Hello from Texas! At this writing we are about to attend the Kiwanis International Convention in San Antonio. It will be great to see old friends and meet new ones as we study, work and plan together and in our spare time have occasion to visit the Riverwalk, the Alamo and so many other places that make this a wonderful place to have a convention.

Before I go further, however, I feel the need to express my sorrow over the death of my good friend and a great Kiwanian, Region 3’s Immediate Past Lt. Governor Edwin Reich. I will not go through all his accomplishments as an obituary will be found in this publication for you to read, but they – his accomplishments – were extensive. I asked him to be Lt. Governor a few years ago even though he had served once before. He was so willing to help and was so diligent even when illness hit him. All of us who knew him will miss him greatly!

My next topic is concerning the Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention and the wonderful service project that Service Director Bruce Klair is putting together. We have the opportunity to really make a day bright for many servicemen and women serving overseas. We each can participate whether we can attend the convention or not. Just find someone who is going and ask them to take whatever items you can collect to put in those boxes to send. The items can be both food and non-food items. If you are not sure what to send, see your club secretary who will receive a letter and a list of suggested items. But remember, we can all have fun and think of those things that each of us would really enjoy if we were far from home and missing those special snacks or even non-food items that make life easier. And one other thing - - if you wish, include a note of thanks to the person who receives the package for the work they are doing and the sacrifice they are making, for being far from home and loved ones. That may be the most important item of all!

Coralyn Dahl, Minnesota-Dakotas District Governor

Update from the Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer - July 2007

By Steve Handegaard, Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer

Sixty-one Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanians and 16 guests will be representing our district at the Kiwanis International Convention in San Antonio, July 3-7. Total attendance at this year’s convention is expected to be about 6000 participants.

If you can’t join us at the International Convention, you can see, hear, and read about all the action on the Kiwanis International Convention’s Web pages. Daily updates will be posted with news, videos, and many photos from San Antonio beginning Tuesday, July 2, and continuing through Saturday, July 7. Features will include: video highlights; slide shows; election...
and amendment results; speeches and reports. Experience the international convention as it happens. Check www.kiwanis.org daily, beginning July 2.

Next year’s International Convention will be held in Orlando, Florida, June 26-29, 2008. Think about attending next year!

A few other reminders and updates:

- **Don’t forget to register for the Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention!!** Register now! The early bird deadline is July 10th. The registration fee increases after that date. You can access and print a copy of the District Convention Registration form and related information on our district website at: http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/

- Thanks again to Club Secretaries for submitting your Club Election Reports for 2007-2008. The reports were due June 1, so if you have not entered your information online, please do so ASAP! We are still waiting for 48 club election reports. Please include email addresses whenever possible. It is very important that we receive this information in a timely manner so that directories and mailing lists can be compiled.

- As of July 1st, the Kiwanis International website has a very new look and many improvements - be sure to check out the “Club Locator” and “Calendar”. www.kiwanis.org

Have a great summer and hope to see many of you at the District Convention in Fargo!

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**THINK ABOUT IT! IT IS KIWANIS!!**

Where else could you have as great an impact on your community, your region, and our District than in Kiwanis.

Kiwanians are there for others. We support young children through many of our projects. We assist youth in developing both social and leadership skills through K-Kids, Builders, Key and Circle K Clubs and the Key Leader program. These students become the future for Kiwanis, we need to nurture them and encourage them to join Kiwanis Clubs after their school experience.

Think of all the scholarship dollars given by Kiwanis clubs and the Minn/Dak Foundation. It is awesome and something that the recipients will ever forget.
I am preparing for the International Convention in San Antonio. It is amazing what is learned and experienced at an International. Ideas are abundant as well as examples of successful projects and programs.

I hope many of you are planning on joining us at the District Convention in Faro, August 3-5. Registration materials have been sent to all Club Secretaries. Please consider being a Delegate to the Convention. See you in Fargo.

Bill Daugherty, Governor Elect, Minnesota-Dakotas

Immediate Past Lt. Governor Ed Reich died Saturday, June 23

Edwin W. Reich, age 83 of St. Cloud, MN died Saturday, June 23, 2007 at St. Cloud Hospital, St. Cloud, MN. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 28, 2007 at Peace United Church of Christ, St. Cloud, MN. Ed was currently serving as Immediate Past Lt. Governor for Region 3. His dedicated leadership in Kiwanis will be greatly missed.

