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## Governor's Gab - July 2005

Attendance at the District Convention is one of the responsibilities that we have as members of our organization. It is the one time of the year that we all gather to discuss the future direction of our organization and elect the leadership that will move the organization in that direction. We are at an important time in the life of our District and Kiwanis International, changes in membership recruitment, communications, organization status and many other key factors for our future are happening and you, as the membership of the organization, should be involved in shaping what happens to your organization.

The planning for this year's Convention has included some new and unique workshops on how to better serve your community and club. We must reinvigorate our organization and the membership if we are to meet President Case's goal of turning around the decline in membership in North America. What better way than to bring your ideas and share them with others in your organization and then use the best to make the District a growing and vibrant place of service to the community. We all have contributions that will strengthen the District and ensure the future of Kiwanis in our three state area.

One of the strengths of our Clubs is the fellowship we share and the same is true at the District. The fellowship of members from all over the District makes us the organization we are. District Convention is the time to renew that fellowship. A chance to share stories of kids, grand kids, exciting changes that have occurred in our lives and all the other things that make the bond of friendship and fellowship so strong happen at a Convention. However, I think at least equally as important and maybe more important are the new friends we make in a setting like this. Friendship normally begins with a common core of values and experience, and that is what we all share. We are Kiwanians because we have a love of giving to our community and especially the children of the community so that beginning of friendship is already there. All we have to do is put a name and face to it and start building for the future. I have met and call so many people friends from across the District who have enriched my life all because I went to conventions. Make your life richer in Aberdeen.

So make a commitment today to join us at the Convention, tell your club this week that you would like to represent them as a delegate, and get registered. You will help your club, your District, and make your life richer by doing this exciting event in August. Come on, **Discover the Magic of Kiwanis** with your friends in Aberdeen.

Walt Roetter

Governor

## Update from the District Secretary/Treasurer - July 2005

By Steve Handegaard, Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer

Greetings! When this issue of the Minnekotan is released about 50 Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanians and 15 guests will be representing our district at the Kiwanis International Convention in Honolulu during the first week in July. Total attendance at this year's convention is expected to be about 4600 participants. Next year's



convention is going to be held in Montreal, Canada, June 28-June 2, 2006. Think about attending next year!

Following are a few reminders and updates:

- Don't forget to register for the Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention!! Registrations are due July 20.
- Thanks once again to all of the clubs that have turned in their Annual Kiwanis Club Election Reports. A copy was due to both Kiwanis International and the District Office by June 1<sup>st</sup>. If your club has not submitted your report (as of this date there are 26 clubs missing!) please do so ASAP! It is important to get the names of new officers and their contact information so we can get them on appropriate mailing lists and directories.
- Be sure your club is represented at the CLE program. (Club Leadership Education) All incoming presidents and secretaries are required to attend. A total of 18 different CLE sites were scheduled this year in our district! You can attend any location. As of July 1 the first 8 have been completed. There are still 10 sites to go.
- As District Secretary I am required to notify clubs of resolutions or bylaw changes that will be presented at the District Convention in August. Just this week I sent a packet to every club secretary in the district with details on two proposals. One deals with some minor technical changes to our district bylaws to bring them up to date with Kiwanis International changes in regards to the new 501 (c ) (3) Not For Profit Status and the new annual dues process. The other resolution that has been submitted, proposes a change in the Minnesota-Dakotas Policies and Procedures Fundraising Policy to allow raffles. Check with your club secretary for more information.
- Wow! Congratulations to the Key Club members and advisors at Fridley Senior High School in Fridley, Minnesota. They were featured in a special article in the May 2005 Issue of the Keynoter. That is the International magazine for Key Club. The article is entitled, "Creative Service Project + Fearless Yet Organized Leadership + Community Support = AWESOME CLUBS." If you want to hear about some of the great things Key Clubs are doing, find a copy of this magazine article. Behind every great Key Club is great sponsoring Kiwanis Club. Their sponsoring club is the Kiwanis Club of Columbia Heights-Fridley.
- Special thanks to Merald Enstad, Past International President and member of the Fergus Falls Noon Kiwanis Club. Merald presented the Minnesota-Dakotas District with the two-volume history of Kiwanis International, entitled "The Kiwanis Legacy: 1915-2004." It is a really excellent resource. It will be kept in the District Office and may be loaned.

