

# MINNEKOTAN

Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International

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## Message from the District Governor

*08/31/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Sharon Scudder, District Governor*

The above picture was taken at the Rapid City Kiwanis 100th celebration at Memorial Park in Rapid City. Although we had poor weather at first, it was not enough to stop the festivities. We had a round of dancers who performed; they must have brought out the sun because it warmed up real nice by noon. We had delicious food and great music. I want to thank the Rapid City Club for including me and showing your support of Kiwanis, the mission and the children of the community. You do so much with all your programs.



We only have 35 days left to get our goals accomplished for this 2014-2015 term. I appreciate all the help we have received in membership growth. We have gained some members but lost some clubs so we need to continue our work to recruit new members to better serve our children in our communities. Don't forget to invite a friend to your next function and ASK if they are willing to volunteer to help the children in your community.

Our Service Leadership Programs are growing. Congratulations to Sturgis and Watertown for their new Builder's Clubs. We also have growth in Key Clubs but we can use a lot more focus on the leadership that we can provide our kids.

Service has really taken a leap. Stewart has done a wonderful job and we are sorry to see him go. There is never something so bad that good doesn't come from it, so congratulations to his successor Al Vanderlaan who recently was instrumental in opening up three new "Oasis Reading Rooms" in schools in Watertown, SD. Also, thanks to Kent Hochgraber and Dennis Hier who attended the ribbon cuttings.

Kiwanis Education has also had a change as we will be sad to see Loreena Luetgers leave her Directorship. Colleen Hyde will be the new Director of Education. There will be changes coming forth in the future in the delivery system. We always try to better our education and make it more user friendly to our members. Watch for the changes.

Communication is always a challenge with all our busy schedules but I believe we have accomplished a lot this year. We have some excellent Lt. Governors who have reached out to the clubs and our newsletter is one of the best in Kiwanis. I realize some clubs

were not visited by their Lt. Governor team and hope they will be visited prior to the end of their term. Please give your Lt. Governor of your Division a call if you have not been visited as I believe it is very important that we service our members who make up our clubs. Communication is the Key.

We fell short on reaching our goal to increase the number of members attending the District Convention but Oh, what a wonderful convention it was. The Speakers, Forums, talent show, newly formed Kiwanis Khorale – led by George French, the Star Award recognition, the memorial service and all the fellowship was quite memorable. Sorry if you missed it. Thanks to all who had a hand in putting the convention together and a special thanks to our Convention Chairperson, Liz Lawrence-Ross. I hope you all plan to come next year. It will be held in Fergus Falls, Minnesota and will be headed by new Convention Chairperson, Judie Rosendahl.

We must not forget that we still have work to do with the Kiwanis International Foundation; Chuck still needs \$2300 to meet the District's Goal. Also we have work to do with the Mn-Dak District Scholarship Foundation as well as the Eliminate Campaign. The District Convention brought in about \$4,000 but we know that many clubs still have funds that were set in their budgets but some clubs have not written the check and sent in yet so please check with your Treasurer to make sure this gets done before September 30, 2015. I appreciate all that you have done to raise funds for these worthwhile Foundations. Thanks again.

The District has talked about reviewing the District Structure to better serve our members and their clubs so there will be more action next year.

I won't say farewell for me yet, I still have 35 days remaining to work; but I want to say goodbye to a wonderful couple who have served our District very well. Stewart Ross and Liz Lawrence Ross have played a large part in leadership, service, wonderful representatives throughout Kiwanis and great friends of the MN-Dak District. They are moving to Florida and we will miss them. Both Stewart and Liz have helped to find replacements for their positions. Good luck my friends and always know you have a family in the MN-DAK District.

Share your newsletter with your Clubs. Thank you all for being members of Kiwanis.

## Keep Those Members

08/29/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bruce Klair



This is the time of year when clubs are reviewing their membership rosters and making the necessary adjustments for the next Kiwanis year. Every year at this time we are surprised by the number of members that have lost their Kiwanis spirit and have decided to drop their Kiwanis membership.

