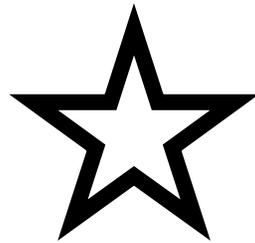


Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International

Region Star Awards



2010-2011



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Region 2

Eldon Wollman

Moorhead Vikingland Kiwanis Club



Eldon is one of Vikingland's (MVK)'s most consistent, active and generous members.

- Declared "Vikinglander of the Year" in 2009.
- Originated MVK's Churches United for Homeless program - one meal/month donated, prepared and served to homeless within our community.
 - MVK's lead-supporter of the Robert Asp Elementary School "K-Kids" club, attending weekly meetings, providing ongoing encouragement.
 - MVK's leading "on-site contributor" to our major, yearly fundraiser, "Pancakes Galore & More."
- Co-leader/builder of MVK project "Riding on Angel's Wings," horse-therapy program for young people with physical and/or mental disabilities.
- MVK's major contributor in time and effort for "Safe Kids Program;" "Kids Against Hunger" "Kids Day at the Zoo," Hjemkomst Center painting projects and many others.
- Four years - volunteer for Habitat for Humanity.
- "Champion volunteer-leader" at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Member of "Janitors for Jesus," and "Gardeners for God," chairs annual CKLC "Ham Dinner" fundraiser and co-hosts "Men's Breakfast" twice/month
- Chosen to chair multi-million dollar CKLC "capital campaign." Sings in the CKLC choir.
- Named "Clay County Fair Senior Volunteer of the Year" - representing Clay County at State level.

Region 4

Leo Zaug

Rapid City Westside Kiwanis Club



Leo Zaug learned about hard work and getting along with people as a child growing up in the forties on a farm in eastern South Dakota, the oldest of eleven children. These lessons led to his success in the South Dakota National Guard where he trained on heavy equipment.

After moving to Minneapolis to find more opportunities, he went to work for the United Parcel Service. In 1971, he moved to Watertown as a UPS manager, then to Mitchell, Rapid City, and Fargo. And finally back to Rapid City as a division manager.

His daughter Pamela was a Key Club member, and then governor of the Key Club. Leo and his wife, Barbara, were first introduced to Kiwanis when they listened to their daughter speak at a Kiwanis gathering. Leo joined Kiwanis when he retired after twenty nine years with UPS. Leo's contributions to the Westside Kiwanis began immediately, and he celebrates more than fourteen years of perfect attendance.

He has been president of the club twice, organizes the annual pancake breakfast fund raiser, obtaining donations from Family Thrift and paying the additional costs himself. He works on the stew feed fund raiser as well. He is also active with his companion Kiwanians as they raise money assisting with the annual dog show in Rapid City and any other projects. Leo has used his influence with UPS to obtain matching funds for Kiwanis endeavors. These funds are used to take children in need on shoe buying excursions and the Christmas shopping spree, and to respond to other appeals that occur. Leo also actively supports the Builders Club.

Asked what value he sees in belonging to Kiwanis, Leo responds without searching for words, that working *with* people to *help* people is a life goal and Kiwanis helps him achieve that goal. And he does this in spite of his ongoing health challenges with cancer.

Region 5

Dr. Richard W. Van Beek

Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen



For the past 50 years Richard has and continues to be a very active member of the Aberdeen Club.

In 1964-65 he served the club as its Program Chairman. In 1968-69 he served as Club President. With the help of our board members and committee members we had a successful year. Fund raisers included Kiwanis Pancake Days at the YMCA and also at the County Fair, and popcorn sales which involved taking a youngster with a Kiwanian making the sales.

In 1985 Richard served as convention chairman for the District Convention held in Aberdeen. 1992-93 saw Richard serving as Lt. Governor of Division 16 of the Minnesota-Dakotas District. In 1996 he was a candidate for Governor Elect of the Minnesota-Dakotas District. In that election he was defeated by a very small margin. (It was reported that it was counted three times.) One satisfaction in that defeat was the fact that his opponent was a member of the Huron Club who, during his college days, was a student at NSC and a member of our club sponsored Circle K campus club.

In 2003-04 he served as Club President for a second time. Our major money making projects were Doughnuts at the Park, at the County Fair, and at the Health Fair. We were also involved with the ice cream social. Richard indicated that "I have attended 15 to 20 District Conventions and about five national conventions."

In 1980 he became the Club Interclub Chair Person and has continued in that capacity to the present. He is currently serving the first year of a three year membership on the club board of directors. He has also attended many of the region meetings during the past few years.

Awards Richard has received are as follows: District Educational Foundation Life Fellow 2004, George Hickson Fellow Scholarship 1998, Outstanding Participation Aberdeen Kiwanis Club 2004.

Region 6

Carlyle Larsen

Kiwanis Club of Madison, MN



Carlyle Larsen has been a Kiwanis member of the Madison Club for forty-six years. He has served as treasurer and president as well as a board member. He was instrumental in raising funds for IDD and for the Kiwanis playground.

When someone new comes to town, he is usually the one who brings them to Kiwanis. As one member said of him, “Carlyle has been involved in everything in Kiwanis all these years!”

Carlyle has served on the Madison School Board and been involved with the Madison Area Chamber of Commerce. Carlyle organized the Road to Recovery transportation program of the American Cancer Society in Lac qui Parle County and served as volunteer driver coordinator for two and one half years. In that time 360 trips were made and 47,000 miles driven for nineteen cancer patients to receive radiation treatments.

Carlyle was deeply involved in raising capital funds for the local nursing home and the Madison Carnegie Library as well as his own church. Recently he has raised funds for the Flags of Honor in Madison and the city baseball field improvement project. Carlyle designed and developed the War Memorial Monument in Madison.

Carlyle is a World War II veteran and life member in the VFW and the American Legion serving in both for over 50 years. He served as VFW quartermaster (treasurer) for 28 years and Commander in 1963. Carlyle has been a life-long member of the town band and entertained at area nursing homes and for city events. He has played Taps at most of the military funerals in Madison and the surrounding area as well as at the Memorial Day and Veterans Day services.

Carlyle has been a very active member of his church serving as President of the congregation, church council member, cemetery committee treasurer, choir member, and the endowment committee.

Region 7

Mary Bowen

Kiwanis Club of Columbia Heights/Fridley



Wherever you find Crazy Mary Bowen, you are likely to find a high school Key Clubber nearby. Her strength and enjoyment are in working with youth and off the wall recognition and awards are her trademark.

For 21 years, Mary has served as a Kiwanis advisor for the Fridley High School Key Club. Under her leadership, this club has achieved “Diamond Club” status with our International Key Clubs. Crazy Mary gives her all to this key club;

hosting their annual Teeter Totter Marathon, coordinating the homeless sleep-out, and MUCH more.

Mary has been a very active Kiwanian since she joined in 1988. Highlights of her other activities are:

- Columbia Heights/Fridley Club President in 1991-92
- MNDK Distinguished Lt. Gov. 1997-98 (Region 7)
- Lots of committee activity (5 Kiwanis One Day Service Projects, KI Presidents visits 2005 & 2010)
- Attends all District and International Key Club Conventions, has served as a speaker. Has assisted in chartering at least 5 key clubs from other areas.
- Has been a delegate to Kiwanis International 1992 through 2010

“She who is a little bit crazy has many happy moments.” Congratulations Mary Bowen, and thanks for all you do for Kiwanis and for our youth!

Region 1

(none submitted)

Region 3

(none submitted)