

# MINNEKOTAN

Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International

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## Strengthen Your Membership in May

*05/01/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Denis Cornell, Governor*

May is here and its membership month. Did you plan for your campaign by conducting a club Assessment in April? If you have planned ahead, your club should have a successful membership campaign this month. Membership month isn't just for bringing in new members though. Let's be sure that we are providing a quality Kiwanis experience for our existing members as well. Put your membership committee to work and create new and exciting ways to strengthen your club through a contest among members to invite prospective members and brainstorm ideas to strengthen your projects and programs to create an exciting and fun club experience for everyone. Most Kiwanis members join by being invited by a current member. Be ready with your one minute speech and just ask. You will be surprised at how interested people are about Kiwanis and what we are doing for the children of the world. Learn all you can about The Eliminate Project and share our story. We have a great story and it has a happy ending. Lives saved and lives changed.



Club Leadership Education sessions are beginning. This is an extremely important time in the Kiwanis year to provide the club president and club secretary for 2012-2013 the necessary tools to be successful. Club Leadership Education will help you understand the basics of running a club, become a more enlightened leader in your club, enhance your communication skills and learn about Kiwanis programs and procedures. Kiwanis now requires club presidents and secretaries to complete Club Leadership Education prior to taking office on October 1st. Attend a Club Leadership Education session in your area as early as possible. [Click here for schedule](#)

With five months remaining in the 2011-2012 Kiwanis year, this is a prime time to review your status on the road to becoming a Distinguished Club. The distinguished criteria is available for download on the MN-DAK web site. There is also a matrix available for download for you to use to measure your progress toward becoming a Distinguished Club.

Registration materials will soon be sent to your club for the 2012 Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention, August 3rd to 5th. 2012 is the 25th anniversary of women in Kiwanis and there is much to celebrate related to this great milestone. The theme of this year's district convention will be "Celebration of Women - 25 years of Women in Kiwanis". Make your plans now to attend this annual reunion of MN-DAK Kiwanians in St. Cloud, MN.

**Let them know us by our service and let's have fun!!**

## May Update

*05/01/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas*



**Call to Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Convention, August 3 -5, 2012 in St. Cloud, MN.:** 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 June 29th. You can also access and download the same District Convention Forms and Information on our district website at [Click here](#)

**2012-2013 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 are due 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.

**District Kiwanis Foundation and Past Governors Meeting:** The District Kiwanis Foundation Board and Past Governors Meeting will be held on May 18-19 in Fergus Falls.

**International Convention in New Orleans:** As of this date we have 87 Kiwanians and 10 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](#)

**How to subscribe to MINNEKOTAN Newsletter:** If you or someone you know does not receive the MINNEKOTAN Newsletter reminder directly to your email address each month you can find a subscription link on our district webpage. (Highlighted in red)

### **Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Office Contact Information:**

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## **Club Leadership Education Sessions (CLE) have been scheduled:**

[Click here](#) to view schedule. If you have questions about the overall CLE schedule contact Loreena Luetgers, District Education Chair [lluetgers@knology.net](mailto:lluetgers@knology.net)

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### **Shop in the Kiwanis Store:**

New apparel and products are being added almost every week. Some of the more popular "new" items includes the Terrific Kids lunch bag,, the women's Nike Dri fit polo, and the CKI Icy Tumbler (also available in KCI,KI and Aktion styles). Go out and take a look at what's available! - [Click here](#)

### **Videos For Club Use Available online:**

You can learn more about Kiwanis videos at [www.KiwanisOne.org/videos](http://www.KiwanisOne.org/videos). And don't forget to subscribe to the Kiwanis International official YouTube video channel at [www.youtube.com/kiwanisinternational](http://www.youtube.com/kiwanisinternational) by clicking the yellow "subscribe" button in the top left corner. You can be notified when new videos are posted. Some of the videos available to download or view on YouTube include:

