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Bill's Pitch

Congratulations are in order for two clubs this month. Hutchinson has just started a Key Club and Ely is close behind in chartering a Key Club.

We need to all get on board the Key Club train and support our Key Clubs as well as start new ones. I recall the emphasis Don Canaday put on schools and the impact we as Kiwanians can have on communities through our school based programs. This includes K-Kids, Builders Clubs, Key Clubs, as well as Circle K at the college level.



A reminder to all that we should support the District Circle K by attendance at the Extravaganza to be held in conjunction with their District Convention. This will be held in St Cloud on Saturday March 1st. All clubs have received information from Immediate Past Governor Coralyn Dahl on how to register. Please consider attending this happy event.

Another important date to remember involves our District Key Club Convention. It will be held in Willmar March 28th - 30th. Please help your Key Clubbers get to their convention in my home town.

We can make a difference one child at a time. This Fall, October 3-5 we are again hosting a Key Leader Camp at Inspiration Point near Clitheral, MN. Get the information to your schools now so that students can learn about the leadership weekend we Kiwanians have planned for them. Believe me, it is a well run weekend. By getting the word out now plans can be made for students to sign up. Also clubs need to be sure and let the local schools know if they have scholarship funds available to cover the cost of the Camp.

Update from the Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer - February 2008

By Steve Handegaard, Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer

Electronic Monthly Club Reporting Update

As of this writing we have 136 of 164 clubs in our district submitting their monthly club reports online. Thanks again to all of the club secretaries that do such a great job of reporting club activities each month. Let's keep working towards 100% of our clubs reporting online. If your club is one of the few that are not reporting online, and you are in need of instructions to get started, contact your Lt. Governor or let me know.



Lt. Governor Elect Candidates: We are still in need of Lt. Governor Elect Candidates in some regions. Contact your current Lt. Governor if interested. The Lt. Governor Education program will take place May 2-4, 2008 in Fergus Falls.

Governor Elect Candidates: If you are interested in running for Governor Elect for 2008-2009, please submit a picture and a short biographical sketch not to exceed 600 words, along with an endorsement from your home club, to the District Kiwanis Office, P.O. Box 735, Dalton, MN 56324 **no later than February 15, 2008**. Your information must be received by that date to be published in the March Minnekotan. Candidates can announce their intention to run at a later date, but will not be able to have an article in the MINNEKOTAN or district website. Governor Elect candidates must be a Past Lt. Governor. The election will take place at the District Convention in Moorhead next August. A complete list of rules and regulations for District Office Campaigns can be obtained from the District Office.

One more reminder about Kiwanis Clubs & IRS filing requirements:

Tax Exempt organizations are required to report revenue results each year to the IRS under most conditions. Each club Treasurer and President should be aware of their club status and requirements. See the separate article "Warning: Don't throw away your club's tax exempt status."

Tri-K District Board Meeting: Kiwanis, Circle K, and Key Club District Boards met in Fergus Falls, MN on Friday, January 18 and Saturday, January 19, 2008. Minutes of the Kiwanis District Board meeting will appear in the March MINNEKOTAN.

Club Election Report: It is not too soon to begin thinking about election of club officers. Just a reminder that your club election report will be due June 1st.

Remember to mark your calendar: Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention, Moorhead, MN, August 8-10, 2008. All clubs should be represented!

Kiwanis International Convention in Orlando, June 26-29, 2008: All clubs should be represented at the International Convention. Kiwanis Clubs in good standing are allowed to designate two representative to the House of Delegates. Of course, you do not need to be a delegate to attend, everyone is welcome! Information and a registration form can be found on the Kiwanis International convention website. <http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/>

District Annual Audit: The Annual Audit of the Minnesota-Dakotas District Financial Accounts for the Kiwanis year 2006-2007 was recently completed by Westberg Eischens, PLLP, Certified Public Accountants of Willmar, Minnesota. The report is on file at Kiwanis International and the District Office.

