Message from Governor Rachael Disrud - 7/2/2020
Submitted by: Rachael Disrud

Dear Fellow Kiwanians

Have a wonderful Independence Day, 2020 as you celebrate blessings in our country.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. It would be so nice to know each of you personally. We are made out of the same mold while we commit with a servant leader’s heart. Thank you for the ways you have made your community a better place for all.

There is a lot of good happening in MNDAK because of you, your club and your division.

- A survey will soon come to presidents as well as to all members. Please fill out and return the survey. We want to serve you in the most meaningful way possible.
- Club presidents will receive a call from KI leadership as well as MNDAK leadership. We hope the result will assist us in learning how to serve you and your community in the best way possible.
- Many clubs are meeting via zoom or free conference call.com. Clubs are also hosting board and committee meetings, education events and socials via zoom.
- Lieutenant Governors will be receiving education events via zoom in order to work toward serving clubs in each Division. MNDAK has 7 divisions in ND, SD and MN. To learn more, please google Minnesota Dakotas Kiwanis. You will find information that includes our newsletter, directory and more.
- Kiwanis International website has great information and details on the many services that are offered through Kiwanis. You will be guided on developing leadership skills, how to do a community assessment and more.
- Interclub events can happen via zoom. This is a great way to learn how other clubs function. I have learned a great deal through interclubbing via zoom. If you wish to learn more about how, please call me, our district office or our interclub chairperson. (See the MNDAK Directory).
- VIRTUAL CONVENTION! = VCON! Our theme for this year: Called To Action! As you know, COVID-19 has changed our lives, how we communicate and do business. Please mark your calendars! This year we will have our VCON on Saturday, August 8th from 9:00 am – 12 noon. NO charge! We have an outstanding speaker who is a former International President Paul Palazzolo, who will energize us! We also have Brad Boyd who will speak on leadership – membership. More information will come soon! Stay Tuned! We will end our event with a social led by SLP (Service Leaders) Circle K. (See Directory for Administrator Jason Stewart). Greetings will also be given by our International President, Daniel Vigneron from Belgium who was scheduled to visit MNDAK in April. His greeting will express his wish to have been with us!

About your leadership: As we work together, remember you are capable, generous and as a Kiwanian, your kindness is the catalyst that holds our world together. What we learn when we listen is critical to understanding those around us. Listening is the way we learn. From the information learned, process it, verify its authenticity then decide one the best routes possible based on the facts given and stick with the decision. This process is seldom simple. As leaders in your club, family, community and church, you are important. The world needs Kiwanis. Our communities need Kiwanis. Research shows us that each member impacts the lives of 206 children. If your
Club of 30 was not functioning, 6,480 children would have less support whether food, clothing, school supplies, emotional support or protection from abuse. 

Please know, you are the catalyst to a future that gives hope to the next generation. 
Yours in Kiwanis
Rachael

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**Reporting** - 7/1/2020

*Submitted by: Bettye Hoff*

I want to thank the clubs that have submitted the officers for 2020-2021. We are almost half way there - still have quite a few yet to add so please do that as soon as you can. With clubs still not meeting regularly I know it is hard but KI has really been quite flexible in allowing clubs to choose the easiest way to get voting and business done. I am always only a phone call away if you need help or have questions.

I have to admit that I was not a fan of zoom meetings, it seemed so impersonal and awkward, but I now have to admit that I am liking it. I have seen the advantage of using this method of connecting. Clubs are taping into national and international resources to bring leadership knowledge, training and information to their clubs. It is also such an easy way to connect with other clubs and see what they are doing for fundraising, fun and doing business. If you have not tried it yet, give it a try - you may like it to!

I am also excited to let you know that a You Tube Channel is in the works. This will be so beneficial for all kinds of training, speakers, information and outreach. Be watching for more news on this.

We have a historic event coming up - A Virtual Convention! Never before done!! Be sure to reserve August 8 from 9:00 - Noon CT to be a part of this. More information will be coming out on this as well.

Staff from KI called club Secretaries last month to touch base and obtain information on how each club is doing and if they can be of assistance - they will be calling club Presidents starting July 6 so let them know of any needs, concerns and ideas you have.

I also want to share a great website of recordings of webinars available to you:

**Click here for Webinar recordings**

It is worth checking out.

As we celebrate our 4th of July let's also celebrate each other - the Kiwanian Family.

