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Greetings from the Governor

10/01/2013 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Judie Rosendahl

I am pleased to bring greetings to each of you fellow Kiwanians! The past year of preparation for this year serving as your Governor has flown quickly by and I have enjoyed it all. Getting to know more Kiwanians has been a joy to me.

I look forward to visiting all the regions for their Regional Education Conferences. The first one is scheduled in Region 1 on October 19 in Bottineau, North Dakota where we will also celebrate the chartering of the Turtle Mountain Kiwanis Club.

Have you heard that the Kiwanis International President Gunter Gasser and his wife, Christiana, will be visiting the Minnesota Dakotas District on Saturday, November 2, 2013? We are eager to have them here and Myron and I are looking forward to the events of the day including the service project and the banquet. We are looking forward to spending time with you during these events also. Please note the article with the detailed information about this upcoming event!



The theme for this year by Kiwanis International President Gunter Gasser is "Building Bridges for Children to the Future". The most effective way to build bridges for children is by more service hours performed by more Kiwanians. Kiwanis International has developed a new growth plan making membership health a priority. Membership is more than a number. It's the future of everything members love about Kiwanis: a club's fellowship, leadership, community connections, community service and service to children. They all require Kiwanis members and each member is so important!

I am excited to be a part of this new growth plan. Along with Kiwanis International, I have appointed Bruce Klair as our new District Growth Chair. He is eager to begin the work of growing Kiwanis in the Minnesota Dakotas District. I have also appointed Cindy Braseth, our Immediate Past-Governor, as the New Club Builder, and Tom Allen, Immediate Past-Lt. Governor, as the Director of Membership. I believe we have a very strong team to lead us in growing Kiwanis in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

I want to thank Cindy Braseth for the help and support she has given me this past year.

I look forward to working with her this year as her wisdom has proven to be invaluable. I am pleased to be able to work with Sherry Scudder as our Governor-elect this year. She brings many creative and fun ideas which will enhance the team as we work to grow Kiwanis in 2013-2014. I am looking forward to getting to know you better as we work together serving the children.

October Update

09/30/2013 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas



October is the start of another Kiwanis year.

Welcome to our new Governor, Judie Rosendahl 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.

Club Rosters Due for Billing: Club secretaries must submit your revised club billing roster online to Kiwanis International by October 10 to ensure your club is billed

for the correct number of members. After your billing roster has been updated and submitted, Kiwanis International will send your club an invoice for the dues owed. Need a refresher or quick how-to for the club billing roster processing? View the tutorial video at [Click here](#)

2013-2014 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 Board Meeting Minutes: You can review the minutes of our District Board Meetings and the 2013 House of Delegates at the following link: [Click here](#)

DISTRICT WEBSITE and MINNEKOTAN: Thanks to all the clubs that have submitted articles! 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 website. [Click here](#)

Club Election Reports: We are still missing some club election reports. If your club has not submitted your 2013-2014 club election report, please do so right away. The easiest and preferred way to submit the election report is for the club secretary to do it online. Even if you have the same officers as last year we need to know or we will not have the necessary information to communicate with your club. Also a reminder that if any of your reported officers change during the year, the club secretary can edit the club election report online at any time.

Monthly Club Reporting: Just a reminder to club secretaries and presidents that if you have submitted all of your 2012-2013 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.

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 [Click here](#) 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, let me know. Have a great Kiwanis year!

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Kiwanis Doll Service Project for Presidents visit

09/23/2013 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Peter Larson

The service project for Kiwanis International President Gunter Gasser's visit is the stuffing and final preparation of Kiwanis Dolls that will be given to our Kiwanis partner, the Children's Miracle Network at Sanford Medical Center in Fargo.

These dolls have many uses: they provide a distraction for the child until the child can be treated, they can be used by the caregiver to understand how and where the child hurts, the caregiver can demonstrate treatment procedures to the child and finally the child keeps the doll during the entire stay at the hospital to comfort the child.