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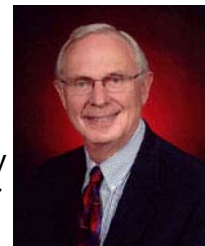
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Leading to Serve by Bill Lardy, Governor Elect

In January I wrote about the Tri-K Board Meeting held last month. It was a great opportunity to discuss what is happening in the District and lay plans for the remainder of this year and look forward to 2008-2009.



It is invigorating to hear what others are doing to support the programs offered by Kiwanis: K-Kids, Builders, Key, Circle K, Aktion clubs and B.U.G and Key Leader programs. The K Family offers excellent opportunities to help young people assume the mantle of leadership and responsibility as they mature to adulthood. Two examples: In November, 2007, the Woodbury MN Key Club was recognized in the Keynoter Magazine for its work organizing a blood drive ([November 2007 KEY CLUB magazine e-zine](#)). In the latest issue of the Key Club Magazine, the Fridley MN Key club was highlighted for its dodge ball tournament to raise funds for Darfur.

Congratulations to these two great clubs. Congratulations to their sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs. Yet, examples like these can be found in every one of the K Family clubs in our District. The value of Kiwanis clubs and the entire family of K-Clubs is that we all continually strive to "change the world one child and one community at a time!" Keep up the good work!

To encourage interaction between Kiwanians and members of the entire K Family I started a blog ([Bill Lardy's Kiwanis Weblog](#)). I invite you to check it out, leave comments and forward the address to anyone you think would be interested! I look forward to hearing from all readers! If you are unsuccessful in accessing the site please email me: kiwi@bis.midco.net.

K-Family Extravaganza and Masquerade Ball

I hope by now that each of your club secretaries has received the packet concerning the Third Annual K-Family Extravaganza which is sponsored by the MN-DAK Circle K. It's going to be a great night at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud as we all meet for a wonderful dinner and dancing. As usual we will have a silent auction with baskets and goodies matching all price ranges.

The theme is a Masquerade Ball and while costumes are not required, we want all attendees to be masked. Oops! Did you forget a mask? The Circle K members will be glad to supply you with one, but it would be fun to decorate one in your own style, too!

The silent auction will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 1 and all proceeds will go to the District Outreach fund.

Okay, here's the scoop:

Date: Saturday, March 1, 2008

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Kelly Inn, St. Cloud

Cost: \$45.00 per person for the dinner, dance and auction, or for the dance and auction only, the cost is \$20.00 per person.

Now we need to get those registrations in by Feb. 11. Please come and join us for a night of great fun, and if you cannot attend, consider make a donation to the District Outreach Fund. See your club secretary for all the details and registration forms or email me at clbdahl@aol.com (telephone: 320-529-1282).

Hope to see you there!

Coralyn Dahl

Immediate Past MN-DAK District Governor

ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION

Yes, its never too early to begin selecting the people that you want to represent your club, at the district convention.

This year's convention will be held at the beautiful Marriott Courtyard, and Conference center in Moorhead, MN.

The dates for the convention are August 8-9-10, 2008.

Plan now to attend and watch your mail in early May for the official call to the convention, and for a mailing that will be coming to every Club President, and Club Secretary.

Lots of fun things for the whole family, so plan now to attend this years annual District Kiwanis Convention



Warning: Don't throw away your club's tax exempt status

KIWANIS CLUBS, KEY CLUBS, AND CIRCLE K CLUBS are urged to file required tax reports to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) by the **February 15, 2008** deadline. If your total yearly club Gross Receipts are normally more than \$25,000 you should be filing a 990 or 990EZ. It is recommended that clubs obtain the service of a certified public accountant or other knowledgeable individuals who can assist in complying with new tax procedures.

Gross receipts of a club are defined to include the following: membership dues and assessments, contributions, gifts, indirect public support, government grants, program service revenue, interest on investments or savings, dividends, rents, other investment income, special fundraising events and activities, and other cash receipt items during the annual accounting period, without subtracting any costs or expenses.

