

# MINNEKOTAN

Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International

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## Message from the Governor

*11/01/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Sherry Scudder*

What an adventure I have had this last month. All the clubs that have participated at the Educational Conferences have shared great service projects they are doing in their communities. They truly Love It - Share It and Live It.

Between my phone and my GPS, I am getting around. A lot different from 3 stop lights and 5 during the Rally. My - oh - My, the freeways, traffic and people, I can see why the communities need Kiwanis.

Congratulations to the members of the Rolla Club, imagine all the hours you have given your community.

You are wonderful. I was impressed with all the members attending from Bismark, Carrington, Dickinson, Devils Lake, Harvey, Jamestown, Mandan, Minot, Rolla, and Turtle Mountain. Gary, the Lt. Governor also presented the Grand Dude, Trever a nice pin for his bravery in traveling with his grandma, the Governor.

My third trip was to the Key Club Fall Rally in Loretto, MN. However, I was also able to visit the St. Louis Club's Terrific Kids Recognition Program. What a fantastic program that was presented in addition to honoring their many sponsors who assist with financial support. Other clubs who came to support their efforts were St. Louis Park Golden K, Albert Lea, and Columbia Heights. Mr. Frank Johnson was the presenter and showed his passion for the kids served and the program.

The next day I visited the St. Louis Golden K Club who was celebrating Ben Miller's 103rd Birthday. What a delightful Kiwanian. He was a charter member in 1985. I really appreciate the St. Louis Golden K for inviting me and making me feel so welcome. They had a nice and informational program on the League of Women.

Then off to Camp I went. The Key Club met in Loretto, MN. I and my GPS found our way without incident. Camp Induhapi was made up of many cabins, a lodge, dining hall, advisors and about 90 teenagers. There were lessons of endurance, trust, respect, responsibility, character, friendship, self-esteem and strength. WOW it was worth the hammock style bed that I ENDURED for 2 nights. The Key Clubbers had a lesson in a Mock Caucus and practiced public speaking through nomination speeches. They also had several service projects going on during one of the evenings. I can really see the value



of camp for these kids. Our Kiwanis really need to step up to the plate to sponsor these kids. If you never have, now is a good time to check these camps out. Nicole and the Board with Mary Beth did a great job with the Key Club Camp. Mary Bowman, 77 years old, Club Advisor even climbed a telephone type pole.

Thanks to Stewart Ross for spending a week in Region 4 with educating on the service project of scholastic books and the Oasis project in the district.

I can go on forever but better close with a reminder to get all your monthly reports in for a better communication between all. I will be traveling through and I depend on the data. If I am in the area, I would love to visit your clubs. Share your Minnekotan with those not on line so they can be an informed Kiwanian.

Until next month, see you in Willmar, Little Falls and Red Wing in November. HAPPY THANKSGIVING to all my Kiwanis members and their families. Sorry if I left out any clubs participating when I was visiting and mentioned in the articles.

**In photo- Celebrating Ben Miller's 103rd birthday- L to R- Gail Heyda, Ben Miller, Sherry Scudder.**

[Click here](#) for some additional photos of Key Club Fall Rally.

## November Update

*10/31/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas*



**Directory of Club Officers:** A few days ago I emailed all club secretaries a directory of all clubs in the district. If you would like a copy contact your club secretary, or send me an email and I will email it to you. The club directory is not posted on the district website, but is available upon request.

**Minnesota-Dakotas District Leadership Directory-2014-2015:** Just a reminder that you can find a Minnesota-Dakotas District Leadership Directory on our District website. [Click here](#)

**Monthly Club Reporting:** Special thanks to the club secretaries for their excellent monthly reporting this past year. The information submitted is very valuable. Monthly Reports are submitted online by the 10th of each following month. Remember that this is not just the Club Secretary's job. A club secretary needs information to report, so be sure to keep them informed of your committee activities, etc. The reporting program allows the club secretary to automatically send a preview of the monthly club report by email to the president, board members and others before submission. I would highly encourage you to do this. You may catch things that are not getting reported. The reporting program also allows the secretary to email the final monthly report to anyone in your club. Just a reminder, if your club completed all 12 of your monthly reports you do not need to complete a separate annual report. The Annual Report for each club will

be automatically generated from the online monthly reports. Club secretaries can still modify any of the 2013-2014 monthly reports until November 30, 2014 if needed.

**Apply for 2013-2014 Distinguished Club recognition today!** Submissions for 2013-14 Distinguished Club recognition are now being accepted. Kiwanis International sent an email this week to club secretaries with the following information. Submissions must be filed by November 30, 2014, in order to qualify and must meet a minimum of six criteria.

