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# MINNEKOTAN

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## Bill's Pitch

Arylce and I just returned from the International Convention in Orlando, Florida. Now that is a way to get revitalized. Just being around all those in attendance and hearing what they are doing in their Districts is awesome.



We all have a chance to experience that kind of excitement in Moorhead, Mn, August 8-10th. at our District Convention. I hope you will come to the meetings if not for the entire convention come for what you can. By you attending we all gain. Bill Lardy has put together interesting forums, we have a few hours set aside to develop a team of volunteers to assist our District in two vital roles; Membership development and New Club Building. We all need to pitch in and help our District grow to continue to provide services to children and communities in our District and the World.

An important event is also planned. We will be voting on supporting Stewart Ross in his run for the International Board of Trustees in 2009. I hope all of you can hear from Stewart and others about this wonderful opportunity we have with our District.

It is great to be back in our District. We have three months to go to provide positive growth. Also, we are doing a wonderful job in supporting the International Foundation. Let's not forget our own foundation. We need to support that as well in order to continue to provide the Scholarship dollars we deliver each year to high school seniors.

See you in Moorhead, August 8th. Let's put some WOW into Minn-Dak!!

Bill Daugherty, Minnesota-Dakotas District Governor

## Update from the Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer - July 2008

By Steve Handegaard, Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer



- A total of 59 Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanians and 11 guests represented our district at the Kiwanis International Convention in Orlando, June 26-29. If you were not able to join us at the International Convention, you can see, hear, and read about all the action on the Kiwanis International Convention's Web pages at [www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org)
- Next year's Kiwanis International Convention will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, June 24-27, 2009. Think about attending next year!
- Don't forget to register for the Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention!! Register now! The early bird deadline is July 15<sup>th</sup>. 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/>

- Thank you to Club Secretaries for submitting your **Club Election Reports for 2008-2009**. The reports were due **June 1**, so if you have not entered your information online, please do so ASAP! We are still waiting for 45 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.
- Within the next two months we will be rolling out a brand new Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Website and a new electronic MINNEKOTAN format. Watch for more details.

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

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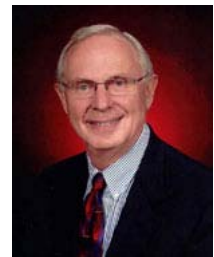
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**Leading to Serve by Bill Lardy, Governor Elect**

Next month dedicated Kiwanians willing to help form new clubs and rejuvenate existing clubs will meet on Friday afternoon, August 8<sup>th</sup>, at the start of the District convention to “learn the ropes” of how to go about the critical effort of shoring up District membership.



Together Achieving Growth (TAG) is an effort encouraged by Kiwanis International. TAG. It is designed to use Regional Kiwanians, TAG Team Members, to work with clubs that ask for help to revitalize and rejuvenate an existing club. In addition, TAG Team members will help form new clubs. Since the 7 regions in the district are, geographically, very large, 5 or more TAG team members are needed in each region.

The Friday afternoon session, August 8<sup>th</sup>, will give team members the tools needed to successfully meet the challenge of increasing membership in the Minnesota Dakotas District. I ask every Kiwanian to consider being part of the team. Can there be a better way to “change the world one child and one community at a time?”

Contact me or any member of the District Board of Directors to join the effort or for more information. My contact information: 701-258-8566, [kiwi@bis.midco.net](mailto:kiwi@bis.midco.net). I look forward to hearing from you!

Keep the Kiwanis Spirit Burning!

**DISTRICT CONVENTION 2008**

Yes, the 2008 district convention will be another opportunity for you all to celebrate another great year in Kiwanis. As we

near the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis International, it also means that our district will soon celebrate that birthday also.

Mardi Gras will be the theme for Friday night of the convention so you will be treated to some of the best jazz music in the FM area, as well as have a fun family evening.

Forums, service projects, Kiwanis business, election of a new Governor plus all of the social events that go with the convention will be yours for the low price of \$100 per person if your reservations are made by July 15, 2008.

Register now and be ready for a fun filled family weekend.

## **MEDICAL SUPPLIES & YOUR KIWANIS CONVENTION**

This year you can be a great help to fill the needs of people that need medical supplies that may not always be affordable.

The HERO organization distributes medical supplies throughout our 3 state area as well as over seas. \

These supplies can include any unopened items as well as wheel chairs, canes, crutches, etc.

