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MINNEKOTAN

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Stew's News

A week ago I was asked by the Annandale Kiwanis Club in Minnesota to deliver a speech that would excite them to do more service for their community. As always, I was happy to attend their special celebration dinner and give some advice. The trouble with advice, you know, is it is easy to give but you never know if it is any good until it is too late! As we move into the summer months it is easy to lose focus on our Kiwanis work.



Although we should all have vacations, the summer is a wonderful time to do service and catch up on those Kiwanis projects that never quite got done earlier. But I digress—here is a brief part of that presentation for my June column. There is one trait of great leaders and great Kiwanis Clubs that must be present to be successful—commitment. I have noticed this trait in only the most successful people I have met. There is a big difference between interest and commitment.

When we are interested in doing something, we do it when it is convenient. We too often put things off, we procrastinate. When people are committed to something, they accept no excuses, only results. You probably heard the old joke: when it comes to your breakfast the hen is interested in your meal but the pig is committed. Michelangelo's career as a sculptor and painter wasn't handed to him on a silver platter. Although he possessed great talents, his accomplishments and fame came only after he invested himself to the point of physical exhaustion.

Michelangelo spent years lying flat on his back on a scaffold, painting the fresco in the Sistine Chapel. By the time he completed this magnificent project, he was virtually blind from the paint that had dripped in his eyes. Now that's commitment! Because he was willing to invest himself, he created art that has been admired for more than four centuries. He created a legacy that may never end. People and clubs willing to commit themselves will improve the quality of their life as well as the world around them. Another trait I always find in great leaders is a great attitude.

You can either look at problems as problems or as opportunities. We all know that circumstances are uncontrollable. Life's events happen. We choose our responses...our attitudes. Situations will color your view of life, but you have the power to choose what the color will be! Every opportunity has a difficulty and every difficulty has an opportunity. Making your attitude work for you begins with acting in a manner consistent with the mental state you desire.

You are who and what you are today because of the attitudes you choose. The choice is always yours. Never let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do. We are who we are today because of the choices we made yesterday. Likewise, tomorrow will become the result of today's choices. We are free up to the point of choice, and then the choice controls the chooser. I am told the Canadian Northlands experience only two seasons, winter and July.

As the back roads begin to thaw, they become muddy and vehicles traveling through the backcountry leave deep ruts. The ground freezes hard during the winter months, and the highway ruts become a part of the traveling challenges. For cars entering this undeveloped area during the winter, there is a sign which reads, "Driver, please choose carefully which rut you drive in, because you will be in it for the next 20 miles. Life is too short to spend time driving in a rut. There are many reasons I am a Kiwanian of 17 years and stand here as your governor of the Minnesota-Dakotas District. One is that I am not an early morning person. I joined a Sertoma Club when I moved to Mankato 33 years ago but they met at 7 a.m. and I just could not make meetings. At first I was not a good Kiwanis member. If it rained I would skip a meeting so I would not get wet. But once I became a board member I became hooked. I enjoyed the friendships and the things I learned from programs. But all this pales in comparison to the service I was able to do in my Kiwanis Club I could never "stuff a truck" by myself like we do each year with other volunteers.

I could ring the bell for the Salvation Army at Holiday time but it sure feels better to wear my Kiwanis apron and represent my club. And then there are those special Kiwanis moments that all of us discover if we do service. Reading to children who have no one else to read to them...packing Holiday baskets for people who would not have a good meal with out it...forming an Aktion club and helping them run a meeting...cleaning a section of highway early in the morning with others who care about their community as much as you...raking leaves for an elderly couple who could not do it themselves or afford to pay someone to do it.

Yes, there are many reasons to be a Kiwanian but none more important than service. Being a Kiwanian means giving back something to others, helping those in need, caring about those who need caring. I have yet to see a really strong, vibrant Kiwanis club that did not have service at the core of the club. It is service that is the engine that drives good clubs. It grabs new members and keeps them coming back, knowing they can do so much more in combination with others, and it is so much more fulfilling and fun.