Edwin Reich was born August 29, 1923 in Irma, WI to Walter A. and Margaret (Schiess) Reich. Edwin attended rural school in Rice Lake, WI before joining the Civilian Conservation Corps in Ellsworth, WI in January 1941. He served in the United States Navy in the Pacific Theatre of Operations during World War II. In 1946 and 1947 Edwin was involved in the Byrd Expedition to Antarctica. He attended National Trade School in Kansas City, MO from 1947 to 1948 to learn the plumbing trade. On December 12, 1948 Edwin was united in marriage to Deloris Kohler in Fergus Falls, MN. The couple made their home in Fergus Falls and Edwin worked there as a plumber until 1961 when they moved to St. Cloud, where Edwin continued working as a plumber until his retirement in 1988. Following his retirement, Edwin spent more than ten years as a volunteer constructing homes with Habitat For Humanity. Edwin is a past member of Granite City Toastmasters and an organizer of Daylighter Toastmasters Club, where he also served as President and Area Governor. Edwin was a member of Sunrise Kiwanis and served as Secretary, President, and Division Lt. Governor. He is a life member of St. Cloud VFW Post #428, and American Legion Post #76, a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, Pipefitters Union Local 539, and Peace United Church of Christ, St. Cloud, MN. Edwin has been recognized on many occasions for his work as a volunteer. He is the recipient of the Don Murray award from District 6 Toastmasters, the Gear Award from Kiwanis, the Service to Mankind Award from Sertoma, the JC Penney Golden Rule Award, the High Five Award from the City of St. Cloud, certificate of commendation from MN Governor Rudy Perpich, the Community Service Award from the MN AFL-CIO, the Virginia McKnight Bingers Award, and the Salvation Army “Others” award.

Survivors include his wife, Deloris, of St. Cloud, MN; daughters, Becky Reich of Lake City, MN, and Darcy Reich of Grand Rapids, MN; brothers, Elmer (Lee) Reich of Carlsbad, CA, and Ernest Reich of Rapid City, SD; brother-in-law, George Stavran of Rice Lake, WI; sisters-in-law, Fran Reich of Cameron, WI, and Susie Reich of Granby, MO, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Robert, Fritz, and Herman, and four sisters Katherine Stavran, Betty Dietrich, Marcelene Melendy and Marie Hunter.

Memorials are preferred to either: Habitat for Humanity, The Salvation Army, or Peace United Church of Christ.

Past Kiwanis International Past President, Merald Enstad - 90th Birthday
Kiwanis International Past President, Merald Enstad, is celebrating his 90th birthday. Merald’s family is hosting an Open House on July 8, 2007 from 4:00 p.m. to 7 p.m. The open house will be held at the Tim and Jen Petersen’s home, 20047 County Hwy 114, Fergus Falls, MN 56537.

RSVP 218-998-2626.

Kiwanis One Day in Worthington

Kiwanis One Day in Worthington was organized by the Early Risers Club to help clean up the 26 parks within the city. In May the club had a front page article with a picture to publicize the event. The whole community was asked to participate to pick up the trash, sticks, and cigarette butts (because they do not decompose) in their neighborhood park or the park of their choice. When they were finished for the day, everyone was asked to contact a particular person with the park that was cleaned, number of people and hours. When some of the Kiwanians were cleaning up one of the parks a mother had her two children with her on the playground. The boy came over to one of them with a large branch in his hands and asked where he should put it! He was told to put it over on the pile by the curb so the city could pick them up. She then asked the boy if he wanted to help, and he replied “Sure, as long as I can.” So, maybe the boy had a good example for the day and maybe a lifetime. There was a total of 100 reported hours with 35 people participating. Some people even called two weeks later and said what they had done. One month later the local Chamber of Commerce adopted the same idea for the lakeshore within the city. So, sometimes an idea can mushroom into something else that will benefit many other people within our communities.

