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Update from the District Secretary/Treasurer -June 2005

By Steve Handegaard, Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer



Greetings to everyone. Wow! Time is flying as always. Do you know that we are about 2/3 of the way through our Kiwanis year? You and your clubs have been doing many great things in the name of Kiwanis this year. We also need to continue to open the Kiwanis door to new members. We need new members to share in this important service work and to share the fun as well. Keep the momentum going!

- It is Kiwanis Convention time! Both the District and International Conventions will provide some great learning and fun times during July and August. To date, 4,376 registrations have been received for the 90th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, July 2-6, 2005, with a goal of 6,154. Convention hotels are filling quickly, and we understand from several travel agents that airline seats on peak arrival and departure dates are becoming difficult to find. So far we have 48 members and 15 guests attending from the Minnesota-Dakotas District.
- The District Kiwanis Convention in Aberdeen, August 12-14, 2005, is going to be a great time. I hope to see all of you there. Every club secretary should have received a packet of registration forms and a delegate certification form the first week in May. Be sure to send those forms to Larry and Pat Rittgarn, District Convention Directors no later than July 20. Further information can be found on the District Kiwanis Website.
- Report of Club Election Forms-Thank you once again to Club Secretaries for sending in names and contact information of your new officers. Please try to include email addresses whenever possible. It is very important that Kiwanis International and the District Office both receive this information. Reports were due June 1 so if you have not sent your form, please do so ASAP!
- Has your club contributed to the Outreach program this Kiwanis year? Our Circle K and Key Club District Boards are growing and very busy covering the three states building our Sponsored Youth Programs. They need our financial support.
- Club Secretaries Did you know that you can access your clubs member information on the Kiwanis International Website via "Kiwanis Remote"?! You do not need any special program, just regular internet access. Authorized users (club secretaries) can search for and retrieve Member and Club data and update your Member information, such as mailing addresses, email addresses, etc. You can also easily download a roster of your club members. It also keeps a historical data base of former members. The first time that you go into the website it will ask you for your name and identification and you will create your own password for future entry. You are not able to add or delete members, but you can update or add important contact information for current members. It is a very handy tool for Club Secretaries. If you can get on the internet you can easily make this work for you. Some time ago Kiwanis International sent directions on how to do this to all Club Secretaries. If you no longer have those directions, just send me an email at secretary@mndak-kiwanis.org and I will send you the "Kiwanis Remote" website address and some basic instructions.
- Finally, just a reminder about our "Electronic" Minnekotan. Remember that there may be members in your club that do not have easy access to a computer and this newsletter. Since we are still rather new at this venture, please see that someone in your club brings some "hard" copies to your club meetings

for those that cannot get it directly.

Thanks again for all of your great dedication to Kiwanis!

Agenda for District Convention in Aberdeen

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Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International

Annual Convention

August 11,12,13,14, 2005

Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center, Aberdeen, SD

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2005 MORNING

12:00 Noon Hospitality Room Open
Ramkota Conference Center
Indoor Courtyard

12:00 Noon Registration Open
Ramkota Conference Center
Concourse

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2005 AFTERNOON

12:30 P.M. Golf Tournament
Lee Park Golf Course

5:00 P.M. Hospitality Room Closed

5:00 P.M. Registration Closed

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2005 EVENING

6:00 P.M. Joint Board Social Dinner
Dakota E
Governor Walt and First Lady Susan Roetter, presiding

- Executive Board & Partners
- 2004-2005 Lt. Governors & Partners
- 2004-2005 Lt. Governors Elect & Partners
- Circle K Governor
- Circle K Administrator
- Key Club Governor
- Key Club Administrator & Partner
- District Directors & Partners
- International Trustee/Counselor & Partner
- Club Development Manager and Partner

6:00 P.M. Dinner – no host-Alonzo Ward Hotel

Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District
Jean Collins, Chairperson, presiding

- Past Governors and Partners

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2005 MORNING

- 7:00 A.M. 2004-2005 District Board Meeting & Breakfast
Dakota E
- Executive Board
 - 2004-2005 Lt. Governors
 - 2004-2005 Lt. Governors Elect
 - District Directors
 - Past International President
 - International Trustee/Counselor
 - Club Development Manager
- 7:30 A.M. Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis Past District Officers (No Host)
Breakfast Meeting
Dakota D
- 8:00 A.M. Registration Open
Ramkota Conference Center
Concourse
- 8:00 A.M. Hospitality Room Open
Ramkota Conference Center
Indoor Courtyard
- 8:30 A.M. 2005-2006 Lt. Governor Team Planning Session
Dakota C
Stewart Ross, Governor-Elect, presiding
- International Trustee
 - Harry White, Club Development Manager
- 8:30 A.M. Joint District Board Partners Breakfast
Dakota A
Susan Roetter & Liz Lawrence-Ross, presiding
- 2004-2005 Lt. Governors Partners
 - 2005-2006 Lt. Governors Partners
 - Executive Board Partners
 - Minnesota-Dakotas Past International President's Partner
 - International Trustee/Counselor's Partner
 - Past District Governors Partners
 - District Directors Partners
 - Club Development Management Partner
- 10:00 A.M. Convention Opens
Walt Roetter, Governor, presiding
Northern Convention Center
- 10:00 A.M. Welcome, Governor Walt Roetter