If I had a magic wand, I would wave it over every Kiwanis Club I visit, and say the magic word: service. Clubs who build their

existence around service projects and helping others will continue to grow and mature. Clubs who come together to have a meal and listen to a program will diminish and in time...die. We have seen this over and over. And remember that fundraising is not the same as physical service for others. It is good to raise money and give it away to those in need.

However, writing checks is not as powerful to club members as reading a book to a child whose native language is not English, or helping build a house for those who can't afford to buy one, or serving a hot meal for people in your community who need one. I don't have a magic wand but then maybe that is a good thing. It would be too easy to do that. Clubs need to struggle to find the right service projects for their communities. They need to find ways to get members to volunteer and then make volunteering a habit. So my wish for your club, like all others, is to continue to make a difference for your community, our country, the world.

Make service the centerpiece of what you stand for, what you do. Give all members a chance to have that Kiwanis moment or two or three. Again, thank you for all your club does and will do. But let's do even better, let's "kick it up another notch." I am proud of all of you. Congratulations on another great year of Kiwanis.

May you have many more years of service to your great community.

Update from the District Secretary/Treasurer - June 2006

By Steve Handegaard, Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer



Greetings to everyone. You and your clubs have been doing many great things in the name of Kiwanis this year. As of June 1st we still have 4 months left in the 05-06 Kiwanis year. Keep the momentum going! 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.

- It is Kiwanis Convention time again! Both the District and International Conventions will provide some great learning and fun times during July and August. To date, 5184 registrations have been received for the **91st Annual Kiwanis International Convention** in Montreal, June 28 – July 2, 2006. So far we have 62 members and 16 guests attending from the Minnesota-Dakotas District. You can check out all of the convention happenings at <http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/>
- The **District Kiwanis Convention in St. Cloud, August 3-6, 2006**, is going to be a great time. I hope to see all of you there. The Official Call to Convention letter was mailed to all Kiwanis Club secretaries the first week in May. The mailing contained registration forms and also your club's delegate certification form. Early bird convention registrations are due before July 10. Register early! You can also access and print a copy the District Convention Registration form and related information on our district website at: <http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/story.php?articleid=1024&id=3>
- Thank you once again to Club Secretaries for submitting your **Club Election Reports for 2006-2007**. The reports were due **June 1**, so if you have not sent your form, please do so ASAP! Please try to include email addresses whenever possible. It is very important that Kiwanis International and the District Office both receive this information in a timely manner so that directories and mailing lists can be compiled. You can find a copy of the election report on the Kiwanis International website: <http://www.kiwanis.org/lit/download.asp?id=244>
- 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. Checks can be made payable to Kiwanis Outreach and mailed to me at the District Office.
- Remember to file your **Monthly Club Reports** online by the tenth of each month. If you have difficulty filing your report, contact support@clubresource.com or myself at [secretary@mndak-](mailto:secretary@mndak-kiwanis.org)

kiwanis.org

- All clubs in the Minnesota-Dakotas District have been invoiced for their **annual dues** as of March 31, 2006. Just a reminder that all dues and new member fees are sent directly to Kiwanis International.

Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Office Contact Information:

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P.O. Box 735
Dalton, MN 56324-0735

Phone: 218-589-7581

Fax: 218-589-7582

Email: secretary@mndak-kiwanis.org

Hope to see you at the District Convention in St. Cloud!!

Steve

Coralyn's Corner: Governor Elect Reports on Lt. Governor Education Weekend

This has been a momentous month for me in Kiwanis. I will tell you of only one event. May started with the Lt. Governor Education weekend. Larry Rittgarn was, as usual, a superb trainer and everyone felt that we learned a lot from his clarification of what is expected for the year to come. Steve Handegaard led us in learning how to receive and submit the monthly reports electronically, and our Kiwanis International Club Development Manager, Ben Kocourek helped us to see the importance of new club building.



One of the parts of the weekend of some significance was the appearance of the current governor, Stewart Ross, who even though he had been very ill, came, listened and for a short period, talked to the current Lt. Governors concerning their responsibilities next year as mentors to the team as they step into their roles as Past Lt. Governors.