Beginning in 2008, some organizations in the United States that were not required to file tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)-including many Kiwanis clubs-will have a new filing requirement: the new electronic postcard Form 990-N.

Small, tax-exempt organizations whose gross receipts normally are \$25,000 or less are not required to file IRS forms 990 or 990-EZ. But the Pension Protection Act of 2006 requires these organizations to file the new electronic form annually. Failure to file for three consecutive years could result in revocation of the organization's tax-exempt status.

The standard information the IRS will require when filing the electronic Form 990-N is the name of your Kiwanis club, mailing address, Web site address (if applicable), employer identification number (EIN) (this number should already be associated with your current bank accounts- check with your bank if you do not know your number), annual tax period date and a statement that annual gross receipts are still normally \$25,000 or less. Because Kiwanis International operates on a fiscal year (October 1-September 30), the first filing will be for the tax period that begins October 1, 2007 and ends September 30, 2008, with a filing due date of February 15, 2009.

Many Kiwanis clubs may already have received a notice from the IRS regarding this new requirement. If

your club hasn't been notified, watch for updates on the Kiwanis International Web site or you can refer to the IRS Web site to see if the new ruling applies to your club.

http://community.kiwanisone.org/blogs/kiwanis_public_news/archive/2008/01/03/warning-don-t-throw-away-tax-exempt-status.aspx

<http://www.irs.gov/charities/>

Fargo Kiwanis to attempt World Record at 50th Pancake Karnival

This year's 50th annual Kiwanis community pancake feed will include a new twist: the club and community will be attempting to set a Guinness World Record for the "World's Largest Pancake Feed" by breaking the record set by the Lubbock, Texas, Lions Club in 2002.



To break the record, Fargo Kiwanians will attempt to serve more than 30,724 pancakes in eight hours during the annual Pancake Karnival held Saturday, February 9, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Fargo Civic Center. (World record-setting pancakes will be served from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.) An official adjudicator from London will be on hand to monitor and certify the Guinness World Record attempt.

Hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Fargo, the annual tradition has become one of the region's largest and most recognizable social and charitable events, serving more than 10,000 people and 30,000 pancakes each year. It is featured in Patricia Schultz's best-selling book, "1,000 Places to See Before You Die." Since its inception, the Karnival has raised more than \$650,000 to benefit dozens of area youth groups, charitable organizations and community projects.

Tickets are \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children 10 and under and may be purchased in advance at Straus Clothing, Wimmer's Diamonds (West Acres location), IHOP, or from any Kiwanis Club of Fargo member. At the door, tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 10 and under. Parking at the Civic lot is free. For more information, visit www.fargokiwanis.com

CLE (Club Leadership Education)

Club president elects, secretaries, treasurers and all other interested members, the Club Leadership Education sessions will soon begin all over the district.

Club Secretaries will be receiving the regional scheduls for each region, so be sure you plan now to attend the one that fits your schedule and your calendar.

Most sessions will be either 1/2 day or evening sessions, and alot of them are scheduled for week nights, so we are trying to accomdate your wishes of not having them on weekends.

There is a lot of time spent in exchanging ideas while you also can take home some valuable information and tool related to running your club in the coming year.

If you have questions related to CLE, contact your Lt. Governor for answers.

Kiwanis International Foundation

I first want to thank all the clubs that contributed to the International foundation last year. Without your help, many programs would not be able to continue. Our youth programs are funded through the foundation.

"You Can Make a Difference Campaign" has a goal of \$37 million dollars. It will raise these funds by December 31, 2008, to expand the organization's capacity to serve the children of the world. When fully funded, the permanent endowment funds will generate approximately \$1.5 million each and every year to underwrite an array of priorities that are based on the strategic plan of Kiwanis International. Gifts to this campaign enhance the endowment for future needs and provide earnings that are put to work right away.