- 10:05 A.M. Posting of Colors
Pledge of Allegiance
Jered Bright, Key Club Governor
- Invocation
John Nistler, Circle K Governor
- Star Spangled Banner, Region #1
Song Leader, Region #1
Pianist, Mary Bloom, Webster Kiwanis Club, Region 5
- 10:15 A.M. Introductions
Walt Roetter, Governor
- 10:20 A.M. Adoption of District Convention Program
Charles Jacobson, Immediate Past Governor
- 10:25 A.M. Welcome
Beverly Werner, Aberdeen Kiwanis Club President
- Convention Directors-Announcements
Pat & Larry Rittgarn
- 10:35 A.M. Forum Announcements
Stewart Ross, Governor-Elect
- 10:45 A.M. Forums Session 1
to
- 11:35 A.M. Forum A – Dakota A
Preparing Articles for Your Local Newspaper – Deb Fleming
- Forum B – Dakota B
Maximizing for Success – Larry Rittgarn, District Director of Education
- Forum C – Dakota C
It's time to Sponsor a Circle K/Key Club – Joe Blasko & Paul Spyhalski, District Administrators
- Forum D – Dakota D
Stabilizing Club Membership – Chuck Nielsen, District Director of Membership
- Forum E – Dakota E
The Future is Now: Kiwanis Web sites –Presenters- Bill Zortman & Bob Swanson District
Public Relations Chair & Regional Web Master
- Forum F- Prairie
Ask Me Anything: Governor-Elect Issues Forum – Stewart Ross, Governor Elect
- 11:45 A.M. District Officers Luncheon
to
12:45 P.M. Oz and Pioneer
Governor Walt Roetter and First Lady Susan Roetter, presiding
- Governor-Elect and Partner
 - 2004-2005 Lt. Governors and Partners
 - 2004-2005 Lt. Governors Elect and Partners
 - 2004-2005 Immediate Past Lt. Governors and Partners
 - District Directors and Partners
 - Past District Governors and Partners

- District Secretary/Treasurer and Partner
- International Trustee/Counselor and Partner
- Club Development Manager and Partner
- Key Club and Circle K District Governors
- Key Club and Circle K District Administrators and Partners
- K-Kids, Builders Club, Aktion Club, District Administrators and Partners
- Convention Co-Chairs and Partners

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2005 AFTERNOON

- 1:00 P.M. Partners Tour
All tours depart from Convention Center Entrance
- 1:00 P.M. Children's Tour – (Separate from Partners)
All tours depart from Convention Center Entrance
- 1:00 P.M. Convention Reconvenes
Northern Convention Center
Walt Roetter, Governor, presiding
- 1:05 P.M. Welcome
Mike Larson, Mayor, Aberdeen, SD
- 1:15 P.M. International Trustee/Counselor Report
- 1:30 P.M. Minnesota-Dakotas Education Foundation Report
James M. Bekken, President
- 1:45 P.M. District Governor's Report
Walt Roetter, Governor
- 2:00 P.M. Kiwanis International Foundation Report
Dale Bowen, District Chair
- 2:15 P.M. Announcements
Pat & Larry Rittgarn, Convention Directors
- 2:25 to 5:00 P.M. Special Forum at Northern State University
On site registration required.
First 30 Registrants will be accepted.
Co-Presenters: Doug Johnson, president Mankato Downtown club-Develop and maintain a club website and Lori Larson, District webmaster-A brief look at the International website; Send articles/events and print the Minnekotan on the District's website.
- 2:25 P.M. Forums Session 2
to 3:15 P.M.
- Forum G – Dakota A
Governor Elect Candidate – Coralyn Dahl
Orin Dahl, Moderator
- Forum H – Dakota B
Responsibilities of Kiwanis Clubs to Sponsored Youth (Key Club/Circle K)
Larry Rittgarn , District Director of Education
- Forum I – Dakota C
Keeping Members Informed: Kiwanis Bulletins & Newsletters-Electronic or Hard Copy
Presenters- Steve Handegaard-District Sec/Treasurer, & Dawn Fairbrother

Forum J – Dakota D
 Creating a Quality Club Brochure and New Member Orientation Materials
 Presenters-Vicki Apel, and Stewart Ross-Mankato Kiwanis Club

Forum K – Dakota E
 What Do I Do Now?- President-Elect Forum
 Loreena Ennenga--Region 6 Immediate Past Lt. Governor

Forum L – Prairie
 Service Ideas for Clubs in the District
 Bruce Klair-Asst. District Service Director

3:15 P.M. Convention Break
 Ramkota Conference Center
 Indoor Courtyard

3:30 P.M. Forums Session 3

to

4:20 P.M. Forum A – Dakota A
 Preparing Articles for Your Local Newspaper – Deb Fleming

Forum C – Dakota C
 It's Time to Sponsor a Circle K/Key Club – Joe Blasko & Paul Spyhalski District Administrators

Forum D – Dakota D
 Stabilizing Club Membership – Chuck Nielsen, District Director of Membership

Forum L – Prairie
 Service Ideas for Clubs in the District
 Bruce Klair-Asst. District Service Director

3:30 P.M. Kiwanis Khorale Rehearsal - Theater
 to Dr. Allen Wortman, Director, Kiwanis Club of Mankato Downtown
 4:20 P.M. Betty Wortman, Pianist

4:30 P.M. Partner's Tour returns
 Convention Center Entrance

4:30 P.M. Children's Tour returns
 Convention Center Entrance

4:35 P.M. Convention Reconvenes
 Northern Convention Center

4:40 P.M. On To St. Cloud, MN 2006 Convention Presentation
 Judy Okerstrom
 St. Cloud Convention & Visitor's Bureau

5:00 P.M. Announcements and Adjournment
 Pat & Larry Rittgarn, Convention Directors

5:00 P.M. Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis Education Foundation District Board Meeting
 James M. Bekken, President

5:00 P.M. Registration Closed

5:00 P.M. Hospitality Room Closed

6:00 PM Storybook Land Evening at Wylie Park
 Dinner and Musical Entertainment at Pavilion