We heard from Paul Spyhalski and Joe Blasko from Sponsored programs and learned with some dismay that Joe would be leaving us to help his father in Illinois, but has already helped us find another Circle K Administrator in Ann Backes Dodge, who we welcome with great thanks. Joe will continue to help as he can and will step in whenever Ann needs him. Thanks for your fine work and faithfulness, Joe!

Bill Daughtery (the Governor Elect candidate) and I had an interesting and enlightening time with each of the seven teams on Saturday evening as we spent some time with each team as they explained their goals for the coming year. I can't think of any better way to really get to know each person and to hear how they plan to help not only their Region, but the Minnesota-Dakotas District.

You can be proud of your Teams for the 2006-2007 year. They have high ideals and lofty goals, but they are realistic in what they can do for all of us in our clubs, communities, regions and district. They are ready and willing to work for all of us. When you see them as they travel around your regions and especially at the District Convention in St. Cloud, tell them you appreciate their willingness to step forward and serve.

Risky Business . . .

Recently, we have received a number of questions asking just who is an insured under the Kiwanis Commercial General Liability policy. The Named Insured provisions of the policy read as follows:

“Kiwanis International and its owned, controlled, or subsidiary organizations now or hereafter constituted including:

Kiwanis International Foundation

Kiwanis Club Foundations
Kiwanis District Foundations
Kiwanis Club Societies (Canada)
Kiwanis Clubs
Key Clubs
Kiwanis Districts
Circle K Clubs
Builders Clubs
K Kids Clubs
Aktion Clubs
Kiwanis Divisions”

In addition, **Club Members and Volunteers are Additional Insureds** under the policy so they also have protection if they are negligent and cause Bodily Injury or Property Damage while participating in a Club-sponsored activity. The intent here is to provide coverage for all members of the Kiwanis International “family”. It should be noted that *Volunteers* are defined as “*persons working at the direction of a Club Member in a club-sponsored activity*”.

Recently, it has come to our attention that a number of Clubs have agreed to sponsor or co-sponsor various activities with the express purpose being to make the Kiwanis Liability insurance available to entities outside the Kiwanis International “family” that did not have, or which could not afford, appropriate insurance protection. This gesture is noble and probably done in the spirit of community service, **but it has potentially dangerous consequences that could adversely affect all Kiwanis Club members in the United States and Canada!**

It is important to note that the premium for this insurance program is based on the number of Club Members in the USA and Canada. Premium is collected each year as part of your dues to Kiwanis International, and ***does not* contemplate any of the additional exposures presented by persons or organizations outside the Kiwanis International Family!**

By knowingly accepting such additional exposures for which the insurance company **has not** collected any premium, ***we are creating a “time bomb” which could generate losses capable of undermining the underwriting integrity of the Kiwanis program, thereby placing its long term stability in jeopardy!*** It is not now, nor has it ever been, the intent of the program to provide insurance protection for those incapable of (or unwilling to) doing so for themselves. Simply stated, **the program is designed for the express purpose of affording protection to Kiwanis organizations and their members for liability exposures inherent in their Kiwanis activities.**

MAJOR POINT: To preserve the Kiwanis International Commercial General Liability Insurance Program for the long run, **it is imperative that we make every effort to restrict the coverage to Kiwanis Organizations, their Members, and Volunteer Workers.** When we agree to co-sponsor an event or activity, it should be made clear that Kiwanis insurance will apply only to Kiwanians, and ***all other participating entities should provide their own liability insurance protection.***

For example, if we agree to co-sponsor the Fourth of July Parade with the local Chamber of Commerce, it should be understood and agreed to up front that Kiwanis insurance will protect only Kiwanians, and the Chamber of Commerce will secure its own insurance for this exposure. The same is true of sponsoring Boy Scout or Girl Scout troops. The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America have their own insurance program for scouting activities, and this should be the primary source of protection. Our insurance will then protect participating Kiwanians on an excess basis over and above the insurance provided by the governing scouting organization.