Bring them with you to the convention and Saturday afternoon we will load them from your vehicle directly to the HERO truck, so it will be a great support effort on our part.

Watch the Minnekotan for more information or contact your Lt. Governor for more information.

## **Fridley High School Key Club Service Project**

### **“HELP FOR HEROES”**

During the month of May the Fridley High School Key Club sponsored a new project called “Help for Heroes”. This project involved the collection of useful items for soldiers undergoing treatment at the Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, DC. This project idea was suggested to the Key Club by a Board Member whose uncle was at Walter Reed for a prolonged period of time. During that time the uncle felt unappreciated and depressed. Much of his time was spent in doing painful rehabilitation or boredom. The Fridley Key Club wanted to help these soldiers.

Through an organization called Operation Second Chance the Fridley Club obtained a list of needed items. Suggested items were sweat pants, t-shirts, micro bead pillows, books, magazines, notepads, pens, cards, envelopes, stamps, DVD movies, small hand held electronic games, snacks, shaving cream and razors, disposable cameras and phone cards.

Following publicity about the “Help for Heroes Project” and an items drive, the Key Club sent two large packages to the soldiers with a letter of appreciation for keeping our country safe and free. The Fridley Key Club and high school community collected over 125 items, many of which were thoughtful and often times expensive. Yes, “Caring is truly our way of life!”

Keihlor Mack, Publicist

Fridley High School Key Club

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## Kiwanis Circus Coming to Sioux Falls July 23rd

By Bill Zortman --Diversity Kiwanis PR Clown

Yes Virginia there are still family shows that help people in our community!!

July 23rd -- the Diversity Kiwanis Club of Sioux Falls will host the Kiwanis Circus at 4:30 and 7:30 at the W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds. Children of all ages can witness elephants putting up the big top at 9:30. The colorful, portable arena that hails from Hugo, Oklahoma is as long as a football field and holds 2,500.



Billion Automotive, a number of other Kiwanis financial friends, and the newest Kiwanis Club in the Dakotas and Minnesota have put the show together with a portion of the proceeds going to the Sioux Falls Area Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program. CASA promotes and protects the best interests of abused and neglected children involved in court proceedings through the advocacy efforts of trained volunteers.

Tickets are on sale at all local Nyberg's Ace Stores in Sioux Falls or online at [www.carsonbarnescircus.com](http://www.carsonbarnescircus.com). Nyberg Ace Stores will continue the sale of 25% discounted tickets through July 22nd.

The Diversity Kiwanis Club is thankful that Jack Stengel who helped bring this circus in recent years to his Milbank hometown has joined the Diversity club and is leading the direction for the 1st Kiwanis Circus in Sioux Falls.

The club is encouraging other Kiwanis Clubs to find a way to bring a kid to the circus. If the Kiwanis member can't go -- why not sponsor a family that can go and invite them back to tell their experience at a future Kiwanis meeting.

The Diversity Club has helped children of all nationalities including warm coats, shoes, crayons, and even "Billy" goats. This event will include invitations to children in the Multi-Cultural Center programs as well as the 100 other cultures in the Sioux Falls area. For more information go the club website at [www.diversitykiwanis.org](http://www.diversitykiwanis.org).

Don't you dare miss "This Really Big Show" on July 23rd in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

## FIRST TIMER LUNCHEON

At noon on Friday of the opening day of the District Convention, all first timers that are registered, will receive a special luncheon for \$5.

During this luncheon you will hear from many presenters regarding what will go on during the convention, and help you get as much out of the convention as possible.

Be sure to indicate on your registration blank if you are coming to the convention for the first time.

## BRING YOUR BOOKS TO THE CONVENTION

Start saving those books for this years District Kiwanis convention because Lois Hanson will once again be operating her book store.

Used books of all kinds are welcome so go through your book shelves now and see what is there.

The proceeds from this project support a needy cause each year, plus you get some great reading material to take back home from the convention

## Region 3 - Jason Malmstrom Kiwanian of the Month of June

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Jason took on the responsibilities as Auction Chair this year. He put forth an aggressive goal of an increase of 10% in net profits from the auction. We not only made an additional 10%, but we had a net increase of 40%!!!