- The Eliminate Project
- On To New Orleans
- Imperial Beach—South Bay, CA One Day
- Kiwanis International President Messages
- From Past to Present

If a video cannot be obtained from YouTube or Kiwanis' Google file library (downloads), you may request a CD (data file) or DVD. This may incur a cost to cover production, materials, shipping and handling. Send all requests with exact video title to [videos@kiwanis.org](mailto:videos@kiwanis.org). For more information on accessing Kiwanis videos, visit [www.kiwanisone.org/getvideos](http://www.kiwanisone.org/getvideos)

## **Message from Stewart Ross, International Trustee**

*04/23/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Stewart Ross, Kiwanis International Trustee*

Hello Fellow MN-DAK Kiwanians,

I am writing this note to you at the end of April having just returned from a 7-day board meeting at Kiwanis Headquarters in Indianapolis, IN. Anyone who thinks being a trustee is really just a vacation should shadow me at the weeklong board meetings.

I am the chair of the Education Committee, which met for one day and am a member of the Audit/Finance Committee, which met for another day. We also had a day for the

Committee of the Whole were we talk in detail about issues before us and then we have an all day board meeting the final day in the board room itself. The week started with an Executive meeting of which I am a member this year.

You will be hearing more about decisions that were made last week that will impact Kiwanis and also the convention at the end of June in New Orleans.

As you probably know (at least those reading this article in the Minnekotan) I am running for the office of Vice President this summer at the convention. If I win the office I would continue to serve on the Kiwanis International Board for 4 more years for a total of 7 years, ending in 2016.

Kiwanis has literally taken over my life at this point between serving as a trustee and also running for the office! But I am passionate about helping our great organization and proud to represent MN-DAK in the process.

I want to thank those who have made donations to our campaign. We decided to keep our spending to a minimum but have fun in the campaign just the same. We will be passing out kazoo's and fans at the convention the morning of the election. The fan has a fun photo of me with my new, blue plastic trombone complete with a Kiwanis cap and sunglasses. The fans state: "Stay cool, with Stew." Since it will be very hot in New Orleans we hope people use the fans often so they get used to who I am. For many attendees the only time they really see the candidates is during the 5 minute speech given just before the election.

I promise to do everything I can to be the person with the most votes for the position. However, this will be a very difficult election as we have excellent candidates and as usual we are up against larger districts.

I would encourage anyone in our district that is still thinking about attending the convention to get on board. We are going to have lots of fun and it will be exciting one-way or the other. I thank the district for their tremendous support and look forward to serving you in whatever capacity I can. I have been a life member of Kiwanis since I was president of the Mankato Club back in the mid-1990s. I plan to continue to do what I can for Kiwanis regardless of the outcome of the election. On to New Orleans...won't you join us?

--Stewart Ross, candidate for Kiwanis International Vice President for 2012-2013

## **Reminder to Governor-elect Candidates (All Districts)**

*04/30/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Kiwanis International*

Information and Forms Needed From Governor Elect Candidates (All Districts).



Criminal history background checks are required by all candidates running for the office of 2012-13 Governor-elect prior to election. Because the process can take up to 30 days in the U.S. and 60 days outside the U.S., all forms are due by the following dates:

US Districts – No later than June 30, 2012

Districts outside the US – No later than May 31, 2012

In addition to background checks we need a signed copy of –

- Role Summary & Agreement to Perform the Duties of Office
- Conflict of Interest Form
- A completed biographical form (no photos needed)

All districts should have received a memo regarding needed forms from our organizational governance specialist, Diana O'Brien on April 13th. All forms should be signed and submitted to her at [dobrien@kiwanis.org](mailto:dobrien@kiwanis.org) , or physically mailed to our office in Indianapolis.

The criminal background requirement does not limit the right to make further nominations from the floor, however those nominated from the floor must have completed and submitted the screening and forms no later than June 30, 2012.

