

# MINNEKOTAN

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## Message from the Governor

*03/01/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Sherry Scudder*

Wow, can you believe that March is upon us. I would like to thank all the Lt. Governors for your club reports. The clubs are working hard to maintain and recruit members, forge forward for Eliminate, and sponsoring existing and new SLP's (Service Leadership Programs).



I am very fortunate to be spending the weekend with one of our family clubs, CIRCLE. K. We are traveling to DCON (District Convention) in Brookings, SD. I will be speaking about the opportunities beyond Circle K. Maybe we can retain some good volunteers and repurpose them into Kiwanis. I would like to thank Kate Ross, MN-DAK CIRCLE K AND THE SCHOOL OF MINES for the transportation. I am so excited to note kudos for some great work and continued dedication to Kiwanis Clubs in this region.

I am going to list a few now and others forth coming so you need to watch and read the newsletter each month. A lot of these clubs were brought to my attention by Lt. Governor reports and club reports. Way to go Turtle Mountain for your new member and the five new members since the Kiwanis year started. I am so happy I was able to meet you at Region 1 Educational Conference. Thank you Benson for your pledge of \$1,000 to Eliminate, staying enthusiastic and thank you for serving your community. You saved many baby's lives with your pledge. I am very proud of the Sturgis Golden K for the successful opening of the Food Pantry and creating new partnerships to start a new Builder's Club, Aktion Club. A special thanks to Debbie Lobby for her enthusiasm in working with the Builders Club, Club Satellite and now-Key Leader. You do a great job and Thanks. Good job Fargo for your new 10 members this year and I could not forget Detroit Lakes now up 5. I am definitely looking forward to seeing you in April for your Regional Educational Conference in Wahpeton, ND on April 11th.

Well, there are so many good things happening in Kiwanis with clubs in our district, I could write a book so stay TUNED for next months Newsletter.

CLE training is now being scheduled. Our educational team has worked hard to present a good training for our new Club Presidents and President-elects. Any member can attend as they will benefit with learning and networking. Contact your LT. GOVERNOR for a CLE training near you. Thanks to all the CLE INSTRUCTORS who spend a lot of time preparing valuable information to make YOUR CLE experience - EXCITING, REWARDING AND BENEFICIAL in helping you be the best leader you can for your club.

Last but not least, we need every Club to be supportive to make the Key Leader Camp successful this year. KEY LEADER is for youths grades 8-12. It will be held in Sturgis, SD on July 10-12. We need volunteers, sponsors, and bus loads of kids that rarely get opportunities to go to camp. Please review Debbie Lobby's article. An exciting time is planned for these kids, so please help. Okay all is said for now, my wind and paper is running low. I look forward to hearing more good works. Happy St. Patrick's Day.

## March Update

03/01/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas



**Still need Governor Elect Candidates:** The original candidate deadline of February 15th has come and gone without any candidates for Governor Elect submitting official application to the District Office, so the deadline will now be extended to March 15th. If you are interested in running for Governor Elect for 2015-2016, please submit a picture and a short biographical sketch not to exceed 600 words, along with an endorsement

from your home club, to the District Kiwanis Office, P.O. Box 735, Dalton, MN 56324 no later than March 15, 2015. Your information must be received by that date to be published in the April MINNEKOTAN. Candidates can announce their intention to run at a later date, but will not be able to have an article in the MINNEKOTAN or district website. Governor Elect candidates must be a Past Lt. Governor. The election will take place at the District Convention next August. A complete list of rules and regulations for district officer campaigns can be obtained from the District Office.

**Lt. Governor Elect Candidates:** We are still in need of Lt. Governor Elect Candidates for 2015-2016 in some regions. Contact your current Lt. Governor if interested. The Lt. Governor Education program will take place May 1-3, 2015 in Fergus Falls.

