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Bill's Pitch

What a great time to be in Kiwanis. We are experiencing a new year in which to share our Kiwanis spirit with more and more people. What a great effort was put forth by all of the Clubs this past month. We all worked hard to spread Joy and Peace within our District by helping various organizations during this time of year. I lookforward to this year and to our continuing to grow in numbers. We are starting to think more and more of new opportunities for growth. Clubs are working on guest roundups, or days and recruitment via internet interest seems to be very active. We all need to keep our efforts focused on growth.



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

By Steve Handegaard, Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer

Happy New Year!

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.



Leadership opportunities: If you are interested in being a future District Lt. Governor, Regional or District Chairperson, etc., please contact your Lt. Governor, other officer or myself. Each year the district is in need of interested and dedicated leaders. It can be a very interesting, rewarding and educational experience.

Kiwanis International Convention in Orlando: It is time to start thinking about the Kiwanis International Convention to be held June 26-29, 2008. All clubs should be represented at the International Convention. Be a delegate and vote for the future of Kiwanis! You can help shape the future of this great organization by representing your club as a voting delegate. Kiwanis Clubs in good standing are allowed to designate two representatives to the House of Delegates. Of course, you do not need to be a delegate to attend, everyone is welcome! Club Secretaries will be receiving a hard copy of the annual convention mailing. Convention information will also appear in the February 2008 Kiwanis Magazine and on the Kiwanis convention website.

<http://www.kiwanis.org/WhatWeDo/InternationalConvention/KiwanisInternationalConvention2008/tabid/464/Default.aspx>

Club Donations to Outreach: Special thanks to all of the clubs that contributed to the Outreach

Program during 06-07. We look forward to seeing your contribution again in 07-08. Most Kiwanis clubs include this as an annual budget item. Dollars given to the Outreach Program are used by Key Club and Circle K District Boards to build new Key and Circle K clubs, to attend Kiwanis District Conventions and Kiwanis special meetings, and to acquire needed supplies and equipment. Our Circle K and Key Club District Boards are very busy and active. They need our financial support. Checks can be made payable to Kiwanis Outreach and mailed to me at the District Office.

Tri-K District Board Meeting: Kiwanis, Circle K, and Key Club District Boards will meet in Fergus Falls, MN on Friday, January 18 and Saturday, January 19, 2008. Check out some of our other District event dates on the District Website ----- <http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/story.php?articleid=628>

Thanks again for all your great work in Kiwanis!

Steve

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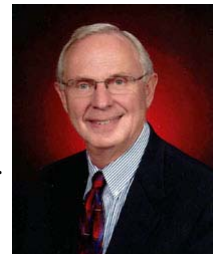
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Leading to Serve by Bill Lardy, Governor Elect

Full Team Roster Needed For Success in 2008: Take your service to the next level.

January 18 and 19, 2008 are the dates of the Minnesota-Dakotas Tri-K Board meeting in Fergus Falls. During this meeting reports will be received from each of the Kiwanis family and updates made to plans for the remainder of the Kiwanis year. It is an opportunity to refresh our commitment to serve the children of our district and continue efforts to change “one child and one community at a time.”



But at this point the Tri-K Board is short 2 team members. Regions 2 and 4 have not yet chosen Lt. Governor-Elects. Anyone who has been a club president or served as club secretary for 5 years or more is eligible to be nominated. The Lt. Governor-Elect is a crucial member of the team consisting of the current Lt. Governor and Immediate Past Lt. Governor. The 3 person team together provides leadership assistance to clubs in the regions. Sharing the load as a complete team is vital to success of the region and each club within the region and ultimately the District itself.

A full roster in the Regional leadership team is critical to Regional success. However, the real reward is the personal satisfaction the Lt. Governor gets from providing services to clubs, communities and children; forming new relationships and lasting friendships and watching changes occur which improve the region's clubs, communities and children. I ask all eligible people in Regions 2 and 4 to consider accepting the position of Lt. Governor. Take your service to the next level and experience

rewards available to those who dare!

Happy New Year! Best Wishes to each of you a successful Kiwanis year!

Bill Lardy, Governor-Elect

Minnesota-Dakotas District

Diversity Club Leads January Shoe Collection for Guatemala

Over the last couple of years -- Sioux Falls Kiwanis Club members have been collecting crayons for students in Haiti. It's a project that has included all six of the Kiwanis Clubs in Sioux Falls and will be repeated in the spring.

However -- The Sioux Falls Kiwanis Diversity Club has turned to shoes targeted for children and adults in Guatemala.

Shoes both new and slightly used will be collected during the month of January.