Stay safe

Bettye Hoff

District Secretary/Treasurer
Great Recruiting Opportunity for all Kiwanis Members - 7/1/2020
Submitted by: David Harms and Rachael Disrud

Kiwanis international along with Minnesota/Dakotas Kiwanis is waiving registration fee for any new member who joins an existing club because of the Covid 19 Pandemic. This applies to any person who joins Kiwanis between now and September 30, 2020. This is a great opportunity for someone who has wanted to join your club. It has been a difficult spring with the quarantine, but this presents us with this opportunity to get new members who can learn about Kiwanis and our impact on community.

The best for last. The Minnesota/Dakotas District has decided to waive the registration fee for the Virtual Convention this year. Because of current circumstances this will give every Kiwanis Member an opportunity to participate in all or some of the convention education and presentations. We have a keynote speaker that you won’t want to miss. Thank you for your steadfast support and participation.

We hope that you stay healthy, and strong. God Bless you.

Dave Harms
Rachael Disrud, Governor

2020 District Convention Cancelled - 6/30/2020
Submitted by: Shara Fischer

Your MNDAK District Convention Committee is disappointed to announce that we’ve had to cancel our in person convention in St. Cloud, BUT we’re going virtual!
A Virtual Convention will take place online at a later date allowing for the presentation of many of the workshops that would have taken place at our District Convention. The agenda for this education and connection details will be publicized as we get closer to the event. All online presentations will be recorded and published to the District website so that they can be viewed by members at any point. This event will be FREE to all Kiwanians.

Information will be sent out the club presidents and secretaries about how your club can be involved. Your individual invitation to attend will arrive via email. If you are not receiving the district news emails, please contact district secretary, Bettye Hoff, to update your contact information.

Stay tuned for more details to come.

CONGRATULATIONS! - 6/30/2020
Submitted by: Kristine Sturgeon

CONGRATULATIONS!

It’s been a purposeful school year at West Fargo High School with 2 National Student Awardee(s). Tomorrow, May 20, 2020, we are publishing a National Press Release recognizing schools with students receiving the 2019-20 National Community Service Award from the United Nations Association – USA. We are thrilled that West Fargo High School is included in the 305 schools delivering progress toward the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with the most student effort for SDG 4-Quality Education. Attached to this message, you will find several official artifacts created to amplify the recognition of your school for prioritizing service to others and to celebrate your students for their commitment to local community needs. The materials linked below have been tailored for your school and are press/social media/newsletter ready.

Social Media / Newsletter Announcement Graphic – This official graphic certifies the student awardees from your school

Press Release Template - Ready for your use. Includes Award Announcement, a quote from UNA – USA and approved content to localize with your school / leadership information.

Student Activity Impact Snapshot - Chart of student activity across the 17 UN SDGs and comparisons with schools with similar characteristics

Digital Link featuring your Student Awardees on an Official Award Page - This view can be used in Newsletters and monitors highlighting your students being recognized and the UN SDG with the most impact. If you are interested in a link to embed on one of your web pages, please contact us.
We will ship award packets to your campus as in previous years. Due to the current closure of many schools across the US, we will send physical awards when students return to schools, assuming this fall. All student awardees have received digital award certificates and impact colleges in the interim.

This award program has been designed to elevate and expand the awareness of youth leaders contributing time and talent to drive positive progress toward global issues. We want to share our appreciation for you and your team who have made the choice to include community service as part of the educational experience at West Fargo High School.

Congratulations and enjoy the summer!

- Kristine

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Celebrating youth impact for the UN Sustainable Development Goals

**About the Awards**

United Nations Association of the USA and InnerView Technologies have embarked on a partnership with the aim to help students ages 14 to 24 explore the UN Global Goals, engage in volunteer efforts in their community, and develop a personal social impact credential: a Service Resume. Read the [full press release](https://www.InnerView.org) and view the full list of schools with students earning awards.

**Student Award Levels**

- **Ambassador**: 100 hours of service across at least 12 activities this school year
- **Honor**: 40 hours of service across at least 8 activities this school year
- **Merit**: 20 hours of service across at least 4 activities this school year

**Congratulations to Student Award Earners at West Fargo High School**

- **Ambassador Awardees**: Yiqi Yuan
- **Honor Awardees**: Anjali Bhujel
Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Educational Foundation - 6/29/2020
Submitted by: Sherry Scudder