**Member contact information:** Remember that members can update their own contact information and other information that is on record with the Kiwanis International database. If your email address, regular mailing address changes, etc. you can go at any time and make those updates on your record. Just go to the following link. If you do not have a password you will be asked to create one. Give it a try. See if your information is up to date. Here is the link to the login page [Click here](#)

**District Kiwanis Convention:** Mark your calendars....the Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention will be held August 7-9, 2015 in Grand Forks, ND. All clubs should be represented at this annual convention.

**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.

**Kiwanis International Convention in Indianapolis, June 24-27, 2015:** Remember the price of registration increases on April 1st, so if you planning to go register now. Be sure to check the convention schedule so that you arrive in time for all of the important

events and activities. One thing that is not listed on the International Convention schedule are the District Caucus meeting times. The meeting time for the Minnesota-Dakotas District Caucus will be Thursday morning, June 25 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

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**. You can download the Delegate form from the following webpage [Click here](#)

**District Kiwanis Tri-K Board Meeting:** The meeting was held January 16 & 17, 2015. The minutes of the meeting can be found on the district website. [Click here](#)

**Lt. Governor Education:** The Lt. Governor Education Conference for the 2015-2016 Lt. Governor Teams will be held May 1-3, 2015 in Fergus Falls.

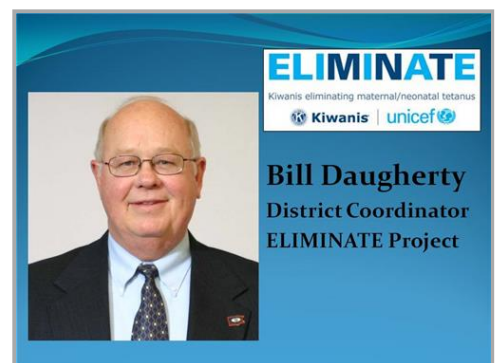
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## The Eliminate Project

*02/25/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bill Daugherty*

On Saturday, Feb 28th, I am the luncheon speaker for the Circle K convention in Brookings, SD. I'm looking forward to this meeting as they have done a great job in keeping the Eliminate Project viable on their campus' through various fundraising activities.

Our District has many clubs within striking distance of declaring to be model clubs. It is time to make the pledge. Remember, the club has FIVE YEARS in which to complete their pledge. The clubs that have already pledged are putting together funds raising ideas that will help them spread the word about Maternal and Neonatal tetanus and the effort Kiwanis has undertaken to make the world a better place for newborn babies.



## Thoughts from an International Trustee

*02/10/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bruce Berven, International Trustee*

On February 7th I had an opportunity to attend the 57th annual Fargo Kiwanis Pancake Carnival, held at the Fargodome and organized by the Fargo Kiwanis Club under the enthusiastic leadership of President Shara Fischer.



I was blown away when I walked in Saturday AM, particularly with the long line of customers that were patiently waiting for their pancakes and sausage - over 300 hundred volunteers during the day, including members of Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club and even K-Kids - and of course many hours beforehand organizing the day itself.

By the time I left at 4 PM, over 9,000 customers had been served with close to 30,000 pancakes - and they still had 3 hours to go. For the 8 hours total that my son, Matthew, and I were there, we estimate we flipped about 1,800 pancakes - and we now can proudly wear our bright yellow aprons!

Why do this project? Because they raise between \$40,000 - \$50,000 which goes right back into the community - including some \$ going towards the Club's \$100K commitment to Eliminate.

Why is this such a great project? -members and SLP members work together -because of the \$ raised, they do not have to do other fundraisers during the year -high profile in the community - truly a "signature project" for the Fargo Kiwanis Club - radio and TV media were present

-a catchy tag line "We Flip for Kids"

-connect with businesses in the community as they sell tickets for the Club.

Congrats to the hardworking members of Fargo Kiwanis for this extremely successful project!

