

MINNEKOTAN

Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International

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Happy New Year!!!

10/01/2011 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Denis Cornell, Governor

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! It doesn't seem possible that another year has passed and we are beginning the 2011-2012 Kiwanis year. Great work is being accomplished each and every day around our district through Young Children Priority One Projects, K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K and Aktion Club. You are all deserving of congratulations for the service you unselfishly perform in your community and for the children of the world. The most important person in Kiwanis is YOU and I thank you for the great things you do in the name of Kiwanis.

If you have just completed your term as a club, region or district leader I thank you for your service. If you are beginning a term as a club, region or district leader, I thank you for your willingness to serve your fellow Kiwanians. Nancy and I will be hitting the road on October 15th to begin our visits to the regions for Service and Education meetings. I look forward with great anticipation and excitement to working with the all the great Kiwanians of the MN-DAK District. Service is our most important product. Let's share the story of our service. "Let them know us by our service".



Adding to the excitement of this new Kiwanis year is The Eliminate Project. Eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus. Please visit The Eliminate Project website at <http://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/en/theELIMINATEproject/home.aspx> to learn more about this worldwide service project.

Another exciting opportunity for all of us in the MN-DAK District will be assisting in the campaign of Stewart Ross for Kiwanis International Vice President. This will require as many members as possible to attend the Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans, LA. Mark your calendar now for June 28 to July 1, 2012. There will be more in future issues of the Minnekotan.

As each club in our district continues to plan for this new year and begins to put those plans into action, I ask that each club president ensure that the Annual Club Gift to the Kiwanis International foundation and the Century Club Donation to the Minnesota-

Dakotas Education Foundation are included as line items in the club budget. The Annual Club Gift to the Kiwanis International Foundation helps to underwrite Kiwanis projects around the globe through grants to thousands of Kiwanis family organizations and programs, disaster relief and underwriting worldwide service projects and provides matching dollars for scholarships to Key Club and Circle K International members. Your Century Club Gift to the Minnesota-Dakotas Education Foundation provides funds necessary to continue building the foundation assets. Only the interest on the foundation assets is used toward scholarship awards. This past year the Minnesota-Dakotas Education Foundation awarded 55 scholarships to high school students planning to attend a college or university within our district. A great way to recognize a club member or officer for outstanding service is to present them with a gift of a Vantine Life Fellowship from the Minnesota Dakotas Education Foundation. For a contribution of \$100 this leader 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 scholarship funds for years to come. This truly is the gift that keeps on giving.

And remember.....**Let's have fun out there!!!**

October Update

09/30/2011 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, Dist. Sec/Treas



October is the start of another Kiwanis year. Welcome to our new Governor, Denis Cornell 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 or send them an email.

2011-2012 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 2011-2012 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 2010-2011 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 2010-2011: If your club will meet the criteria for 2010-2011 Distinguished Club, be sure that all of your 2010-2011 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 in the upper left corner of 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!

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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Eliminate Project News

09/30/2011 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bill Daugherty

Key Club and UNICEF are joining together for another Halloween Fund Drive. This year the Key Clubbers will be seeking donations on Halloween for the Eliminate Project. Please coordinate with your local Key Clubs and provide assistance to them in this great undertaking.



Clubs need to be aware that they get credit toward their campaign goal for any funds donated by their members. This way not only the member is honored but the club will be also. We need to establish club fund raising targets, and club Eliminate chairs to drive this effort for the next 4 years. I think once we start talking about the Project, we will see some possible benefits to our local communities in that we will gain memberships. Remember that Kiwanis International has established a goal of donating \$110 MIL by 2015. We all can help rid the world of the high number of deaths attributed to tetanus by donating.

You may contact me at Blldaugherty@yahoo.com or 605-332-0780

Kiwanis Families Weekend of Service

09/29/2011 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Cady Severson

Kiwanis Families Weekend of Service

You're invited to the K-Family retreat! The K-Family retreat has been held for the past two years at Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch in Stewartville, Minnesota. The retreat



this year is November 18th-20th whereas in the past it has been held in February. Everyone from Minnesota, South Dakota and North Dakota is invited to come and all of the Kiwanis Family is invited. The weekend is filled with service projects, entertainment and fun!