Hope to see you at the District Convention in Aberdeen.

## **2003-2004 Distinguished Kiwanis Clubs**

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Brainerd, MN

Hot Springs, SD

Worthington Early Risers, MN

Rochester Day Makers, MN

Rochester West, MN

## Red Wing Golden K. Kiwanis Golf Tournament a Success

The weather co-operated well on Monday, June 13, for the Red Wing Golden K. Senior golf Tournament to be completed in good fashion. Sixty eight (68) golfers enjoyed the beautiful Mississippi National Golf Course and were rewarded at the luncheon following play.

At least 21 members of the sponsoring club helped with the tournament in some way. Funds raised will be used to support our budgeted donations such as the school crossing safety project at our middle school, Builders Club, Aktion Club, and scholarships for the YMCA.

## 2003-2004 Kiwanis Club Banner Patch Winners

Immediate Past Governor Charles Jacobson Announces

Club Banner Patch Winners for 2003-2004

Club Name		Service Award	Growth Award	Education Award	Administration Award
Bismarck Golden K	ND				Admin
Bismarck	ND				Admin
Fargo South Point	ND				Admin
Lake Agassiz, Fargo	ND				Admin
Moorhead	MN				Admin
Vikingland, Moorhead	MN				Admin
Brainerd/Baxter Area Golden K	MN				Admin
Brainerd	MN				Admin
Friendly Duluth	MN			Educ	Admin
St. Cloud	MN			Educ	Admin
St Cloud Sunrise	MN			Educ	Admin
Superior	WI				Admin
Black Hills , Hot Springs	SD			Educ	
Rapid City Westside	SD				Admin
Rapid City	SD				Admin
Spearfish	SD				Admin
Sturqis Golden K	SD			Educ	
Chamberlain	SD	Service			
Albert Lea	MN	Service			
Austin	MN	Service		Educ	Admin
Day-Breakers, Albert Lea	MN	Service		Educ	Admin

Early Risers, Worthington	MN	Service	Educ	Admin
Owatonna Golden K	MN	Service		Admin
Anoka	MN		Educ	Admin
Columbia Heights-Fridley	MN	Service	Educ	Admin
Lake City	MN		Educ	Admin
North Suburban Golden K, St. Paul			Educ	Admin
North Suburban, Saint Paul	MN		Educ	Admin
Northern Dakota County Golden K	MN		Educ	Admin
Red Wing Dawn Breakers	MN		Educ	Admin
Red Wing Golden K	MN			Admin
Red Wing	MN		Educ	Admin
Rochester Day Makers	MN	Service	Educ	Admin
Rochester West	MN		Educ	Admin
Rochester-Sunrisers	MN		Educ	Admin
St. Anthony	MN		Educ	
Spring Valley	MN	Service	Educ	Admin
Stewartville	MN		Educ	Admin
Winona Sunrisers	MN		Educ	Admin
Total of Award Types		9	0	23
				34

### **N.Suburban Golden K Member Recieves Award from International Ice Skating Institute.**

On may 31st, 2005 Dick Holmsten , Roseville resident and member of the N.Suburban Golden K. Kiwanis Club recieved the Frank J. Zamboni Award from the International Ice Skating Institute in Las Vegas.This award created 4 years ago , recoqnizes people who have made meaningful , lasting and innovative contributions to the ice skating industry. Dick is also the only non-coach to be inducted into the Minnesota High School Coaches Association Hall of fame.

After discharge from the army, Dick joined his father and uncles in the family industial refrigeration business in St.Paul.He built his first ice sheet, the Wakota in South St. Paul. In 1963 he saw a differnt method of constructing ice rinks when he visited Sweden. After adapting it to American standards he took out his first patient on the RINKMASTER Direct System, one of 4 patients he held. This method saved 40% in operating costs.