At the Region 2 March 2013 Conference, about 20 people finished 75 dolls. Everyone had a great time regardless of our sewing or stuffing skills. Our goal this time is 300 dolls. The Moorhead Kiwanis club will provide 300 partially completed dolls. You will be stuffing the dolls, hand sewing the leg side and packaging the dolls for delivery to the Children's Miracle Network.

Please come and enjoy a great service project for a great cause!



Take the Lead. Key Leader is Returning to MinnDak!

09/27/2013 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Jason Stewart



The Key Leader program will be returning to the Minnesota-Dakotas District, May 16-18, 2014 at Camp Victory in Zumbro Falls, MN. This year we will be looking to host 60 students for a life-changing weekend. We encourage all sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs to consider sending students to Key Leader, and the

great things is, students don't have to be members of Key Club. This program is an amazing opportunity to engage those students that are not already part of the Kiwanis Family as well as Key Club members. To learn how you can get involved and support the program, or to send students, please contact, Jason Stewart (jstewartcki@gmail.com).

Key Leader, a Kiwanis International program, gives high school students an opportunity to experience personal development, growth and fellowship - the cornerstones of Kiwanis and its high school service program, Key Club.

During their three days at a Key Leader weekend, students age 14-18 explore new ideas, accomplish exciting challenges and build enduring friendships in a safe, supportive environment.

To learn more about the Key Leader program, visit: www.key-leader.org.

YOU are Invited to Meet the International President in Fargo, Nov. 2

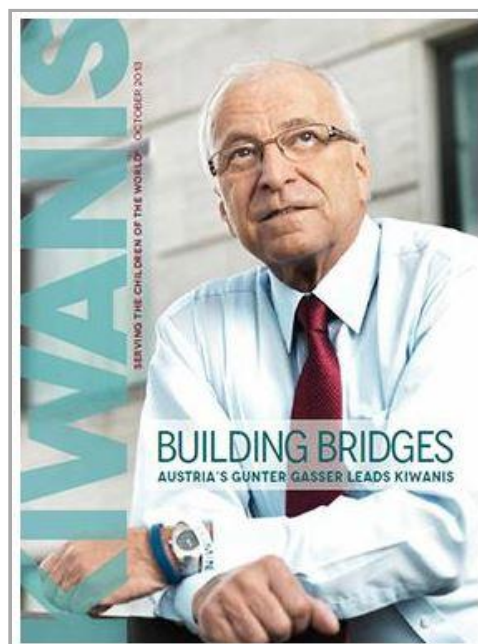
09/30/2013 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Judie Rosendahl, Governor

Everyone is invited to attend the special visit by our Kiwanis International President Gunter Gasser. President Gunter will be in Fargo, ND on Saturday, November 2, 2013. A special service project is being planned for the afternoon and banquet that same evening.

For more details and a registration form [Click here](#)

Gunter's Bio: [Click here](#)

Read more about President Gunter in the October Issue of the Kiwanis International Magazine [Click here](#)



The District Convention "Diaper Drive"

09/27/2013 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Stewart Ross, District Service Director

It is always difficult to believe another Kiwanis year is completed. As one ages, it seems that time flies by faster and faster. Which reminds me to remind you that our Kiwanis



Clubs in the MN-DAK District need to reflect on the past year of service and develop a plan for the 2013-2014 Kiwanis year now upon us. Hopefully, your club has a strategic plan in place for the next few years or at least a plan for the next year. If not, there is still time. If you don't know where you are going you will never know when you got there!

This is also a time to look back at the past Kiwanis year. At the end of August I received a letter from Gina Karst, the Executive Director of Safe Harbor, the shelter in Aberdeen that those attending the district convention donated diapers to in huge amounts. We never counted them but a gigantic wall of diapers was created in front of the stage. It was not only impressive to look at but also to think of all the children who would benefit from our generosity.

Since I can't send this letter to each of you who attended the convention I am quoting it here in this column:

Thank you for your very generous donation of diapers to our agency. We were almost in disbelief at the large piles of diaper boxes! Diapers are always one of those items we struggle to keep on hand for our clients; it is so nice now to have them readily available.