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL AWARDS GRANT

Through the efforts of the Worthington Early Risers Kiwanis Club the local Manna Food Pantry Inc., Worthington, Minnesota, was able to receive a grant of $2500.00 from Kiwanis International.

The needs in Nobles County have been, and continue to be, great. The Manna Pantry distributes a variety of food, hygiene and household supplies with the help of volunteers. It relies on the contributions from individuals, churches, corporations, foundations and public grants. Kiwanis International provides such a foundation from which these monies, grant, were awarded. Clients can choose their own food thus eliminating waste which might occur with unwanted products.

Other programs provided by the Manna Pantry include the Dolly Parton Imagination Library which provides children, ages 0-5, with a free book each month in zip code 56187.

Kiwanis Baby Cupboard provides free baby food and diapers which are a courtesy of the Worthington Early Risers and VOKK clubs. Baby Cupboard also supplies the Back Pack Program which provides free school supplies to all children K-5.

The Manna Pantry, and Baby Cupboard, is open Monday thru Friday from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The Manna Food Pantry, Inc. is an outlet for Kiwanis to serve the community and exemplify the Kiwanis Motto of "Serving the Children of the World".

Distinguished Club Award Presented to Madison MN Kiwanis club

On Tuesday, May 29, Kiwanis Mn-Dak District Immediate Past Governor, Stewart Ross, visited the Madison, MN, Club where he presented Past President Rob schwendemann with the Distinguished Club Award for 2005-2006. Also pictured is Judie Rosendahl, Lt. Governor-elect for Region 6 for 2007-2008, who is from the Madison Kiwanis Club.

Worthington Prairie Elementary K-Kids Appreciation Breakfast
On Thursday, May 3, 2007 from 7:00-7:45am the Worthington Early Risers Kiwanis Club sponsored a recognition and appreciation breakfast at Prairie Elementary School for K-Kids and their parents. K-Kids at Prairie Elementary School has 76 members from grades 3-5. The purpose of K-Kids is to teach these kids responsibility, how to conduct a business meeting, parliamentary procedure and the fun of doing service for their school and for the community. Worthington Early Risers Kiwanis Club sponsors K-Kids at Prairie Elementary School.

This year K-Kids participated in the following:

1. Club officers were taught their duties.
2. Parliamentary procedure was taught to all members.
3. Made Christmas cards and ornaments which were given to all faculty and staff at Prairie Elementary School to show appreciation for all they do to help students.
4. Organized and ran the Spring Fling which is a whole week of activities to celebrate the end of winter and the start of spring.
5. Collected and donated 1360 pounds of food to the Manna Food Shelf.
6. Helped the Early Risers Kiwanis Club with their annual Peanut Day to help raise money for Camp Love’s Embrace (a camp at Lake Shetek for grieving children ages 7-14).
7. Raised money for the annual Relay for Life event by selling plastic rings to honor cancer survivors and to commemorate persons who have lost their life to cancer.

K-Kids Officers 2006-2007:
- President - Abby Landgaard
- V. President - Carter Linder
- Secretary - Alex Kramer
- Treasurer - Allison Kramer

K-Kids Advisors:
- Heidi Fritz - Faculty
- Elizabeth Wacker - Faculty
- Dale Carlson - Kiwanis

CLINT & LOIS BOOK STORE

Yes at this years District Kiwanis Convention, we will again feature a new and used book store.

Bring your books so others can read them and you can in turn take a new bag full back home.

All types of books will be offered, so bring what you have along to the convention and turn them in at the Book Store in the pool area at the Holiday Inn.

All proceeds from this project will go towards paying for the shipping costs to send the care packages to our service men and women overseas.

Get the members of your club busy collecting books so they can be brought to the convention and sold for a good cause, and for others reading enjoyment.

COME FLY WITH US

On Friday Evening you will have the thrill of eating under some of the greatest WWII planes and seeing some of the most exciting items on display at the Air Museum.

You will dine, and tour, and hear sounds of the 40's, 50's etc., as we will be hearing music from these years as well as having a chance to relive some of the times that have meant so much to so many families.

The dinner will be buffet style, so you will have the opportunity to eat and tour, and relax.

Photos will also be taken so you will have a photo to take home from the convention if you desire to do so.