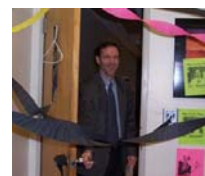
With this new timesaving economical system, Holmsten Ice Rinks, Inc was off and running. Dick built 250 rinks in the U.S. and around the world. They are in Australia, Saudi Arabia, England, Mexico, and Canada. Minnesota alone 60 rinks built by Dick's company and Alaska has ten. The last one he worked on is Mariucci Arena at the U.of M. The company prided itself in hiring local people for construction, being the single source for all of the componets, and guaranteed after-installation service.

Dick and his wife Florence, starting skating together in the eighth grade and have been two "good skates" ever since.Dick has been a faithful Kiwanian for many years.

### **Dr. Webb Day**

### **Showing Our Appreciation**

Dr. David Webb, high school principal extraordinaire and devoted Key Club supporter, turned tomato red as he walked into Fridley High School on May 25, 2005. This particular Wednesday was, unbeknown to Dr. Webb, "We Love You,



Dave Webb” Day by the Fridley Key Club. Key Clubbers plastered the halls of Fridley High School with 800 fluorescent pink or lime green signs, almost enough to represent every student at the high school. Each sign had one of two pictures. The first picture was of Dr. Webb taken from the Fridley High School yearbook picture. The second picture showed Dr. Webb sporting a pink flamingo hat and a pink feather boa, both gifts from our Advisor Crzy Mry Bowen.

In addition to posting the signs, Key Clubbers layered Dr. Webb’s office with streamers and various decorations. They did the “decorating” before Dr. Webb arrived at school. Throughout the school day, various Key Clubbers brought gifts to Dr. Webb every half-hour. Each gift had a little quote written on it for our principal’s enjoyment. Some of the gifts included the following:

Apple Post-It Notes ~ “You’re the apple of our eyes!”  
 Stuffed Frog ~ “You keep our club hoppin’!”  
 Flashlight ~ “You light up our way!”  
 Bubbles ~ “You know how to get the job done, but you also know how to have fun!”  
 Charmin Toilet Paper ~ “You’re charmin’!” & “You’re a great ‘roll’ model!”  
 Compass ~ “You help us find our way!”  
 First-Aid Kit ~ “You heal our booboos!”  
 Carmel Kisses ~ “You’re full of surprises!”  
 M-Azing Bar ~ “You’re m-azing!”  
 Andes Mints ~ “Andes a jolly good fellow!”  
 Care-Bear Playing Cards ~ “Thanks for caring!”  
 Paperclips ~ “You hold our club together!”  
 1 Pound Bag of Sugar ~ “We’re sweet for you!”  
 Cheerleading Pom-Poms ~ “You’re our greatest cheerleader!”  
 Scooby-Doo Chapstick ~ “You solve all our mysteries!”  
 Cough Drops ~ “You make us feel better when we’re feeling down!”  
 Bananas ~ “You’re a-peel-ing!”  
 Arch Supports ~ “Thank you for the support!”  
 Bag of Coins ~ “You’ve change-d so many lives at FHS!”  
 Puzzle ~ “Without you, we wouldn’t be the same. You keep our club together!”  
 Plate and Food Candles ~ “You com-plate us and nourish our needs!”

After a day full of signs, decorations, and presents, Dr. Webb realized how grateful the Fridley Key Club is for his support. He now knows it appreciates how much he does for it. He also knows that he may be the principal, but the Fridley Key Club can pull off almost anything without him knowing. Thanks again, Dr. Webb.

## MN-DAK Kiwanis District History Book Still Available

You can still obtain a copy of the Minnesota-Dakotas District History Book entitled : *Decades of Service*. This book is a very well done history of the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District from about 1915-1995. It is 200 pages in length with many photos. As you page through the book you will find that we are people who want what is good not just for ourselves, but for others. This book chronicles the great generosity and hard work that was done by those Kiwanis members and leaders during those many years.



If you would like to receive a copy send check for \$15.00 payable to:

Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District

(the price includes postage)

Send your order to:

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