Kiwanis International will verify the following: Increase in membership; Sponsorship of new Kiwanis clubs and/or Service Leadership Program clubs; and Donations to The Eliminate Project/Kiwanis International Foundation.

Club secretaries can complete the form today at [www.kiwanis.org/distinguishedclub](http://www.kiwanis.org/distinguishedclub). Should you have questions or need further assistance, please contact our Member Services staff by emailing [memberservices@kiwanis.org](mailto:memberservices@kiwanis.org) or calling 1-800-549-2647.

**Distinguished Member and Distinguished Club Criteria for 2014-2015:** Be sure to check out the 2014-2015 Distinguish Club Criteria for this year. [Click here](#)

**Dues:** I often get asked how the Kiwanis International and District dues break down on a yearly basis. They remain the same again this year: International dues = \$42.00  
Liability Insurance = \$12.00 KI Magazine = \$8.00 District dues = \$30.00

If I can be of any assistance, please let me know. Have a great Kiwanis year!

To view current and past MINNEKOTAN newsletters go to [www.mndak-kiwanis.org](http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org) and click on "News".

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## **Make your club bigger - better - stronger**

*10/29/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bruce Klair*

When you love something, you want to share it and strengthen it. For Kiwanis Clubs, that's what **The Formula** is all about. All Kiwanis clubs should be striving to go from good to great. A Club Counselor can help you get there. We have Club Counselors right here in the MNDAK District that will help you strengthen your club and make it the best ever. Working with a Club Counselor will help:



**Energize members.** A club counselor can help you develop a plan for guest-ready meetings and meaningful events -- and keep people engaged and coming back.

**Invite people.** Sharing the Kiwanis experience helps add new members and increase

the club's impact. Counselors can help make inviting others a habit among club members.

**Adapt to change.** Demographics evolve -- inside and outside the club. People move, Families grow. New organizations arrive in town. The best Kiwanis clubs change with the times. A club counselor can help yours be one of them.

**Improve service and fundraising.** Serving the community is at the heart of why we became Kiwanians. A club counselor can help you look at new opportunities for partnerships and fundraising.

**Increase visibility.** Do people know what your club does for the community? Counselors can help you make your service and impact more visible to people outside the club -- and maybe inspire potential members to join.

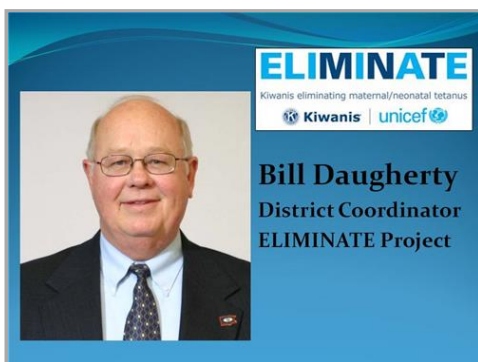
Contact one of these certified Club Counselors and ask them to help your club get stronger:

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In addition, we have certified New Club Openers ready to work with you in bringing Kiwanis to communities we have not yet reached. Watch for their contact information next month.

## The Eliminate Project

*10/29/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bill Daugherty*



Its time to start the count down. We are moving toward our June 2015 target in the fight against maternal and neonatal tetanus. When we began (2011) one baby was dying of tetanus every 9 minutes. Since joining with the UNICEF effort Kiwanians have pledged a little over \$71 million toward our \$110 million goal. Those dollars and the work in the field have now changed the number of deaths due to tetanus to one baby every 11 minutes.

Kiwanis will be announcing some challenges starting in November. One that I am aware of involves a match of 20% of the model club donation amount left for any club now declaring that they will be a model club. That is a good assist for many of our clubs and I hope it will provide the impetus for model club growth. We have 28 model clubs, hope to see more added to the list.

Some clubs have been approaching local businesses and are meeting with success in

garnering funds for the project. Wishing you all the best and together we can reach the Minn-Dak goal.

## **Greetings, Minnesota-Dakota Kiwanians!**

*10/27/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bruce Berven, Kiwanis International Trustee*

I'm pleased to have the opportunity to bring greetings from K.I. President Dr. John Button, the Board, and staff at K.I. for the new Kiwanis year!

Gov. Sherry has a strong group of past and present leaders and we are all expecting great progress in this year's 2 main areas of focus - The Formula and Eliminate.

It should be obvious that more members and more Clubs translate into more service. The Formula team are hitting their stride and they anticipate opening several new Clubs in your District over the coming months - they also will work with those Clubs that want to strengthen their existing membership.

Eliminate is well on track to reach our goal by our Centennial International Convention in June 2015 - the elimination of maternal neo-natal tetanus will be our Birthday gift to the world!

Barbara and I thoroughly enjoyed your convention in August and the mid-west hospitality extended to us. I can still remember the impressive sight of so many boxes of diapers on display.