Kiwanis clubs lose members for perfectly understandable reasons: death, sickness, economic hardship, business concerns, retirement or transfer to another Kiwanis club. But many members leave for reasons that could be prevented. Does your club offer a membership filled with fun, fellowship and meaningful service? Take time to review your club's habits and how they affect the value members get in return for their involvement. It is not too late to retain these members who are considering leaving.

- Review the club roster to identify members who have become inactive.
- Assign club members to contact "missing" members.

- Contact members by phone or personal visit.
- Invite members to attend a special meeting or project.
- Conduct a fun meeting to celebrate the club's accomplishments and members.

A little bit of effort will retain these members, and keep them passionate about improving their community through their Kiwanis service. Let's "re-member" these Kiwanians.

## **Greetings from an International Trustee:**

*08/28/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bruce Berven, KI Board Trustee*

I'm pleased that I have been assigned as Board Counselor for Minn-Dak district again this upcoming Kiwanis year.

We had the opportunity to attend your recent convention in Grand Forks - Barbara and I thoroughly enjoyed your mid-western hospitality, excellent entertainment at Talent Night, the diaper collection, and Steve Siemens' marvelous presentation. Congrats to Liz Lawrence-Ross and her committee for their hard work.

You have an excellent service project in the thousands of children's books distributed over the past 3 years, along with opening Reading Rooms coordinated with Scholastic Books.

I'm confident your district will continue with the many fine service projects sponsored by your Clubs - and perhaps some new projects and some new Clubs as well?

Several members were interested in my Winnipeg Club's Trip of the Month fund-raising project - just email me at [bruceberven@hotmail.com](mailto:bruceberven@hotmail.com) if you'd like more details.

Incoming Governor Kent has big shoes to fill (figuratively not literally) from Gov. Sherry, and they, along with Gov -Elect Peter, will provide strong leadership to your District Board.

Going forward, I see only good things ahead for the Minn-Dak district.

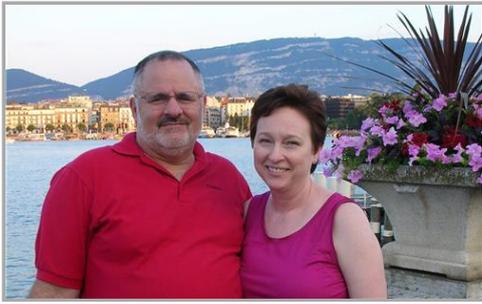
## **Good-Bye MN-DAK**

*08/29/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Stewart Ross, District Service Director*

I write this article for the Minnekotan today with a bittersweet feeling. As many of you know, Liz and I are leaving our great district for Florida! We will be moving to the Ft. Myers area on November 1st. I retired from Minnesota State University in May of 2014 and Liz retired from her accounting position at the Mankato Clinic just a couple of weeks ago. So we now move on to the last phase of our lives, living in sunny Florida.

We have so many wonderful memories related to Kiwanis International, our district and of course the clubs we have been members in. We have so many great friends now that





we never would have met had we not been involved with Kiwanis! I am proud of the work our district has done. We will never forget the excitement of serving as governor and then International Trustee. Even not winning the election to VP of Kiwanis was fun for us and our district.

I have personally enjoyed my role as Service Director of the Minnesota-Dakota District the past few years. It is exciting to see clubs continue to do service for their communities and beyond. Today (the day I am writing this column) Liz and I will pick up hundreds of children's books donated to our district by the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation in Owatonna as part of the 10,000 books clubs in southern MN are giving and reading to children for the third year in a row. We will deliver these books to the Rochester area clubs and soon, all 10,000 will be delivered. This is not an easy task driving a Prius!!

As we leave our great district in just a couple of months, my wish is for all of our clubs in MN-DAK to work on projects aiding young children in improving their literacy levels, especially for those children that are disadvantaged. How better to help the children of the world than prepare them to be able to read and write well by the time they enter elementary school. I also hope all clubs in our district find a signature service project they can call their own to develop pride in their work and bring in new members impressed with the special service the club provides their community.

So in this final column, Liz and I wish everyone the best moving forward. Please look us up if you visit the Ft. Myers area. We would love to hear from you!

Good-bye MN-DAK!