Plan now to be in attendance at this years District Convention in Fargo, ND on August 3-4-5, 2007

WELCOME TO FARGO
Yes, August 3-4-5, 2007 will be the annual District Kiwanis Convention at the Holiday Inn, in Fargo, ND

Have you made your reservations for this year’s convention?

Delegate forms must be sent in as well as your registration forms and check. Also be sure to call the Holiday Inn today to reserve your room for this year’s convention.

We have so much planned so we need you to be a part of it, and look forward to your attendance.

District Convention Time

Have you made your reservation for this most exciting weekend? We have so many things planned and there is so much to do, we just need all of you to be a part of this wonderful weekend.

Be sure to send your reservation, your club delegate form, and call the Holiday Inn for reservations, and you will be all set.

ONE NOTE: There will be a FIRST TIMER luncheon Friday Noon for all first time attendees so be sure and mark your registration if you are coming for the first time.

Remember FUN is part of Kiwanis and this weekend promises to be fun.

Service Project at this year’s District Convention

Kiwanis members attending this year’s District Convention in Fargo will have the unique opportunity to provide some much needed items for our men and women serving overseas. Wherever our troops are deployed, it is imperative that we support them every way we can, and remind them constantly that they are our heroes.

At this year’s convention, we are having a packaging event, filling small boxes with essential items needed by our troops, but may not be readily available to them. All clubs should have recently received a letter from Governor Coralyn explaining the event. We are asking club members to bring items to the convention to be used in this project. The following list contains suggested items to include in these packages:

Here are the desired items. The ones most needed or wanted are indicated with **

**Personal Size Toiletries not to exceed 15 ounces**

**Chap stick/lip gloss
contact solution
Tooth brushes/tooth paste
Shaving cream/non-aerosol type
Dental Floss
Shampoo (small sizes)
**Body power or baby powder/corn starch 9 oz
**Foot Powder 7 oz**

Body Wash / Suave 12 oz

Disposable Razors/Deodorant

**Facial Wipes (dry, just add water type)**

**Wet wipes/Baby wipes/Q-tips**

**Hand Sanitizer 2oz (with Alcohol)**

Natural Tears Eye Drops

Small Hand Lotion

**NON-FOOD ITEMS**

Suntan Lotion

**Insect repellant with DEET**

Pens/Writing Paper/Envelopes

Travel size tissues/Black socks

Tylenol, Advil, etc., (Packs)

"AA" Batteries, 4 pack

Playing cards (Poker/Pinochle)

Magazines/Paperbacks/Disposable Cameras

(no offensive or obscene material)

**SNACK ITEMS**

** Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, Sunflower Seeds, ** Pumpkin Seeds, Granola Bars, Trail Mix, Country Mix

Tropical Mix, California Mix, Dried Fruit (4 packs), Pudding 4 packs, Pop tarts, Albacore Tuna Foil Pouches 3 oz

Packets of Hot Sauce, Crystal Light (Individual Packs), Trail mix, Tea Bags, Hard & Soft Candies, Jolly Rangers,

Protein Bars, Life Savers, Starbursts, Peanuts/Nuts, Chewing Gum

Check with your local discount stores for many of these small items.

We will package as many boxes as our budget allows. We will be having a book sale at the convention to help pay for shipping ($9.00 per box), but if you personally or as a club wish to contribute toward the shipping, that would be helpful although not mandatory.

If you have questions regarding this project, contact Governor Coralyn Dahl; Larry and Pat Rittgarn, convention chairs; or Bruce Klair, District Director of Service.
Crayons Still Being Collected for Haitian Students

In a land of plenty with 64 crayons or more in every box -- its hard to image that giving one crayon per student would make any difference.

Carol Woltjer --- President of Sioux Falls South in 2005-2006 worked with the George, Iowa Kiwanis Club on a project that took the crayons to Haiti. 1500 pounds of them in 2006. It was enough to give each child one -- maybe two different crayons.

Even though Carol gave up the gavel --- she didnt give up the desire in her heart to continue helping. This year the pitch was made ---- and not only Sioux Falls South -- with other Sioux Falls Clubs jumped in. Tracey Vik is tied with the Sioux Falls School System --- and as a charter member of the Sioux Falls Diversity Club --made the rounds to hit a dozen or so schools for the used crayons that were being discarded.

