

MINNEKOTAN

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Put another Log on the Fire

09/30/2010 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Lowell Disrud, District Governor, 2010-2011

Kiwanis International president Sylvester Neal gives us a word picture of Kiwanis as a campfire. We gather around the campfire to be warmed, see better, and have fellowship. But it takes fuel to keep the fire burning and that fuel comes from the time, talents, and resources that each of us has to share. We have a great Kiwanis fire burning but we need to keep it burning and build it bigger and brighter. There are Kiwanis members that have fuel to offer but they stand back and don't fuel the fire. How can you encourage them to help fuel the fire? There are members of our communities who are not gathered around the fire because they don't know about it or haven't been asked to join. How can you reach out to them and let them enjoy the warmth of the Kiwanis fire?



We have a dedicated executive team ready to help. We have enthusiastic Lt. Governors ready to help. We have inspired sponsored programs ready to help. But nothing happens if it doesn't happen in the clubs and by individual members. Together we can make the Kiwanis fire burn even brighter and warmer this year.

Congratulations to those of you that have agreed to serve in leadership roles this year, whether as a club officer, regional director, or district leader. Thank you for stepping up and being willing to serve. I am confident that you will gain even more than you give in your leadership role.

For those of you that are completing your term in office, thank you for your service. You have gained valuable experience and knowledge but please don't retire from leadership. Share what you have learned. Mentor your successors and be willing to move into another leadership position when the opportunity presents itself.

Many clubs recognize their past officers with a plaque or a certificate. Another great way to recognize your past officers is with a gift of a Vantine Life Fellow from the District Education Foundation. For a contribution of \$100 this person will receive a Vantine Life Fellow Certificate, a wallet card and the satisfaction of knowing that their gift will produce interest-bearing income to provide scholarships funds for years to come.

Will you help fuel the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis fire? Invite others to join. Encourage fellow members to get more involved. Think about ways your club can do more for kids and communities. LET'S PUT ANOTHER LOG ON THE FIRE.

Get Started Early and Finish Strong!

09/29/2010 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Stephanie Ursini, KI Area Director



Kiwanis International Webinars are FUN and FULL of great information for YOU! October begins the 1st Quarter and the webinars shown below are all at 8pm EST.

Register Today! www.kiwanisone.org/webinars or individually below...

10/19 **Empowering Your Club to Invite:**

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Many clubs do not grow to their full potential simply because the members are not working as a team. Focus on sharing the Kiwanis experience using the latest technology. Learn innovative ways to promote Kiwanis in your community and to build an effective recruiting team.

10/26 **Club Officers & Directors Liability:**

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

This webinar will describe and explore the Kiwanis International Directors and Officers Liability Insurance program and the crime coverage available to each club.

10/28 **Quarterly Membership Campaigns – Walk the Talk:**

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Learn how to lead and grow with Walk the Talk! Simple ways to create a fun and effective membership campaign, ideas to bring in new members, how to stay focused with a timeline and goals to achieve growth this year! It all centers on FUN and leads the way to more fellowship and service. Are you ready to Walk the Talk? Invite your entire club! Special Guest presenter Kiwanis International President Sylvester Neal with Area Director Stephanie Ursini.

October 2010 Update

09/29/2010 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

October is the start of another Kiwanis year. Welcome to our new Governor, Lowell Disrud and the great team of Lt. Governors and other district leaders. They will be working hard to promote and support Kiwanis in your area. They are there to help local clubs at any time. Just give them a call.