Special Evening Entertainment

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2005 MORNING

- 7:00 A.M. Regional Meetings and Caucuses
to 2004-2005 Lt. Governors presiding
8:00 A.M. Kiwanians and Delegates
- Region 1- Dakota C
- Region 2 – Dakota A
- Region 3 – Oz
- Region 4 – Dakota B
- Region 5 – Prairie
- Region 6 – Dakota D
- Region 7 – Dakota E
- 8:00 A.M. Hospitality Room open
Ramkota Conference Center
Indoor Courtyard
- 8:00 A.M. Registration open
Ramkota Conference Center
Concourse
- 8:30 A.M. Convention Reconvenes
Northern Convention Center
- Pledge of Allegiance – Region 4
Mark Stewart, Lt. Governor
- Invocation – Region 2
Theresa Lee, President, Fergus Falls Noon Kiwanis Club
- Star Spangled Banner – Region 5
Song Leader,
Pianist, Mary Bloom-Webster Kiwanis Club
- 8:40 A.M. 2005-2006 Kiwanis International and District Goals
to Stewart Ross, Governor-Elect
8:55 A.M.
- 8:55 A.M. Partners Tour
Convention Center Entrance
- 8:55 A.M. Children's Tour (Separate from Partners)
Convention Center Entrance
- 8:55 A.M. Circle K District Report
Joe Blasko, Administrator
John Nistler, Circle K Governor

- 9:05 A.M. Key Club District Report
Paul Spyhalski, Administrator
Jered Bright, Key Club Governor
- 9:15 A.M. Builders Club
Nancy McDonald, Administrator
- 9:25 A.M. K-Kids
Del Larson, Administrator
- 9:35 A.M. Aktion Club
Alan Nelson, Administrator
- 9:45 A.M. Announcements
Pat & Larry Rittgarn, Convention Directors
- 9:50 A.M. Convention Break
Convention Conference Center
Indoor Courtyard
- 10:00 A.M. Forums Session 4
to
10:50 A.M. Forum G – Dakota A
District Ed. Foundation Scholarships: Why You Should Care! – Jack Zierdt, Secretary,
Minnesota-Dakotas District Education Foundation
- Forum H – Dakota B
Maximizing for Success – Larry Rittgarn, District Director of Education
- Forum I – Dakota C
Keeping Club Members Informed: Kiwanis Bulletins & Newsletters-Electronic or Hard Copy
Presenters – Steve Handegaard –Dist Sec/Tres, Dawn Fairbrother.
- Forum J – Dakota D
Creating a Quality Club Brochure and New Member Orientation Materials
Presenters- Vicki Apel & Stewart Ross-Mankato Kiwanis Club
- Forum K – Dakota E
What Do I Do Now?-President-Elect Forum
Loreena Ennenga- Immediate Past Lt. Governor Region 6
- Forum L – Prairie
Kiwanis International Foundation – Liz Lawrence-Ross, 2005-2006 District Chair and Dale
Bowen- 2004-2005 District Chair.
- 11:00 A.M. Hospitality Room closed
- 11:00 A.M. Registration closed
- 11:00 A.M. Partners Tour Returns
Convention Center Entrance
- 11:00 A.M. Forums Session 5
to
11:50 A.M. Forum A – Dakota A
Preparing Articles for your local Newspaper – Deb Fleming
- Forum B – Dakota B
Maximizing for Success – Larry Rittgarn, District Director of Education

Forum C – Dakota C
It's Time to Sponsor a Key Club – Paul Spyhalski-District Administrator

Forum D – Dakota D
Stabilizing Club Membership – Chuck Nielsen, District Director of Membership

Forum E – Dakota E
The Future is Now: Kiwanis Web sites –Presenters –Bill Zortman & Bob Swanson District Public Relations Chair, and Regional Web Master

Forum F – Prairie
Meet the new District Secretary/Treasurer – Steve Handegaard

12:00 Noon
to
1:30 P.M.

Kiwanis Members & Partners Luncheon
Convention Center Hall

Invocation

Lunch

Keynote Speaker – Don Meyer, Men's Basketball Coach, Northern State University

2003-2004 Club Achievement Awards
Charles Jacobson, Immediate Past Governor

2003-2004 Distinguished Lt. Governors
Charles Jacobson, Immediate Past Governor

2:00 P.M.

Hospitality Room Open

2:00 P.M.

Partners Tour
All Tours depart from Convention Center Entrance

2:00 P.M.

Children's Tour
All Tours depart from Convention Center Entrance

2:00 P.M.

Forums Session 6

to
2:50 P.M.

Forum G – Dakota A
Governor-Elect Candidate – Coralyn Dahl
Orin Dahl, Moderator

Forum H – Dakota B
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Forum K – Dakota E
What Do I Do Now? - President-Elect Forum – Loreena Ennenga, Region 6 Immediate Past Lt. Governor

2:00 PM Kiwanis Khorale Rehearsal - Theater
to Dr Allen Wortman, Director, Kiwanis Club of Mankato Downtown
2:50 PM Betty Wortman, Pianist

3:00 P.M. Convention House of Delegates Session
to Northern Convention Center
5:00 P.M. Walt Roetter, Governor, presiding

James Bekken, Parliamentarian, New Rockford. ND Kiwanis Club

Secretary/Treasurer's Report
Stephen Handegaard

Report on Credentials
Registration Chair

Resolutions and Bylaw Changes
Norm Winkelman, Chair, Jamestown, ND Kiwanis Club

Bylaw Changes and Action
Walt Roetter, Governor

Rules for Nominating Speeches and Seconding Speeches
Walt Roetter, Governor

Nominating Speeches
Seconding Speeches
Election of 2005-2006 District Governor-Elect

Nominating Speeches
Seconding Speeches
Election of 2005-2006 District Governor

Retirement of 2004-2005 Lt. Governors

International Trustee/Counselor

Installation of 2005-2006 Lt. Governors

International Trustee/Counselor

Club Awards

Governor -Elect Election Results
Walt Roetter, Governor

Remarks by 2005-2006 Governor-Elect

Governor -Elect Banner Exchange

Governor Election Results
Walt Roetter, Governor

Remarks by 2005-2006 Governor

Governor-Banner Exchange

Announcements & Adjournment
Pat & Larry Rittgarn, Convention Directors

4:30 P.M. Hospitality Room closed

4:30 P.M. Children's Tour returns
Convention Center Entrance

4:30 P.M. Partners Tour returns
Convention Center Entrance

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2005 EVENING

6:00 P.M. Children's Program: Pizza Party and Videos and More
Dakota A

6:15 P.M. Governor's Banquet – Doors Open
Convention Center

6:30 P.M. Governor's Banquet

Introductions
Walt Roetter, Governor

Pledge of Allegiance
Stewart Ross, Governor Designate

Star Spangled Banner – Kiwanis Khorale
Song Leader, Dr. Allen Wortman, Director
Betty Wortman, Pianist

