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Message from the District Governor

10/01/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Kent Hochgraber, District Governor

In just a few days all of us newbies will start our term for 2015/2016. All the new Lt. Gov. have their conferences set up and may have an agenda put together for the day. I will be traveling every weekend starting the 1st of Oct. to until the 21st of Nov. visiting the seven divisions. We will be doing some training and education for new Presidents and Secretaries and Treasurers. We will work on some Service projects and drink a lot of coffee and have some very good fellowship. This does promise to be an exciting year. Our theme for this year is BACK TO THE BASICS. We have been successful with The IDD project, and now the Eliminate project is wrapping up with much success so now is the time to spend more effort in working in each of our Clubs. In the Minn-Dak District we have about 20 or so Clubs that are under or at 15 members. We need to help those clubs get back to 20 members. There are a number of ways we can do that and more of this information will be shared at the Division conferences. The Formula team has been trained and they are ready to hit the road with action. Our goal for this year is to start one new club in each Division and work on those 20 or so clubs. It will take some work and commitment to make this happen and I ask for your help.



At the district convention in Grand Forks in August I had the opportunity to sit in on the Minn-Dak Educational Foundation board meeting. I was amazed by the number of scholarships that our Foundation gives out. The projected total for this new year will be around 55. With the educational costs increasing each year, these students need an extra helping hand to pay for some college expenses. IF your club has not sent a check to the Foundation, please do so today. There is no better INVESTMENT that we can make but to our College students. We have a Foundation set up in our Club here in Fargo and whenever a past member passes away, many of the club members give a memorial to the foundation in memory of that past member. You can also do that to the Minn-Dak Educational Foundation. Remember, SERVING THE YOUTH OF THE WORLD is our mission statement and there is no better place to start than right in our own back yard. Let's all have a great KIWANIS YEAR!!!!

October Update

09/30/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas



Club Secretaries be sure to update your online membership roster before October 10th: Club Secretaries should go to their online "Club Secretary Dashboard" and check to be sure all non-returning members are deleted by October 10. If you have members on your roster that you know will not be returning...don't wait...delete them now. After October 10 Kiwanis International will bill you according to

whoever is still on your roster after October 10th.

We appreciate your assistance maintaining accurate membership records and reporting your membership changes on time. If you need assistance with your membership records, contact the Kiwanis helpline at 1-800-KIWANIS or 1-317-875-8755 extension 411 or email memberservices@kiwanis.org.

2015-2016 Directory of District Kiwanis Officers: October is the start of another Kiwanis year. Welcome to our new Governor, Kent Hochgraber 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.

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 2015 House of Delegates at the following link: [Click here](#)

Club Election Reports: We are still missing some club election reports. If your club has not submitted your 2015-2016 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 2014-2015 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 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 Dakota- [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.

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

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Changes Coming Soon to District Website and MINNEKOTAN Newsletter

10/01/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

District Website and MINNEKOTAN Newsletter changes coming soon:

I just want to give you a "heads-up" that there will be some changes coming to our district website and the MINNEKOTAN newsletter in the next month or two. We will be moving our district website to a new and redesigned platform. It is a gradual process of migrating the old information to the new site, so not exactly sure when the new website will be online. Our district newsletter is also a function of the website so there will be some changes there also. The content of the website will remain primarily the same, but it will have a different look and things may work a bit differently. If you plan to submit an article for the November newsletter the submission process should be the same. After that it may be somewhat different.

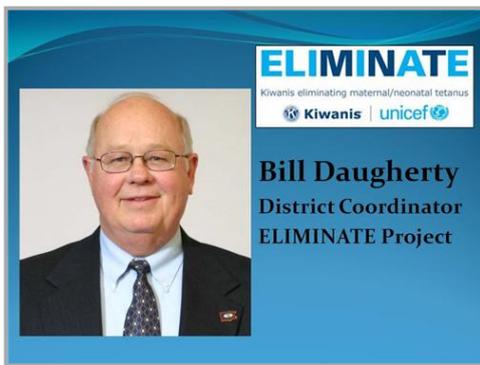


We have been using our current website platform for about 5 years. That is a long time in the world of technology and computers. The change will provide a new, modern, more mobile ready design. Mobile is pretty important these days with people accessing the internet and websites from smart phones and other mobile devices. The technology behind the new website will allow more flexibility for these kind of things.

Any time we make some changes like this there can be some little bugs here or there, so as always we would appreciate you letting us know if something does not work properly once the new website is up and running.

Eliminate Update

09/30/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bill Daugherty



The World Health Organization conducted validation surveys in Cambodia and India earlier this year, and the results show both countries have eliminated maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT). These landmark achievements will save the lives of countless women and their newborns.

