

MINNEKOTAN

Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International

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MAY IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

05/02/2011 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Lowell Disrud, District Governor

May is membership month in Kiwanis. Even though we recruit new members all year long as we provide service, raise funds, and have great fellowship, May is a time to focus on bringing in new members and enhancing the Kiwanis experiences of current members. Your club does so much good for the community, why wouldn't someone want to join? Maybe that someone doesn't know about Kiwanis. Maybe that someone needs to be invited. Recruiting new members is about sharing the Kiwanis message, telling of your club experience and asking them to join you in service and fellowship.

Please note a few ideas for recruiting new members.

Take a systematic approach. Does your club have an active membership chairman and committee? Now is the time for them to look at what they have been doing and what they can improve on.

Plan a formal membership drive. How about forming teams within your club and have a contest to see which team can bring in the most new members? One idea is that the winning team will be served a nice evening dinner by the other team.

Set clear goals. Set realistic goals and plan to celebrate when you reach or exceed your goals and celebrate your successes along the way.

Look the part. Wear your Kiwanis pin and Kiwanis apparel whenever appropriate. You may be surprised how many people will ask you about Kiwanis when they see you identify yourself as a member.

Develop a prospect list. Your club membership committee could ask members to help with ideas of people and businesses to approach about Kiwanis. Club members could team up to contact those prospective members and businesses.

Have fun. Finding new members can be fun and rewarding for both the new member and the ones who invite them to join. Make your meetings fun and friendly and your visitors will become members.



There are many more ideas and resources on the Kiwanis International website. Just search for Kiwanis International and then go to Member Services.

Do you have your "elevator speech" ready? When you get on an elevator to go up a few floors often there are people on the elevator that you don't know but need a friendly conversation. If someone sees that you are a Kiwanian by your pin or Kiwanis shirt and asks you what Kiwanis is, what do you tell them in that minute or two? What you say could make a difference in their life. How do you describe what Kiwanis is to you in 2 minutes or less? We all should be prepared for those opportune minutes that will occur in an elevator, in line at the store, or wherever that may be. Perhaps we could practice or role play how to say what may make a positive impact in another person's life.

Have a great spring and have a great time telling others about Kiwanis and by giving them the opportunity to share in being a member of this great organization.

Put Another Log On the Fire.

Distinguished Club Awards for 2009-10

04/30/2011 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bruce Klair, 2009-2010 Governor



What does it take to be a Distinguished Club? To qualify, a club must excel in service, leadership education and growth. A friend of mine says that all a club has to do to achieve distinguished status is to do the programs that Kiwanis International encourages them to do. The criteria that Kiwanis International uses to determine what clubs qualify changes from year to year, so clubs must stay informed of these changes each year. Each club that accumulates the proper number of points, and has properly submitted its annual report will qualify as distinguished and will receive the appropriate recognition acknowledging the achievement. This recognition includes a certificate, a banner patch, and a distinguished lapel pin for the president and secretary for that year.

In the 2009-10 Kiwanis year, 23 clubs of the 160 clubs in the Minnesota-Dakota District achieved distinguished status, and have demonstrated that they are doing what it takes to be a successful club. These clubs are:

Region 1:

Rough Rider Country, Dickinson

Region 2:

Fargo Rough Riders; Fergus Falls; Grand Forks; Thief River Falls

Region 3:

Grand Rapids; Moose Lake

Region 4:

Black Hawk; Rapid City; Rapid City Westside

Region 5:

Chamberlain; Huron; Mitchell; Sioux Falls; Sioux Falls Diversity; Sioux Falls East

Region 6:

Austin; Early Risers, Worthington; Owatonna; Tracy

Region 7:

Red Wing Golden K; Rochester Daymakers; Saint Anthony

Congratulations to all these clubs. They have proven that they have all the qualities a club needs to make a difference in their communities. They are changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

JAZZED for Service

04/28/2011 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Ann Backes Dodge, Interim Dist. Conv. Dir.

Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanians
you are cordially invited to the

**94th Annual Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District
Convention
August 5-7, 2011
Sheraton Sioux Falls Hotel
&
Sioux Falls Convention Center**

Convention registration forms and delegate forms are being mailed to all Club Secretaries this week. You will also find the forms on the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District website. [CLICK HERE](#).

The Sioux Falls Kiwanians and District Convention committees have been working hard planning and preparing for an amazing convention. As forums and speakers are confirmed you will find all updates regarding the District Convention on the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District website.



We are "**JAZZED** for Service" and **JAZZED** to see you in Sioux Falls!

May Update

05/02/2011 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas



Following are some important reminders and updates:

Call to Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Convention, August 5 -7, 2011 in Sioux Falls, SD.:
The Official Call to Convention letter will be sent by U.S. Mail to all Kiwanis Club secretaries the first week in May. The mailing contains the registration/delegate certification form and other information. Early bird convention registrations are **due July 10th**. You can also access and print the District Convention

Registration form and information on our district website home page at: [Click here](#)

2011-2012 Club Election Report Online: Club secretaries should submit the results of club elections through the online reporting system as soon as elections are completed. Due date for the club election report is June 1st. The online election report is ready to go, so you can submit any time.

The Standard Club Bylaws state that clubs should hold their election of officers for the upcoming year between the first meeting in April and the second meeting in May. The club election report must be filed by June 1st. It is very important that this information is received in a timely manner so that directories and mailing lists can be compiled by Kiwanis International and the District Office.

Distinguished Kiwanis Club Status: Just a reminder that your club secretaries can access an online summary from their "Club Secretary Dashboard" that will show you the points your club has currently accumulated towards the Distinguished Club Award. How is your club doing? You have until September 30 to add to your points.

District Kiwanis Foundation and Past Governors Meeting: The District Kiwanis Foundation Board and Past Governors Meeting will be held on May 13-14 in Fergus Falls.

International Convention in Geneva, Switzerland 2011: As of this date we have 17 Kiwanians and 7 guests from the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District registered for the Kiwanis International Convention. There is still time to register for the International Convention. You can also get all of the necessary forms and information on the Kiwanis International website [Click here](#)

Check out the new digital magazine editions:

There's a new way to check out the latest editions of Kiwanis-family magazines. You can view them online by clicking on following links: [Kiwanis Magazine](#) , [Circle K Magazine](#) and [Key Club Magazine](#)

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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Lt. Governor Training "Great Work in Bloom"

04/30/2011 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Mary Lou Drahota, Participant

The MN-DAK District held their annual Lt. Governor's training this past weekend in Fergus Falls MN. Fun was had by all.

What do you learn and do at Lt. Governors training? You learn how to be stronger Kiwanis leaders, with emphasis on learning new skills to provide the clubs we represent, with up to date training on new ideas to help our clubs grow in numbers and service to our communities.

Some of the training consisted of learning how to better communicate with our clubs through on line support. Keeping track of what our clubs are doing with service and projects through their monthly reports. We learned how to help our clubs grow in membership and in opening up new horizons for our members to experience.



Imagine having the opportunity to meet new Kiwanis friends, learn what others are doing in their regions and bring all this new information back to your clubs. These are the doors that open up to you when you step forward and join the Lt. Governor team in your region.

We each came away with new friendships ideas and a wealth of enthusiasm to bring back to our regions and its clubs. So look into your club rosters and see who you feel could be the next Lt. Governor elect in your region. Remember it is a win, win for your own club to have the Lt. Governor from your roster as you will be able to stay in close contact with all that is going on in your region and the MN-DAK District.

Region 6 is in need of two people for their Lt. Governor team so if you know that special Kiwanian who has a great heart to share with the members of Region 6 you can contact Lt. Governor Dawn Fairbrother muffins3@charter.net , or Past Lt. Governor Mary Lou Drahota from Region 6 mdrahota@good-sam.com .

More photos from Loreena Luetgers and Steve Handegaard: [CLICK HERE](#)

REGION STAR and CLUB NEWSLETTER/BROCHURE AWARD REMINDER

04/29/2011 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Colleen Hyde, Dist. Admin. Dir.