Kiwanis International's on going commitment to the world's children is perhaps best reflected in its wide range of initiatives for youth, young adults and citizens with disabilities. The "You Can Make a Deference Campaign" will add and broaden services and programs across the glob, including leadership enrichment programs awards; expand partnerships; and promote greater involvement by thousands of current and future participants. The cumulative impact of our youth programs, all of which the campaign directly benefits, is tremendous. Kiwanis serves the "Children of The World" through: key Club International, Circle K International, Builders Club, Aktion Club, K-Kids, Kiwanis Juniors, Key Leader, World wide education projects. In addition to providing for program support and expansion, the "You Can Make a Difference Campaign" will address several emerging Grants, operational readiness funds, Worldwide Service Project Sustainability, The International Education Center, New Initiatives and infrastructure.

Our district goal for is very simple and very attainable. Governor Bill Daugherty has set the goal at \$5.00 per member or \$33,000.00. Every club has a goal and they were set by Kiwanis International based on your membership figures. Each of the Lt. Governors has been given these goals and has been asked to contact your club. Each Kiwanis club should have a line item in their budget for the Kiwanis International Foundation. If Kiwanis doesn't have an increase in funds, there will have be some changes made. Look at what the district did with IDD and we can do it again. All we have to do each one of us is SKIP A MEAL. There is the \$5.00 or your club can have a fund raiser or even pass the basket. TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN.

Annual Spaghetti Feed

All You Can Eat

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SPAGHETTI FEED

Saturday, February 2,2008

Noon - 7:00 p.m.

James Valley - Senior Citizens Center

1st & Duff - Mitchell

\$6.50 / Adult @ Door \$6.00 / Adult in Advance

Children 10 & Under Free with Adult

Advance Tickets \$55 Per Book of 10 - Call 605-996-7904

Proceeds will be used for:

Kiwanis Woodlot Park Improvements

Youth and Community Projects

Mitchell Kiwanis Club

MNDAK AKTION CLUBS

The Petersen's have found Aktion Clubs to be the most exciting, fulfilling, rewarding opportunity in their combined fifty plus years as Kiwanians. There needs to be at least one new Aktion Club in each Region. The Mankato Downtown Club sponsored the Aktion Theater Club in the Fall of 2006. They are going to perform at the Regional Meeting in Mankato on April 12, 2008. If any Club in the District would commit to sponsoring a new Aktion Club we are available for consultation and guidance.

'TINE'S FOR TROOPS'

During January for the fifth consecutive year, the Fridley High School Key Club along with the Columbia Heights/Fridley Kiwanis Club created Valentines to send to troops serving in Iraq. This year's package was particularly special as two of the soldiers were graduates of Fridley High School, one being a previous Key Club Member.

Each hand-made Valentine contained a personal, handwritten note stating how much the writer supported the troops. The Key Club Members received the satisfaction of knowing they helped raise the morale of American troops. Valentines were adorned with glitter, stickers, doilies, clipart, lace and ribbon. Each Valentine was an elaborate production! The project was remarkable because everyone could use his or her own style, ideas and art media.

The Club set a goal of making at least 300 Valentines. That number would supply two per soldier. In addition, Key Clubbers sent the troops Sweetheart candy. Each soldier received a box of Sweethearts and three or four Valentines. The project was so successful that over 600 Valentines were sent.

The Fridley Key Club hopes that the troops will read the Valentines again and again and that they will know how much they are appreciated. To every soldier Key Club says, "Thank you and Happy Valentine's Day!"

Ericka Naber, Publicist

Fridley High School Key Club

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Rochester Sunrisers Kiwanis Club

Kiwanis International Celebrated 93 years of service to communities and the Rochester Sunrisers Kiwanis Club are celebrating 37 years of service to the Rochester Community.