## The Eliminate Project

*08/28/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bill Daugherty*

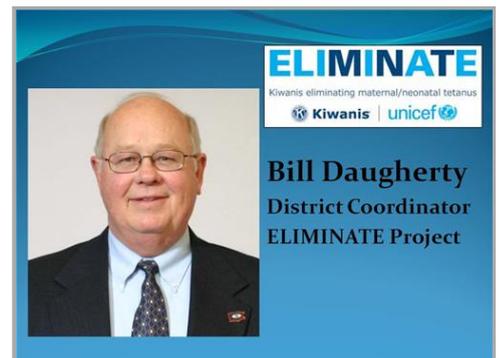
We showed an \$8,000 increase in donation on the Aug. 16th report. That means our clubs are starting the flow of funds to the Project and we are saving babies in the world.

At our Convention in Grand Forks, the Silent Auction and two raffles brought an additional \$4,330 donation to the Project. This is the highest amount donated through a silent auction for The Eliminate Project in Minn-Dak. This was at a convention that saw the least number of Kiwanians attending.

We are now well over \$100 million and have less than \$10 million to go to complete our pledge of \$110 million to assist UNICEF in their effort to conquer Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus. There are only 15 countries left to validate the effort. When we started there were 35 countries suffering.

I encourage individual members to consider the Save A Baby A Day program. This involves pledging \$1.80 per day for one or two years. This donation can be made monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. Please go online to [www.TheEliminateProject.org](http://www.TheEliminateProject.org) to Signup and also make your donation online.

We hope to reach the goal by December 31st. With your effort Minn-Dak can be a force



to assist Kiwanis and UNICEF.

## ICON: Touring the States on your way to Toronto

08/26/2015 - 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 in Toronto, Canada, running June 23-26. 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 U.S. side of Lake Ontario...

Thinking about bringing your younger kids on this convention? Be sure to plan a trip to Old McDonald's Farm in Sackets Harbor, NY. While in town, visit the Sackets Harbor Arts Center, home of the Arts Association of Northern New York. Continue up the Lawrence River to the AquaZoo, America's only family owned and operated public aquarium.

Rochester is home to the Susan B. Anthony Museum and House. Susan lived here during the most politically active period of her life, including when she was arrested for voting in 1872. The Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse and Sodus Bay Lighthouse Museum also fall along the southern shores of Lake Ontario. And who wouldn't want to visit the JELL-O Gallery?

Go to the Aquarium of Niagara for sea life or the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens for plant life. For water fun without getting your feet (too) wet, look for Buffalo Harbor Cruises, Niagara River Cruises, or the Maid of the Mist. If you have an interest in architecture, check out Frank Lloyd Wright's Graycliff Estate. Martin's Fantasy Island includes a water park, miniature golf, and thrill rides. Other sites not to miss before you cross the border into Canada include Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park, Schulze Vineyards and Winery, and Old Fort Niagara.

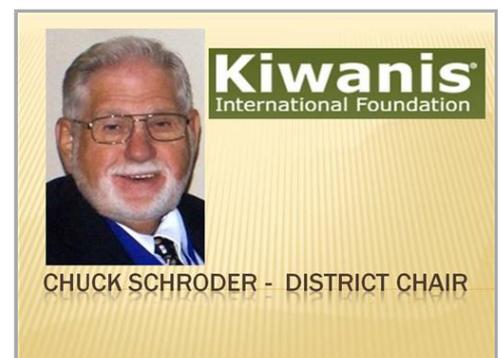
Check back next month for what to do on the Canadian side of Lake Ontario!

## WE ARE IN THE FINAL HOUR!

08/28/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Chuck Schroder

I want to thank all those who supported the raffle at the district convention this past month. We were able to raise a little over \$1,500.00 for the two foundations. Things went very well and I hope you all enjoyed the convention. Great job Liz.

We are so close to reaching our goal, (\$31,857) for the year. We are only about \$3,000 short. If we can get a couple of Hixson's and if your club hasn't sent in their annual gift yet, and they do that, we will make it. Let's



CHUCK SCHRODER - DISTRICT CHAIR

make Minn/Dak district shine.

The International Foundation came out with a new flyer and it was in the convention packet. It is called "RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES" and it lists all of the ways to support the foundation and recognize someone. I plan on covering these in my next few articles in the up coming year.