The K-Family retreat this year will host a 5K run/walk to benefit the ELIMINATE project. This is the first year that the K-Family Retreat has the opportunity to host a major fundraiser to benefit families around the world.

The run/walk will be open to the public to raise money for ELIMINATE. Join Key Clubbers, Circle-K, K-Kids, Builder's Club, Aktion and Kiwanis club members in a weekend of fun in service!

Written by: Cady Severson, Key Club Lieutenant Governor Region 7B

For registration information, dianejohnson12@gmail.com or call 507-287-0271.

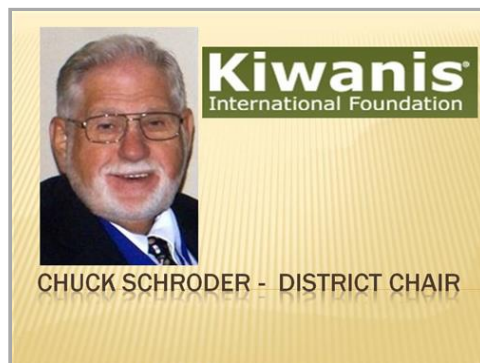
Early Bird Registration Due: October 31st

Limited space available, register early!

Thank You For All You Have Done

09/25/2011 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: E. Chuck Schroder

I would like to take this opportunity to **THANK YOU ALL** for your support to the Kiwanis International Foundation. Our numbers were better than last year and we have been able to make a difference in the lives of so many. We have been able to help children around the world and to help those who have suffered from disasters even right here in our own district. Look at the grants that have been given out and we here in Min/Dak have also reaped the benefits of those. And last but not least, the scholarships that our Key Club and Circle K members will be receiving.



I wish that I could get to shake each of your hands and tell you personally thank you, but that is not possible.

We had a great convention and our numbers from the raffles were very good. We did wonders for "Eliminate" and the district foundation did very well. But it all comes down to one thing, YOU THE KIWANIS MEMBER. Without you, there would be no Foundations or Eliminate. So again, please accept this very special **THANK YOU.**

Chuck Schroder,
KIF Chairman

Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention - 2011

09/29/2011 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, Dist. Sec/Treas



District Convention 2011 Photos:

The 2011 Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention is now history, however it lives on in 1000 photos on our district website photo album. Click on the following link to view the photos. Special thanks to Jack Zierdt and Roger Olson for taking the photos.

[Click here](#)

Words and Music to "We're Helping the Children of the World"

Some of you that attended the District Convention requested the words and music to this song. Following is a link to the words and music:

[Click here](#)

Kiwanis International Convention 2012 -New Orleans

09/29/2011 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, Dist. Sec/Treas

Plan to attend the Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans! In addition to the usual fun and educational convention activities we will have a candidate from our District (Stewart Ross) for International Vice-President!

Start planning now....check out all of the information on the International website

[Click here](#)



Club News

Fridley Key Club Homeless Sleep-out

09/29/2011 - Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Haley Solz

The Homeless Sleep-out is one of the most popular annual events that the Fridley Key Club organizes. Members of the club receive pledges to sleep in a box on the football field to raise money for a local charity. This year the Fridley Key Club had 172 members participate in this event which resulted in a record breaking amount of \$2,500, double that raised in the previous years.

Although the temperature was close to freezing during the night, the members of Key

Club found ways to stay warm and to have fun! Many people made extravagant houses and shelters with boxes and tape. Others just preferred to keep it simple and to just set up one box, and call it a night. Members learned a lot of the plight of the homeless people. Either way, the homeless sleep-out turned out to be a big hit among the club members and raised money for a charity at the same time.

Haley Solz, Homeless Sleep-out Chair, Fridley High School Key Club

[More Photos - Click Here](#)



FRIDLEY KEY CLUBBERS INFLATE OVER 2,000 BALLOONS!

09/29/2011 - Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Christine Hitomi

Six Fridley High School Key Clubbers and Advisor Bowen assisted the Hope and Hearts Organization with its 5K Run, Memorial Walk and Kids' Fun Dash Event at the Coon Rapids Regional Dam Park on Saturday, September 17. The Hope and Hearts Organization mission is about hope for the future through education and research and supporting the hearts of families who have lost stillborn and infants to move forward.