Safe Harbor recently had a client in our shelter that we provided diapers for while she stayed with us. When she was moving out of our facility she asked if it was possible for us to give her a few diapers to last her till the end of the week when she would get paid. Because of your generosity we were able to provide her with an entire box of diapers. When I gave her the box of diapers she began to cry. She said she honestly did not know if she would have been able to purchase diapers plus food when she did receive her paycheck. The relief of knowing she did not need to worry at least about diapers was overwhelming for her.

Because of your generosity we will be able to provide many diapers for quite some time to those that are in need. On behalf of the Safe Harbor clients and staff than you!!

Sincerely,

Gina R. Karst

Executive Director of Safe Harbor

One of the great things about being a Kiwanian is giving back; helping others yet never expecting to be thanked or often not even knowing the people we help. To me that is the definition of "altruism." This is another wonderful example of why we should join Kiwanis and why we do what we do. Thank you to all those who contributed to the "diaper drive" and those clubs that donated money and diapers. It is true that one can make a difference. But when we work together as a team it is simply amazing what can be done. Congratulations MN-DAK. Stay tuned for our next convention service project in Minneapolis in 2014!

Five Reasons Not to Skip the Kiwanis International Convention in Japan

09/17/2013 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Courtney Taylor

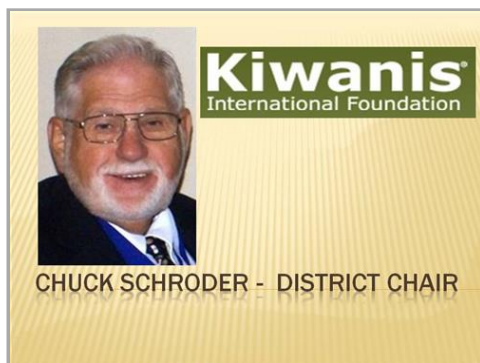
1. Godzilla will get me!
False – He is currently locked in the tombs of Netflix and Hulu with Mothra.
2. I will never overcome the language barrier!
Not to worry: The official language of the convention will be English. When you are outside of the convention hall, locals will help you with crucial tasks like ordering lunch. You will also be equipped with a language guide from Taylor's Travels coming later this year.
3. I will starve because I don't eat sushi.
Even the 100-yen sushi restaurants include an array of tempura (or fried) dishes. Mos Burger offers an extensive menu of hamburgers and sandwiches. Worst case, you can visit the local KFC, Subway, or Baskin' Robins.
4. Japanese people resent Americans thanks to a few choice actions of the 1940s.
You are not likely to see this issue. Many reasons may explain why - they attacked us too, they respect us for not backing down, etc - but the important part is that they have for the most part moved on.
5. I attended CLE and the District Convention – what more do I have to gain?
Every session you attend will teach you something new. Even attending the same workshop twice during one international convention will provide you with two sets of information to take back to your club. The idea exchange is invaluable as it spans districts and continents.



(More travel information: Following is a link to one of the companies (InCon Tra, Inc) providing package tours to the Japan convention. To find about their options and prices [Click here](#))

HOW DID WE DO?

09/27/2013 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Chuck Schroder



We have come to the end of another fiscal year in Kiwanis and as of the last report, which isn't the final one for the year, we are at \$3.56 pr. member. When the final report comes out I'm hoping that we reach \$4.00 pr member. There were several clubs that have always given in the past that still hadn't given and were hoping that they would do so in these final days.

What does this mean for the district? If the dollar amount stays the same, we will only be getting 6 scholarships, 3 for Key Club and 3 for Circle K. Our grants will not be as plentiful because of the lack of money, but there is a bright side to all of this, that is, for those clubs that participated in the annual gift program, they have the satisfaction that they did their part and for the district we did have a good year and did better than expected.