For the difference you make. **THANKS.**

## **Status, Bling, & Babies**

*08/10/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Centennial #13*



What drives you to give? Is it the nod of approval from fellow donors as you join the ranks? Is it the sound of pins and medals clanking against each other at business events? Or is it the number of families whose lives you know your money has helped?

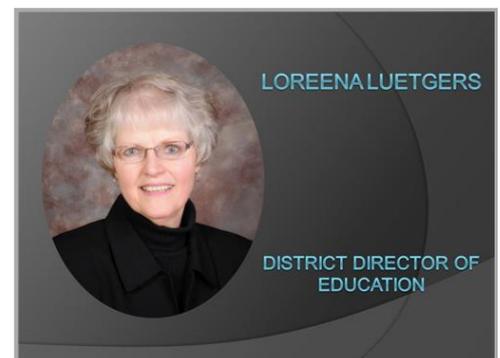
Whatever your goal, the game hasn't ended yet. Kiwanis International remains roughly \$19 million away from the total committed to UNICEF in 2010. So think of your motives for past giving, and think about giving again. Earn another impact pin, gift another Zeller, or take the next step with a Centennial Award. Just think of the pleasure that will follow!

## **Education is the key to membership**

*08/24/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Loreena L. Luetgers*

Time is short for those club officers, president-elects and secretaries, that haven't completed their Club Leadership Education (CLE) online, as the deadline is September 30th at midnight.

The last classroom session was given at the District Convention with great discussion and questions. Many of the attendees left with fundraising ideas, service project ideas and overall help with membership and answers to "what do we do..." questions. So, if you didn't attend a group session this year, the recommendation is from the attendees that everyone should next year. At the close of the session I asked if anyone wanted to share what the session meant to them, so I am sharing one of them:



"I enjoy the interaction and discussions with the officers of other clubs. I attended the session in our division and the session at the District Convention. Each one offers ideas and issues to discuss and share. On-line education takes less time but I learn better in an active environment." Rita Bezdicek, Spring Valley Kiwanis President

For the past few years the District Education has drawn prizes for different attendees of CLE. This year we submitted everyone's name who participated with classroom and all of the online courses available. Congratulations to this year's winners:

- **District Convention:** Butch Schliecher, Crookston-Pioneer, a Kiwanis umbrella
- **Classroom Session:** Craig Randlemam, Ortonville, a Kiwanis thermal tote for hot or cold
- **Online:** Janice Erickson – Grand Rapids, a Kiwanis padded legal pad
- **Club for most members participating:** Columbia Heights-Fridley, a \$25.00 gift certificate to the Kiwanis store

Education is the key to membership. When a member can learn more about Kiwanis, they will want to not only stay a member; they will become a Kiwanian...a dedicated Kiwanis member. They will become a dedicated member and possibly become a leader in the club and district.

Last year each club received a "Membership Handbook" to be printed for every member of your club. The handbook is available on the Minnesota-Dakotas website under the Education tab.

Let's make it a priority for this next year to educate our members about Kiwanis, so they understand the organization of which they are a member.

## September Update

08/31/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas



### **Kiwanis International and District Dues for the 2015-2016 Kiwanis year are as follows:**

- Kiwanis International Dues - \$52 (was increased by \$10)
  - Member liability insurance - \$13 (was increased by \$1)
  - Directors and Officers Liability - \$4 (same as last year)
  - Magazine - \$8 (same as last year)
- MNDK District dues- \$30 (same as last year)

**The 2015 District Kiwanis was a great success.** Grand Forks and the Alerus Center was an excellent location. We hope to see all of you at the 2016 District Convention in Fergus Falls, August 5-7. In addition to the educational portions of the convention we also had two district board meeting and of course the District House of Delegates business session. The minutes of those business meetings can be found on our district website. [Click here](#)

**WE PRAY FOR CHILDREN:** We have received numerous requests for the words to the children's prayer that was shared at our recent District Convention in Grand Forks. For a copy of the prayer [Click here](#)

Thanks again to Club Secretaries for submitting the **Annual Club Election Reports for 2015-2016.** The reports were due June 1, so if you have not submitted your information online, please do so ASAP! We are still waiting for many club election

reports! Please include email addresses. It is very important that Kiwanis International and the District Office both receive this information in a timely manner so that directories and mailing lists can be compiled. When filed online the report automatically goes to both Kiwanis International and the District Office.