[Click her for more information](#)

Message from Immediate Past Governor Sherry

09/29/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Sherry Scudder

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!

I know that many Kiwanians are humble when it comes to recognition but I want to recognize and thank my Lt. Governors of 2014-2015 for the dedicated service they gave their cubs this year. I appreciate all the work that was done on club visits, recruiting new members, planning Regional Educational Visits and just plain caring about the members of the clubs in their divisions.

I say farewell as Governor but Hello as a Kiwanian who is willing to help and serve. I can never say it enough, Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you for being a part of my team.

Steve, you deserve a medal as District Secretary, YOU KNOW YOUR STUFF!!!! I want to wish Governor Kent Good Luck in his year and know that I am available to assist whenever needed.

It was a wonderful year and I would recommend it to all Kiwanians who want to have the experience of a lifetime.

Service is the lock and people are the keys, put it together and you have a working mechanism to make our communities better and a brighter future for our kids.

Thanks for the year!!!

Immediate Past Governor Sherry Scudder



ICON: Touring Canada on your way to Toronto

09/21/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Courtney Taylor

It's never too soon to start thinking about the next Kiwanis International Convention! The 2016 convention will take place June 23-26 in Toronto, Canada. Information will continue to fill the KI website (<http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2016>), but here are a



few fun activities to include in your budget for touring the Canadian side of Lake Ontario.

Explore Niagara-on-the-Lake with a self-guided heritage tour. For a longer walk, go to Mississauga's Waterfront Trail. Take your family to MarineLand with its marine shows, wildlife exhibits, and amusement park. On the north end of Lake Ontario, the Kingston Waterfront Pathway offers a variety of sites and museums.

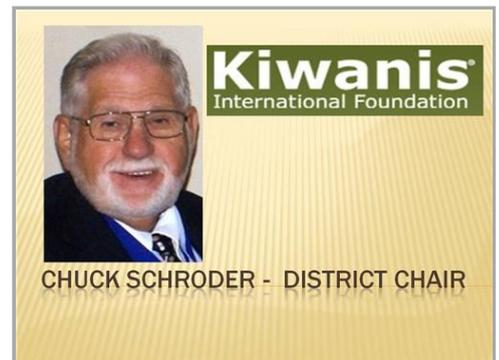
Catch a ferry from Kingston to Wolfe Island, the largest of the Thousand Islands. You can also take a cruise through the maze of islands. Indeed, legends about the origin of Thousand Island salad dressing relate to this region.

Last but not least is the thriving metropolis of Toronto. Check back next month as we work our way through the host city!

"WE MADE IT" THANK YOU

09/27/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: E.CHUCK SCHRODER

I want to congratulate the district for the job you members did. We have made our goal of \$31,857.00. We are at \$31,974.66 and there is still money coming in. We have 5 out of the 7 divisions that have made their goal and the presidents challenge. None of this would have been possible without you the members of this great district and our leadership with you, the Lt. Governor's and of course our Governor Sherry. I wish that there was a way that I could publish the report, but it is too large. I have sent copies to the Lt. Governors for their information.



We are being able to "SERVE THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD" because of this. We are also being able to help with disasters right here at home and also Key Clubs and Circle K right here in our district. We have been blessed in this district to have received as many grants as we have, and we want to continue to apply for them from your clubs.

Again, **THANK YOU** for making this happen. Our members are the **GREATEST**.

Chuck Schroder,
KIF Chairman

Annual IRS Tax Reporting

09/30/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

Remember that all clubs must file the appropriate IRS 990 Tax form each year. Nearly all Kiwanis Clubs are on an Oct 1 to Sept 30 fiscal year, so that means your next tax return is due no later than February 15, 2016. Failure to do so will result in fines and loss of nonprofit status. Further information can be found on the Kiwanis International website [Click here](#)



Club News

2015-2016 Club President serves his club at 97 years of age

09/30/2015 - Club: Hendricks - Submitted by: Al Molascan, Club Secretary

The Kiwanis Club of Hendricks was established in 1961. The Club still plays a valuable role in this rural Minnesota town with a population of 713 according to the State provided entrance sign.

In the tradition of Kiwanis, new officers were installed by Lt. Governor Dennis Hier on September 21, 2015. However, it is believed that the new President, Chris Hoversten for 2015-16 is a unique man in many ways. One might say that he is a man who brings a rich history of life experiences to his new role. He was born on a farm east of Hendricks. He graduated from high school at a nearby town. He attended Augsburg College on a football scholarship. Unfortunately, this choice caused a separation from his high school sweetheart.



After teaching high school for one year at a salary of 125 dollars per month, he became a salesman for Northrup-King. During this time "Uncle Sam" pursued him for a military career, but as it happened his draft status was changed five times ending with a 4F.