Regional Star Award Reminders:

The deadline is near! **May 15!**

Send in your club's nomination for the **Regional Star Award**.

EACH Region will have a winner!

Winners will be honored at the District Convention in August.

More info: see March Minnekotan

Send your nominations to the following people, according to your Region:

1: Sheri Haugen-Hoffart, 9200 33rd St. SE, Bismarck, ND 58504

2: Colleen Hyde, 1708 19th St. S., Moorhead, MN 56560

3: Don Lillyquist, 1326 91 Ave. W., Duluth, MN 55811

4: Barry Furze, 1233 Deadwood St., Sturgis, SD 57785

5: Randy Hohn, 5412 W Deer Creek Dr, Sioux Falls, SD 57106

6: David Fairbrother 620 13th Street SE, Owatonna, MN. 55060-4111

7: Colleen Michels, 2165 Granite Circle NW, Rochester, MN 55901

Brochure and Newsletter Contest Reminders:

JUNE 1st is the deadline for submitting brochure and newsletter entries for the MN-DAK District contest.

Please check the details in the April Minnekotan. (A minor correction: the date in the headline says 2010. It should say 2011, and entries submitted should be from the 2010-2011 Kiwanis year)

Don't forget to include a contact name and address, and current number of members.

Entries received after June 1st WILL NOT be considered.

Citizenship Award

04/01/2011 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Paul Michels

TO ALL KIWANIS CLUBS IN THE MINNESOTA-DAKOTAS DISTRICT:

Each year the Past District Officers Association (PDOA) selects a person or persons from within the Minnesota-Dakotas District to receive the "Citizenship Award." Nominees are submitted by Kiwanis Clubs of the Minnesota-Dakotas District. The award recipient(s) will be recognized at the banquet at our annual Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention in Sioux Falls August 4-7, 2011 on Saturday evening.

There is not a formal application. If your club wishes to submit a nomination, please:

1. Submit a nomination of a person or persons who have been a part of a heroic deed this past year (between July 2010 and June 2011).
2. Include a short description of the circumstances of the heroic deed, and any news clippings or other supporting information.
3. Include the name of your Kiwanis Club and President, a contact person with the contact information (preferably e-mail address) and the name of your Lieutenant Governor and Region number.

The PDOA will inform the nominating Club if their nominee was chosen for the award. The nominating Kiwanis Club is responsible for the travel and lodging expenses for the recipient to attend the banquet at the District Convention. The PDOA will pay for the recipient's meal at the banquet.

The information must be submitted by June 30th, 2011 to:

Paul Michels, PDOA President
2165 Granite Circle NW
Rochester, MN 55901
pmichels@charter.net

Past District Officers Association (PDOA)

04/28/2011 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Paul Michels

Past Lieutenant Governors, Past Governors, and Past District Secretary-Treasurers of Kiwanis International in good standing in a Kiwanis Club of the Minnesota-Dakotas District are eligible for membership in the Past District Officers Association.

The following is taken directly from the first part of the Bylaws of the PDOA:

PURPOSE

The general purposes of the Past District Officers Association shall be:

- To utilize the training, skills and dedication of the Past District officers of the Minnesota- Dakotas District of Kiwanis International to serve Kiwanis at all levels.
- To give direction, focus, unity, encouragement and emphasis to the service of Past District Officers of the Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International.
- To equip Past District Officers to serve in Kiwanis and to recognize and award them for the services they perform at all levels of Kiwanis.

The specific purpose of this organization shall be to encourage Past District Officers to participate in Kiwanis activities and to serve Kiwanis in the following ways:

- To provide leadership for the expansion of clubs throughout the regions and the District.
- To assist the District, regional and club membership committees to increase the membership in each club.
- To aid and assist in the retention of members.
- To promote District and regional projects in cooperation with both the District and various Regional Leadership Teams.
- To act as advisor and consultant to clubs in their region.
- To promote the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis Educational Foundation, Inc.
- To help Kiwanis Sponsored Youth organizations.
- To promote Regional Councils in every region.
- To provide an opportunity for fellowship among Past District Officers.
- To promote participation of Past District Officers in the activities of the regions and District.
- To assist Regional and District Leadership Teams in seeking out and encouraging qualified Kiwanians for election to regional and District positions.
- To promote attendance at District and International Conventions and other regional and District functions.
- To provide assistance to regional and District leadership teams and work to create harmony and unity in the regions at the Leadership Teams' request.
- To carry out all activities in concert with and under the direction of the District and Regional officers.