**Club Secretaries:** Be sure that you have submitted all of your monthly online club reports for the 14-15 year. Remember that the September report (last report of the year) is due by October 10th, 2015. With the monthly online reporting system you will not be asked to submit a separate annual report. In addition, all reports must be submitted to qualify for the Distinguished Club Award for 2014-2015.

**Club Secretaries be sure to update your online membership roster before October 10th.** Club Secretaries should go to their "Club Secretary Dashboard" at [KiwanisOne.org/login](http://KiwanisOne.org/login) and check to be sure that all non-returning members are deleted by October 10. If you have members on your roster that you know will not be returning... you don't need to wait...do it now. After October 10 Kiwanis International will bill you according to whoever is 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](mailto:memberservices@kiwanis.org).

**Special Thanks and Congratulations:** The 2014-2015 Kiwanis year is not over until the end of September, but I would like to take this opportunity to give special thanks to Governor Sherry Scudder for her hard work and dedication to Kiwanis this past year. Also, special thanks to all who served in a Lt. Governor, District Director or District Committee position. They all worked very hard to support Kiwanis on the Club and District level. Congratulations to Governor Designate Kent Hochgraber who will lead our district beginning October 1. And last, but not least congratulations to Peter Larson who will serve as Governor Elect during 2015-2016.

**Annual IRS Tax Reporting:** 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](#)

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## Club News

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### **PDOA Citizenship Award Presented to Melanie Bailey**

*08/31/2015 - Club: Devils Lake - Submitted by: Gary Ochsner, Lt. Gov, Division 1*

During the Minnesota-District Annual Convention in Grand Forks the Past District Officer's Association Awarded the Citizenship Award to

Melanie Bailey. Melanie was in California and unable to attend the convention.

Melanie returned to Devils Lake on August 10th and was presented the award at the Devils Lake Kiwanis meeting August 11th.

Pictured left to right Division 1 Lieutenant Governor Gary Ochsner, Melanie and Devils Lake Kiwanis President Colleen Batton.



On October 11, 2014, Melanie was a senior at Devils Lake High School competing in the North Dakota EDC Cross Country meet at the Ponderosa Golf Club in Glyndon, Minnesota when she encountered Danielle Lenoue, a member of the Fargo South team that had sustained an injury. Danielle had sustained an injury requiring medical attention. Several other runners passed by Danielle without offering assistance. Melanie observed that Danielle was unable to continue without assistance. Danielle encouraged Melanie to keep going in the race. Melanie made the decision to assist and carried Danielle ¼ mile on her back to where Danielle could get the medical attention she required.

Melanie is quoted as saying, "How can you say you beat somebody when you've had an unfair advantage. They take a medal home, but I take home a medal in my heart, so I feel really good about what I did. I can look back on this forever and say, 'Hey, I did that. Somebody got a medal, but I got a different kind of medal.'"

Melanie will be a freshman at North Dakota State University this fall.

## Brainerd Kiwanis News

*08/30/2015 - Club: Brainerd - Submitted by: Dennis Lamb*



The Kiwanis Club of Brainerd has partnered with The Salvation Army and will be co-sponsoring the Back to School Backpack Program this year and into the future. A check for \$700 was recently presented to Carole Paschelke, Brainerd Salvation Army Family Services Director. The money will be used to purchase backpacks and school supplies for area youth. Close to 600 backpacks were distributed last year so kids could begin the school year with needed supplies.

Dennis Lamb, President of the Kiwanis Club of Brainerd stated, "This is the type of program Kiwanis whole-heartedly supports and we are very excited to be able to partner with The Salvation Army on this project." The Back to School Backpack Program began in Brainerd in 2000, and has steadily increased in participation each year. "There is a definite need in the Brainerd Lakes area", Lamb stated, "and anything we can do to ensure that kids can begin the school year on a positive note is very gratifying."