2010-2011 Directory of District Kiwanis Officers: A directory of all of the new District Officers and Lt. Governors can be found on our district website. [CLICK HERE](#)



District Website and MINNEKOTAN !!! If you have club "news" that would be of interest to other clubs around the district, please submit them to our website....things like new service projects or fundraising ideas that your club has tried. You can also share a photo. Your story will also appear in the monthly MINNEKOTAN. The news submission form is located on the "News" menu of the new website. [CLICK HERE](#)

Important upcoming dates to remember: You will be able to view a list of 2010-2011 events and dates on the new district website. Look for "Events" on the menu. [CLICK HERE](#)

Monthly Club Reporting: Just a reminder to club secretaries and presidents that if you have submitted all of your 09-10 monthly club reports online, you will not need to do a separate Annual Report. All of the necessary information will already have been submitted via your monthly reports. Complete your September report by no later than October 10th. If your club has a new secretary, be sure that they get registered for the online reporting program. If you have questions about that, let me know.

"Distinguished Club Award" for 2009-2010: If your club will meet the criteria for 2009-2010 Distinguished Club, be sure that all of your 2009-2010 monthly club reports have been submitted online by October 10. Most of the data to support the award will be gathered from the monthly online reports.

Club meeting times and locations: Just a reminder to keep your club meeting time and location up to date on the Kiwanis International website. Anyone visiting the Kiwanis International website can now search for clubs anywhere in the world. The "Find a Club" is found on the Kiwanis International website www.kiwanis.org/ Give it a try. See if your club information is current. Your club secretary can update your club meeting location online at anytime through the same portal that is used for monthly club reporting. Many prospective members use this online search method to find a club.

If I can be of any assistance, please give me a call.

Have a great Kiwanis year!

To view current and past MINNEKOTAN newsletters go to www.mndak-kiwanis.org and click on "News".

HOW TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE MINNEKOTAN NEWSLETTER

If you do 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 lettering on our home page)

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Time to Set MN/DAK on Fire

09/30/2010 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Denis Cornell, Governor Elect



It seems like it was just last week that we were at the Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention in Fargo, ND. This year's district convention was very special for both Nancy and myself. I feel very honored, privileged and humbled to have been elected to the position of Governor-Elect of this great district. Many thanks to all the great Kiwanians of MN-DAK for bestowing this honor on me.

We are now on the verge of another Kiwanis year. In Las Vegas, Kiwanis International President, Sylvester Neal, shared his vision with us for the 2010-2011 Kiwanis year. President Neal said, "For the 2010-2011 year, we'll fire up our Kiwanis clubs to serve with excellence and enthusiasm. We'll work harder to serve our local communities. We'll kick off our new global campaign to protect children. And the world will take notice."

Now is the time to "fire up" the clubs of the Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International. Make your communities take notice of the activities in your club. The fire begins in your club and will spread throughout the world. "Let them know us by our service."

I look forward to visiting with all of you over the next two years.

Thank you for all you do for the children of the world.

Denny

Achieving Club Excellence Workshop - October 16, Mankato, MN

09/28/2010 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Dawn Fairbrother, Region 6 Lt. Gov.

All Kiwanis Club members are invited to attend the ACHIEVING CLUB EXCELLENCE (ACE) WORKSHOP facilitated by Stephanie Ursini, Area Director, Kiwanis International.

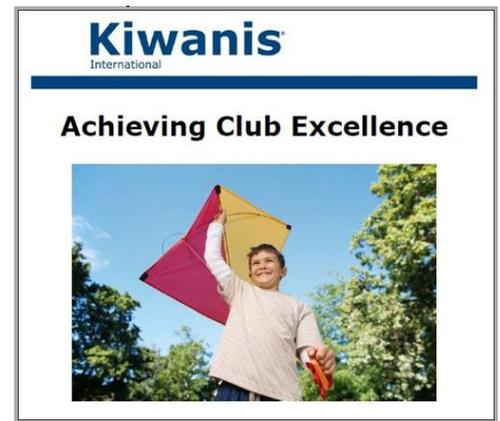
Hosted by: 2010-2011 Region 6 Lt. Governor Team of, Dawn Fairbrother, Chuck Gruessing, and Mary Lou Drahota.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2010 8:30 A.M. TO NOON
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 150 STADIUM COURT, MANKATO, MN. 56001
(For Directions, you can use your navigation system, Mapquest, or Google)

Stephanie Ursini has ideas galore to help your Kiwanis Club! Her passion and enthusiasm

for Kiwanis will inspire you! Stephanie is also encouraging 5 members from each Kiwanis Club to attend! So, spread the word!