Musical Interlude
Kiwanis Khorale
Dr. Allen Wortman, Director
Betty Wortman, Pianist

Invocation
Charles Jacobson, Immediate Past Governor

7:05 P.M. Dinner

7:45 P.M. Break

8:00 P.M. Presentation of Citizenship Award
Past District Officers' Association
Tim Huseh, President

8:15 P.M. Presentation of Robert P. Connelly Medal for Heroism

8:30 P.M. Installation of 2005-2006 Governor and Governor-Elect

International Trustee/Counselor

Fond Farewell
Beverly Werner , Aberdeen Kiwanis Club President

Announcements
Pat & Larry Rittgarn, Convention Directors

Closing Remarks
Walt Roetter, Governor

Benediction
Auld Lang Syne
Song Leader
Pianist –Mary Bloom, Webster Kiwanis Club

9:00 P.M. Children's Program: Pizza Party and Videos and More ending
Dakota A

9:00 P.M. Sing Along Social and Open Reception
All Kiwanis Members, Partners, and Honored Guests

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2005 MORNING

7:30 A.M. Ecumenical Worship – Rev. Rich Rieder, Plymouth Congregational Church, Aberdeen
Northern Convention Center

Special Music – Kiwanis Khorale
Director-Dr. Allen Wortman
Pianist – Betty Wortman

8:15 A.M. Buffet Breakfast
to
9:15 A.M. Arikara

9:30 A.M. 2005-2006 District Board Meeting
to
11:15 A.M. Dakota E

Stewart Ross, Governor Designate, presiding

- 2005-2006 Lt. Governor Team
- 2005-2006 Executive Board Members
- International Trustee/Counselor
- District Directors
- Circle K Governor & Administrator
- Key Club Governor & Administrator

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2003-2004 Distinguished Lt. Governors Announced

Immediate Past Governor Charles Jacobson Announces 2003-2004 Distinguished Lieutenant
Governor

Herb Erickson - Lt. Governor Region 7



2003-2004 Distinguished Lieutenant Governors Announced

Immediate Past Governor Charles Jacobson Announces 2003-2004 Distinguished Lieutenant Governor

Mark Stults - Lt. Governor Region 4



Kiwanis annual golf tournament

18 holes of golf beginning at 12:30 on August 11, 2005 at this years District Kiwanis convention, in Aberdeen, SD

Golfers will be teeing off this year at 12:30 pm at the Lee Park Golf course, near the District Kiwanis Convention site.

Each golfer will be treated to 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, and chances to have lots of fun, and compete for some cash prizes.

The first place foursome will win \$80 cash, 2nd place will win \$40, and 3rd place will win \$20.

Other opportunities will be offered as you play.

This will be a 4 man/women best ball tournament, and handicaps will be part of the game.

\$32.00 will be the cost per golfer, and mulligans will be offered for \$1.00 each.

Registration forms will be in the mail to each club very soon, and checks and registration for golf will be sent directly to Don Whittlinger the chair for this event at Aberdeen.

Join the MN-DAK Khorale

The MN-DAK Governor-elect happens to direct two choirs besides his day job as a professor at Minnesota State University. Because of his interest in singing, Stewart Ross is trying to recruit a chorale that will sing at the Saturday night banquet and Sunday morning service at the summer District Convention in Aberdeen, S.D. Application forms and information were sent to all club secretaries in mid-May with a deadline of July 1, 2005 to be returned.

Once the size and voicing of the chorale is known, music will be selected. Dr. Ross has recruited Dr. Allen Wortman to serve as the first director of this group. Dr. Wortman served as Director of Choral Activities at MSU for many years and is now retired although he continues to direct a church choir in Mankato.

What makes this special is that Dr. Wortman is also a member of the Mankato Downtown Kiwanis Club! So this is your chance. Even if you have never attended a MN-DAK District Convention, if you are a good singer send in your application and prepare to have a great time learning music with other good singers and performing at the convention. For more information see your club secretary or contact the MN-DAK Khorale organizer, Stewart Ross at: 507-345-5180 home phone or email: stewart.ross@mnsu.edu.

Kiwanis District convention tour information

If you want to see more about some of the convention tours that will be offered at Aberdeen, check these web sites.

Dacotah Prairie Museum in Aberdeen, www.dacotahprairiemuseum.com

Storybook Land in Aberdeen, www.aberdeencvb.com

Books will again be a highlight at the District Convention

Bring your hard cover and paper back books to the District Kiwanis Convention in Aberdeen, SD and you will be able to select more reading material to take back home with you, and the price is right.

All of the proceeds will go to a needy project in the Aberdeen area, so read, have fun, and help someone else who needs our help.

See you in Aberdeen on August 11-12-13-14, 2005.

KIWANIS CONVENTION WILL TAKE YOU TO STORYBOOK LAND!

Our Friday night celebration will be off premises at "STORYBOOK LAND". It will be a fun evening of food, music, and entertainment.

STORYBOOK LAND is close to the convention center so you will be able to come and go at your leisure. There will be lots of different attractions and games to participate in during your time there. We have set the times from 6 PM to 9 PM.

Our plans include a catered dinner at the pavillion: a band for our listening or dancing pleasure, and a tour through STORYBOOK LAND which is a great evening for adults and children of all ages.

There might be a "surprise" entertainment! WATCH for more news later.

Convention site housing information

The Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center will be the headquarters hotel, and all rooms are reserved for our Kiwanis friends so make your call today and be assured a room.