The Minnesota Dakota Kiwanis Educational Foundation needs your support to help fund Educational Scholarships for our youth. Because of Generous donations from Kiwanis members, either individually or through Clubs budgeting for the Century Membership of $100, we are able to fund all 7 divisions to help kids with their secondary education.
Where we have been isolated since March, some of us have been able to save some money since we have not been shopping or eating out. Maybe we could at least send $100, for a Century Membership. I will be sending a check to the Minnesota-Dakotas District Educational Foundation on behalf of a new little club that could use my support.
I challenge others to do the same or recognize someone with a Vantine Life Fellowship for $100. I was presented with a Vantine Life Fellowship and I never forget the pride that I felt knowing that someone believed in me enough to invest in me and knowing that it would help the Foundation to sustain and help students with scholarships.
There are other ways to give recognition to others while helping the Minnesota-Dakota District Kiwanis Foundation sustain our scholarship program. I challenge anyone who can, to send their $100 donation as a COVID 19 opportunity to do something good for the youth when we could not get out to do our service projects. You can give more if you want and I suggest you go to the Minnesota-Dakotas Website to view all the ways you can donate and or give recognition to others through your donations to the Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Scholarship Foundation. Thanks to all those who take my challenge.

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE - 6/29/2020
Submitted by: Sherry Scudder

JULY COMES WITH MANY CHALLENGES AND CHOICES

DIVIDED BY CRISIS AND UNITED BY PURPOSE: I appreciate how flexible many of our members have been during this COVID 19 PANDEMIC. Changes and challenges cause new ways of thinking and new ways to see growth. I realize socializing, traveling and doing service projects have slowed down and some have halted respecting safety rules.
Luckily we have good news, we have been able to stay connected through phone calls, e-mails, zoom meetings, go-to meetings, using masks and honoring social distancing while serving the community. Thanks to all who are staying connected and serving the community in their time of need.
Because of the many needs, people are looking for opportunities to serve. KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL AND THE MN-DAK DISTRICT HAVE WAIVED THE DUES UNTIL OCTOBER 1, 2020 FOR ALL NEW MEMBERS JOINING EXISTING CLUBS.
I invite you to search out the Kiwanis International Website and find some training, ideas and webinars to help you focus on what we can do when we meet again. Seems like we never have enough time to do this so here is an opportunity to keep us going. The website has many ideas and video clips of other Kiwanis Clubs as well as showing the types of service they are doing in their communities. Some clubs are innovative in how they plan their club meetings. They meet in parking lots, host zoom meetings, and meet in parks for picnics. I am anxious to see what your clubs have come up with to start up again.

Try this month to reach out to potential members. REMEMBER, THEY ARE FREE. Good luck and go out and recruit. Keeping in mind, KIDS NEED KIWANIS AND WE CAN SERVE 106 PER EACH KIWANIAN.

Minot Golden K Meet - 6/29/2020  
Club: Aberdeen - Submitted by: Richard Sabol-Secretary

We know many clubs have finally been able to meet one way or the other.

Minot, ND Golden K did finally meet at the Scandinavian Heritage Park Picnic Pavilion. We had 17 members in attendance and had the chance to socialize for over an hour. No speaker at this meeting as we wanted to get together and visit since we have not seen each other for over 3 months.

We will be scheduling one meeting per month for the summer. Plus also hoping to have a speaker join us.

July Partnership Highlight - 6/29/2020
Submitted by: Denis Cornell

OUR PARTNERS
For Kiwanis International, partnerships are an exciting way to maximize our service to communities around the world. The right partnerships are paramount. We welcome partnerships that align with our mission and preserve the trust of our members and the communities, children and families we serve.

Visit https://www.kiwanis.org/about/partners to explore the 31 Kiwanis International partnerships available to clubs worldwide. There are partnerships designed for clubs as well as individual club members.
Children's Fund  - 6/28/2020  
Submitted by: Kathy Welle  

Greetings to All:  
Here's hoping everyone is healthy and safe!  

As we continue to experience more days and months like we have never before, I am reaching out to all Kiwanians and clubs about our "K DOLLAR" Challenge that would have had a bigger celebration at the MN-Dak District Convention. So, since there will be no District Convention this year, I'm asking all club members to think about how we go forward and close this years challenge.  