Bruce Berven  
International Trustee  
Kiwanis International

## Key Leader Camp

*03/01/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Debbie Looby, Key Leader District Chair*

**Key Leader Camp** for graduating 8th grade students and high school student 9th through 12th.

What an opportunity for your young people! Please pass the word. Key Leader Camp for MinnDak District will be held July 10, 11, 12, 2015 at Dakota Frontier

Camp by beautiful Bear Butte near Sturgis SD. Dakota Frontier Camp is located only an hour from nationally known Mount Rushmore in the beautiful Black Hills of SD. What a great opportunity for a family vacation!

Camp fees are \$250.00 with \$100.00 paid by the district for the first 60 registered who register using the passcode. You must use the following passcode when registering to receive the \$100 scholarship. Passcode is: **MNDAK15** Also be sure to hit the redeem button after entering the code or the \$100 will not be taken off.

Please go to [KeyLeader.org](http://KeyLeader.org) to register right away!



# Schedule A Membership Drive

02/24/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Tom Allen



It's now March and our Kiwanis year is half finished! Wow! Where did the time go? How is the year going for your club? Are you able to complete all the service projects you had planned, or is the small cadre of members who do most of the work slowly diminishing from overuse and abuse? If that's the situation with your club, it is probably time for a membership drive. It's time to replenish the numbers of your anxious workers. Let's face reality. We all get tired after a long winter and need a little rest. Let's work to get some new hands that can help with the work!

A membership drive is not easy either! Let's talk about the steps involved. That may help. So to paraphrase Kiwanis International's suggestions, download the "Hosting a Membership Drive" tool on the KiwanisOne website. Under "Strengthen Your Club", you will see the link for the drive tool. This tool will assist you in completing the three steps in the process. They are:

**Step 1: PREPARE** – You will receive hints on inviting members who are invested in helping your club grow. You will learn about using templates to prepare club brochures and ordering up to 50 free of charge. You will also receive information on possible venues and events for your drive, etc.

**Step 2: INVITE** - You will learn about conducting an analysis of possible individuals or groups to "target" for your drive. Who do club members know who aren't already Kiwanians! Make a list of prospects! How many of you know a Kiwanis member who wasn't asked by another Kiwanian to join?

**Step 3: FOLLOW UP** – You will want to contact each of your attendees and invite them to join your club. Of course when they do you will want to give them a new member orientation as soon as possible.

Left unsaid in the above steps I guess is probably what I think is one of the most important things we should learn from THE FORMULA. That is to share your personal reasons why you love Kiwanis! What it means to you! Why you are excited to invite others to join the best service club in the world! Share your Kiwanis Moment!

Remember! Love it! Share it! Live it!

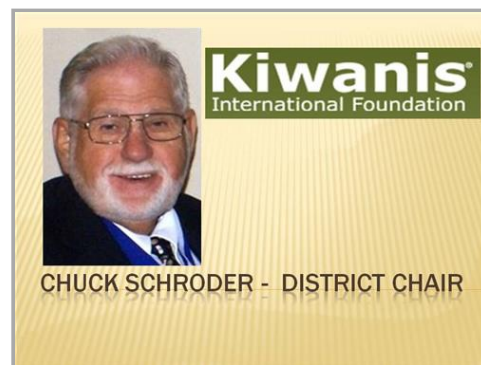
Let's all do what we can to improve the world one child and one community at a time! KI reminds us about how awesome we are. We are reminded that our clubs provide approximately 6 million service hours to our communities around the world! Can you say, "LIVE IT"!

## YOU CAN HELP

02/11/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: E.CHUCK SCHRODER

The Children's Fund is the foundations annual fund that is used to support grants to clubs, districts, district foundation, and Kiwanis family programs like Key Club and Circle K. The foundation wants to partner with clubs, districts and district foundations and support local projects that will make an impact in the life of children by providing grants

to worthwhile projects. Recently, the foundation reviewed a record number of grant applications. But with limited resources, the foundation could only fund LESS THAN 27% of those grant requests. The foundation needs your help. Please consider setting up a monthly gift of at least US\$20.00 so your foundation can extend your impact. At the 100th Anniversary meeting in Detroit, January 2015, the Kiwanis International Foundation board approved 19 grants totaling US\$143,077 to support Kiwanis causes that reach Children in need.

