

MINNEKOTAN

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Greetings from the 2014-2015 District Governor

10/01/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Sharon Scudder

I am so happy that you have selected me to lead this team of wonderful Kiwanis members. As we go forward to "The Way Ahead" I am excited to get to know you and visit your clubs, to meet the members, and to get to know about the service that is being done in your communities.

I look forward in visiting all the regions for their Regional Education conferences. We have seven wonderful and already working Lt. Governors. They are planning great educational conferences so I am hopeful many members will attend these special conferences that have been prepared with you in mind. The first Regional education conference is October 4th in Watertown, SD in Region 4. Also on October 11 is Region 1's Educational Conference in Mandan, ND.

Kiwanis International President Dr. John Button's theme this year is "The Way Ahead". My theme is "Looking forward to the Way Ahead" I know the main focus to the way ahead is doing service. With good service projects, we will develop good members and find ways to retain and multiply our membership. We have a New Formula growth team in place that is lead by Bruce Klair, who has been a master artist at building membership and clubs. He has a team that represents each region and I am so excited to work with all of you and this team. I know it will work to grow and sustain membership.

I need each and every one of you to participate and help me to strengthen your clubs, work with the children and your communities. You are so VALUABLE. I am "Looking forward to the Way Ahead" with you and your clubs.

Thanks to Judie Rosendahl for all her help and guidance. Judy has kept me on target for events that had to be done and advised me when I had questions or did not understand. I know she will be a wonderful mentor as well.

Make the Minnekotan a part of your monthly reading to learn and be informed about what is happening in the regions. I will try to post my schedule next month so you know where I am in your area. Blow your own horn with articles so everyone knows what good work you do, share ideas and have fun.



October Update

09/30/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas



October is the start of another Kiwanis year. Welcome to our new Governor, Sharon Scudder 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 Dues Billing: Club Secretaries please note October 10th deadline: The procedure has changed a bit this year. In order to prepare for your club's annual dues billing you need to update your club membership

online. Go to the KiwanisOne Club Management portal at KiwanisOne.org/login and check to be sure all non-returning members are deleted before October 10. Beginning this year, you do not have to submit an electronic (online) roster, however you do need to be sure your membership is current and accurate. Kiwanis will invoice all clubs in late October 2014 based on the membership you have on file as of October 10. So please do this as soon as possible so you do not miss the deadline. If you are unsure if any member is continuing for the coming year, be sure to check with them before the deadline. You will be billed annual dues for any members on your roster at that time.

2014-2014 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 Minutes: You can review the minutes of our District Board Meetings and the 2014 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 2014-2015 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 2013-2014 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 Incorporation Reminder: All Kiwanis Clubs are or should be incorporated with their respective Secretary of State. Non-Profit 501c4 Corporations such as Kiwanis Clubs are also required to file an annual renewal each year. The renewals are quite easy to do, but sometimes they slip through the cracks when officers change. Each state has a

slightly different procedure so see the website for your respective Secretary of State for details. You can also check the status of you club renewals online. Here are links:

- Minnesota- [Click here](#)
- North Dakotas- [Click here](#)
- South Dakota- [Click here](#)

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.

Some Dates to Remember: [Click here](#) to get a current list of upcoming Regional Conferences and other events in our Minnesota-Dakotas District .

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)

What's Your Club Formula for 2014-15?

09/30/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bruce Klair

Your Kiwanis Club: Love It -- Share It -- Live It! Now is the time to plan your club's strategy for membership growth for the coming year. Does your club have a membership committee and do they have a plan for finding new people to grow your club and its impact in the community? Has it been a while since your club has done a member survey? Happy members share what they love. There are sample surveys

available to start conversation among your members to see where things could be improved. What kind of an impact does your club make in the community? Do your club fund-raisers and service projects support your club's goals or is it time to re-assess things and focus on new changes?



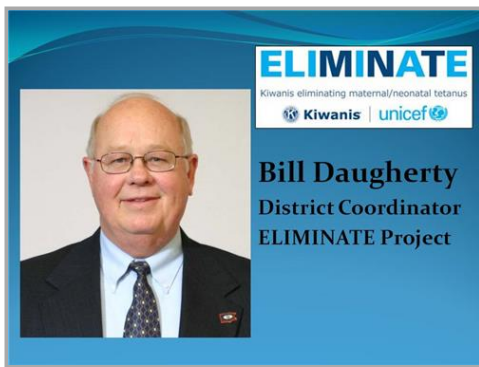
Every Region in MNDAK has at least one Certified Club Counselor who is ready to work with your club to explore ways of making your club more viable, more fun and more attractive to potential new members. Your Lt. Governors know who they are, and I will be contacting each club president this month to make sure they have all the contact information for these folks.