Then he moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he started a forty year career with 3M which combined his chemistry background and interest in working with people. Soon he found himself back East for seven years developing and launching a company that brought "reflective" signs to the highways and license plates of America.

In retirement he and his wife enjoyed ten years in Savannah, Georgia. Missing being with family, they moved back to Minnesota living in Lakeville for another ten years. His desire to be closer to his roots caused them to move to Marshall. It was there his wife died.

As a single man it made sense to down-size moving to an apartment building. This must have been a divine appointment, because it turned out that one of the neighbors was his high school sweetheart. In time they were married and moved to Hendricks, Minnesota, where he became an active member of the Hendricks Kiwanis Club.

This year Chris, a 97 year old, will serve as President!

PHOTO: ON THE LEFT IS DENNIS HIER, DIVISION 6, LT. GOVERNOR AND ON THE

RIGHT IS NEWLY INSTALLED PRESIDENT CHRIS HOVERSTEN.

Jamestown Kiwanis to feed hungry children

09/28/2015 - Club: Jamestown - Submitted by: Katie Ryan-Anderson

Jamestown Kiwanis along with 400 volunteers are feeding the hungry. For the fifth time since 2011, Jamestown Kiwanis is coordinating a Kids Against Hunger meal-packaging



event. The event is set for Nov. 14. Fellow Kiwanians are asked to help. Packaging shifts are set for: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the James River Valley Fitness (former YMCA).

"With the help of generous donors, our goal this year is to raise \$50,000, which is \$10,000 more than last year, said Janna Bergstedt, marketing manager for First Community Credit Union and past-president of Jamestown Kiwanis. So far, we're at \$38,000."

At prior events, volunteers came together from churches, schools, service clubs, small businesses and individual families, packaging more than 28,000 lbs of food. Meals include vegetables, vitamins, rice and soy. The packages are then distributed internationally, nationally, with local (North Dakota) distribution through Great Plains Food Bank feeding network.

"The last project in 2014, was a tremendous success, when the Great Plains Food Bank received and distributed 11 pallets (14,000 lbs) of food to hungry neighbors in North Dakota," said Ron Walters, Major Gifts Officer for the Great Plains Food Bank.

For more information about the Jamestown's Kids Against Hunger event or how you can help, email JamestownKiwanis@gmail.com or call 701.251.2237, or visit the Kiwanis Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/JamestownKiwanis

Kiwanis Club of Brookings, SD Installation of Officers

09/25/2015 - Club: Brookings - Submitted by: Carol Rettkowski

Division 5, Lt. Governor Mark Nelson recently visited the Kiwanis Club of Brookings to install the 2015-2016 officers and to participate in the "Special Recognition Ceremonies" of several of their members. Pictured are 2015-2016 Officers: President-Elect Tim Peters, Treasurer Mary O'Neill, President Carol Rettkowski-Gregg and Secretary Cindy Foerster along with Lt. Gov. Nelson.



Kiwanis Club of Brookings ~ Special Recognition

09/25/2015 - Club: Brookings - Submitted by: Carol Rettkowski

Division 5 Lt. Governor Mark Nelson joined in the festivities as the Kiwanis Club of Brookings celebrated five of its elder members. These "young-at-heart" people, all over 80, are an average age of 88, have a combined total of 222 years dedicated to KIWANIS



and are very active in all of our fundraising events and service projects. Their commitment is unwavering. We had a large group celebrating with these wonderful KIWANIANs. Left to right: Frank Denholm, 64 years; Pastor Jim Thvedt, 50 years; Lloyd Darnall, 53 years; William Wadsworth, 44 years; and MK Huggins, 11 years, with Lt. Gov. Nelson.

Rough Rider Country Kiwanis Club

09/22/2015 - Club: Rough Rider Country, Dickinson - Submitted by: Ninetta Wandler

Greetings,

Hope everyone had a great summer as it is hard to believe it is gone, but not forgotten as the weather has been great.

This will be my last letter as I will be passing the gavel to Jason Jacobs on the 1st of October. It has been a crazy last 2 years but a good crazy.

We had a fund raiser coordinated by Becky Byzewski at Taco Johns where we raised \$282.00, thanks to everyone that helped.

Also pictured here we have Tom Wyckoff presenting a check to Les Dykema for \$500.00 for our band instrument program for any repairs that might be needed.

Ninetta Wandler
Soon to be past president



Minot Golden Kiwanis in parade

09/22/2015 - Club: Minot, Golden K - Submitted by: Richard Sabol, Sec.

Minot Golden Kiwanis participated in the Minot State University(MSU) homecoming parade. Members aboard the float were greeted with many waves and smiles along the parade route.