All past district officers are encouraged to be part of the PDOA. If you read this and are not currently receiving information from PDOA, you are encouraged to contact Treasurer Joe Rust at: 807 Southwest Third Ave., Grand Rapids, MN 55744 rust@paulbunyan.net

Annual dues are \$10.00 and should be sent to Joe Rust at the address above.

Annual Club Gift Needs Our Constant Focus

04/25/2011 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Chuck Schroder

It is THE most important source of funding for the the Kiwanis International Foundation that enables it to direct funds back to the clubs and districts. And it is THE most

important funding initiative that needs the hands-on efforts of you our members and clubs.



IT is the ANNUAL CLUB GIFT PROGRAM.

I am pleased to say that-with your help! - the percentage of clubs participating in and the overall contributed funds to the program are ahead of last year. We have not, however, not returned to the participation or giving levels of the prior years.

Yes, the economy is not what it was. Yes, our communities are asking for more help from your clubs. But when people need Kiwanis' help, Kiwanians respond.

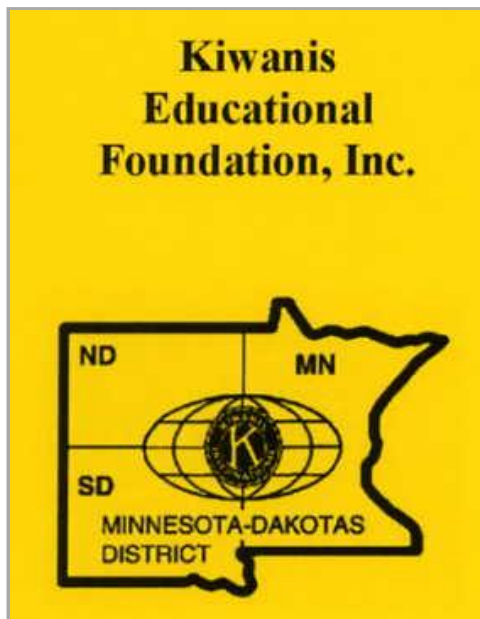
As Floyd Herum, Past Lt. Governor of Nebraska-Iowa District shares, "It's not just about the participation rate or the money-it's the programs and services we support."

YOU, as a member of your club, play a critical role in the success of the ACG Program and thus in the amount of funds that the Foundation has to share with those who need it. Here are a couple idea's that you can use in your club if you have not participated as yet, A) Pass the hat around at a couple of meetings and you will get to the \$5.00 pr member. B)Put a column in your club bulletin on the ACG program.

For those clubs that have participated, A REAL BIG THANK YOU, because without your help we would not be able to give the matching scholarships to the Key Club and Circle K members or give the grants to help those clubs in the district with projects to help those kids. Thank You for attention to the ACG Program and for all you are doing for the foundation. "TOGETHER **WE** CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN."

Educational Foundation Scholarships

04/24/2011 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Jack Zierdt



The recipients of scholarships from the Kiwanis Educational Foundation for the 2011 - 2012 academic year have been notified. Each of the recipients have until May 1st to accept or decline their award.

The awards once again went to students from many of our high school graduating seniors throughout our Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District and will be used at institutions of higher education within the district. Once again we awarded fifty-five (55) scholarships plus four (4) matching ones with Kiwanis International Foundation. These awards will give fifty-nine students from within our district some financial help in pursuing their further educational plans.

Your club can still help to support the annual scholarship program by contributing annually to the Century Club program of the Minnesota-Dakotas Educational Foundation. Check with your club treasurer and/or board members to make sure that your club has sent in their Century Club donation for this year.