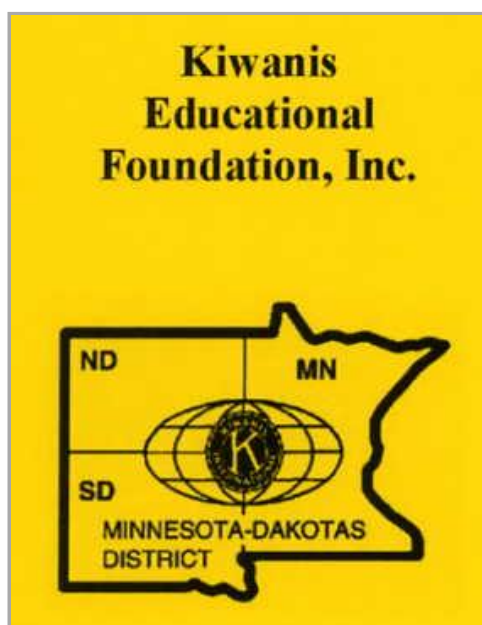


When clubs and individuals make a gift to the Children's Fund, 5 percent of that gift goes directly back to the district as a grant. These grants to the districts are to be used to support the district's donor recognition activities at one major conference annually and/or provide scholarships. The next deadline for applying for a Kiwanis International Foundation grant is April 15. Applications submitted by that date will be reviewed by the foundations board in June. Requests can be submitted by clubs, districts and district foundations for a project they support. Any questions about our grant should be directed to Chuck Schroder, your district chair or should be sent to [grants@kiwanis.org](mailto:grants@kiwanis.org).

There will be more next month and THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

## **Minn-Dak Educational Foundation**

*02/22/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bill Daugherty*



This year over 200 applications for our scholarship program were received. Several were rejected as they were incomplete. Our clubs need to make sure that the school personnel that receive the application forms and instructions review with the students what is required to be considered for an award.

Each Region has established a method to review and rank the applications, The rankings are then sent to Jack Zierdt. This year that process is to be completed by March 20th. In most Regions there are three member teams that review the applications from a Region other than their own to complete the ranking process. The applicants appear to be highly motivated students able to submit letters identifying not only their academic achievements but also school and community activities they have been involved with through their high school years.

This year we have 6 designated scholarships for which no applications were sent to the Foundation. Thus we will be granting 50 or 51 scholarships and not the 57 we had thought we would be granting. Clubs need to be sure they are addressing the schools that have designated scholarships so that the students can apply.

In May we will be announcing the results of this process and students receiving the scholarships will be notified.

## **Two New Key Clubs in southern Twin Cities**

02/26/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Stewart Ross

The Lakeville North High School Key Club had a charter night celebration on Thursday, February 19th in the high school auditorium. Lakeville is a southern suburb of the Minneapolis-St. Paul area of Minnesota. The club is sponsored by the Minnesota-Dakotas District newest Kiwanis Club, The Kiwanis Club of South Suburban Twin Cities which was formed in September.

The new Key Club has 74 charter members and the principal of the high school is a member of the Kiwanis Club and one of two advisors for the club.

The Kiwanis Club just recently sponsored a second Key Club at the Lakeville South High School. That club has 54 members and is now planning their own charter night celebration. Congratulations to both Key Clubs and the sponsoring Kiwanis Club and the president of the club, Liz Lawrence-Ross who is also the District Director of Conventions.



In photo left to right:

Nicole Bonfig, MNDAK Key Club Governor

Liz Lawrence-Ross, South Suburban Twin Cities Kiwanis Club president

Robyn Udenberg, MNDAK Lt. Gov. elect for region 7

Aubrey Beckman, President of Lakeville North H.S. Key Club

Unidentified

Amy Clark, school advisor and member of the South Suburban Twin Cities Kiwanis Club

## Club News

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### Minot Golden K, leader in Bell Ringing

02/28/2015 - Club: Minot, Golden K - Submitted by: Richard Sabol, Sec.