Please consider the following options:  

1. Submit the total K dollar amount (prefer by check) to me and I will submit a list of clubs and amounts to the Kiwanis Children's Fund.  
2. You submit the K dollars directly to Kiwanis, however please inform me of the amount, so I have the info for a 2019-2020 summary of clubs and amounts for the year.  
3. Submit the K Dollars to Jack Zierdt. (Check preferred)  
   Designate 50% of K Dollars for Children’s Fund and 50% for District Education Fund.  
   Jack will submit the funds along with a list of clubs to KI Children's Fund.  
   Jack Zierdt, 914 Southern Pine Lane SW, Rochester, MN 55902  

Thank you all for your commitment to Kiwanis and for supporting the Kids  

Kathy Welle  
District Chair -Children's Fund  

Leadership Education Training is “In Session” - 6/26/2020  
Submitted by: Loreena Luetgers
Yes, Lieutenant Governor Education has completed their second session and with their next session scheduled for July 22nd, thanks to virtual technology. The final sessions will be held in August-September.

Club Leadership Education Virtual Officer training sessions given through Kiwanis International were held from June 8th thru June 13th with 3,177 club officers attending from the USA and Canada in the 22 sessions in four days given for presidents, secretaries, treasurers and membership chairs!! The MNDAK District had approximately 30 presidents, 25 secretaries, 14 treasurers and 8 membership chairs participating. Thank you, club officers for participating. We hope you found the information helpful.

IF YOU MISSED THIS: An email letter was sent to all club secretaries as a reminder for all clubs that didn’t have club officers participating these 1.25 hour sessions to register and participate now at your leisure. The full 2-3 hour KI online module will be available in September for a more thorough educational training.

District Virtual Education: these sessions will be held in July with each Division on one call to discuss District and basic education for presidents and secretaries. The invitation and dates for these will be announced shortly.

These education training sessions are so important for club officers to learn about their position and what their responsibilities entail.

IN MANKATO - A SIGN OF THE TIMES - 6/26/2020
Club: Mankato - Submitted by: Laura Templin

Mankato Kiwanis is such a unique club! We have about 100 members that participate in a variety of service committees that serve the needs of children in some way.
This month we celebrated our Legion of Honors. We celebrated 5 year members as well as 10 year, 25 year, 30 year and 45 year. We also have 5 members who have 50 years or more to the club!
Since we were not able to meet in person, the Membership Committee did a surprise visit to their home. Ahead of time, we asked them to be home at a certain day/time because we had something special to share with them. We rang the doorbell, they came outside and we sang "When the Kiwanis Calls" and we congratulated them for their years of service. We also placed a yard sign in their yard. It was a wonderful way to acknowledge the years of commitment to the club.
See the attached photo of Fred Lutz. Fred is our longest member of Kiwanis with 55 years!
Others that were honored for over 50 years are:
Lyle Jacobson - 50 years
Sandy Schuster - 51 years
Dwain Peterson - 52 years
Joe Holland - 53 years

Photo is of Fred Lutz and his wife Diane receiving his "Proud Member Kiwanis Club of Mankato for Over 50 Years" yard sign.

Submitted by Laura Templin, Membership Chair of the Mankato Kiwanis Club

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**Now Is the Time** - 6/24/2020  
*Submitted by: John Loken*

Now is the time to realize that COVID-19 is going to be with us for some time, this is the new normal. I was not prepared for this, and I am not happy about the impact it is having on me and my lifestyle, but I continue forward.

Now is the time to look for opportunities, focus on the possible, turbulent times provide license to take new approaches, to do things differently, new tactics in search of new solutions.

Now is the time to gather together in creative and innovative strategizing and planning as we reach for success in the new world. Club officers and Boards of Directors, committees and members acting together to be the best they can be. And it would seem to apply to clubs sharing with each other and collaborating to be the best that Kiwanis can be.

Now is the time to spread hope and positive expectations, find the positives in every situation, look for the silver lining and gold at the end of the rainbow.

Now is the time to pray for peace, order and calm in our country and in our neighborhoods and for wisdom for our civil and Kiwanis leadership.

Now is the time to take steps to assure our club welcomes all.

Now is the time to be bold, step out courageously, our goals are noble, our mission is children and youth. We seek to have all children reach their full potential and live a fulfilling life. Is there any higher aspiration?
Former Member’s Daughter Needs Help - 6/23/2020
Submitted by: Cassandra Johnson

The Kiwanis Club of West St. Paul is asking for help for a former member’s daughter who recently received a diagnosis of Stage 4 brain cancer. On June 3, 2020 one of our dearest friends, Laura Walsh, found out she has a 4 cm tumor wrapped around her brain stem. This was only 2 weeks after delivering her 3rd child, Irelynn Marie. Laura and Keegan (husband) are also parents to Meara and Grady, all 3 kids under 5 years old. If you or your club are moved to make a donation to this kind family, please visit their GoFundMe page: