance Bank and MRG Tool and DIE, their Club set out to provide food to children in the Jefferson Elementary School who are on the free meal program. Our intent was to provide a bridge for these children to get through spring break, weekends, and holidays when food was scarce and they weren't being served by the school lunch program. We gave ourselves a name and worked through the Faribault Foundation as our 501C3. We are then able to purchase food through Channel One Food Source at a significantly reduced price. From March through June in 2010 we packed 30 bags a week for the children of Jefferson. We began with one school to see how this worked addressing problems before expanding to the other two elementary schools. We began asking people for money to help us purchase food. We also asked for in-kind donations from companies that pack food. We received contributions from the Richie Eye Clinic, KGP, MRG Tool and Die, Faribault Foods, Malt O Meal (now MOM Brands), Faribault Dairy Queen, A&W, Cable Supply Connections, Cates and Ohme, Nelson's Grocery, HyVee, and Walmart; plus, many, many private contributions. We have also been blessed with grants and gifts from Edina Realty, SHIP and 21st Century.



Recognizing summer would be particularly difficult for children, we sought out the

summer community education program and worked with Freepops. Freepops is designed to serve underprivileged children. 240 bags were filled every week for the summer program in both 2010 and 2011. MRG Tool and Die came every week and trucked the 24 totes from the basement of Reliance Bank to McKinley School. We prayed God would multiply our gift and bring us what we needed. He did. Somehow the food has been there and teachers from the schools have coordinated a schedule and they came to pack the bags.

62% of the children that attend Jefferson Elementary School are on the free meal program. 61% of the children attending Roosevelt Elementary School are on the free meal program. 60% of the children attending Lincoln Elementary School are on the free meal program. Learning is compromised when a child is hungry. Teachers and community programs provide snacks in the classroom to help. Basic Blessings is the bridge for weekends and holidays when other services are not available.

To serve Jefferson Elementary, Roosevelt and Lincoln Elementary again this fall, we anticipate that we will pack a minimum of 100 bags weekly. The bags are 12" x 14" 4mil zip lock bags donated by MRG Tool and Die. They contain 2 main meals (individual example: spaghetti, lasagna); 2 breakfasts, (cereal and oatmeal); 2 of either jello or fruit cups, 2 granola bars. Some items vary based on what is available. The teachers discreetly place the bag in the child's backpack before they leave for home on the last day of school for that week.

This Kiwanis Club is providing for the children in so many special ways.

If you have any questions or would like to consider doing a project like this, please contact Gretchen Moe at Reliance Bank via telephone at 507-409-1326 or via e-mail at gretchenm@reliancebankmn.com.

Thank you to the Faribault Early Risers Kiwanis Club for showing us one of the many ways to help the children of their community.

Worthington Early Riser's Kiwanis Club Celebrates

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02/24/2012 - Club: Early Risers, Worthington - Submitted by: Jeanene Townswick, Past President

WORTHINGTON EARLY RISER'S CELEBRATE

"HAPPY 97TH BIRTHDAY" KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL -" SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD "

January 21, 2012 Worthington Early Riser's Kiwanis Club joined together, at their 6:45 morning meeting, to CELEBRATE Kiwanis 97th's Birthday. Rather than having a program for the morning meeting they decided to take the time to socialize with each other playing the game of Kiwaingo, a game that is played like bingo with questions pertaining to Kiwanis information. Various "fun" prizes were awarded with first prize being a "grass skirt and coconuts" which started out originally as a White Elephant gift at the club's Christmas party. 27 of these games were sold, so far, to raise funds for the Eliminate Project.



During the celebration the song "We're Helping The Children Of the World" written by Harold Foley from MNDak-Kiwanis District was sung by all with lots of "swing" to wake the members up during the early morning meeting, along with jokes, and an auction item.

An editorial was written for Worthington Daily Globe listing the celebration of Kiwanis 97th Birthday.

A great time was shared by all, getting to know each other, and "testing" our knowledge of Kiwanis.

To see more pictures of the celebration please go to: www.worthingtonearlyriserskiwanis.org

Valentine's Night fun for Aktion Club and Seniors

02/22/2012 - Club: Saint Anthony - Submitted by: Mary Dierbeck Advisor

The St. Anthony Village Aktion Club played bingo on February 14th with the residents of the St. Anthony Health Center. Nine of our 16 members participated and we also had a new potential member participate who is now going to join our club.

I'm not sure who had more fun, the members or the residents of the Health Center. Helping from our sponsoring St. Anthony Club, were Dianne Sparks, Rose Fitzgerrells and myself.



Projects we have coming up in March are first making spring table decorations at our regular meeting March 6th. Then on March 31st in the afternoon we are working at the Silverwood Park Easter Egg Hunt. We will be hiding eggs and helping the little ones hunt for them. The club administrators, Joan Keprious and Jeff Franzen have been instrumental in providing transportation for these adults with disabilities to make the meetings and events. Each time we "meet and share" the enthusiasm generated is contagious. Please attend an Aktion Club meeting or better yet start an Aktion Club in your area and you will see it for yourself!

Little Falls Key Club Receives Kiwanis Bell

02/10/2012 - Club: Little Falls - Submitted by: Carlyle Olsen



The Little Falls Community High School Flyer Key Club is sponsored by the Little Falls Kiwanis Club as part of the Kiwanis International "K-Family." They were presented with their first official Key Club bell. The bell was presented by Kiwanis International Minnesota-Dakota District Region 3 Lieutenant Governor Betz Tepley. The bell is used to begin and end each meeting and to maintain order of those assembled. The Flyer Key Club meets at the school every Friday morning at 7:40 a.m. during the school year. This year, the club has a record 34 active members.

The Key Club has raised funds and awareness for the March of Dimes, "Trick-or-Treat" for UNICEF, "Homeless Sleep-Out" and "Make-A-Joyful Noise" fund-raisers for the Little Falls Morrison County Food Shelf, rang the bell for the Salvation Army, sold wooden Valentine roses for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, wrapped and distributed gifts for the community Christmas Gift Giving program, and they also clean a section of highway for "Adopt-A-Highway." In the past, they have served at Oasis Share-a-Meal, helped carve pumpkins and parked cars at the Pine Grove Zoo Boo, raked leaves for the elderly, donated and read books to elementary school children, made fleece blankets for kids in St. Gabriel's Hospital, worked at the Kiwanis Fish Fry (where they also hold a bake sale), and they have volunteered at the "Food 4 Kidz." They also take part in various school functions, and they have also sponsored the St. Cloud Cyclones Wheelchair Basketball game fund-raiser held at the Little Falls High School.

In April, Key Club members will be attending the Minnesota-Dakota District Key Club Spring Convention in Willmar, Minnesota, where they will join with other clubs in attending workshops.

Pictured from left are Key Club Teacher Advisor Andy Ward, Key Club Secretary Mallory Kenna, Key Club President Lexi Zawatzke, Lt Gov Betz Tepley, Key Club Liaison Kenzie Hanson, Little Falls Kiwanis Club President Carlyle Olsen, Key Club Vice President Hanna Harkin, and Keith Manbeck.