Ramkota \$69.00 +Tax, 1-605-229-4040

Comfort Inn - \$66.00 + Tax, 1-605-226-0097

Super 8 North - \$59.00 + Tax, 1-605-226-2288

Super 8 East - \$64.00 + Tax, 1-605-229-5005

White House Inn - \$50.00 + Tax, 1-605-225-5000

All rooms will be blocked for the convention until July 1st so make your reservations NOW!

Dr. Cornelius Van Doren to be honored on his 100th Birthday.

Dr. Cornelius Van Doren will be honored on May 17th, 2005 at the Roseville Oval meeting room on his 100th birthday.

He is the former president of the N.Sub. Golden K. Kiwanis and still attends every week. He worked for the Department of Agriculture for 43 years and was area director in charge of all research in a five-state region for the USDA.

He has traveled the world extensively and helped establish research sites in Brazil and Peru. He helped establish the

Golden K. Kiwanis club with 114 members. He is a George F. Hixon awardee. He was elected to be a fellow of the Soil Science Society of America.

Coffee and cake will be served and 150 people or more are expected to attend.

Aberdeen Kiwanis convention promises lots of fun!

Tours for everyone:

ADULT TOURS WILL INCLUDE:

- Dakota Prairie Museum and Theatre
- Downtown Aberdeen Historical tour and Shopping
- Hutterite Colony
- CHILDRENS TOURS WILL INCLUDE:
- Storybook Land Zoo and Mini Golf
- Storybook Land Rides and Attractions
- Dakota Prairie Museum hands on experience

ALL OF THIS IS INCLUDED WITH YOUR CONVENTION REGISTRATION, SO PLAN NOW TO BE A PART OF THIS YEARS FUN!

Website Education in Willmar!

The Lt. Governor teams drove in a caravan to Ridgewater College in Willmar to use the computer lab under Webmaster Lori Larson's valuable guidance.

Many questions were answered and everyone was asked to submit an article to prove what we all learned! It was exciting to hear the typing of articles for all the regions happening at the same time.

Unfortunately, this all occurred on such a beautiful afternoon it was hard to sit inside a basement room. Thanks for the opportunity to learn about this process.

Kids Against Hunger Fundraiser

The Kiwanis club of St. Cloud held their second annual fundraiser banquet in support of Kids Against Hunger of Central Minnesota on April 22.

350 guests enjoyed an evening of vieing for silent auction items, participating in a wine-tasting sponsored by Coborn Stores, enjoying a delicious buffet, and listening to an update of Kids Against Hunger Events followed by outstanding entertainment presented by three fantastic local singers.

The actual amount raised by the St. Cloud Kiwanis for Kids Against Hunger is unknown at this time, but organizers are hopeful of surpassing last years donation of \$10,000.

Nearly all the members of the club participated in this event - a show of real service to the many children of the world who would go hungry without organizations such as Kids Against Hunger.

Minn-Dak District Kiwanis Convention

The 88th Annual Minn-Dak Kiwanis convention will be held August 12-13-14, 2005 at the Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

We are planning a GREAT convention with many fun things to do.

We have forums, entertainment, tours, great food and a fantastic facility. It will be a great place to meet and greet new friends and old.

The facility provides a spacious area to hold our House of Delegates where we will carry on the business of Kiwanis and make plans for the upcoming year.

There is display space available for profits and non-profits. There will be a Kiwanis store, a Books for Service Project, an opportunity to attend a media computer workshop and a Kiwanis Khorale and more!

Saturday evening will be an exciting evening with friends as we close out our convention.

We look forward to seeing YOU there!

Sucessful visit of International President Case Van Kleef

Case Van Kleef vistied Region 7 on April 8-9, 2005. He attended a citizens forum, the N.Sub. G.K. Kiwanis clubs foodshelf, the N.Sub. G.K. Kiwanis Club Meeting, Fridley Club Lockin Dance, Kids against hunger bagging of food, attended by 175 people and ended with a dinner attended by 220 people.

The weekend started with a citizens forum attended by 120 people, with the Fridley principal introducing the fridley key-clubbers where they told of their volunteer activities.

Then on to the N. Sub. G.K. Kiwanis foodshelf which is now operating 3 days a week and attended the N. Sub. G.K. Kiwanis meeting where two school superintendents from Roseville and Moundsview spoke on the problems facing their school districts.

Saturday we bagged 66,000 meals for Kids Against Hunger with 175 people participating.

Saturday night we had a dinner with 220 people attending. All in all it was a wonderful weekend enjoyed by all.

Children's Books Donated to Local Library

Beginning in the fall of 2004, the Spearfish, SD club began donating a children's book to the local library each week in honor of their speaker. President Jan Goodsell consults with the librarian at the Grace Balloch Memorial Library before choosing the book, then has the speaker sign their name in a stamped area that says "This book has been donated by the Spearfish Kiwanis Club in honor of _____." Speakers always express surprise, then pleasure at being asked to sign their name.

Sioux Falls Kiwanis Works for kids

On April 21st nine club members participated in the annual bicycle repair at the South Dakota Children's Home Society. The event was held at the Children's Home campus.

This is the eight year for this event which has become a favorite of the children that are in residence at the Children's Home.

In just under two hours volunteers used everything from an air hose to a can of WD-40 and several wrenches to provide the much needed repairs to these bikes.

Following each repair the children were on hand to "test drive" the newly fixed bikes.

Sioux Falls Kiwanis and the Teddy Bear Picnic

Sioux Falls Kiwanis club members provide needed support to the Teddy Bear Picnic.

On May 1st members of the club provided assistance to the Washington High Key Club at the annual Teddy Bear Picnic.

This event is a major fund raiser for the Children's Inn, a shelter for children and women. Club volunteers assisted with such areas as the entertainment stage, pony rides, ferris wheel, cake walk, petting zoo, and over 30 different games including Bingo.

The Key Club had 30 members working with 8 members of the sponsoring Kiwanis CLub. The event was held at the Sioux Empire Fair EXPO Building.