I want **THANK** all of you for supporting the Kiwanis International Foundation. Without your support, we could do what we do for the children of the world. **THANK YOU ALL.**

The Eliminate Project

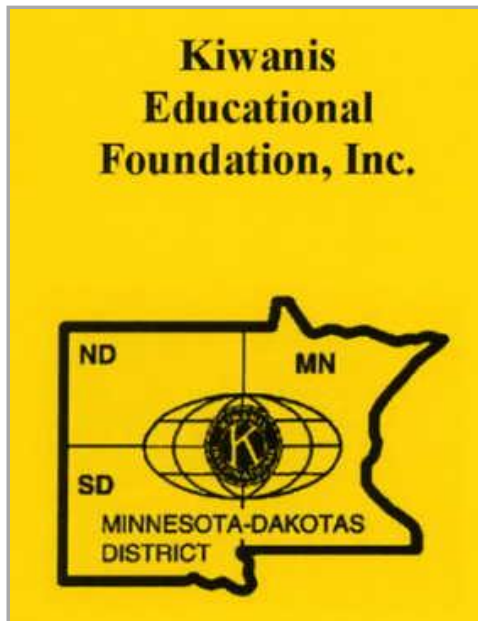
09/27/2013 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bill Daugherty

The word is getting out to all of our clubs. We have tried the Minnekotan with monthly news items. Lt Governors have been mentioning the Project whenever they meet with clubs. The Divisional coordinators have been sending information to the clubs via the club coordinators. If your club is still wondering what it is all about check the web site, call someone and just make an effort to learn what is happening internationally. We need clubs to step up and become Model Clubs. That requests a pledge to donate an average of \$750 per member over the next five years. You need to vote on this effort and send in the request. It is time to do it now.



District Educational Foundation Serves Our Children

09/25/2013 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Judie Rosendahl



When I think of ways Kiwanians can serve the children of our district, I think first of our own Minnesota-Dakotas District Education Foundation. Last year we provided 55 scholarships of \$825 each in addition to four matching \$1000 scholarships with Kiwanis International, one \$1000 designated scholarship and one \$250 scholarship. These scholarships will be used by students who will further their education in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Just think of the lives we have been able to benefit by these scholarships the past forty-four years!

We strengthen our foundation by our clubs being Century Clubs. For a gift of \$100 each year, clubs will receive the Century Club designation. A gift of \$100 each year is a very small amount to benefit so many students in our district. I believe most clubs could do that if they add that as a line item in their budget.

Please see what your club can do to help our foundation grow!

The money donated is used to increase the principal and only the interest is used for scholarships. The scholarship amounts have been increased recently and a big "thank you" goes to each club who has made that possible by donating to the foundation. The foundation board would like the scholarships to increase to \$1000 each which can happen if clubs and individuals continue to support the Minnesota Dakotas Education Foundation.

Individuals can donate and receive recognition as a Vantine Life Fellow by donating \$100. That makes a nice recognition for someone in your club such as an out-going club president. There are other recognition levels available also such as the Joseph E. Messer Fellowship for a gift of \$500. Of course memorials of any amount may be given. All of these gifts are greatly appreciated and will benefit the students in the Minnesota Dakotas District. Please consider giving to help our own foundation grow to be stronger than ever before!

Club News

Fargo South Point Kiwanis club meeting location change.

09/28/2013 - Club: Fargo South Point - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn

The Fargo South Point Kiwanis club will be meeting at Applebee's on 45th during the month of October. Old Chicago where they normally meet is undergoing a complete renovation, so the club will meet across the street during October. If the renovation takes longer another notice will be posted at the end of October.



Sturgis Golden K "Aktion Club" Reaps Benefits

09/27/2013 - Club: Sturgis Golden K - Submitted by: Deb Looby



The Aktion Club of the Sturgis Golden Ks has been very active this summer in their Sturgis Community Garden plot. Seen in this picture are proud members of the club after one of their harvests this summer. Members of the club have been donating their produce to the Sturgis Food Pantry and other areas throughout the community!