Minot Golden K was once again the leader in service clubs during the annual Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive. The Golden K was \$9000.00 ahead of the second place group. The club rings the bell at the local K-Mart store every year. Members volunteer for 2 1/2 hour shifts, six days a week. Many shoppers meet and great Kiwanis members every year. It is a great service that Golden K provides!



## **Roughrider Counrty Kiwanis Club**

*02/25/2015 - Club: Rough Rider Country, Dickinson - Submitted by: Ninetta Wandler*

Well winter is on the down slide which has been a roller coaster for weather cold to warm and not a lot of snow here in Dickinson but as winters go it hasn't been bad at all.

Members of the Roughrider Kiwanis Club have been busy fund raising by selling Community Day Coupons for Herberger's Dept Store, the cost of the coupons are \$5.00 and that we get to keep and long as we meet our quota we will share in the profits that are made at the store after the sale. Our club has made anywhere from \$1,000 to \$2,000 from the fund raiser which we do 2 times a year.

We are also in the planning stages of our After the Prom Party which will be on April 11th. Our banquet will be held on April 21st where we will give out the Kiwanis Member of the Year along with the Builder Award.

Until next time. Ninetta Wandler President

## **Jamestown Kiwanis celebrates centennial with food drive**

*02/23/2015 - Club: Jamestown - Submitted by: Katie Ryan-Anderson*

Instead of birthday gifts this year, Jamestown Kiwanis wants to give back. In celebration of Kiwanis' 100th birthday, Jamestown Kiwanis is hosting special "100" themed projects throughout the year. The first was a February food drive to benefit Salvation Army.

"Since it's our birthday, our goal was to collect at least 100 canned good and non-perishable food items," said Jan Barnes, president of the Jamestown Kiwanis club. "What better way to celebrate our centennial than to give a gift of our own to the world?"

The club gathered items individually, but also set up donation bins at businesses throughout town. In all, the club collected 165 lbs of food.

In March, the club hopes to collect 100 personal items like diapers, laundry detergent and feminine hygiene products for Community Action Region 6 Head Start. With those items, Head Start creates Mommy Emergency Baskets for families in need. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) does not cover those types of items. Community Action said it distributes 20-25 Mommy Emergency Baskets each week.

Additional projects are scheduled for April, June, August, October and December.

For more information visit [www.Facebook.com/JamestownKiwanis](http://www.Facebook.com/JamestownKiwanis), email [JamestownKiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:JamestownKiwanis@gmail.com) or call Sandy Franke at 320-8983 or Janna Bergstedt at 269-3280.

## **TEETER TOTTERING FOR ELIMINATE**

*02/23/2015 - Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Mary Bowen*

This year, Fridley Key Club's annual Teeter-Totter Marathon lasted for 70 hours from 6:00 pm, Friday, February 13th to 4:00 pm Monday, February 16th. It was held in Kiwanis advisor Crazy Mary Bowen's family room. 30 Fridley Key Clubbers, 5 Columbia





Heights Key Clubbers 12 Builder's Club kids, 4 Kiwanis members and a couple of parents and siblings jumped on the teeter-totter. They raised over \$700 dollars for the Eliminate Project. That project is the Kiwanis effort to vaccinate all mothers in the developing countries against maternal/neonatal tetanus. It is also Key Club's major emphasis project for this year.

Key Club partnered with the other members of the Kiwanis family, as well as the JAMS ladies of Fridley, on this effort to raise funds and have fun doing it! While at the Teeter-Totter Marathon, those present stuffed 162 fabric dogs and dolls with fiberfill to make stuffed toys.

The dogs and dolls, made by the JAMS ladies, will be sent to orphaned youngsters in Africa who are victims of AIDS. Crazy Mary likes to call this duo event of teeter-tottering and stuffing the "Two-fer on the Teeter."