The key objective is to protect our program from absorbing unnecessary losses. Think of this program in

the same terms as you would your personal insurance. You would not want your personal liability or auto policy to provide protection for everyone on your block if you were the only one paying the premium! There is no way your premium could possibly support the exposures presented by all those outside your family. ***The principal is exactly the same with Kiwanis insurance in that it is paid for only by Kiwanians, and is designed strictly for their protection!***

If you have further questions, contact
Hylant Group toll free at **(800) 678-0361**

Remember, use the General Liability Risk Management Packet!

Pre-District convention events for Board members attention

[Click here](#) to download or see a pdf version of the schedule.

2006 District Convention Schedule

[Click here](#) to access the schedule.

Club Bulletin and Brochure Contest Instructions.

CLUB NEWSLETTER AND CLUB BROCHURE CONTEST 2005-2006

CLUB BULLETINS WILL BE JUDGED IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

30 members or less	White category
31-45 members	Blue category
46-70 members	Orange category
71-100 members	Silver category
101 members plus	Gold Category

CLUBS:

Send **two copies of three issues** of your club newsletter to your regional judging

committee chairperson below. . Make sure to include your club name, club size, region, and contact person. Include e-mail address and telephone number.

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REGIONS:

Regional winners must be sent to the District (Jo Hittner) by July 1.

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Regional judging committees are picked by the REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION. They will pick one winner in each category and give two copies of three issues to the REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION to forward to Jo Hittner. Notice: clubs DO NOT send your entries to Jo Hittner.

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Clubs will send their entries to the name listed in their region below:

Region 1 Berniece Olson Box 592 Tioga ND 58852 bbolson@nccray.com

Region 2 Larry Humble 1300 S. Washington Grand Forks ND LarryHum@hotmail.com

Region 3 Don Lilyquist 1326 91 Ave. W. Duluth MN 55808 thelilybett@aol.com

Region 4 Earl Stucke 2126 Cedar Dr. Rapid City, SD 57702 egstucke@earthlink.net

Region 5 Randy Hohn 5412 Deer Creek Dr. Sioux Falls SD 57106 radhohn@sio.midco.net

Region 6 David Fairbrother 620 13th St. NE Owatonna MN 55060 muffins3@msn.com

Region 7 Dan Shafland 922 Linda Ave. Red Wing MN 55066 djshaf@charter.net

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DISTRICT:

The District judging committee will pick one winner in each category for the District award. The winners will be announced at the convention.

DEFINITION OF A BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER

The terms Bulletin and newsletter are interchangeable. A Bulletin is a periodical document that informs Club members and others of news and happenings from within the Club, Region and District that would be of interest

Checklist for Evaluating Club Bulletins

Frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly • Biweekly • Monthly • Other <p>(Content should be reasonably proportional to frequency.)</p>
Appearance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legibility • Layout/organization • Effectiveness of headings/headlines
Masthead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes name of bulletin, name of club, and date of issue
Directory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List major officers • Editor with phone number and/or email address

Kiwanis Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club meeting time and place • Nearby clubs meeting information (extra points)
Meeting Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next 1, 2, 3 meetings • Summary of last 1, 2, 3 meetings
Board Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of board actions
New Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Named only • Biographical sketch (extra points)
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition for perfect attendance • Welcome back/We miss you notes
Guests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note guests and their hosts
Sponsored Youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on activities
Recognition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kudos to members for club contributions
Personals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members' birthdays, anniversaries • Short items about members' family/business/community affairs
Club Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-club reports • Service/fund-raising reports
Kiwanis Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy, procedure, or history items
Division/District/International News	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings, programs, actions
Fun Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quips, quotes, cartoons, contests to create reader interest.

CLUB BROCHURES CONTEST :

DEFINITION OF A BROCHURE

2005-2006

A Brochure is a document that is used to explain what our Kiwanis Club is and does. It is used as an advertising and publicity tool. It is not a periodical but contains general information about each club.

The following is the criteria for judging club brochures:

1. Easy to read
2. Attractive, with a finished look
3. Informative enough to lead a reader to a meeting
4. Include goals of Kiwanis International and the local Kiwanis club
5. History of service activities without mention of fund raising activities
6. Information is general enough to have long-term accuracy; that is the brochure does not have to be redone each year.