Paschelke was very appreciative of having the Kiwanis Club of Brainerd support this program. She stated, "To have an organization like Kiwanis, which shares the same heart and mind about serving our area's children, step up and partner with us, is amazing. Having a positive school experience and having what they need to learn and grow is the first step toward building a bright future for our children and our community. It makes me happy to know that the kids in our community are going to have what they need."

If you want to donate money or school supplies to this project, please visit The Salvation Army Office at 208 S 5th St in Brainerd during regular business hours.

The Kiwanis Club of Brainerd is celebrating its 60th Anniversary in Brainerd, starting in 1954. It also sponsors the BHS Key Club, FVMS Builders Club, and Harrison K-Kids in the Brainerd Public Schools. Kiwanis International is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time and has an international membership of over 620,000 men and women.

## **Turtle Mountain Kiwanis Women's Golf Tournament**

*08/28/2015 - Club: The Turtle Mountains - Submitted by: Clint Reinoehl*

The Turtle Mountain Kiwanis held their 2nd Annual Women's Golf Tournament on July 17th at the Bottineau Country Club. This was the second year and a great time was had by all. This was a 9 hole scramble and raised \$750 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Having fun in the Turtle Mountains and helping children of the world! It just doesn't get any better!



## **Oasis**

*08/27/2015 - Club: Watertown - Submitted by: Tim Oviatt*



More than 70 students, parents and staff of St. Martin's Lutheran School joined members of Kiwanis Club of Watertown, SD, Doug and Jan Sharp and the city's mayor Steve Thorson on August 24 for a ribbon cutting and the dedication of the school's new Reading Oasis. The "oasis" features 1,200 books in a special reading environment to encourage students to read more books and enhance their reading skills. Financial support from the Sharp Family Foundation made the "oasis" a reality, with books for all grades including preschool supplied by Scholastic Books of Minneapolis. Kiwanis Club of

Watertown, working with the Sharp Family Foundation and Scholastic Books, has organized four Reading Oasis for Watertown's youth, including the state's first Reading Oasis at the Boys & Girls Club of Watertown, which opened last April, and Oasis that were dedicated at Immaculate Conception School and the Watertown Christian School also on August 24.

Pictured left to right: Kiwanian Karyl Somers; Ginger Guilfoyle of Scholastic Books; school librarian Robyn Beutow holding the ribbon; school principal Mark Renner manning the scissors; Doug Sharp, Kiwanian Al Vanderlaan (partially hidden); Jan Sharp, and school librarian Karen Livingston holding the ribbon.

## **Austin Early Risers celebrated its 40th anniversary**

*08/27/2015 - Club: Austin Early Risers - Submitted by: Cindy Jenson*

The Kiwanis Club of Austin Early Risers celebrated its 40th anniversary on August 26, 2015. In attendance were 3 charter members from 1975. President Eric Olson led our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, as well as leading the group in "America the Beautiful" in spirit of the first meeting. President-elect Eric Shoars delivered the Invocation. A wonderful breakfast was served. Mayor Tom Stiehm declared it "The Kiwanis Club of Austin Early Risers Week." Darryl Meyer, Immediate Past Lt Gov., spoke on the mission of Kiwanis and its origin. Charter members shared their memories of Kiwanis.



## Division 4 Celebrates

*08/27/2015 - Club: Rapid City - Submitted by: Vern Hagedorn*



The Rapid City Kiwanis Club held its Kiwanis International Centennial Celebration on Saturday, August 22nd. Hot dog or hamburger on a bun, package of chips, slice of birthday cake (see the Governor's article), and a can of soda. To make the event more festive, music of the 20's and 30's was played and entertainment was provided by a group of belly dancers, also typical of the time. The club's new brochure was on the picnic tables (weighted down with rocks to counter the 50-60 mph winds). Our club is proud to have provided this celebration to recognize a century of service to the youth of the world by Kiwanians. Special thanks to Lorie Melone for her leadership and hard work.

## Jamestown Kiwanis to raise \$50,000 for hungry children

*08/26/2015 - Club: Jamestown - Submitted by: Katie Ryan-Anderson*

For the fifth time since 2011, Jamestown Kiwanis is coordinating a Kids Against Hunger event. Kids Against Hunger packages and sends meals consisting of vegetables, vitamins, rice and soy for hungry children in the U.S. and abroad. Meal recipients need only to add water and boil the ingredients for 20 minutes. Meals are distributed internationally as well as in North Dakota and Minnesota through Great Plains Food Bank.