CLE (Club Leadership Education) date and location change

In an earlier schedule the Webster, SD CLE session was shown as being held in July.

Please note **the date for this session is changed to an earlier date, and will now be held on June 18, 2005**



Holiday Extravaganza Invite Letter

In conjunction with our 45th anniversary as a district, the Minnesota-Dakotas District CKI cordially invites you to attend the inaugural K-Family Holiday Extravaganza.

This Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction is our opportunity to celebrate this milestone and raise some money to benefit our Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Education Foundation.

The Holiday Extravaganza is a fun and festive event designed to bring K-Family members closer together. 2006 marks the beginning of a new tradition here in the Minnesota-Dakotas District.

We invite you and the members of your Kiwanis Club to join both the Key Club and Circle K District Boards for one night in the spirit of celebration, putting aside our everyday concerns and simply enjoying ourselves and each other.

The event will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2006, at the Ramada Plaza Suite Hotel in Fargo, ND from 6:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Whether you purchase a table to introduce prospective Kiwanians and their spouses to the K-Family or use this event to acknowledge club members who have gone above and beyond the call of duty one thing is for certain, you do not want to miss this event!

Tables of eight are available for \$280, or half tables of four are available for \$140. Individual seats are also available at \$35. The early bird registration deadline is December 15, 2005. The hotel also has a block of rooms reserved under Circle K's name available at \$77 per night.

Reservations for these special room rates can be obtained by calling the Ramada Plaza directly at 701.277.9000 and asking for the Circle K block discount. If your sponsoring Kiwanis Club would like to sponsor a member of a Builders K-Kids, Aktion, Key Club or Circle K for dinner please indicate this option on your registration form.

We would also welcome any silent auction items your club and or individual members would like to donate for our silent auction. We already have received some nice items and would welcome your participation.

We're proud to sponsor this event and encourage you to join us for an evening filled with good food, great fun and some fantastic deals on silent auction items. It's a momentous occasion, and we hope you take the opportunity to reflect upon the importance the K-Family has played in enriching your life.

We hope to make this an annual tradition and raise money to support our Kiwanis Education Foundation. We look forward to your support!

Sincerely,

Joe Blasko
Administrator Minnesota-Dakotas District Circle K International

Kiwanian Receives the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award

A fellow Kiwanian, from the Albert Lea, Minnesota Kiwanis Club, Stephen C. Waldhoff was recently honored by receiving the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. Stephen became an Eagle Scout in 1966.

Stephen was a Kiwanis member in Red Lands, California and joined the Albert Lea Kiwanis Club in 1997. Stephen is currently serving as a member of the Albert Lea Kiwanis Club Board of Directors.

The Distinguished Eagle Scout Award is granted to Eagle Scouts who, after 25 years, have distinguished themselves in their life work, and who have shared their talents with their communities on a voluntary basis. The Distinguished Eagle Scout Award was implemented in 1969, and to date 1,400 nominations have been approved nationally.

Stephen has distinguished himself by currently serving as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Mayo Health System. He continues to serve God, his country and other people by following the principles of the Scout Oath and Law. Stephen also has achieved the distinction as an Administrator, lecturer, and for his community stewardship.

Again, Stephen, congratulations on your fine accomplishments! May you continue to find ways to be of service to Kiwanis and your community.

How Do I Explain Kiwanis To Others?

A 30 Second Elevator Speech on Kiwanis

Many know the concept of a 30-second elevator speech. If you are in an elevator or with a group of colleagues or friends, and someone asks you, "What Kiwanis is?" how would you answer? For a one-sentence reply, we recommend quoting Kiwanis' new Defining Statement: *Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.*

This should be helpful for a more detailed explanation:

Kiwanis International is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. Our members, Kiwanians, are service-minded men and women who are united in their commitment and compassion for others.

Any community need can become a Kiwanis service project, especially the needs of children. Kiwanis service projects range from efforts that help local communities to Kiwanis International's Worldwide Service Project to eliminate iodine deficiency disorders.

Kiwanis members dedicate more than six million volunteer hours and invest more than US\$100 million in service projects to strengthen communities and serve children every year.

At Kiwanis, we want to ensure that all children have the opportunity to lead healthy, successful lives. We believe by helping one child, you help the world. (source: Kiwanis International Website)

Coralyn Brandt Dahl Announces Candidacy for Governor

The Kiwanis Club of St. Cloud and Region 3 of the Minnesota-Dakotas District proudly present Coralyn Brandt Dahl as a candidate for 2005-2006 Governor Elect. Coralyn has been a Kiwanian since 1994 — first in Brookings, S.D., and her present club since 1998.

She has been secretary and secretary-treasurer of the St. Cloud Kiwanis for five years and a board member from 1999 to the present. She has been a newsletter editor, IDD chair, and key volunteer in fundraising. She was named Kiwanian of the Year in 2001.

She was Lt. Governor of Region 3 in 2003-2004 and serves now as Immediate Past Lt. Governor. She is a Hixson Fellow.

A former Instructor and Adjunct Professor at three universities, she retired earlier this year. Her community activities include the Kids Against Hunger of Central Minnesota board member and multiple church activities on the local, regional and national levels. She is married to Orin (also a Kiwanian) and has four adult children and nine grandchildren.

Kiwanis International Peace Garden Assn. 50th Anniversary. 16 July 2005

International Secretary Eddie Sigurdsson will be the keynote speaker at the 50th anniversary dinner at the International Peace Garden, located at the Canadian border, 13 miles north of Dunseith, North Dakota.

Chapel Service - 11:00 a.m.; registration at Willis Pavilion - 12:00 p.m.; dinner - 12:30 p.m.; program - 1:30 p.m.; end of event - 3:30 p.m.

Cost of dinner, \$10 US, \$14.00 Canadian. Garden entry fee - \$10 per car.

For additional information, contact Bill Willis, U.S. Secretary, 701-255-4985, or Dr. Herb Wilson, President, 701-226-2626. Willis will be out of state, 7-12 June 2005.