Welcoming the Twin Cities Online Kiwanis Club

09/27/2013 - Club: Twin Cities Online - Submitted by: Jason Stewart

Join us at a computer near you! The Twin Cities Online Kiwanis Club is now officially chartered! With busy schedules and members spread far and wide, the Twin Cities Online club has become an avenue for more Kiwanis participation. While the club may be the newest in the district, it has a membership full of rich Kiwanis-Family history with long time Kiwanis members as well as Circle K and Key Club alumni in its ranks.



The club meets twice a month via chat room, and meets as a large group once a month to complete a service project. Members are still encouraged to do service beyond the one joint project a month. The club held its official charter ceremony on Saturday, September 14th in Roseville, MN. Club members were joined by Governor Cindy as well as Bruce and Phyllis Klair and thank them for their support. Club members also travelled to Duluth, September 28th for a beach clean-up project.

To learn more about the Twin Cities Online Club, look for us on Facebook or visit us at, www.tcokiwani.org.

Albert Lea's Daybreakers Kiwanis' second annual Golf Klassic a success

09/26/2013 - Club: Day-Breakers, Albert Lea - Submitted by: Jennifer Levisen



Albert Lea's Daybreakers Kiwanis' second annual Golf Klassic was a success. The event held Saturday, Sept. 7 at Green Lea Golf Course, raised over \$2,000 for Kiwanis International's Eliminate Project.

In partnership with UNICEF, the Eliminate Project aims to eliminate maternal/neonatal tetanus by 2015.

Prizes and trophies were awarded to the Klassic's top three teams.

Albert Lea's Daybreakers Kiwanis was established in 1976. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

Photo:

First place, from left: Rich Ackland, Barry Coughlin, Dave Mullenbach, and Mike Billat.

Golden K Kiwanis of Sturgis Celebrates 25 years

09/26/2013 - Club: Sturgis Golden K - Submitted by: Deb Looby

Earlier this summer, the Sturgis Golden K Kiwanis Club held their 25th Anniversary Celebration. Pictured here are charter members Leo Getsgo, Don Dubbe and Bob "Chris" Mechling. This club now has 50 plus members.



Fargo South Point officer installation

09/26/2013 - Club: Fargo South Point - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn



Lt. Governor Kent Hockgraber of region 2 was the installing officer for the Fargo South Point Kiwanis Club. The installation was held at their regular luncheon meeting on Wednesday September 25. The meeting was held at Applebee's on 45th, as the club's regular meeting room at "Old Chicago" is being remodeled.

Margaret Mowery was installed as the new President for 2013-14, and Mary Ann Berg was installed as the immediate past president. Other officers installed were Joel Hektner, Treasurer, Larry Rittgarn, Secretary, and

Jeff Swanson, President elect. 2 new board members were elected, including Kathleen Nesvig and Joe Thomas.

Social Success

09/26/2013 - Club: Fargo - Submitted by: Fargo-Moorhead Clubs

The September social gathering of the Fargo-Moorhead clubs was a success! Hosted by a Kiwanis couple in North Fargo, this event was attended by five clubs on both sides of the Red River. The weather was nearly perfect, and food, drink, and good company abounded.

Clubs swapped ideas, members made new friends, and the event lasted well into the evening. This type of event is recommended for all clustered clubs, and we look forward to planning another such event in Fargo-Moorhead again in the future!



Huron Kiwanis Club Fund Raiser

09/21/2013 - Club: Huron - Submitted by: Gayle Bussell, Treasurer



Huron Kiwanis Club finished up their work loads at the Pancake House for the SD State Fair running 5 days and the WISSOTA car races for 4 days. We are open in the mornings from 7AM to noon every day. These funds are used doing service to the children in our community. The fellowship of working together at the Pancake House is a great way to get to know our fellow members. The new members really enjoyed it.

Downtown Kiwanis Donates 482 pounds of food, \$1,079 to Anna Marie's

09/18/2013 - Club: Saint Cloud - Submitted by: Beth Cummings

The Downtown St. Cloud Kiwanis Club responded to the need to replenish Anna Marie's pantry by conducting an urgent, four-day food drive. At a recent club meeting, members brought in food items and money to help in this effort that resulted in 482 pounds of food and \$1,079.