Get your 2010-2011 Kiwanis year started off right with this excellent workshop that has a dynamic seven-step process: Step 1: Commit to Excellence; Step 2: Assess club vitality; Step 3: Plan your club's success; Step 4: Share your story; Step 5: Inform members; Step 6: Welcome new members; and Step 7: Enhance the member experience, so you can implement this process and transform the future of your Kiwanis Club.



In this workshop, club members learn how to explore new approaches to increase service and apply new strategies for membership growth. Club members will focus on how to enhance the membership experience for all club members and how to develop and maintain a relevant service impact in their community.

Start changing the world in your own community by improving your own Kiwanis Club. Lead the way to a larger, more vibrant club that is providing significant service to children. Help your current and future members connect to the Kiwanis purpose and mission to change the world one child and one community at a time.

Clubs will benefit from attending this workshop by:

- Engaging all club members in the club improvement process,
- Assessing club projects and activities to determine what the clubs need to
 - Keep doing
 - Start doing, and
 - Stop doing
- Add value to the individual member's experience in Kiwanis,
- Increase the service impact in the club's community, and
- Create public awareness of the Kiwanis Club presence and mission.

Children in your own community and around the world need Kiwanis. There are people in your community who have the desire to help. Following this simple process will bring them together. Each Kiwanis member can make a difference!

In order to have enough refreshments and box lunches, please register, in advance, by contacting:

Dawn Fairbrother, e-mail: muffins3@charter.net
phone 507-451-5939
cell 507-363-6766

Refreshments and registration: 8:00 a.m.—8:30 a.m.
Workshop: 8:30 a.m.—Noon
Box Lunch: Noon

We look forward to seeing you there!

Circle K Administrator Candidates Sought

09/29/2010 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: sh



Our current District Circle K Administrator, Ann Backes Dodge, has indicated that she will be stepping down from her volunteer position in March 2011. Ann has done a fabulous job and we will greatly miss her leadership.

The district is currently seeking applications from individuals interested in the District Circle K Administrator position.

For further information about this position contact:

Governor Lowell Disrud lowell_disrud@yahoo.com 701-293-1505

or Governor Elect Denis Cornell denisc@centurytel.net 507-346-2044

Convention Book Sale a Resounding Success

09/28/2010 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Phyllis & Bruce Klair

We wish to thank all those who participated in the Kiwanis Book Sale at the District Convention, both those who donated books and those who purchased books. Proceeds from the sale totaled \$410. A check for that amount was presented to Kids Count, an organization that works with the Women's Shelter and abused children in the Red Wing area.

In addition, many assorted books and games were presented to Kids Count by 2009-10 First Lady Phyllis Klair and First Lady-Elect Rachael Disrud. These items were collected at the Friday morning Partners Breakfast.

Thanks again to all those who participated. You have proven once again that you continue to make a difference in the lives of children.

The following thank you note was received from Kids Count....

Dear Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International,

It is such an honor to be chosen to receive the District Kiwanis Convention Book Store donation. The \$410.00 will be put towards the needs of the kids we serve. (Such as shoes, supplies, jackets, etc.)



Also, thank you to those that donated books and games. We had a BIG Monopoly party last week....FUN! The Cat and the Hat type books were perfect for one of our little guys that has a hard time reading. It was great to see him smile. He was very proud of himself that he could read a book!

*Thanks again,
Susan and Kids*

*Susan Albarado-Grand
Program Director
Kids Count – Abused Children’s Program
480 W. 8th Street
Red Wing, MN 55066
www.hope-coalition.org*

Club Leadership Education

09/23/2010 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn, Education Director



KIWANIS CLUB LEADERS are you ready?