Carla Cooley -- a member of the 1 year old Diversity Kiwanis Club has been involved with Mayan Families that will be distributing the shoes to children and adults in need. A pitch was made to the other five Sioux Falls Kiwanis Clubs. Lt Governor Elect Al Herrboldt told other South Dakota Kiwanis Clubs of the project at the statewide meeting in Pierre on November 3rd.

Cooley reminds Kiwanians that people in Guatemala are tiny compared to U.S. standards -- so only shoes that are 6.5 or smaller for women and 8.5 or smaller for men will be shipped. Shoes over that size will be donated to a charity in Sioux Falls.

Here is a list of some of the locations that will be collecting shoes during January:

Lewis Drug -- 26th & Sycamore

Lewis Drug -- 41st & Marion

Lewis Drug -- 10th & Cliff

Lewis Drug -- 41st & Minnesota

Lewis Drug -- 12th & Kiwanis

State Bank & Mortgage - 5124 S Western

Egger Steel -- 909 S 7th Avenue

Cooley is also seeking some financial help for shipping. A company has given the project a 40% discount on shipping but it will still cost \$200 per box to ship a 36 x 26 x28 container to the door of the charity. Open space will be filled inside the shoes with travel-size toiletry items -- like shampoos, conditions, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

If you have questions you can e-mail Carla at ccooley123@yahoo.com.

St. Cloud Kiwanians Help With K-Kids Club Event

Four St. Cloud Kiwanis members assisted the Lincoln Elementary School K-Kids Club with the

school's Bingo Night and Craft Sale. The event took place December 6, 2007 at the school.

The Kiwanians worked with the K-Kids from the 6th grade to set up tables and chairs in the auditorium, set up prizes for bingo winners, helped in the craft room where student-made craft items were sold, served pizza to the parents and students, handed out bingo cards, and cleaned up afterwards by taking down tables and chairs.

According to Lincoln teacher, Joan Roering, "Bingo Night provides an excellent opportunity for families to understand the importance of parents' involvement in academics and to win some much needed household items (Over 60 percent of students receive free/reduced lunch)."

The Lincoln Elementary School K-Kids Club is sponsored by the St. Cloud Kiwanis Club and was initiated last year. Kiwanians who helped with the event were Janet McConkey, Melissa Walrath, Coralyn Dahl, Sam Stone.

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Scholarship Deadline is Approaching

Please have you club president and scholarship chairperson check with the high of your choice regarding the Educational Foundation Scholarship Application process. The deadline for the scholarship application(s) to be submitted is Friday, January 18, 2008. Remind the schools that they can submit up to a maximum of three applications. They also need to be reminded that they should submit the original application packet and three photo copies for each individual applicant. The school should submit the final completed packets and if the application packets are not completely filled out and all directions followed they will be disqualified. As of this date (December 28, 2007) we have had to disqualify four applications for not following and completing all instructions and we have six complete applications ready for judging. Anything not postmarked on or before January 18, 2008 will also be disqualified. Now is the time for the clubs to step up and insure that the students are helped and encouraged by their high schools to make application for one of the \$800.00 scholarships for graduating seniors. If there questions and/or concerns contact Jack Zierdt, Secretary/Treasurer of the Educational Foundation at jjzierdt0706@msn.com or 507-289-7012.

Superior Club Earns International Award

First she was awarded "Kiwanian of the Month" for October and recently she was presented with an award for her Club

from Kiwanis International. The Superior Club won first place in an international newsletter competition. The Superior Club is one of 8,000 clubs in 96 countries. Rochon stated how honored she felt to receive an international award. " I enjoy the creative aspect of creating the monthly newsletter. More importantly, this is yet another way I can help my club and giving back to my community through Kiwanis is very important to me. I feel very blessed to be part of such a wonderful club". Jodi is the Administrative Assistant for the Superior Business Improvement District.

“OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD”

”Stupendous.” “Caring.” “Generous.” “Wonderful.” These words describe the recent success of the Fridley High School Key Club Project “Operation Christmas Child”. This project requested each participating Key Clubber to purchase and fill a shoe box with toys, toiletries, school supplies and clothing during a three week period ending on November 12th. On November 17th the Fridley Key Club delivered 165 wrapped shoe boxes to the Operation Christmas Child organization, which will send them to young children in Northern Europe.

Several days before delivery a committee of Key Clubbers checked shoe boxes for contents and wrapped them in Holiday paper. Members marked the boxes according to age and gender and secured each box with a rubber band. Each box contained about \$20 worth of items. The boxes were beautifully done! Many times a worker commented “Look at the cute doll!” “Wow, this box is so cute and clever.” “Gosh, this one is really neat. How did he/she ever think of these gifts?”