As individuals you can help support the foundation by becoming a Vantine Life Fellow or a Messer Fellow. You can also remember someone by sending memorials to the foundation of those who have gone on before us.

On behalf of the scholarship recipients and the Kiwanis Education Foundation we sincerely thank you for your past support and continued donations to our programs in the future.

If you have any questions and or concerns regarding the foundation please contact one of the members of the board of trustees.

Jack Zierdt, Secretary/Treasurer
Kiwanis Educational Foundation

Club News

90th Anniversary in Mitchell

04/30/2011 - Club: Mitchell - Submitted by: Carol Grode-hanks

Mitchell Kiwanis Club K00449 is celebrating their 90th anniversary in May. Everyone is invited to a picnic on Wednesday, May 25th at the Kiwanis Woodlot Park in Mitchell. Festivities begin at 6 pm with a catered picnic. RSVP to club president, [Carol Grode-hanks@Mitchelltech.edu](mailto:Carol.Grode-hanks@Mitchelltech.edu). Hope to see you there!



Region 7 Clubs - Warm and Fuzzy Kiwanis One Day

04/30/2011 - Club: Anoka, MN Area Inc - Submitted by: Barb Winfield



The Minneapolis and St. Paul Children's Hospital patients are the designated recipients of 58 warm and fuzzy blankets produced in the Kiwanis One Day project in the northern part of Region 7. Representatives of Kiwanis Clubs from Minneapolis Downtown to Anoka and from North Suburban St. Paul to Brooklyn Park gathered with their children and grandchildren and with students from the Fridley Key Club for some serious blanket-making fun. While many blanket-makers were new at this, the seasoned participants were very happy to show others how to do this task of love.

Participants ranged from age 7 to well into their 80s. It was this generational gap that interested the Minneapolis StarTribune as they searched for some pictures to fit with an article they were doing on how service clubs are changing in these economic times. We were delighted to see an article and picture in the paper on Sunday, April 17th (see the Twin Cities section, front page and page 7).

Thanks to the donations of several of the participating clubs and Bremer Bank, we had an opportunity to serve others while gaining a first-hand understanding of exactly why the quilting bees of years gone past were so much fun.

The Fridley Key Club Celebrates Kiwanis One Day

04/28/2011 - Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Will Earley, President

Nine Fridley High School Key Club Members and their two Advisors gathered with 53 Kiwanis Family Members at the awesome Kiwanis One Day Service Event held Saturday, April 9 at the Fridley Middle School. This event involved the construction of 58 fleece blankets which will be given to patients at the Children's Hospitals of Minneapolis and St. Paul.



The blanket making process began by matching a 54" x 72" figured piece of fleece with a equal sized solid color piece. The assembly team of four or five participants cut out 4" by 4" corner pieces and then cut 4" deep tabs 1 1/2" wide around the perimeter of the blanket under construction. When done with the cutting, the assemblers tied the figured tabs to their matching solid tabs with square knots. The last step was to infuse love into the blanket so that each young boy or girl who received it would know there are people who care about them. The process took about 25 minutes from beginning to end.

The event began at 9:30 am with blanket construction finishing at 11:30 am. It was followed by a lunch at which time attendees were encouraged to eat with a new Kiwanis friend. All participants left the event feeling good about Kiwanis One Day, their new Kiwanis friends and their 58 fleece blankets.

Sioux Falls Kiwanis Clubs Complete One-Day Project

04/18/2011 - Club: Sioux Falls - Submitted by: Allen Herrboldt

Members of the Sioux Falls Kiwanis Clubs participated in the Kiwanis One-Day-Project on Tuesday April 5th. Members packed 3111 bags of food for the school back-pack program. Bags of food are placed in the students' school back packs on Friday so that needy students may have food for the weekend. Children from the Sioux Falls, Brandon, West Central and Tri-Valley school districts are served by the program.

The packing took place at Feeding South Dakota. It took about two and one-half hours to complete the project. Cash donations were also made by clubs to the program.