The Rochester Sunrisers Kiwanis Club celebrated this anniversary by installing three new members at their weekly meeting on January 24, 2008. Randy Chapman Publisher of the Rochester Post Bulletin, Superintendent of the Rochester Public Schools Romain Dallemand Phd. and Fabian Luna owner/manager of L & L Home and Garden.

Kiwanis International was organized on January 21, 1915 in Detroit Michigan. Kiwanis became an international organization in November 1916 with the chartering of a Kiwanis Club in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

The first Kiwanis Club in Rochester MN was the Rochester Downtown Kiwanis Club. They were chartered February 21, 1921. Rochester Sunrisers Kiwanis Club was chartered January 21, 1971.

Rochester community now has five Kiwanis Clubs. Rochester Downtown, Kiwanis West, Sunrisers, Golden K and Daymakers. Four Key Clubs one in each Rochester High School, one Aktion Club at ABC and a K Kids Club at Riverside Elementary School.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

Pictured from left to right: Fabian Luna, Randy Chapman, Romain Dallemand Phd. and Sunrisers President Pastor David Rinden.

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Get out the hats and noisemakers... It's our 91st birthday!

January 30 marks the Kiwanis Club of Friendly Duluth's 91st birthday. We'll be sure to take some time during the week to celebrate the birth of what now is a global organization of volunteers with a common focus: service.

Our club was the third club chartered in the Minnesota District and the 33rd club to be chartered in the entire Kiwanis International Organization. Our first meeting was held on Tuesday, October 10, 1916 in room #700 of the Holland Hotel. Thirty-five members were in attendance. The guest speaker at that first meeting was Kiwanis National Organizer A. S. Browne of Buffalo, New York. Mr. Browne took the floor and gave an outline of the history of the Kiwanis Club and its principles.

Ninety-one years later, we still meet at the same location, but where the old Holland Hotel stood is now the Radisson Hotel. We meet at the Radisson every Wednesday at noon. Calvin How, Jr. was the first president of our club, and it was under his administration that we secured 100 charter members. Our club officially organized on January 30, 1917, and we received our charter on February 26th of that year.

To read more history, please see our web site at: <http://www.kiwanisduluth.com/>

Carol Lilyquist-Snoeyenbos

Kiwanis Club of Friendly Duluth
Duluth, MN

40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE GIANT KIWANIS TV AUCTION

The Kiwanis Giant TV Auction will be held Saturday, April 19, 2008 at 6:00PM to 1:00AM on WDIO TV channels 10 & 13 in Duluth, MN.

It is our 40th Auction Celebration, and with that comes Big Ideas and Hopes to have record-breaking earnings, and a determination to make it fun for all.

Kiwanis Club of Friendly Duluth is honored to once again to be helping our area youth programs like: Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Life House, CHUM, YMCA, Jr. Achievement, and many more youth organizations.

The 40th Kiwanis Auction Chair is Jason Malmstrom, Auction Host will be Dennis Anderson from WDIO TV, and who is one of our valuable members.

A Kiwanis auction had been going in Winnipeg, Canada before coming to Duluth, MN. The first Duluth Auction took place in 1969, all three Kiwanis clubs in the area participated and the total net profit was \$12,313.45.

Members, and all of the money we raise sponsors youth in and around our community donate time.

There have been a few odd auction items from our past auctions: one year Dennis Anderson's toupee sold for \$67.00; someone donated a donkey and we even auctioned off a pressure cooker that was wrapped in a newspaper from 1943. 2008 brings us wonderful items to be auctioned off like; a NASCAR Trip for 2, hot tub, 500 gallons of fuel oil, kayak, paddle and life vest, and many, many more exciting items... this year our hopes are that area business will donate over \$60,000 in merchandise! To view our auction items please see our website at: kiwanisduluth.com

Kiwanis Club of Friendly Duluth meets Wednesday at noon at the Radisson. As a group we look toward the future and supporting the youth in our community.

While we do this our Kiwanis members benefit by sharing service, learning, fellowship and fun and the good feeling you get when you know you are helping others.