The Key Clubbers and Crzy Mry worked inside two zipper-enclosed, netted tents. They



had four large helium tanks, precut strings and 3,000 purple and lime green balloons. They worked from 6:45 am until 11:45 am blowing up balloons and attaching strings. During the entire time a live band played nearby and occasionally Key Clubbers danced and sang to the music. They accidentally popped a balloon or two!

Over one thousand mothers, fathers and children participated in this event. They were assisted by 150 volunteers who helped with registration and distribution of free t-shirts, coffee and snacks. All participants received balloons. Many wrote their deceased child's name and a message on their balloons. The balloons were released at the closing of the morning during a Balloon Release Ceremony.

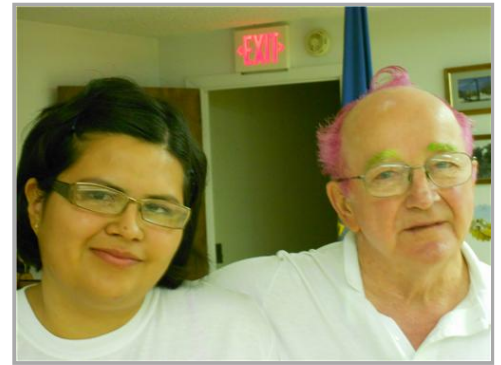
As Key Clubbers left the empty tents they commented that they were cold, their fingers were sore and that they never wanted to see a balloon again. However, it was a very touching and uplifting experience. They are already talking about helping again next year.

Christine Hitomi, Publicist/Webmaster
Fridley High School Key Club
9/20/11

Workentine goes to work for Sturgis Aktion Club

09/28/2011 - Club: Sturgis Golden K - Submitted by: Angel Foster

Not quite a year old, the Sturgis Aktion Club had the great pleasure of representing the MN-DAK district at the Inaugural Aktion club Training and Leadership Conference in Indianapolis. The conference was hosted at the Kiwanis International Headquarters as well as the Caribbean Cove Hotel September 9-11.



Vice President/President Elect, Natalia McCauley and Secretary Rosetta Freeman traveled with their advisor, Angel Foster to the conference. As exciting as the conference was, so was the enthusiasm the sponsoring Sturgis Golden K had in helping to fund the trip. Long time Kiwanian and Aktion Club advisor Don Workentine worked hard to help defray the expenses. How? By coloring his hair, of course. The Aktion Club members allowed people to vote for the color of the retired teacher's hair at home club meetings as well as another fundraiser at the local Pizza Ranch. It was suggested that each vote was \$1. President elect, Natalia McCauley was geared up and ready to count money at the September 1st meeting. The finally tally showed pink had won the election and she eagerly began to apply color. Members of the home club continued to up the ante the morning of the coloring when they bought green eyebrows to match the pink hair.

The trip was a huge success as was the fundraiser. A huge thank you to Don for all of your hard work!

Pictured is Natalia McCauley and Don Workentine.

Star Studded Charter Night for the St. Anthony Village Aktion Club

09/26/2011 - Club: Saint Anthony - Submitted by: Mary Dierbeck, Club Advisor



The evening of September 6th, our new Aktion Club was officially chartered. The evening was highlighted by an address from the Mayor of St. Anthony, Jerry Faust. The Mayor is very proud of the service and dedication of these young folks. He stressed service and attitude as being winning qualities in life. He encouraged the members to be involved at what ever level they can, as all involvement adds to the dignity of life.

Also in attendance were Governor Denis Cornell and Nancy, Lt. Governor Don Felmlie and Mary and Lt. Governor Barb Winfield. At least a dozen Kiwanis members attended.

President Julie Jones called the meeting to order with her new bell and gong. We continued with the Pledge, God Bless America singing, and a prayer from Dr. Dave Abrahamson, a St. Anthony Village Kiwanian.

Denis and Don presented the Officers Pins and spoke briefly. Joan Kaprios and Jeff Franzen the Club Administrators were also pinned and recognized. Barb Winfield presented all Charter Members with their new T-Shirts, and also said a few words. A couple of the Charter Members, Chad Udem and Jason Delles spoke about the fun they had working the Pancake Breakfast and the Brat and Burger Booth at VillageFest.

The Club meets the first Tuesday of the Month from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the St.

Anthony Community Center. Our next service project is to work the Halloween Carnival for the Wilshire Park Elementary, where we also sponsor K-Kids Club.