There is still time to help. July 11th is the cut-off date -- and if you can help. Email Carol at carolwoltjer@nabs.edu. One color can change a life --- one crayon at a time for each child.

Aktion Club Charter Night a Success in Pierre

What's a club to do it? As leaders looked they wanted to sponsor another club. They found that the elementary, middle school, and senior high students who were potential Kiwanis members were already being tapped by other worthwhile community service organizations. But when Jeff Mammenga made a call of Oahe Inc about the possibility of forming an Aktion Club it just came together.

Jerry Wattier and Brenda Kleinjan helped bring it together. What all have found is enthusiasm to press forward.

Chuck Quinn, Aktion Club advisor for Oahe Inc said the club would have a positive influence on the member's lives and give them more self-confidence. Mr. Wattier said he was proud of the group and the potential they have for public service.

Robby Robinson is President, Brett Heibel Vice President, Caty Clement Secretary and Angel Maggard Treasurer.

President Robinson set the goals of the club--(1) inviting new members, (2) making new friends in the community, (3) having social events, (4) becoming leaders and (5) doing community service.

We are happy to welcome a new Aktion Club to our Kiwanis family.

Tailgate, Baseball, Bird Cage Kiwanis Night August 1st

August 1st--- 5:30PM ----- its TAILGATE TIME in Sioux Falls as part of Sioux Falls Canaries Night for Kiwanis. Tony's barbeque will again serve the food in the Southwest Corner of the Canaries parking lot. Serving from 5:30-6:40 -- will the first pitch of the Canaries at 7:05 to follow.

The opponent will be those pesky Explorers from Sioux City.

Last year Kiwanians from Sioux Falls, Madison, Mitchell, Brookings, Worthington, Minnesota, and George, Iowa attended.

At the Statewide South Dakota Kiwanis meeting in Chamberlain in November --- Region 4 members said they would like to attend this year. As it turned out -- the date available was August 1st ---- with much of the District Convention beginning on August 2nd for leadership in Fargo and for the general membership on August 3rd. It should allow people to make a visit to the game -- enjoy the evening and enjoy a leisurely drive to North Dakota after that.

Cost is $5.00 for the meal and $5.00 for a game ticket. Randy Hohn of Sioux Falls Daybreak is again collecting information and money. Make checks payable to Sioux Falls Daybreak and send them to Randy Hohn, 5412 W Deer Creek, Sioux Falls, SD, 57106. Email questions to radhohn@sio.midco.net.

It's 80's night at the ball park --- which means you can dress in clothing that fits many of us to a tee.
The project was the work of Carol Woltjer who worked with George, Iowa on the crayola project. Last year we had baseballs presented by the Canaries along with it being Bill Murray bobblehead night. If it is not bobblehead night -- we will ask some of our club officers to do their best bobblehead invitation.

Take me out to the ballgame was never so good sitting with other Kiwanians as August 17th, 2006. Get your tickets early.

**Kiwanian of the Week Awards Leads to ??**

Governors have said for years that we have so many untold stories about Kiwanis projects and our Kiwanis members. In 2006-2007 --- Region 5 decided to honor a Kiwanian each week with a special certificate designed by Brenda Kleinjan in Pierre --- and as a part of the weekly Region 5 Update --- a winner would be named along with the work they have done to make it all possible.

Clubs did submit names --- but Region 5 officers also pulled on information gathered during club visits to come up with those that we wanted to encourage other clubs to remember and copy.

As the year headed towards June deadlines for awards -- we took the names of the 38 selected each week --- and dropped out District, Region, and club President's, President Elects, etc to allow us to select the Regional Star to be presented for Region 5 at the District Convention in Fargo. Ten members of the Region 5 "Team" first reduced the list to the Top 10 from the list of weekly winners. Here are the ten finalists who will "all" we honored with a new certificate being designed by the same Brenda Kleinjan who designed the weekly award:

- Jane Baier---Mitchell
- Mary Bloom--Webster
- Laurie Knutson--Sioux Falls Downtown
- Mick Niles--Chamberlain
- Ruth Pliska--Sioux Falls Daybreak
- Rose Pulford--Madison
- Chuck Raap--Groton
- Mike Simpson--Sioux Falls East
- Roland Sterkl--Redfield
- Carol Woltjer--Sioux Falls South

From the top 10 --- the Region 5 Team voted for the Kiwanian of the Year in Region 5 --- and those in the Top 5. The presentations will be made at the Region 5 session Saturday morning in Fargo --- and during installations this fall--- those that were in the top 10 will be honored again.