My new grandson, Samson John, continues to thrive and I regularly get an opportunity to read to him.

Together in service,  
Bruce Berven



## **New Education Materials**

*10/22/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Loreena Luetgers, District Education Director*



We have begun a new Kiwanis year with new club officers. New year, new officers and some new materials.

The District Education presented some new materials to every club president and secretary for this year at the District Convention and by mail. Each club received a two President - Secretary Handbooks, one for each; a Member Handbook and other fun things for club members to learn about Kiwanis. These materials were developed for you, the officers and members, to learn

more about our organization.

Why were these materials developed? First, a club president and secretary have many resources and takes time to find specifically what they need. Their handbook was designed with the information condensed into a book form. Information is at their fingertips and small enough to place in a purse or brief case.

Second, the Member Handbook was designed as a tool of Kiwanis information with the member in mind. The handbook is to be printed and distributed to each member of your club. So, print out the member handbook and place one in each member's hand, active and inactive, and present this to the new member at their orientation. If you, as a member, have not received your member handbook, contact your club president or secretary.

Club members aren't learning about our great organization. Also, we are losing members every year. Statistics reveal that in most service organizations a member will quit within the first five years. What are we doing in those five years? Are we educating our members about Kiwanis? Probably not or membership would be stable or growing. Education and membership work together. An educated member will remain a member.

All of these materials are available on the District website with the "Education/CLE" tab. Anyone can download and print them off. There will be more educational items in the future.

Let's learn together about the great organization that we belong to.

## **Governor Sharon Scudder to Visit Region 3 November 22**

*10/21/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Gary Torfin, Region 3 Lt. Governor*

MN-DAK Region 3 will host Governor Sharon Scudder's visit in Little Falls on November 22nd. Governor Scudder will have an opportunity to share her vision for her year as Governor as well as to address any questions raised by members.

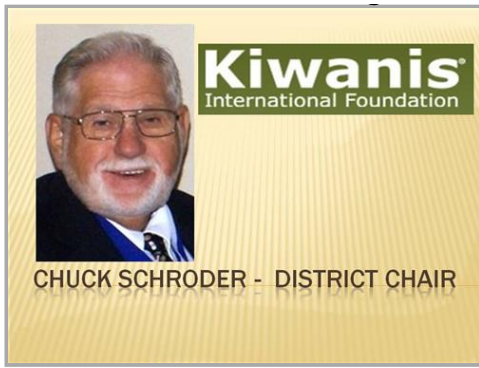
The visit will take place at the 1st Lutheran Church, 2100 Riverview Drive, from 9AM to 3PM. We are working to schedule a food-packaging service project during the Governor's visit. Please consider a club monetary gift to help cover the cost of food packaged.

All Region 3 club officers are requested to attend and all other club members are invited to attend as well. Registration materials are being sent to club officers in Region 3.

## **THE NEW YEAR HAS STARTED**

*10/28/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Chuck Schroder*

Before I talk about this year, I would like to thank all of the clubs and individuals that contributed to annual gift campaign this past year. We set a real record for this district of \$29,529.56. Our goal was \$30,960.00 and we were only \$1,160.44 off of our goal. Six (6) regions out of seven (7) made the presidents challenge. Regions 1,2,4,5,6, and 7 made it. Congratulations goes out to those Lt. Governors for their hard work and dedication to this program. They will receive their awards at next years convention. We will also receive \$1,476.48 back from KIF as our 5%. We ended up in 9th place over all and our dollar amount was \$6.51 pr member and 5th place was \$7.93 pr member. The foundation made some great strides in 2013-14 because of you the members.



CHUCK SCHRODER - DISTRICT CHAIR

1. The four-year decline of the annual club gift campaign came to end in 2013-14. The hard work of all our foundation volunteers and the generosity of our clubs resulted in an increase of \$31,731 in just the campaign.
2. In the inaugural year of the Today Club program, the foundation is recognizing 564 Blue-level, 67 Silver-level, 15 Gold-level and 11 Diamond-level Today Clubs.
3. The foundation raised US \$11,000 for Giving Tuesday; US \$90,000 for Skip-a-meal; and US

\$122,000 for disaster relief.

4. 7 districts and 239 divisions met the 2013-14 President's Challenge.

5. The Board of Trustees approved over US \$1.1 million in grants.

But we are into a new year and now is the time for you and your club to make those checks out to the foundation for this year. **REMEMBER**, that individual gifts count for the clubs total amount. Both the individual and the club get credit for the gift. With so many wonderful things going on in 2014-15, the foundation team as well as each member will need to work extra hard this year to share the impact of our foundation.