As chair, Jason was able to increase the corporate sponsors to include new sponsors we have not had in the past. He also brought in new "super major" items, those over \$1,000. Traditionally, we have about 5-6 super major items in a good year, this year we had 12! Also, we redesigned the set to include new auction podiums, new bid board, and brought in a new concept of "no certificates". Many auction items donated from businesses are gift certificates. This year, instead of showing the certificate as we have always done, we took video of the store/business/item to show on TV. This changed the entire auction and made for better TV. The bids proved that!!

Jason also made the bold move of changing the minimum auction item amount from \$200, which it has been for many years, to \$250.

## Kiwanis Night at Bird Cage Scheduled for July 31st

By Bill Zortman -- Lt Governor, Region 5, 2006-2007

By popular demand -- the tailgating, the catered barbeque, and Minor League baseball is on the 2008 Kiwanis schedule for the 3rd year. Its simple just follow these steps:



- \$6 is the cost of the meal with Tony's Barbeque catering.
- \$6 a ticket for Sioux Falls Canaries - El Paso Diablos baseball.
- Please send checks to Randy Hohn, Secretary of Sioux Falls Daybreak at 5412 W Deer Creek, Sioux Falls, SD, 57106 or email to [radhohn@sio.midco.net](mailto:radhohn@sio.midco.net). Checks should be made payable to Daybreak Kiwanis.
- In past years Kiwanis members from Sioux Falls, Madison, Mitchell, Brookings, Worthington, George, and other locations have attended.

The project was initially the work of Carol Woltjer of Sioux Falls South who worked with George Kiwanians on a Haiti crayola project. This year special Kiwanian Steve Gilbertson of South is the honorary chairman of the event.

The Sioux Falls Kiwanis President's of the six clubs endorsed the project and encourages members to attend. The tailgate party will be in the southwest corner of the Canaries Parking lot and will start at 6PM.

Please pass the word to members, their families, friends, potential members and any of the Kiwanis family. Be sure to bring your own lawn chairs.

See you at the ball park with pork loins, hot dogs, baked beans, chips, cookie, pop and water on the food menu, fun at the old ball park the plan, and making new friends in Kiwanis circles absolutely priceless.

## Hixson Ambassador Program

What an exciting new program that has just come out from the Kiwanis International Foundation. The George F. Hixson Fellowship was created by the Kiwanis International Foundation Board of Trustees in 1983, Hixson Fellowships were instrumental in securing donations during the IDD campaign. Kiwanians Throughout the world established membership in the Fellowship through a US \$1,000 contribution. Today, there are over 33,000 Hixson fellows, representing US\$33,000,000 in Kiwanis generosity.

In order to build momentum for the endowment campaign, KIF has initiated a new fund raising program: The Hixson Ambassador program, which will be available ONLY TO HIXSON FELLOWS. This program will require a \$1,000 contribution, either paid in cash or pledged over three years. Similar to the Hixson program, membership is not recognized until the full amount is contributed. Funds raised from this new program will benefit the endowment, or can designated for the Kiwanis International auditorium.

We will recognize this group of Kiwanis donors with a new Hixson Ambassador medallion (numbered sequentially) hanging from a solid blue ribbon, and a Letter of Acknowledgement. In addition to the new medal, Ambassadors will automatically receive their next Diamond-level Hixson award. We suggest that each of the new Hixson Ambassadors identify, cultivate, and recruit at least five other Hixson Fellows to become Hixson Ambassadors.

To date, we have achieved excellent success, as we have cash in-hand or pledges from almost 60 new Hixson Ambassadors, recruited from the KI Board, the KIF Board, KIF Chairmen, Staff, and local Kiwanians. It is believed this incentive program has the potential to raise \$10 to \$20 million in new donations from Kiwanians interested in joining our Hixson Ambassador group, and greatly enhance the endowment campaign.

I will have the sign up cards available at the district convention and for those of you who will be attending the International Convention in Orlando, you will be able sign up there at the Kiwanis International Foundation Booth. **REMEMBER YOU MUST ALREADY BE A HIXSON FELLOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS NEW PROGRAM.**

Chuck Schroder, District Chairman

Kiwanis International Foundation

## Region 3 - Kiwanian of the month of May

George Lah, is a perfect person to honor for this award. He has handled the Special Olympics races in the northern Region 3 area for many years. He has also chaired getting food for the local food shelves and has been an undaunting force in the Friendly Duluth's annual TV Auction.

Congratulations, George, on a well deserved honor.



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