Judging the club brochures will follow the same general procedures as the newsletter with one exception – Send only one club brochures to the regional committee who will judge the best in their region. The winner in each region will be sent to the District for final judging.

Send you club brochure to the same contact person listed in the club newsletter contest.

Kiwanis International Foundation Responds to the Indonesian Earthquake

Your International Kiwanis Foundation has again been called upon to aid in disaster relief. A major has destroyed many homes and businesses in Indonesia. The **Kiwanis International Foundation Disaster Relief Fund** will be utilized to aid children, the most innocent victims, affected by the devastating earthquake. The Foundation, working through the districts and clubs within the affected areas, ensures that contributions will be directed to children with the most immediate and critical needs.

Many of the concerned ask if there is anything they can do to help. Contributions are being accepted. Please send your support to the Kiwanis International Foundation Disaster Relief Fund, 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA 46268 or by going online click [here](#) to contribute online.

Our thoughts are with the countless individuals suffering because of this natural disaster. Please join us in serving

children who are truly the most innocent victims of severe tragedies.

Stan Storey, President
Kiwanis International Foundation

INTERCLUB CRITERIA FOR 2005-2006 PATCH

1. 2 members attending another club's meeting - not just a fund raiser, social event etc. It should have a meeting format.
2. Conventions, region / cluster meetings etc. don't count. It's an inter - "club" activity
3. The meeting can be of any K-Family club.
4. To qualify, you must have a minimum of 8 different clubs visited. More than 8 may be reported, but there must be 8 unique names visited to qualify. (I do look for duplicates)
5. There is no location restriction, but attending clubs within your region/cluster is encouraged. It is NOT essential that they be in your region!!!! Somehow that was put out by error last year - big confusion resulted.
6. Reports may be sent vial e-mail, snail mail, pony express etc. by June 15th of this year.
7. There is no required or formal report form. Just list the date, club attended, who attended and one-way mileage distance. Also, be sure to tell me your club name and region plus the name of the person submitting the report.

Reports should be submitted to:

Joe Hesch
3854 E. Superior St.
Duluth MN 55804
218-525-2857
jhesch@aol.com

Madison Kiwanis Club has successful membership drive

Region 5 Lt. Gov. Vickie Walaters inducted ten new members on May 16. New members are Marta Lemke, local Youth Development/4-H Extension Educator; Mary Snyder, retired; Kathy Graff, Wells Fargo Bank; Steve Snyder, retired; Mark Nelson, manager of The Refuge; Matt Henrickson, KJAM Radio; Sascha Albrecht, Madison Chamber of Commerce; Ken Meyer, Issenhuth & Parent Law Firm; LeRoy Redday, ECCO, Inc, and Cindy Larson, Retrievers Real Estate Co.



Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District Outreach Program

Annually, a Kiwanis club which sponsors a Key Club or Circle K Club provides \$500 to \$2000 – and sometimes more – to support the activities of that club. This money supplements club dues, provides

scholarship assistance to District Conventions and defrays transportation expenses to these conventions.

The Outreach Program allows Kiwanis Clubs which do not sponsor a Key Club or Circle K Club to aid these Sponsored Youth Programs at the District Board level.

Clubs are encouraged to give to the Outreach Program. Gifts are divided equally between Key Club and Circle K, unless specified otherwise. Interestingly, Kiwanis Clubs which sponsor a Key Club or Circle K Club are some of the most consistent givers to the Outreach Program.

Thank you to all of the clubs that have already sent in a donation for the 2005-2006 year.

If you or your club would like to give to the Outreach Program, make a check payable to: "Minn-Dak Outreach Program" and mail to:

Steve Handegaard, District Secretary/Treasurer

P.O. Box 735

Dalton, MN 56324-0735

The Key Club and Circle K Members of the Minnesota-Dakotas District thank you!

eClub - Announcing new MN-DAK Internet Club

The MN-DAK e Kiwanis Club - "The only Internet based Kiwanis Club in the MN-DAK District of Kiwanis International"

Mission Statement

The MN-DAK Kiwanis Club is an organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in our Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International. Our members place emphasis on Serving the Children of the World as We Build our local communities.