Yes, in a few days you will begin your year as the leaders of your Kiwanis Clubs.

It is my hope that you have each either attended the CLE sessions that were held in your region, or you have completed the CLE session that was offered on line for you to begin your year.

The leadership of your club is in your hands, and the membership of your club put you there as the leader they wished to have for the coming year.

Now it the time to begin to implement YOUR plans - programs - and goals for the 2010-2011 Kiwanis year.

There is so much that we can do to make our communities better, and the need for volunteers to do many of the local jobs is so critical.

If you have not completed a community analysis to see if new needs are showing up in your communities, you need to do that. Each year we find there are more jobs that can be done and less people to do them due to the changing times and economy, so find out now what might be out there for your members and club to take on this year.

Have a great year, and MAKE KIWANIS number one in your communities.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

09/23/2010 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Chuck Schroder

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the clubs that participated in the annual club gift campaign. For those clubs that didn't, maybe we can count on you this year.

Now is the time for you to make a line item in your club's budget for this.



Our district has been blessed with several grants to clubs to help them with their projects to help the children of their community and around the world. We were also able to give 4 Circle K and 3 Key Club scholarships this year. But there won't be as many as last year, because we didn't reach the \$5.00 pr member. We had fun at the convention with our raffle and hope to do it again next year if we have enough items.

This year a new World Wide Service project is going to begin. It is called "Eliminate" and we again as Kiwanians will take on the task of eliminating the chance of unborn children coming into the world with tetanus. We are going to have to think BIG again like we did with IDD.

Again thank you for your support and all each of you do for Kiwanis.

Chuck Schroder, KIF Chairman

Club News

Fridley Key Club's Homeless Sleepout

09/27/2010 - Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Alison Ranum, Fridley Key Club

The Fridley Key Club held its very successful Homeless Sleepout Friday night, September 17th on the high school football field. Students recognized the struggles of homeless people with 120 Key Clubbers and 4 chaperones sleeping in cardboard boxes in cold, rainy weather.

Students grabbed as many boxes as they could to build their dream homes. All the homes were creative! Some students even decorated their homes with spray paint.



Key Club Faculty Advisor Bruce Messer kept things in order and finally went to bed in his cardboard box. Faculty member Jeanetter Hoffer stayed most of the night as well. Also, Key Club Advisor Gene Burns and a sponsoring Kiwanis Member attended to keep things in order.

To entertain themselves, Key Clubbers played touch football, walked around the track and listened to music. This event was also a fundraiser and raised \$1,555. Top donations were raised by Tony Theilen and David Paulson. Overall, the night was a rewarding success!

Alison Ranum, Project Co-Chair and Junior Representative
Fridley High School
9/26/10

Rolla Club Supports Rolette County Relay for Life

09/23/2010 - Club: Rolla - Submitted by: Bill Lardy, Immediate Past Governor



The Rolla ND Kiwanis Club served breakfast Saturday morning July 10 to 60 people at the conclusion of Rolette County's Relay for Life fundraising event held in St. John, ND. The event began at 7 p.m. Friday evening July 9 and finished up the next morning at 7 a.m. Eighteen teams from every area of the county enjoyed nearly perfect weather as they joined together to raise money in the fight against cancer. More than \$65,000 was raised during the relay.

A group of cancer survivors started the relay with an honorary first lap. Luminaries were set around the track to guide participants during the night time hours. In addition to enjoying walking, adults and kids lined up at booths to play games and get special perms and hair styles.

The freewill offering for the breakfast netted \$143 and was given to Relay for Life by the Kiwanis Club. The entire county appreciates the Kiwanis Club's support. Club members who helped with the breakfast were club president, Emery Mears, Scott Mitchell, Jim Lanseth, Jim Simpson, Larry Leonard, Denny Neameyer, Bill Mickelson and Curt Bonn.