See photos of past auctions

<http://picasaweb.google.com/districtk/KiwanisTVAuctionKiwanisClubOfFriendlyDuluth>

Carol Lilyquist-Snoeyenbos
Kiwanis Club of Friendly Duluth
Duluth, MN

Kiwanis One Day to be celebrated April 5

Several months ago we talked about Kiwanis One Day, an annual International service project in which every club will find easy to participate. This year Kiwanis has set that day for April 5, 2008. If for some reason a club is unable to participate on that particular day, clubs can consider any alternate day within four weeks of the date. Kiwanis One Day debuted last year with great

success, with over 600 Kiwanis-family clubs participating. We would like to double that goal in 2008.

The objective of Kiwanis One Day is to unite all Kiwanis family clubs around the world with hands-on service projects. If clubs have not made plans to participate, it is time to plan this event now. Coordinate the date with the other Kiwanis-family clubs in your community, including Circle K, Key Clubs, Builders, K-Kids, and Aktion clubs. Look for a service project where all can participate. Talk with public works directors, churches, social workers, or anyone in your community that sees a need that you can address. April 5 may be a time when we can get our playgrounds ready for the summer or perhaps do yard work for the elderly.

An excellent guide for Kiwanis One Day is available from Kiwanis International. Simply find the Kiwanis International home page and click on "Service Projects" and follow the links. This guide contains everything to make your community service day a success, including forming committees, selecting a project, and communicating your project with the local media.

It is important to coordinate with the local media. Tell them what you are doing and ask them to report on it. Sometimes Kiwanis activities seem to be a well kept secret, and we fall short on "blowing our own horn". Showing the dedication, commitment and fun we have serving our community may encourage other people to join our clubs and participate in the great service work we do in Kiwanis.

Bruce Klair

District Service Director

KEY LEADER EVENT REGISTRATION OPEN

Anyone who wants to attend can register for the Key Leader Event at www.key-leader.org. The cost for students is \$175 with a \$25 discount for Key Club members. The cost for the student facilitator and/or advisor/parent is \$95. This can be paid online with a credit card!

It is advised to sign up before this school year ends. This camp will fill fast. Last year's event filled near to the maximum and was quite successful.

Go to www.key-leader.org for registration and information. All adult chaperones will need a simple background check completed by KI Human Resources. It will be sent to you via email and needs to be completed and on file no less than 3 weeks prior to the event.

Registration covers all meals, snacks, lodging, materials, t-shirt and mementos.

Any questions? Email Clover Ellingson at cloverjean@cableone.org.

Shoe Campaign Collecting Bucks & Foot Wear

It started as a discussion brought to a meeting of the Sioux Falls Diversity Kiwanis Club Board of Directors. It will end with shoes -- two at a time -- aimed to help children one at a time in a country in this Hemisphere.

Carla Cooley is no stranger to Guatemala -- she has visited several times and with her husband adopted a daughter in the last couple of years. In addition to collecting shoes -- she also explains that you can help a child in the country for \$120 a year. With the help of a small -- but determined band of Kiwanians -- Lutherans and Presbyterians she has begun collecting shoes --- size 10 for men and 9 for women and smaller in her basement.



You will use February to begin boxing the shoes and then deliver them to the Twin Cities where a trucking company will get them to the proper destination.

Sioux Falls South -- the mother club for this new Diversity Club donated \$200 for shipping boxes. The Diversity Club researched South Dakota law and launched a Super Bowl Square fund raiser that will provide \$500 as well.

If you have shoes that you would still like to donate -- feel free to email 2006-2007 Lt Governor Bill Zortman at billtell.key@midco.net and we'll see to it that the shoes are added to the very special shipment.

The shoes for Guatamala campaign follows the Sioux Falls South Project -- crayons for Haiti that will be in its 3rd year this spring. Special thanks to Carol Woltjer for bringing the program from the George, Iowa Kiwanis Club.



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