Membership Requirements

Membership in the MN-DAK eKiwanis Club is open to men and women of good character, 18 years of age or older. Membership is effective upon the chartering of the new club when 25 paid memberships are received and club officers are selected. The membership in this club will be individuals who are interested in belonging to a unique second (or third club) or for whatever reason are not able to belong to a traditional club because of distance, business, time commitment, mobility, handicapping condition, or other personal reasons. Although the club will need to decide requirements of attendance, it is expected that members must maintain an "in good standing" rating to continue as a MN-DAK Club member. It is suggested that this will mean 70% participation in all club meetings and activities.

Membership Benefits

The MN-DAK Kiwanis Club will provide an opportunity for individuals to become active members of the world's premier service organization. Membership in the club will provide opportunities for community

service, professional development of leadership and management skills, and boundless networking possibilities. Other membership benefits will include the opportunity to interclub with other Kiwanis clubs, supporting a sponsored youth program, and raising funds for local, regional, and International level projects.

Meetings

The club meets twice a month, the second and fourth Sunday at 9:00 p.m. in our online chat room. Regular meetings are accessed by members only. Prior approval must be secured by guests. The club web site includes the chat room, message board, documents, club activities, calendar, links, pictures, and newsletter. The club will also hold meetings where club members will have the opportunity to have face to face contact. These meetings will be at the various region conferences, MN-DAK District Convention, Region Council meetings, CLE sessions, and the Kiwanis International Convention. The Board of Directors meets on Wednesday at 10:00 p.m. the last week of each month. Committees set up their own meeting time in the chat room with times posted on the web site.

Officers and Board of Directors

The officers of the club will include a president, president-elect, vice president, immediate past president (after the first year of operation), treasurer, and secretary. The chairs of the standing committees will serve as members of the board of directors. Committee chairs will be appointed/elected for staggered two-year terms. Standing committees are: Membership, PR, Newsletter Editor/Webmaster, Community Service, Fundraising, Youth Services, YCPO, Sponsored Youth, Human and Spiritual Values, and Interclub and Fellowship. A vote of the executive committee and the board of directors can establish other committee chairs.

Membership Dues

Members pay a new member fee upon approval of their application for membership by the Board of Directors. The club will begin with 25 or more charter members. During the first year of operation this club will have dues of \$55 (\$50 to Kiwanis International and \$5 as a new member fee to the MN-DAK District). The estimated cost of membership after the first year is \$100.00 per year for dues payable on an annual basis which will be decided by the charter date of the club. The final amount of dues after the first year will be decided by the club members themselves.

Fund Raising

It is anticipated that the club will need to raise funds for service projects. This may include sale of souvenir items and other merchandise through our web site; sale of donated merchandise through online auctions such as eBay, and personally directed fundraisers approved by the club.

Community Service

Community Service is the heart and soul of our club. Each member is encouraged to participate in one of three levels of community service activities. Level one- each club member is encouraged to perform a community service project in his or her own community on a monthly basis. This project can be performed alone or with club members in the area, or with another Kiwanis club, with another community group, etc. Level two - each quarter the club will decide upon a project to do as a club. Members will submit project proposals over the web at a meeting for club approval. Club members will participate in the proposed project to the level of their ability. Level three - the club will perform a service project in the city of the District convention. Members will decide on the project and then perform the service while attending the convention. Other service projects will be decided by the club with approval by the board of directors.

Sponsored Youth

An investment in young people is essential to the future of Kiwanis. The All-MN-DAK Club will support Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club, and K-Kids on an annual basis. The club will donate to the MN-DAK Outreach program and will volunteer time to Circle K and Key Club in the district.

Newsletter/Web Site

A monthly Newsletter is sent out to members via their email address. In addition, club members can keep

up to date by accessing our web site.

YCPO

Young Children are a Priority for our Kiwanis Club. Serving the needs of young children in a wide variety of projects will be emphasized on a quarterly basis.