## **95th Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis Convention**

*04/27/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Ann Backes Dodge*

This year the theme for the 95th Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District Convention is "Celebration of Women~



25 years in Kiwanis." The District Convention Committee and a fabulous team of St. Cloud Kiwanians are working hard. What a fun and dedicated group! They are planning a FUN time for all!

Start planning now for August 3-5, 2012 to be in St. Cloud, MN at the Best Western Kelly Inn. Club secretaries will be receiving the convention mailing soon.

Friday night we will be having a FUNdraising/SERvice Fair. So, come ready to share your club's best or most successful fundraiser and/or service project with the other clubs in our wonderful district. There will be a flyer with information regarding this event in the convention mailing. Each club wanting to participate in the fair will get an 8 ft. table to display their club events. This night is to share information with each other and give clubs new ideas for fundraising and service projects. If you have any questions email me at [annbackes@hotmail.com](mailto:annbackes@hotmail.com).

During the fair we will have an ELIMINATE booth which will have ideas and information for clubs. Your club may turn in funds raised for ELIMINATE at this booth. Make sure that the funds are in check form and your club name is on the check so your club receives credit for all their efforts in fighting neonatal paternal tetanus.

Celebrating Women in Kiwanis,  
Ann Backes Dodge  
District Convention Coordinator  
Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District  
[annbackes@hotmail.com](mailto:annbackes@hotmail.com)

# Lieutenant Governor Education

04/30/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Loreena Luetgers



Welcome to the **CIA.....Connect – Inspire – Advocate** was the theme for the Lieutenant Governor team when they met in Fergus Falls April 26-29th. Governor-Elect Cindy Braseth’s team learned that their most important responsibility is being a servant leader to the clubs that they represent in their regions.

**Connect** with the clubs and members can be achieved by effective conversation skills with listening as the most important thing. The Lieutenant Governors also recognized new ways to work as a team. As one attendee said, “It is up to us to help the clubs and members.”

**Inspire** the leaders, as well as being a mentor to support the clubs and members to achieve their goals.

**Advocate** for the children with helping the clubs grow in membership and service. When we advocate for others, “We need to make sure we listen well enough to be heard”.

The Lt. Governors named our “Detective Sinawik” (Kiwanis spelled backward). Earl the Squirrel was in the police car. The car represented “Protect and Serve”, which is a responsibility to the clubs from the team. The “body” on the floor represented the club/member that has “died” and the clubs that we have lost. So, the Lt. Governors discussed “Who did it?” “How did he/she die?” and what “Weapon” was used. Some of the responses were: “We did it, by natural cause of apathy”, “Lack of leadership with no mentoring and the weapon of starvation”, “Lack of new members because of lack of enthusiasm with the knife of complacency”, “It was a gang murder because we let him starve to death with the chains of boredom”. Do any of these responses sound like our clubs?

Earl Forbes, Kiwanis International Area Director, and Loreena Luetgers facilitated the weekend. There were many discussions and activities that taught the team about leadership skills, communication skills, working with members and growth within the organization. Fifty percent of new members don’t make it to their fifth year of membership. Also, fifty percent of new clubs don’t make it to their fifth anniversary, so the team learned about retaining club members. Retention comes only through orientation, education and service within the clubs.

Therefore, the team learned how to **Connect – Inspire – Advocate** for the clubs and members through team work to help our clubs grow this coming year. Let’s be an organization dedicated to working together as a team to grow the membership with more service to the children of the world.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO 2010-2011 DISTINGUISHED CLUBS

05/01/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Lowell Disrud, Immediate Past Governor

The following clubs in our Minnesota-Dakotas District achieved distinguished club status during our Kiwanis year 2010-2011:

**Spring Valley  
South Sioux Falls  
Sioux Falls East  
Saint Anthony  
St. Peter  
Rochester Day Makers  
Rapid City Westside  
Port of Duluth  
Mitchell  
Mankato  
Columbia Heights-Fridley  
Baxter Lakes Area and Friends**



Congratulations and thank you for changing your community and world one child and one person at a time. You have set an example for us all to follow.