Nominations being sought for Kiwanis Citizenship Award

ATTENTION ALL MINNESOTA-DAKOTAS KIWANIS CLUBS:

Each year, the Past District Officers Association (PDOA) selects a person or persons from within the Minnesota-Dakotas District to receive the "**Citizenship Award.**" This award is presented each year at the Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention. If your club wishes to submit a nomination, please

1. submit a nomination of a person or persons who have been a part of a heroic deed this past year (between July 2004 and June 2005)
2. a short description of the circumstances of the heroic deed
3. the Kiwanis Club & President and Region Number and Region Representative

The information must be submitted by June 30, 2005 to:

Tim Huseth, President of the PDOA
1366 Elm Ave.
Harvey, ND 58341
huseth@goNDCT.com

Here we are in Willmar doing: Together we can...Together we will!

The leadership team of the Minnesota Dakotas District including all Lt. Governors (past, present and future for 2005-6), the new District Secretary, the Governor-elect, a candidate for Governor-elect and District Directors are coming together to do what we can together. We all have computers at Ridgewater Community College and are on the District Website writing articles for publication right here and now!

Lori Larson, the District Webmaster, is leading us all through the process of submitting a story for the Website. This story will appear in the Region 6 section of the site because I clicked on that Region.

Lori is answering questions we all have and the process is a very active form of learning. She is explaining that we should submit an image sized to only 300 pixels wide. We can then choose where we want the picture or other image to appear in a general or specific location in the article.

Then we can add: URL Link:(such as mankatokiwanis.org for my home club), URL Text (which appears as a button to click on), the writer's name, email address and phone number so the Webmaster can contact you with any questions.

Key Club Bike Safety Project

A good turnout of area youngsters were on hand on Saturday afternoon, May 21 for the Ortonville High School Key Club's Bike Safety program. Tires were checked and inflated to the proper pressure, How to wear bike helmets properly was discussed, a bike obstacle course was set up to check on riders knowledge of traffic rules and the Ortonville Police Department were present to register bike ownership. Several members of the Kiwanis club were on hand to assist if needed. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the event by the Key Clubbers.

Owatonna, MN Golden K Kiwanis Club Help Children Read

Breaking the ice between the 50-something-and-older Owatonna Golden "K" Kiwanis crowd and the group of 3-and-4-year-old kids from the Wee Pals Child Care Center may have been a daunting task to some.

For Molly, Kirby and Rosa, who visited the Club, it was a piece of cake as they are puppets. Molly, Kirby and Rosa came for a visit in an effort to introduce the senior group to potential Wee Pals reading buddies, it was a piece of cake!

Laurie Running and Julie Nelson, with Advocates for Development Disabilities, brought their Cool Kids, Molly, Kirby and Rosa, to entertain the Wee Pals children that came to the Kiwanis Club meeting on April 19, 2005.

"Our Cool Kids want you to know it's what's on the inside that counts," Running told the crowd. Although Running said Cool Kids usually travels to area pre-schools and –is actually incorporated into the third-grade health curriculum in local public schools, their message is applicable to older generations as well. Everyone can work on their fear of differences, Running said.

According to Golden "K" Immediate Past President, David Fairbrother, it was all part of a bigger scheme though-to promote the Kiwanis' Read Around the World program. Enticing these Kiwanis members to use their volunteer time and talents by reading to the children at Wee Pals was a goal of the morning. "We wanted to show you who you'd be reading to," Fairbrother told the group. "These are precious little people who are deserving of your time. You'll be introducing them to reading and ideas and they need that."

Already, Golden "K" members Elmer Lamont and Del Cass described it, fun is an integral part of their time at Wee Pals. "They come up to you and say 'Grandpa!'" Cass said. "They all give you a hug and just love that one-on-one attention." Wee Pals assistant teacher, Kay Schuster, agreed. "They love to be read to," Schuster said. "They'd rather have us read to them than play."

At the end of the meeting, the age groups got their chance to interact and bridge the

generational differences between them. Running and Nelson set up several learning stations where the seniors and children simulated what it would be like to do different tasks with a disability. Some of the seniors found themselves playing blindfolded or tying laces without the use of their thumbs.

Dan Klaessy, who just joined the Golden "K" Kiwanis and spent some of the meeting playing on the floor with the children, said the reading program at Wee Pals sounded like a good idea. So good, he said he will probably start reading at Wee Pals, too.

The reading program at Wee Pals is just one way the Golden "K" Kiwanis reaches out to youth in the community, said Dawn Fairbrother, Chairperson of the Golden "K" Kiwanis Young Children: Priority One Committee. Dawn Fairbrother also said that the Committee is also working on starting programs with the children of Head Start, the children of the Migrant Workers, the Library and the Schools.

Heroes at New London, Minnesota Ballgame have Kiwanis Connection

Terry Vien of Montevideo and Rich Jenny of Spicer were fans at a Montevideo vs. New London-Spicer baseball game when a player collapsed at first base. Vien and Jenny quickly ran from their seats and out to the field and administered CPR. Rich Jenny is the son of Dave Jenny, Treasurer of the Golden K Kiwanis Club in Fargo, North Dakota.

The ballplayer, Grant Kaihoi of Montevideo, squared around to bunt on a pitch that came in high and tight. The ball struck him in the ribs on the left side. He turned, tossed his bat toward the dugout, and started to run to first base. When Kaihoi reached first base he collapsed face down in the dirt. The two spectators took immediate action with Vien beginning mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and Jenny beginning chest compressions. After several anxious moments, Kaihoi's heart was beating again and he was breathing again. The diagnosis for what happened to Kaihoi is called Commotio Cordis. Without a defibrillator, many others who have had this happen to them have not survived. Doctors have said that it is vital that a quick response of artificial resuscitation is needed when dealing with Commotio Cordis. After spending a weekend in the hospital, Kaihoi was well enough to be released.