It's time for Kiwanis to grow, and now we have the resources to do it.

The Eliminate Project Needs You!

09/28/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bill Daugherty

We have nine months to reach our pledge of \$3Million for the Project. Numbers tell us



that we will have to double our amount over these nine months. We have \$1,365,566 pledged thus far. Clubs need to say yes we can and pledge to be model clubs. A club has five years from the date of pledging to reach the donation amount. A number of clubs are getting close but have not pledged. Each club needs to give strong consideration to our meeting our goal. Our history says we can make it, we've done it before (IDD). Members need to give thought to becoming Zeller Fellows or consider giving a gift now as we near the end of the year.

Meet MNDAK's Newest Club

09/28/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bruce Klair

The newest club in the MNDAK District is the Kiwanis Club of South Suburban Twin Cities! This club had its organizational meeting on September 11, and submitted all necessary reports and paperwork to Kiwanis International before the end of September. The club chartered with 21 members, several of them who had been prior members of other Kiwanis Clubs before moving to the south metro area of the Twin Cities and looking for a club in that area to join. Finding none in the immediate area, they were able to form a new club with members from Lakeville, Eagan, Apple Valley, Bloomington, Minneapolis, Burnsville and Rosemount among other areas. And if that is not enough, this club is already well on the way to chartering a Key Club in the Lakeville North High School, and have heard from nearly 80 students who are anxious for this Key Club to start doing service projects in their community! The Kiwanis Club is planning a charter celebration for sometime in November, so watch for more information about that.



Special thanks for all who made this club a reality. It's a great way to wrap up our successful Kiwanis year.

It was a great year

09/25/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Chuck Schroder



I'm writing this on the 25th of September and the books are not closed yet for the foundation; they don't close until midnight on September 30th. We are only \$1,500 away from our district goal of \$30,690. I have just finished calling all the Lt. Governors and asking them for an extra effort and gave them the clubs that have given in the past and not this year. If those clubs would contribute, we would be over our mark.

We have had a great year and Governor Judie has done a great job helping get the word out and I know the Governor Sherry will do the same this year. Our goal will be increased a little this next year, but it can be made. This money will help give grants to your clubs for the Projects that you might want to do, plus we get 5% of every dollar back to the district. So now is the time to have that line item in your budget for \$8.00 per member to be sent to the International Foundation. Each of your clubs will have a billing at the bottom of the dues

bill so you will know just what to send in.

I do want to **THANK EACH OF YOU** for your contributions and to your clubs for their support. Please remember this is your foundation and your club should request grant money to help with your projects.

Chuck Schroder,
KIF Chairman

New Year Begins - Will Your Club Grow?

09/28/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Tom Allen

Well, we've just begun the new 2014-2015 Kiwanis Year. Is your club growing, stationary or going the other way? Now is the time to learn more about how your club can begin growing. As the old adage states, "More Hands Makes The Task Easier"!

This past week club counselors in your region received an email from KI regarding growing your club's formula for success for the coming year. It is recommended that each club set a plan and check out the "Planning for Club Excellence" tool on the Kiwanis website to help you establish a direction and evaluate their progress.

KI also recommends that clubs survey members to measure member satisfaction with their club experience. Happy members share their love for their club!

Next, each club is asked to measure the impact of your fundraisers and service projects. How does your club impact your community?

Finally, your club is asked to call for help if you have questions or believe you could benefit from running your ideas past another Kiwanis leader. Start with the regional club counselors. If you don't know who they are, ask your Lt. Governor or Steve Handegaard at District.

Let's hit the road running! Children in your community and the world need our help!
More Kiwanians means we can give more help!



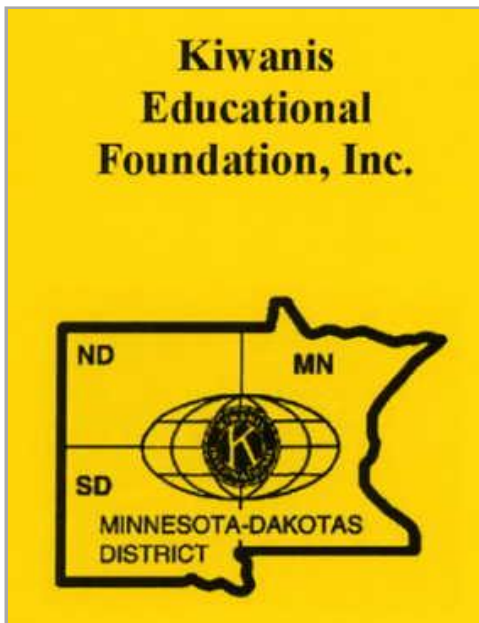
District Educational Foundation

09/29/2014 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Sharon Scudder

A little Information on the District Educational Foundation that Serves our Children

The Minnesota-Dakotas District Education Foundation serves the children in many ways through scholarships which are used by students to further their education in Minnesota, North and South Dakota. With your contributions to the Century Club, Vantine Life Fellow, Joseph E. Messer Fellowship, memorials and ANY AMOUNT OF MONEY towards a donation to the foundation helps to increase the principal and with the interest scholarships are given.

Please consider giving the "Gift that keeps on Giving"



Club News

I Got Shoes! You Got Shoes

09/28/2014 - Club: Rapid City - Submitted by: Tom Allen

Members of the Rapid City Kiwanis were at Payless Shoes in the Rushmore Mall on Tuesday to help 44 children from Douglas School District Elementary Schools get new shoes. Each child received one pair of new shoes and six pairs of socks during the event. It was only the second time that children from Douglas had benefited from the club's "Shoes For Kids" project.

Normally only children from the Rapid City School District participate, however with the addition of a \$7500 grant received from the Stearns Foundation, a local philanthropic organization, last year Rapid City Kiwanis Club was able to reach out further into the community. The club will spend nearly \$11000 on shoes and socks for children in the Rapid City community this year and wish they could do more. Both the Rapid City Kiwanis and the Rapid City Westside



Kiwanis clubs have received \$5000 Kiwanis International Foundation grants in past years and continue partnering on this important project.

Kiwanis Celebration Weekend

09/26/2014 - Club: South Sioux Falls - Submitted by: Arlyce Daugherty



The weekend of September 11 – 13, 2014, was a GREAT time to be a member of the South Sioux Kiwanis Club in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, as members and random community citizens celebrated the impact of Kiwaniship!! (That's a combination of Kiwanis and friendship.)

The commemoration of 60 years of influence began with our weekly meeting at the Royal Fork on September 11. Tracy Folkerts of Bethany Christian Services was our guest speaker. She shared about Safe Families, a national movement of compassion that is preventing child abuse by encouraging the Church to resume its historical and Biblical responsibility for vulnerable children by becoming part of the support network for these children's parents. When a crisis strikes, many of us rely on relatives and friends for support. But, for some families, poverty and social isolation mean that they have no support when they need it.

Later that same day – at 5:30 p.m. – 15 service-minded volunteers gathered at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Sioux Falls to pack lunches for Lunch Is Served - a local non-profit organization with a unique mission of providing a nutritious mid-day meal for the working poor in Sioux Falls. More than 80% of adults in Sioux Falls identified as "poor" according to income guidelines are gainfully employed. Although they earn a paycheck, their income is committed to meeting basic living expenses like rent and utilities. Food becomes a luxury for them and their families. The 300 sack lunches that Sioux Falls Kiwanians packed September 11 were distributed the following day to workers through Labor Ready, St. Francis House, and the Banquet. These lunches represented more than nutrition – they represented support and encouragement from "faceless" strangers who gave them dignity.

The celebration continued at 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening, September 12, as 33 members, spouses, and invited guests gathered at the Royal Fork for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. The evening began in true Kiwanis form with singing, the Pledge of Allegiance, and invocation. President Allen Herrboldt welcomed everyone and introduced guests that included MnDak District Governor, Judie Rosendahl and First Gentleman Myron, Lt. Governor Elect, Al Vanderlaan and his wife Elaine, Craig Thompson from Sioux Falls Kiwanis West, and Gordon and Betty Siebring and Lyle and Lorna Hollander from the Kiwanis Club of George, Iowa. Following a delicious meal, bathed in enthusiastic conversation, Melvin Lewis was recognized and honored for his 50 years of dedicated service to Kiwanis – and, more specifically – to South Sioux Kiwanis. Mel is the epitome of Kiwanis, and South Sioux is blessed by and proud of him. Our guests from George, Iowa, gave verbal testimony to the impact our relationship and partnership with their club in the Crayon/School/Recreation Supplies Project is having on the lives of Haitian children. They thanked South Sioux Kiwanis for their friendship and support.

Bill Daugherty, South Sioux Secretary, shared a brief – but impressive - history of South Sioux Falls Kiwanis Club's influence and impact in community. He highlighted the number of service hours, hours members of the club have and continue to commit to the citizens – especially the youth – of Sioux Falls, 655 hours in 2012 – 2013 and 464 hours so far this current year. This "brief" history represented hours and hours of research that

was completed by Bill and our club treasurer – and his bride – Arlyce Daugherty.

Lt. Governor Elect, Al Vanderlaan, installed club officers for the coming year. They are, Allen Herrboldt, President; John Roth, President-Elect; Jean McGuire, Vice President; Arlyce Daugherty, Treasurer; Bill Daugherty appointed as Secretary.

The evening concluded with generous servings of anniversary cake and the awarding of door prizes. It was a fun-filled, food-filled, friendship-filled evening...sprinkled with doses of "twisted" Biblical riddles.

The good times continued the following afternoon, September 13, with the Second-Annual Eliminate Scavenger Hunt. Seven teams, totaling 31 individuals – ranging in age from 2 to older-than-that gathered in the Kreiser's Surgical Parking lot to spend 90 minutes engaged in an exciting, stimulating, and totally illogical escapade. They searched the streets, sidewalks, homes, businesses, and gutters of Sioux Falls to find 25 specific items. Fifteen of those were explicitly identified and worth 5 points each. The other ten were clues to items the author was looking to receive. These were worth 10 points each – 5 for deciphering the clue, 5 for retrieving the item. After exhausting themselves (mentally, if not physically), hunters were rewarded with hot dogs, chips, cookies, and beverages upon their return...and while they waited for all teams to appear. Winning teams...and consolation prizes...were awarded. Prizes were donated by area businesses; and a good time was had by all – especially the author of the hunt. All proceeds from the afternoon were applied toward the Eliminate Project, the International Kiwanis effort to wipe out maternal/neonatal tetanus.

Any day is a great day to be a Kiwanian – but September 11 – 13, 2014, was ESPECIALLY great for the South Sioux Kiwanians in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Hope, Hearts, and Helium: Fridley Key Club Inflates Balloons for Families

09/26/2014 - Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Yash Khatavkar, Fridley Key Club Vice President

On September 20th, eight Fridley Key Clubbers and four Kiwanians trudged out of bed at 5:00 A.M. to volunteer at the Hope & Hearts 5K Run/Walk, a fundraiser for the Missing GRACE foundation. This organization provides materials and support for parents and hospitals dealing with pregnancy loss, infant loss, infertility, or adoption issues.

Starting with barely enough light to see, the Key Clubbers started out by constructing balloon arches for the start and finish lines. After this, they inflated over one thousand biodegradable balloons for hours until well past noon, preparing for the Hope & Hearts Run's traditional balloon release. After the race, tearyeyed families wrote the names of the infants they lost and released the balloons together to symbolize the souls of their babies rising up to heaven.



Alexandria Golden K Raises Funds and Packs Food

09/26/2014 - Club: Alexandria Golden K - Submitted by: John Loken

Some fifty Golden K members, spouses and friends gathered at Harvest Pack in



Alexandria to purchase and package over 10,000 meals for shipment to hungry and starving around the world. In just over an hour on Thursday afternoon, September 25, 2014, the work was done on this shipment, 20% of which will be donated locally and the remainder shipped to Haiti. Golden K members raised \$2800 to purchase the ingredients which was presented to Chris and Tiffany Schmidt, who manage the Alexandria branch of Harvest Pack.

Alexandria Golden K Kiwanis club, like Kiwanis clubs throughout the world is dedicated to "Serving the children of the world" and meets in Alexandria every

Thursday morning at 9:30 am in the Senior Center. Visitors are always welcome. Kiwanis information is found at www.kiwanis.org.

Harvest Pack has undertaken to "Bring nutritious food to those in need around the world" More information is available at www.harvestpack.org

Jamestown Kiwanis Gives to Salvation Army

09/23/2014 - Club: Jamestown - Submitted by: Jan Barnes

Jamestown Kiwanis members donated almost 100 pounds of food and collected \$200 from "Happy Dollars" for the Salvation Army.



North Hennepin Kiwanis Club, Minneapolis Peach Sale 2014

09/22/2014 - Club: North Hennepin, Minneapolis - Submitted by: Gail Heyda

The peaches and pears from our grower in Colorado were the best. This is North Hennepin's big annual fundraiser and our long term customers were back again. This year our pick up site was the local bank, Citizens Independent Bank, and proved to be ideal. Our funds will again be used toward community needs and local high school scholarship. All Kiwanians thank the many community supporters and hope you enjoyed the peaches and pears as much as we do. See you next year.

Kiwanians and Dinosaurs

09/21/2014 - Club: Rapid City - Submitted by: Vern Hagedorn

The Rapid City Kiwanians have taken on a long-term service projects of keeping the

Dinosaur Park clean for the last 35+ years. One Kiwanian per week volunteers to patrol the park's steps, hill, and platforms around each of the dinosaurs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. And then, it's the same 50 steps back down the hill. Pictured is Kiwanian Brad Moriarty cleaning around one of the dinosaurs.

It takes a hardy Kiwanian with good knees to climb the 50 steep steps to the top of the hill picking up trash as they go. The Rapid City Parks Department has erected a sign at the bottom of the steps recognizing the dedicated contribution that the Westside Club has made. For families with children, Dinosaur Park is the city's most visited sites.