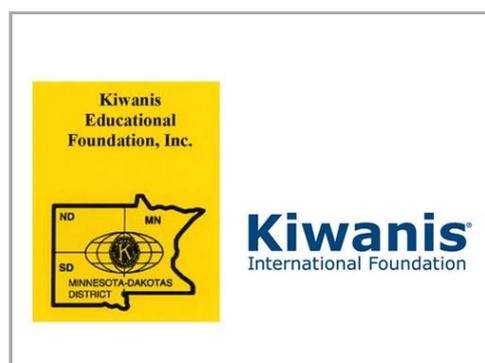
To achieve distinguished status these clubs experienced growth in membership, sponsored Service Leadership Programs, had officers attended Club Leadership Education opportunities, were represented at District Convention, as well as provided other significant service in their communities.

It has been an honor to serve with you and I look forward to continued contact. Thank you for being part of our team.

Lowell Disrud, 2010-2011 Governor

## **Foundation Updates**

*04/30/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: District and International Foundation Chairs*



### **Educational Foundation Scholarships Awarded**

4/27/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Jack Zierdt

The Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District Educational Foundation has awarded scholarships for next school year. These were awarded to students that will be graduating from high schools in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Superior, Wisconsin this

spring. These students will be attending institutions of higher learning within the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District.

We also have awarded four matching scholarships to District Key Club members and four matching scholarships to Minnesota-Dakotas District Circle K members. These matching scholarships are in conjunction with the Kiwanis International Foundation. The total number of scholarships that will be totally or partially funded by your district educational foundation will be sixty-eight.

The monies for the scholarships are awarded from the interest earned from our foundation investments. We also have received funding from the Minnesota-Dakotas District Past Governor Association and the Minnesota-Dakotas District Past District Officer group and Willard and Bernadine Backes to help with the matching scholarships with Kiwanis International Funds.

For us to continue to fund our Foundation Scholarships and the matching scholarships with Kiwanis International Foundation we need to have all of our Kiwanis Clubs giving annually to the Kiwanis International Gift and the Kiwanis Educational Foundation Century Club. The club contributions are important to continue to build our funds on an annual basis.

Kiwanis clubs need to support both the International and District Foundations to qualify as a Distinguished Club.

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## **HAVE YOU AND YOUR CLUB HELPED MAKE A DIFFERENCE YET?**

4/18/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Chuck Schroder

Last month I told you how you and your club could help make a difference. This was by having your club send in the \$5.00 per member to the annual gift campaign. As of the 15th of April, our district was only at \$2.04 per member. We are \$5,000 behind last year and this will affect our return dollars to the district. Our Scholarships will be cut way back, our 5% back to the district will be less, and we will not be able to approve as many grants for the projects that are needed to be completed in the district.

I know that we are working on other things and this all takes money, but this should be a line item in your club's budget as well as the District Foundation. If your club does not understand the program, please let me know and I will see to it that you get the right information.

Lets all try and make a difference in a child's life and in your community by participating in the annual club gift program at \$5.00 per member of your club. THANK YOU.

Chuck Schroder, KIF Chairman

## **May is Membership Month**

04/26/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Sherry Scudder

May is membership month so..... Have you signed up a new member this year?



There are many ways to invite friends, acquaintances, co-workers and family members to join Kiwanis with the new flexible ways of the traditional club, club satellite, 3-2-1 concept club or corporate membership. There is room and need for all. We need many volunteers to serve the children in our communities.

These 10 tips may help you prepare to sign up new members: 1) order materials from Kiwanis International 2) set up your membership team 3) plan your guest event 4) develop a prospect list 5) mail out information 6) invite prospects personally 7) hold your meeting 8) follow up 9) welcome new members 10) plan our next event.