There were too many shoe boxes to fit into one van or car. Consequently, a truck was used. Even then it was a challenge to fit all 165 boxes into the truck. Much fun occurred as bystanders gave free and useless advice about loading the truck!

The Club’s final celebration occurred when Chairperson Tanya Blinova and three of her committee members were interviewed on radio station KTIS, November 17th. It was a wonderful way to end a most successful project. The Fridley Key Club thanks their sponsoring Kiwanis Club and the Fridley High School Staff for their participation in this project. As John Maxwell comments in *Winning with People*, “You can do what I can not do. I can do what you cannot do. Together we can do great things.”

Ericka Naber, Publicist
Fridley High School Key Club

Minnesota Psychologically Healthy Workplace Award

The Minnesota Psychological Association invites nominations and applications for its annual [Minnesota Psychologically Healthy Workplace Award](#)

Over 40 state psychological associations give this award.

Winners are eligible for the national award given by the American Psychological Association.

The Minnesota award is given annually in several organizational categories: large for-profit, small for-profit, and not-for-profit based on the following five criteria:

- Employee Involvement
 - Work/Life Balance
- Employee Growth and Development
 - Health and Safety
- Employee Recognition

There is no fee to apply. The application deadline is February 15, 2008.
Further information and to apply:

<http://www.phwa.org/>

Our committee thought of Kiwanis because of your focus on children and community service. One of your guiding principles is to promote higher social, business, and professional standards. That's exactly where our award comes in. We are promoting "psychologically healthy" workplace practices, such as healthy work-life balance, employee growth and development, and employee involvement in decision-making. By rewarding organizations (both non-profit, for-profit, and educational) that promote these values, MPA hopes to educate more organizations about these healthy business practices. In the long run, we hope that these practices promote healthy children and healthy communities. I trust that this goal would reverberate with Kiwanis members and get them thinking about their own organizations and organizations in their communities.

Jack O'Regan, Ph.D., LP
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Participate in Read Around the World

Each year Kiwanians are encouraged to take part in "Read Around the World", an annual program that spans the month of February advocating the importance of reading with children. This year, clubs are encouraged to set aside time and plan reading events in support of **Read Around the World**, February 1 through March 3, 2008. Clubs are encouraged to team up with their sponsored Circle K, Key Clubs, Builders, K-Kids and Aktion Clubs to stage programs that encourage kids to enjoy reading. Clubs can provide reading activities, increase access to books, motivate and inspire. If clubs are looking for ideas, consider one of the following:

- Conduct a book party
- Host a book related field trip
- Sponsor a "read-in"
- Plan a story marathon
- Organize a "books-open" or "TV-off" day
- Stage a make-a-book party
- Host a book character theme party

Clubs can contact their local elementary schools for other ideas. Many schools have reading events that clubs may be participating in already. For other ideas, check the Kiwanis International website at www.kiwanis.org. Just select "service"

from the left hand column and follow the links. The website can provide all the material you need, including:

Brochures: Browse through this informative piece and learn more about easy reading events.

Booklists: A list of the top age-appropriate books from Reading is Fundamental, a Read Around the World partner.

Posters: Place this event poster in key locations, such as schools, libraries, grocery stores, town offices, and more.

Bookmarks: Once a young reader has reached a goal, give him or her a bookmark for success! The template is designed for six bookmarks.

Advertising Slicks: Publicize your reading event in the local newspapers and other media outlets.

Banner patch order form: Don't forget to submit your form for a Read Around the World banner patch.

All participating clubs are eligible for a banner patch for their participation. What a rewarding service project it can be to reach out to young children, help them open a book, and discover a new world!

Bruce Klair

District Director of Service

Kiwanian of the Month - November

Barb Fisher, the Lt Governor of Region 3 awarded Christine Klingamon, of the Friendly Duluth Kiwanis Club, Kiwanina of the Month of November for 2007 for Region 3.

Christine Klingamon was given the award for all the work she has done for the Northern part of the Region by ordering the books for the RIF reading and handling the RIF records for many years. She has also been very helpful with the Kiwanis auction for Friendly Duluth.

St. Cloud Kiwanis Club Members Ring Bell For Salvation Army

St. Cloud Kiwanis Club members "rang the bell" for the Salvation Army Kettle fund drive on Saturday, December 8, 2007. This is an annual community service project for the club and involved eighteen club members. The bell ringers tended the kettle at the North entrance to the Macy's Department Store at the Crossroads Center Mall. Members reported that shoppers were in a festive mood and many were generous in their giving to the kettle drive.