"With the help of our generous donors, our goal is to raise \$50,000. Last year, we raised \$40,000. Extra money means extra meals for hungry children," said Janna Bergstedt, KAH organizer and past-president of Jamestown Kiwanis.

An anonymous donor is willing to give \$1 for every \$2 donated. So every little bit helps, Bergstedt said.

Jamestown Kiwanis welcomes volunteers and donors from fellow Kiwanis clubs. More than 400 volunteers are needed to package meals Saturday, Nov. 14 at James River Valley Fitness (former YMCA) in Jamestown. The two volunteer shifts are: 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Jamestown Kiwanis raised \$23,000 for its first Kids Against Hunger event in April 2011, packaging 100,000 meals. It again raised \$25,000 in October 2011, matching a \$25,000 gift from the anonymous donor. With the help of multiple anonymous donors, Kiwanis raised \$30,000 in 2013 and \$40,000 in 2014.

For more information about Jamestown's Kids Against Hunger event, to donate to the cause or to volunteer, email [JamestownKiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:JamestownKiwanis@gmail.com), call 701-251-2237, or visit [www.Facebook.com/JamestownKiwanis](http://www.Facebook.com/JamestownKiwanis). Donations may be made online at [www.gofundme.com/KAHJamestown](http://www.gofundme.com/KAHJamestown).

## School supplies for Madison School

08/23/2015 - Club: Fargo South Point - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn



For the past several years, the Fargo South Point Kiwanis Club has delivered a large supply of school supplies to Madison Elementary school in Fargo. As many of the parents in this area of Fargo do not have transportation to attend the school supply day in downtown Fargo, the South Point Club purchases and delivers the supplies to the school so when a child needs supplies or moves into town it saves them the trouble of

going and purchasing them. This supply is kept in storage at the school and when items are needed the parents or students can check with the office to see if they are available at a no cost basis. Shown in the photo are, Margaret Mowery, Kathleen Nesvig, Mary Ann Berg, and Rande Knudson.

## Watertown, SD Kiwanis \$1,500 donation

08/18/2015 - Club: Watertown - Submitted by: Tim Oviatt

At an early August rummage sale at the First United Methodist Church in Watertown, SD, the church staff noted that back-to-school supplies that had been collected from several summer programs, were the most sought after items of the entire sale, supplies of which were quickly depleted. In recognition of this demand, Kiwanis Club of Watertown, SD donated \$1,500 to the church and staged a second give away of back-to-school supplies on Saturday, August 22. Pictured is Kiwanis president-elect Jeff Anderson presenting the donation to Sandra Weidner and Jeanne Paulson of the First United Methodist Church.



## District Conference Newbie. I Loved It.

08/11/2015 - Club: Stillwater Area - Submitted by: Judy Gulden



Goodwill, light hearted kidding, kindness, enthusiasm, since were abundant during the 2015 District Conference. This was my first time attending a district conference. I loved it.

I listened, observed, participated, learned. I met members and officers of all ages. I now know about the on-line Kiwanis club available to everyone residing in Region 7 and I had a chance to have a nice talk with the new Lieutenant Governor of my Region, the accomplished Robyn Udenberg.

I appreciated the quality planning of the conference, the details, the setting and ever present hospitality. It was easy to start a conversation with any one. A spirit of camaraderie was always present.

My intention in attending was to "Get more familiar with the Kiwanis organization, to go with the flow." At the next opportunity when I am at a gathering of Kiwanis members, I'll have 2 intentions which are to collect a list and description of successful fundraisers and to learn from long standing clubs additional ways to be a part of the fabric of our community.

As I write, I am wondering.....Why wait to ask those questions? Being focused and wanting to learn, rather than wait for the next gathering of clubs, I am putting my two questions out there now to all of you seasoned, long standing clubs and individual members,

1. What are two or three of your successful fundraisers?
2. What are things you do to be a part of the fabric of your community?
3. May I contact you to learn more from you?

Oops, that's more than two questions.

Please shoot me an e-mail. I will be happy to hear from you. I send you warm regards,

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