Lt Governor Bill Zortman designed the Kiwanian of the Week Award --- and even names the Kiwanian of the Week on his radio show in Sioux Falls each Monday morning on KELO-AM between 10:05-11:00. The website has pictures of each at siouxfallsontopic.com.

Zortman and the Region 5 team have tapped into something that can be used in any of the seven regions and leaves a lot of Kiwanians leaving proud of what has been accomplished -- and willing to look for other Kiwanians of the Week -- every week.
How to recruite and work with younger volunteers

Bruce Messelt, will be the featured speaker at this years morning session on August 4th, 2007

You will have the opportunity to be informed of some of the most interesting information regarding the recruitment of young people in to volunteer organizations like Kiwanis and others.

Bruce has just been appointed to the position of President of Oak Grove School in Fargo, and has served for several years as the City Manager of Moorhead, MN.

Bruce has a tremendous background and a wealth of talent and information to share with us regarding the new generations of young people that are currently in the future of all of our Kiwanis Clubs.

Plan now to spend Saturday Morning August 4th listening and learning all there is to know about the future members of Kiwanis and our communities.

Miss Teen North Dakota International chooses the Kiwanis Family as her Platform for the Year.

Stephanie Erickson states, "On March 24, 2007, I had the honor of being crowned Miss Teen North Dakota International 2007. This pageant system exemplifies character, poise, and confidence by showcasing the accomplishments of today's young women. The program centers on a platform to promote for a year as Miss Teen North Dakota”.

"For the next year I will travel and speak throughout North Dakota, as well as the tri-state region, on my platform, an issue that I am very passionate about and that is very important to me: volunteerism. I am committed to enlightening all people of the benefits that come from volunteering. I have been volunteering since a very young age and feel it has not only helped shape me as an individual but given me rewards beyond any I could have imagined. I am currently the Vice-President of Fargo North High's Key Club and am especially encouraging groups I speak to, to become a part of the Kiwanis family”.

Stephanie Erickson would love to come speak at your meeting if requested. Furthermore, she needs sponsors. She writes, "I am very excited to represent North Dakota at the 2007 Miss Teen International Pageant in Chicago, Illinois from July 23rd through July 28th. The expenses involved in participating in th is pageant are great. All of my sponsors will be listed in the 2008 state pageant program book as having sponsored me during my year as Miss Teen North Dakota International 2007. All donations are tax deductible. I could list sponsors either as individual names or as the Kiwanis Club. Any help with this would be greatly appreciated!”

Contact: DanceTilUDrop416@aol.com or Cloverjean@cableone.net

Key Leader Registration is open at Key-Leader.org

Please encourage students to sign up early for the Key Leader event in Minnesota on Oct. 5-7. The camp will be full at 100 students. This is the weekend of a lifetime.

Contact: Cloverjean@cableone.net

"The Brain Game"
The Kiwanis International slogan of "Serving the Children of the World" is being lived out in Red Wing, Minnesota. The Golden K Kiwanis Club, in a collaborative effort with Fairview Red Wing Medical Center and Fairview Red Wing Auxiliary, now provides a copy of "The Brain Game" to every new mother who participates in post-natal classes (about 400 a year). To date, we have provided 525 copies (25 in Spanish).

"The Brain Game" is a colorful, professionally produced book that contains many suggestions for parents and other caregivers to use with children from birth to three years of age, a critical time in a child's brain development. If proper nurturing and stimulation are not given during this time, it cannot be done successfully later in life! Ann Warrington, Fairview's Director of Post-Natal Education, enthusiastically reports that the book is proving to be very valuable. This cooperative effort has real potential to make a difference in the future of Red Wing area children.