Governor Elect Finds Strength, Support in Sioux Falls

Governor Elect Stewart Ross took advantage of a 27 hour stay in Sioux Falls to speak to 3 clubs, meet more people at a Kiwanis-mixer, and discuss with Sudanese and Hispanics the possibility of forming a new vein of membership.



First it was Fargo-Moorhead ----- and in May --- Sioux Falls --- as Governor Elect Stewart Ross took the Kiwanis banner to new levels of getting a running start in 2005-2006.

At each stop --- the Governor Elect continued to pound the message from Governor Walt Roetter on the need to develop ways to reverse the membership trend and improve the communications for all branches of the Kiwanis family.

On his three club speaking tour -- he started with the largest of the Sioux Falls Clubs --- the Downtown group that was formed nearly 90 years ago. President Kathy Lueth helped induct a member that the smallest club -- Daybreak had helped transfer. Bobbi Nelson is just 22 and as a new mother the morning meetings just weren't working. So with the help of Daybreak President Bill Zortman she was able to transfer. Now all are happy and yes the average age of Downtown Kiwanis dropped a bit.

Ross praised the work of the Downtown Club that will make \$30,000 for pancake sales ---- and for the support they have given Kiwanis for many, many years.

During that afternoon ----- Ross, Lt Governor Bill Daugherty and Lt Governor Elect-Elect Bill Zortman (Daybreak Kiwanis) met with a Sudanese priest who is one of 500 Sudanese adults that have moved to Sioux Falls. The discussion centered on the Sudanese working with the 5 Sioux Falls Kiwanis Clubs initially and perhaps someday forming their own club.

A second meeting was held with a Hispanic banker who talked about the need for a service club with the Spanish Speaking community. It too could provide the real International in the Kiwanis International family.

At 4:30 --- Ross was the guest of honor at a meet-and-greet session at an East Sioux Falls restaurant. As it turned out there were almost as many attending the session as made the Region 5 conference a few months earlier. In addition to Sioux Falls -- Huron and Madison members made their way to the table to discuss where Kiwanis is -- where its going -- and just how we are going to get there in the years ahead. Many came away saying how comfortable they were to discuss ways to progressively promote Kiwanis people, projects, and whatever else. The thought was that future Governors-Elect should do the same sort of event next year in Sioux Falls and across Region 5.

After spending a night with a Kiwanis member --- Ross was up and going early -- speaking to the Daybreak Kiwanis Club. 80+% of the members attended along with visitors from Pierre, Mitchell, Brookings, and other Sioux Falls clubs. The Governor Elect explained that he really knew the Daybreak Club with its spinoza bear project, the Golf Tournament June 10th, the candles, the rodeo, and much more -- because each week he receives an e-mail about the clubs events. He was able to swear in Barb Asleson -- a new 24 year old member as the latest Daybreak addition.

At noon ---- it was the last of three appearances -- South Sioux Falls with President Bryan Satter. The lunch and setting was Sioux Valley Vocational ---- and a number of the young people with special needs attended the meeting. It was there that Governor Elect Ross ran into Ren Fetzer who said he was energized by the message and work being done by the Mankato professor. Fetzer was Governor in the mid-90's and was touched by the fact that Ross was giving out the 3-state Kiwanis pin that he helped designed during his time as Governor.

While Ross missed the East Sioux Falls Club and West Sioux Falls --- he vowed to return to speak to those as well.

Having completed his trip ----- spreading the good list of opportunities for Kiwanis members ---- opening the door to International interests --- and shaking the hands of scores of Kiwanis members --- including a 24 year old inducted as a new member and a 23 year old willing to transfer to stay in the family--Ross headed East from Kiwanis Avenue in Sioux Falls to face the music of the Minneapolis Symphony.

Was his trip worth the time and effort? To those that took the time to listen and and drive hours to see him -- it reinforced the need to seize the opportunities for future Kiwanis members , Kiwanis projects, and Kiwanis life in general.

Come back soon Governor Elect Stewart Ross

Operation: Keep Cool!

It is 110 degrees in the shade in Baghdad today. Heat is a big problem for some of the members of the Minnesota National Guard and we are asking for your help. We are trying to reach out to 160 members of an army cavalry who come from the northern Twin Cities Suburbs. One soldier wrote in an email:

"The heat is now with us and it is a distraction. The tents allow no escape from the heat during the daylight hours as the air conditioning is not strong enough to keep up. We will adapt."

While soldiers are extremely grateful for all of the goods that have been sent to them thus far, the one item they want, more than anything, is a type of underclothing which will absorb perspiration and keep them cool. These items are not issued by the military.

The Fridley Key Club and Columbia Heights/Fridley Kiwanis Club learned of this request from the mother of one of the soldiers and went on to develop Operation: Keep Cool! A brand of underclothing called T3K, similar to Under Armour was found, which does the cooling job. A local Fridley clothing merchant, Dave's Sports Shop, who really believes in this project, will provide the clothing at cost. For \$40.00 per soldier, Operation: Keep Cool! will supply a cooling T-shirt, boxer shorts, a pair of socks and shipping costs.

The goal of **Operation: Keep Cool!** is to supply all 160 members with one set of underclothing by June 15, 2005. We invite you to join us in this \$6,400 effort. Please be generous. You will be rewarded in knowing you helped Support Our Troops!

If you have questions, contact Ms. Michelle Chan at 612-298-9477. Thank you!

Michelle Chan, Project Chairperson
Columbia Heights/Fridley Kiwanis Club

Christa Niznik, President
Fridley Key Club

Contribution Form for Operation: Keep Cool!

Yes! We want to be part of Operation: Keep Cool!

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

\$40.00 outfits one person. Any amount is appreciated.

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Please make check payable to **Fridley Key Club** and mail it and this completed form to

Ms. Michelle Chan
4703 2 ½ Street NE
Fridley, MN 55432

Please direct any questions to Michelle Chan 612-298-9477.

The Columbia Heights/Fridley Kiwanis Club and Fridley High School Key Club thank you for your donation!



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