These are a few hints but it all narrows done to ASK. Membership growth is a spectacular way to increase our club's Community impact. Feel free to call me if I can assist you with your membership growth. My contact information is [sherry@mchasd.org](mailto:sherry@mchasd.org) or 605-347-7718. I would like to hear from you regarding your ideas and your membership growth.

## **Club Coordinators Needed**

04/28/2012 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bill Daugherty



As of May 1st, all clubs are to have selected a club coordinator to work with the Eliminate Project and help Minn/Dak reach our goal of \$3 MILLION by 2015.

We have 154 clubs and still need to hear from a large number as to who will represent their club in this world wide effort to Eliminate Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus.

Won't you please send me your club coordinator's name and contact information so that we can continue our excellent start. Thus far we have donated over \$145,000. I know there are many more funds already collected but that have not been reported to the Eliminate Project.

Email me at [Blldaugherty@Yahoo.com](mailto:Blldaugherty@Yahoo.com) with your club coordinator's name please.

## Club News

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### NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE LEARNING CONFERENCE

*04/30/2012 - Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Mary Bowen*

Three Fridley Key Clubbers, Fridley Faculty Advisor Gene Burns and Fridley Kiwanis Advisor Mary Bowen assisted Kiwanis International Director of Programs John Shertzer at the National Youth Service Learning Conference (NYSLC) held April 10 – 14 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Key Clubbers were President Will Earley, President-Elect Maddy Earley and Publicist/Webmaster Christine Hitomi. Minnesota-Dakotas Key Club Governor Caitlin Shroup was the seventh member of the Kiwanis Team.



The seven oversaw a Kiwanis Eliminate exhibit, participated in a panel discussion about partnering with service organizations and sponsored three craft workshops for the 2,000 attendees of this conference. They told them about Kiwanis's new Eliminate Project and the desire to eliminate neonatal tetanus in developing countries by the year 2015. They encouraged sponsorship of K-Family Organizations and informed attendees about the advantages of Club to Club relationships.

The craft workshops allowed them to talk further about the Kiwanis Family and Service Learning Program. Participants from around the United States and the world including Morocco, Puerto Rico and Aruba gathered to make Felt Flowers for nursing homes, Button Pins for Eliminate and Hospital Dolls for young children dealing with serious health concerns. The Key Clubbers enjoyed the camaraderie of the crafters.

And, of course, they wore Fridley Key Club flamingo outfits to show fun and energy! Kiwanis has been accused of "being the best kept secret" in the world. I can now vouch that it is doing something about making itself more visible through this type of conference. Halleluiah!

Mary Bowen, Kiwanis Key Club Advisor

## Vikingland Kiwanis to Celebrate 40 years

04/26/2012 - Club: Vikingland, Moorhead - Submitted by: Colleen Hyde



The Vikingland Kiwanis Club of Moorhead will observe the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of receiving their Charter on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

May 17<sup>th</sup> is also Norway's Independence Day (SYTTENDE MAI). Hence, the name Vikingland Kiwanis was chosen.

The special observance will take place at Gooseberry Park in Moorhead where a Scandinavian-type picnic meal will be served and a program will be presented. Activities will begin at 5:30 pm, the meal will be served at 6:00 pm, with the program following the meal.

All former members of the club and their families are encouraged to attend in order to renew old acquaintances. Members of other Kiwanis Clubs in the area are also invited to attend.

Please RSVP by calling 218-233-3395 or email [twarne@crystalsugar.com](mailto:twarne@crystalsugar.com) with your name and the number of guests planning to attend.

Oscar Bergos, Charter Member

## Soup Supper Fund Raiser

04/26/2012 - Club: Sturgis Golden K - Submitted by: Deb Looby

Last month I reported about the youth organizations that our club donates to. It is quite exciting to mention that we raised \$1600.00 after meeting expenses. Three different soups were served by Golden K and Sturgis Aktion. It was a great time and little work.

## Sturgis Aktion Fund Raiser

04/26/2012 - Club: Sturgis Golden K - Submitted by: Deb Looby

Sturgis Aktion Club is putting on a raffle. Proceeds will be used to buy material to make blankets for children at the women's shelter.



## **Baxter School Starts K-Kids Club!**

*04/25/2012 - Club: Baxter Lakes Area and Friends - Submitted by: Jean Collins and TyAnne Guida Rezac*

The K-Kids Club of Baxter was chartered January 16, 2012; sponsored by the Baxter Lakes Area and Friends Club. TyAnne Guida Rezac is the faculty advisor assisted by Jennifer Petersen. There are 21 students in the Baxter K-Kids, in grades 3 and 4. They have already done four major projects in their first year as a club!

At the local level, the K-Kids and their parents served at the Soup Kitchen in March, along with members from the Baxter Lakes Area and Friends Club.

The K-Kids also decided to gather pet foods and supplies for the local animal shelter called HART (Heartland Animal Shelter). This involved creating signage in Google Docs, writing announcements, and making boxes to store the donations. K-Kids also created dog and cat masks and practiced dramatic interpretation, going into classrooms to 'beg' and 'meow' for donations the last week of the drive. In late March they delivered hundreds of pounds of dog and cat food, collars, kennels, treats and toys. They were accompanied by Kiwanis members, parents, and school staff. The highlight of the project was getting to tour the shelter and hold the animals. The entire project was planned and implemented through K-Kids meetings, with adults only helping with logistics.

In April, as a Baxter Elementary School initiative, K-Kids agreed to make place mats and table decorations for the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. They also created a beautiful bulletin board in the hallway of the school, titled "Growing Leaders".

The final 2011-12 K-Kids project is to collect pennies throughout the school for the Kiwanis International Eliminate Project. Their emphasis is that \$1.80 will save one woman and her babies with a round of tetanus shots. The kids watched the Kiwanis International website

videos on Eliminate, decorated baby bottles and made signs for the school to promote the project, and will be asking for donations at the end of year Baxter School Carnival.

Baxter K-Kids President Mac Shaw states, “Our K-Kids help the world be a better place. It’s fun, too, because Baxter School is a big school, and I’m meeting interesting people in our club that I wouldn’t have met if they weren’t in K-Kids. I was shy, and now as President I’ve been getting used to talking in front of groups.”

## **One Day With Kiwanis One Day**

*04/16/2012 - Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Suzy Kersey*



On Saturday, April 14, the Fridley High School Key Club, three other Key Clubs, members of ten nearby Kiwanis Clubs, their spouses and guests assembled 76 dressers at Bridging, Inc. Over 90 people participated in this 2012 Kiwanis One Day event. President Will Earley, Matt Mraz, Jack Fite, Alex Savre, Paige Nocton, Suzy Kelsey, Nicole Varichak and Cassie Hupp along with Advisors Bowen and Burns attended.

These dressers will be given to families to fulfill a continuous furniture need. The group had rolls, coffee and juice and then divided into teams of four or five. There were 20 stations outfitted with tools. Workers at the stations took 30 minutes to put together their first dresser. The second time around it went much faster. The third time was even quicker.

The girls held a race against the boys but lost. By noon the boys completed six dresses and the girls completed four. There was much joking and laughing as teams worked side by side. I felt a pride of ownership when I put the Kiwanis label inside the dressers that I had worked on.

The participating Kiwanis Clubs donated \$4,000 for this project which paid for the dressers. I am proud to be a part of the Kiwanis family. We know that together we can make a difference.

Suzy Kersey, Publicist  
Fridley Key Club  
4/16/12

## **Advisor Spotlight**

*04/13/2012 - Club: Spring Valley - Submitted by: Nancy Cornell*

*The Kiwanis Club of Spring Valley is proud to have the faculty advisor for our Builders Club, Jennifer Dessner, highlighted in the April issue of the E-newsletter for Builders Club advisors and administrators. Jennifer is very creative, enthusiastic and has a great rapport with the students. We are very pleased that she was chosen for the April newsletter.*

Jennifer Dessner has only served as faculty advisor for the Kingsland Junior High Builders Club in Spring Valley, Minnesota, for a little over a year, but she has already found many reasons to love what she does. She enjoys working with her Builders Club members because of their humor, devotion, dedication and joy. As advisor, she always

tries to be upbeat and praise her club members when they've done well.

One of her favorite service projects so far is the club's "Tech Day" event. Builders Club members helped people in the community set up and use their iPods, Kindles, smartphones and laptops.

Some projects have been more memorable than enjoyable, like rainy day trash cleanup in the park last spring. "It was miserable out, but we all felt so good when the task was finished," Dessner said.

Jennifer Dessner in photo.



## Governor Visits Little Falls

*04/12/2012 - Club: Little Falls - Submitted by: Carlyle Olsen*



Kiwanis International is global organization of members of every age who are dedicated to changing the world one child, one community at time. A Kiwanis leadership meeting was held on Saturday, March 31, 2012, at First United Church in Little Falls. The event was hosted by Region 3 Lieutenant Governor Betz Tepley. Kiwanis Minnesota and Dakota (MN/DAK) District Governor Denis Cornell meet with Region 3 Kiwanis club leadership. Kiwanis leaders gathered from throughout Minnesota including Hibbing, Grand Rapids, Brainerd, Baxter, St. Cloud, Worthington, Buffalo, and Hastings. Kiwanians also traveled from Sioux Falls, SD. They came to share information about international projects and to promote regional and international leadership concerns focusing on the needs of children.

### **Third row L to R:**

MN/DAK District Past Governor Port of Duluth Kiwanian Joe Hesch; Region 3 Lt. Governor Elect Spirit Valley Kiwanian Darren Peterson; Little Falls Kiwanis President Carlyle Olsen; Tetanus Eliminate Project Chair Sioux Falls Kiwanian Bill Dougherty; Baxter Area Secretary Kiwanian Marwin Bogue; Baxter Area Kiwanis President Bill Fortune; Buffalo Kiwanis President Gary Torfin; Baxter Area President Elect Brainerd Kiwanian Mike Schwartzwald; St. Cloud Sunrise Treasurer Kiwanian Roger Bratland; St. Cloud Downtown Kiwanis President Brian Fierst.

### **Second row L to R:**

Past President Buffalo Kiwanian Scott Zenner; St. Cloud Sunrise President Kiwanis David Krueger; Kiwanis International Foundation Chair Sioux Falls East Kiwanian Chuck Schroder; Buffalo Kiwanian John Wright; MN/DAK District Past Governor Brainerd Kiwanian Jean Collins; Brainerd President Elect Kiwanian Chris Hastings; St. Cloud Downtown President Elect Kiwanian Brad Ufer; Brainerd Club Secretary Kiwanian Andy Miles; Region 3 Past Lt. Governor Hibbing Club Kiwanian Scott Mescher.

### **First row L to R:**

MN/DAK District Governor Worthington Kiwanian Denis Cornell; Worthington Kiwanian Nancy Cornell; Region 3 Lt. Gov. St. Cloud Sunrise Kiwanian Betz Tepley; Sioux Falls Kiwanian Arlyce Dougherty; Grand Rapids Kiwanian Bernie Backes; Buffalo Secretary Kiwanian Jean Hafften; Little Falls Key Club President Lexi Zawatzke; St. Cloud Sunrise Kiwanian Keith Manbeck.

## Easter Hoppiness

*04/10/2012 - Club: Minot, Golden K - Submitted by: Richard Sabol, Sec*

Minot Golden K, President Weyburn Niewoehner, with his two friendly bunnies. Standing alongside, Pres elect Gary Ochsner.