Everyone was excited to be a part of the Marathon. It was comical to watch the Builder's Club kids' eyes grow wide when they saw the teeter-totter in the basement, as they have never been a part of the Teeter-Totter Marathon before. It was also awesome to welcome Key Clubbers from the Columbia Heights Key Club, who came late Sunday. They put in quality work stuffing the dogs and dolls, as well as teeter-tottering.

"It was great to see the partnership of so many different clubs and organizations," said Key Club chair Kati Stevenson. "The event was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who contributed time, energy and money to our Teeter-Totter Marathon. Because of you, we have saved 400 mothers and their babies from maternal/neonatal tetanus." Those who participated put in over 300 hours of service, which is a lot of time to go up and down, up and down, up and down. Thankfully, Crazy Mary's family room had a real jukebox so the kids entertained themselves with the oldies as they laughed their way to a good time and a goal-reaching donation at Teeter-Totter Marathon 2015.

## **Fridley Middle School Builders Club Charter Celebration Sunday 2-8-15**

*02/22/2015 - Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: LTG '13-'14 Gail Heyda*

The Kiwanis Club of Columbia Heights-Fridley celebrated the charter of the Fridley Middle School Builders Club with a nice pot luck luncheon. Many Kiwanians, Fridley Key Clubbers and the students families were there for this very special occasion. The 27 new Builders Club members were inducted and the installation of the officers was handled by school advisor Blair Berger with Mary Bowen and club president Dale Schuetz. Crazy Mary introduced the students to some of the fun we have as Kiwanians including wearing the fun pink flamingo hats. The day was fun and it was nice getting to know all the students and their families. Welcome to the new Builders Club!



## Ukuleles for Madison School

02/20/2015 - Club: Fargo South Point - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn



Fargo South Point Kiwanis members are showing some of the ukuleles that are being provided to Madison school students. These instruments will provide Madison school students the opportunity to learn to play. Madison school is one of the elementary schools in Fargo that has also been involved with the BUG program. We hope that at the honors breakfast in May we will get to see and hear some music from the many ukuleles students that will be benefiting from this program.

## Lead Souper Starz

02/20/2015 - Club: Lead - Submitted by: Dan Leikvold

The Kiwanis Club of Lead, South Dakota presents the Souper Starz Grant Program and Community Event.

Grant applicants will compete for a minimum \$400 cash grant to use in any community-based project, plan, vision, or dream to help make a positive impact in the Lead/Deadwood area. Applicants must be willing to provide a public presentation of their idea to those in attendance at the monthly Souper Starz Community Event. At this event, up to 6 Grant Applicants will present their vision, and Event attendees will cast their vote for the project of their choice. The applicant with the most votes will be immediately awarded up to a \$400 grant to make their dream a reality. For more information, go to the story below:

[http://www.bhpioneer.com/local\\_news/article\\_44db7a70-95c9-11e4-9297-37a57136603c.html](http://www.bhpioneer.com/local_news/article_44db7a70-95c9-11e4-9297-37a57136603c.html)

## Long Time Huron Member Passes Away

02/10/2015 - Club: Huron - Submitted by: Gayle Bussell

Randall W. Lampe, age 91, of Huron, SD passed away on January 25, 2015. Randall enlisted in the Navy in July 1941 and served until 1947. He graduated from the US Navy School of Music in Washington, DC in May 1942. Randall was employed at several places in Huron until he began employment as president and director of Management, Inc. He retained that position until he retired in 2007. He was a director and vice president of First Western Bancorp in Huron, He was a founding member of the Huron Adult Care Center board of directors and had served as president. Randall loved music, he was a musician while in the Navy and also performed with the Huron Municipal Band. Randall became a member of the Huron Kiwanis Club in 1947 and served as treasurer for



several years. He is survived by his wife Jeanne, and two children.

Randall played the piano for the Huron Club until he had to quit attending meetings. But he stayed a member even though he had to go into the nursing home.