Cathy Wogen, a member of the Downtown Kiwanis Club's Community Service Committee who spearheaded the drive, said, "What a fantastic effort St. Cloud Kiwanis put forth on behalf of the Community Service group food drive for Anna Marie House. We are a go big or go home kind of group and this drive proved that."



Kate Frantesl, Facility Manager for Anna Marie's, attended the meeting to accept the donation and said that she was overwhelmed with gratitude that the Kiwanis members were able to collect donations in such a short period of time. Anna Marie's Shelter provides 24-hour emergency shelter for battered women and their children. Located in

St. Cloud, MN, Anna Marie's is a safe place where victims receive information, referral, and advocacy services.

The Downtown St. Cloud Kiwanis Club, strives to fulfill the Kiwanis vision of changing the world, one child and one community at a time. For more information about the St. Cloud Kiwanis, go to www.stcloudkiwanis.org

Photo Caption: Pictured left to right: Cathy Wogen, a member of the Downtown Kiwanis Club's Community Service Committee and Kate Frantesl, Facility Manager for Anna Marie's, stand in front of the food donation that was collected for Anna Marie's. The Downtown Kiwanis Club recently conducted an urgent food drive to help replenish Anna Marie's pantry. The 4-day drive resulted in 482 pounds of food and \$1,079.

School Supplies for Madison Elementary School

09/12/2013 - Club: Fargo South Point - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn



Mary Ann Berg, president of Fargo South Point Kiwanis club is shown here with a number of students at Madison Elementary School.

Each year the South Point Kiwanis club donates and delivers to the school at least 40 back packs and this year over \$650.00 worth of school supplies.

Madison School and Fargo South Point members have teamed up for over 10 years now to help with school supplies, mentoring, books for their library, reading to students plus an honors breakfast each spring to honor 50 or more students that have Brought Up their Grades with the BUG program.

Since many of the students from this school do not have the financial support to purchase the various supplies, this enables parents to come directly to the school and receive the items they need to fill out the list of items that each student must have when the school year begins.

Kiwanis and Kids Fighting Hunger Hold Successful Golf Fundraising Event

09/10/2013 - Club: Saint Cloud - Submitted by: Art Grachek

The St. Cloud Kiwanis Club reported a 27% increase in proceeds from its recently held golf outing fundraiser. The event, held at the St. Cloud Country Club, is a joint venture with Kids Fighting Hunger of Central Minnesota. Accepting \$6,000 checks from Jeff Voit, golf outing chairperson, are from left, Justin Wampach, board chairman of Kids Fighting Hunger; and Pam Beard, executive director of Kids Fighting Hunger; On the far right is Gary Ganje, president-elect of the St. Cloud Kiwanis Club.



Proceeds going to Kids Fighting Hunger will be used to purchase food ingredients used in packaging a nutritional meal that is shipped where needed. The objective is to provide temporary hunger relief. Proceeds going to Kiwanis are used to fund scholarships to

students from six St. Cloud area high schools as well as other needs serving area children and youth.

Voit reported that 80 golfers enjoyed near perfect weather. A raffle and dinner followed the event. In addition to 36 hole sponsors, major sponsors for the event were Coborn's, Times Media, Schluchter Investment Advisors, and Jacobs Financial.

The St. Cloud Kiwanis adopted Kids Fighting Hunger as a long-term project from its inception in 2003. Since that time, Kiwanis members have worked to raise funds as well as serve as packaging volunteers.

For more information on the St. Cloud Kiwanis, go to www.stcloudkiwanis.org

Watertown Prayer Breakfast

09/09/2013 - Club: Watertown - Submitted by: Tim Oviatt



Kiwanis Club of Watertown, SD recently hosted its third annual "Prayer Breakfast" and designated the \$651 in proceeds to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). Featured speaker at the event, attended by more than 130, was Keith Moore, FCA state director.

Presenting a check to the FCA are left to right Kiwanian Jeff Anderson, event organizer, Todd Enderson, FCA regional director, and Kiwanis president Jeff Dunn.