**REMEMBER WE ARE SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD, SO LETS GET STARTED RIGHT NOW. OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS \$34,056.00. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR KIWANIS.**

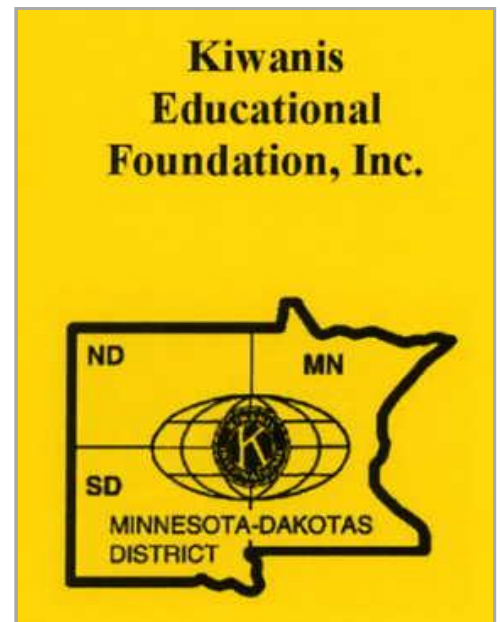
## The Gift that keep on Giving

*10/21/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn*

Is it possible to see a dollar bill continue to be a dollar bill even after it is spent?

How does this happen? It happens when you put that dollar into the District Kiwanis Education Foundation. What it means is that the dollar itself never gets spent, so it always remains in the bank, and only the earnings from it can be spent.

You can make the difference in a college students life and their future by providing money to support the Education fund. This fund each year provides education funds for 40-50 students in our district so they may further their education, and not have the burden of so much debt when they graduate. Every dollar is important to the life of our young people, so think about how you can become a part of this wonderful group of givers, that makes the foundation a solid part of our District.



If you are already giving, please continue, and we thank you for that, and if you have been thinking about it, now is the time, and also be sure to ask the board of directors of your club if they have money in the club budget each year to be an active part of this part of the Minnesota-Dakota Education Foundation. This may be the best investment you have ever made.

# Club News

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## Key Clubbers and Advisors Had Tons of Fun at Fall Rally

*10/31/2014 - Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Mary Bowen, Fridley High School Kiwanis Key Club A*

Nine Key Clubbers, six boys and three girls, plus Advisor Crzy Mry Bowen attended Fall Rally at Camp Ihdhapi in Loretto, MN on October 24-26. The purpose of this event/weekend was to be trained in leadership and service and to make new friends in the Minnesota-Dakotas Key Club District.

On Saturday trained instructors led teams of twelve Key Clubbers through low and high rope courses. They were blindfolded for some exercises. They made their way through mazes, climbed wooden barriers, scaled telephone poles, walked high wire cables and used zip lines. They learned much about teamwork and trust.

I took away the statement "Remember to ask for help"! That is something I tend to avoid.

Those attending spent the early evenings doing service projects such as making of dog toys, tying of fleece blankets, cutting t-shirt sling bags, decorating bibs and winding balloon piñata decorations for nursing homes. They also spent time to allow members to practice caucusing for fake leadership positions. Much humor occurred at this time! In the late evenings attendees sat around a campfire conversing with new friends. They sang songs, played the game "Heads Up" and made s'mores for themselves.

This great convention had good food, fostered fond memories and allowed us to make new friends. I rate it a five out of five!

## Supermarket Sweep!

*10/30/2014 - Club: Fergus Falls - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard*

The Fergus Falls Noon Kiwanis Club sponsored a raffle that culminated in a 2 minute shopping spree on Saturday afternoon October 25. In addition to it being a very successful fundraiser, the project provided great exposure for our Kiwanis Club through the grocery store promotions and of course the media. And it was a fun.

The raffle raised over \$6200 that will be used to support youth in our community.

Here is a link to the video coverage by WDAY television [Click here for video](#)

More information about project in Fergus Falls Daily Journal [Click here](#)







## Fargo Fall Festival

*10/16/2014 - Club: Fargo - Submitted by: Kiwanis Club of Fargo*

Toward the end of September and the beginning of Autumn, the Kiwanis Club of Fargo celebrated by volunteering at the Fall Festival. This annual event is held at Rheault Farm, a facility managed by the Fargo Park District. Fall Festival includes pumpkin decorating, hay rides, face-painting, and more. Games with which Kiwanians assisted included skee-ball, plinko, and Charlotte's Web (shown in picture). The weather held out, and the Kiwanians had as much fun as the kids!



## Region 1 Lt. Governor

*10/06/2014 - Club: Minot, Golden K - Submitted by: Richard Sabol*



Region 1 Lt. Governor, Gary Ochsner of the Minot (ND) Golden "K" Kiwanis.