St. Cloud Kiwanis members who served as bell ringers were: Bill Satterness, Mark Koch, Orin Dahl, Coralyn Dahl, Owen Peterson, Brian Fierst, Mike Woods, Dan Rethmeier, Jerry Butner, Dick Megarry, Jan Uberecken, Art Grachek, Fran Voelker,

Shelly Coborn, Ron Zitzow, Jan Zitzow, Todd Steinke, and Major Manuel Madrid. Major Madrid is the new head of the Salvation Army in St. Cloud and has transferred his Kiwanis membership from his club in Michigan to the St. Cloud Club. Major Madrid is a welcomed addition to the club and recently was elected to the club's board of directors.

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Kiwanian of the Month - December

Susan Sloan, Secretary of the Cloquet Noon Club was surprised with the Kiwanian of the Month of December award, presented to her by Barb Fisher, Lt Governor Region 3, on December 27th.

Sue has stepped in to do the Secretaries job after the training was over. She has been very helpful and always wanting to help and learn more. She isn't afraid to question policies and procedures. I've been very proud to have her in our Region.

THE WIFE OF KIWANIAN, DR. CLAIRE E. FAUST,

Our deepest sympathy to Dr. Claire E. Faust who lost his beloved wife of 62 years, Hazel Vivian Faust, at age 85. Hazel passed away at their home at the Keystone Community of Mankato on Wednesday, December 19, 2007.

Hazel was born in Harrisburg, South Dakota to Arthur and Angelene Hart. She was united in marriage to Claire E. Faust on August 7, 1945.

Hazel was a graduate of Harrisburg High School and completed a course of study at the MacPhail School of Music, Minneapolis and received a Bachelor of Fine Arts at the University of South Dakota. She also studied piano privately with Genevive Truran from the University of South Dakota and Ann Brittan from Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Hazel was a public school teacher in Onawa, Iowa, Decatur County Schools of Iowa, and at Minnesota State University, Mankato. She was a private piano teacher for over fifty (50) years in Harrisburg, South Dakota, Onawa, Garden Grove, Leon, and Iowa City, Iowa, and Mankato, Minnesota. She was also a member or a director of the Methodist Church choirs in Onawa, Garden Grove, Leon and Iowa City, Iowa; plus the children's Carol Choir at Centenary United Methodist Church, Mankato, Minnesota. She also directed the Mankato State University Women Singers. In addition to her vocal activities Hazel played in the Grace and Power Bell Choir at the Centenary Church for many years.

Every community in which Hazel lived benefited from her dedication

and service to many organizations. Some of the organizations in which she held memberships and/or leadership positions were: United Methodist Women, Church Women United, Minnesota Valley Music Teachers, the Music Club, the Mankato Symphony Guild, Co-Founder of MAWAL, PEO Chapter U, Eastern Star, MSU Women Singers and Piano Guild USA and Mu Phi Epsilon. Hazel has been honored with the YWCA Leadership Award, as a Valiant Woman by Church Women United, and was active as a Cub Scout Den Leader for all three sons. In addition to finding great satisfaction in serving in t community organizations, Hazel enjoyed attending concerts, traveling, photography and reading.

Those family members surviving are husband, Dr. Claire E. Faust; Sons: Dr. Randall Faust (Sharon) of Macomb, Illinois; John Faust of Utica, New York; and Douglas Faust (Lori) of Mankato, Minnesota; Grandchildren: Michael Faust (Kristin) of Davis, California; Angelyn Faust Kind (Christopher) of New York City, New York; and Jason Faust of New York City, New York; Great-Grandsons: John and William Faust of David, California; special family member: Ermias Asfaw (Michelle) and son Zachary; many cousins and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Bernice Krebill.

The visitation was held on Friday, December 21, 2007, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Woodland Hills Chapel and one hour before the service at the Church.

A Celebration of her life was held on Saturday, December 22, 2007 at the Centenary United Methodist Church in Mankato, Minnesota.

Memorials preferred to the Centenary United Methodist Church Music Ministry or the donor's choice.

If you would like to send an expression of sympathy, please address it to Dr. Claire E. Faust, **100 Dublin Road #2220, Mankato, MN. 56001**. To reach Claire via e-mail, his address is: cefaust@hickorytech.net. To reach him via telephone, you can call **507-388-2348**.

The following is a prayer that describes the life of Hazel so eloquently.

MUSICIAN'S PRAYER

Divine Composer,
I start this day on a joyful note,
Thanking you for all the blessings
You have orchestrated in my life.

*Help me to live in harmony
with others throughout the day.
May I be your instrument,
In concert with Your will
And in tune with Your way
Trusting I always have You
As my accompaniment.
And at day's end, may I know
That I have played my part
To put a song in every heart.
Amen.*



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