Spiritual Aims

Club members are to be active in spiritual aims related activities within their communities.

Interclub and Fellowship

Many opportunities to network with other clubs either in person or via the Internet will be available to club members. The MN-DAK Club should be a leader in the number of interclubs completed each year.

Programs at Meetings

Like any other club there are brief but informative programs presented online at each meeting. These programs will include Kiwanis education, member education and information, sharing of ideas, human and spiritual values topics, etc. Club members take turns in presenting informational programs.

How do I Join?

If you would like to join the MN-DAK Kiwanis Club, please contact

Clover Ellingson

429 22St. S.

Fargo, ND 58103

Phone (701)729-7640

Email: ellingc@fargo.k12.nd.us or cloverjean@cableone.net

If you would like to be a charter member of this new club, fill out the [attached membership form](#), print out, and send to Clover with a check for \$55 to cover dues for the first year of membership. Make checks out to: MN-DAK eClub. Checks will not be cashed until there are 25 charter members signed-up and paid for membership. Anyone who joins during the first year of operation of this club will be considered a charter member.

Kiwanians stay up late to keep kids safe.

It was a long night, or should we say morning, but the Kiwanis Club of Minot didn't mind. That's because they knew their efforts would pay off. The group held its annual After Prom Party in Minot, North Dakota. 412 kids played games, danced and enjoyed food and fun into the early morning hours. The April 1st Minot High School Prom ended at midnight and that when kids started making their way to the party and Kiwanis members were ready for them with hot dogs, french fries, black jack, dancing and plenty of great prizes. The evening happened to be when daylight savings time begins, so a lack of sleep became over emphasized the following week. "The night is our way of telling kids, we care about you, we want you to be safe and still have fun into the wee hours of the morning after Prom, said Kiwanis Club of Minot President Cheryl Lane. "If we keep just one kid from making a bad choice that night, it's well worth it!" This community minded event is just one of many the Kiwanis Club of Minot participates in to support our youth.



Picture: The kids arriving and signing in at the event shortly after the prom ended at the school.

Vikingland Kiwanis Assists Safe Kids Coalition Project

Parents were encouraged to make an appointment to bring their children and their cars to be checked. Car seats were available for those needing to update to a larger seat for their growing youngsters. Ambulance personnel as well as nurses from the Meritcare Children's Hospital instructed the parents on installation and adjustment of the car seats to provide the safest ride for their children.

This program is offered every three months, and Vikingland Kiwanis hopes to continue to assist the Safe Kids Coalition as part of their Young Children Priority One project.

Wahpeton-Breckenridge Club Uses New Twists To Improve Pancake Event

Pancake feeds often are the financial lifeblood for many Kiwanis clubs nationally and regionally. For the Wahpeton-Breckenridge Kiwanis Club, pancakes are our only fundraiser and with our area's heavy pancake feed competition; our club has found it necessary to keep re-inventing the event.



Forty-one years ago, the Wahpeton (ND) and Breckenridge (MN) Kiwanis Club pioneered the art of pancake sales and promotion, efficient service and pancake-sausage preparation. We even started before pancakes became the norm in commercial restaurants.

From January through March, there are no less than a dozen or more pancake fundraisers by a variety of organizations in our community. Now, our club has found that new ideas are necessary to enrich not only the ticket sales but also to improve the service and menu.

For people in this combined community of about 14,000, pancake eating during those three months is nearly a weekly event. Though ticket sales for this popular pancake event have never declined significantly, our membership saw a need to enhance the event.

Thus, one of the major ticket sales improvements came several years ago when we started Pancake Partners. These partners, usually commercial and professional businesses, are approached by Kiwanians to buy a package of 10 tickets at a discount for giving away to their customers and staff.

Selling tickets in lots of 10 has proved easier than one or two, helping us to sell 122 packets of 10 this year, an increase of seven partners from the previous year. Names of Pancake Partners are promoted during the feed on large screen Power Point presentation.

This year we served nearly 1,200 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. In the past we have served upwards to 1,500. Today's higher ticket prices and Pancake Partner sales have indeed improved our bottom line, allowing us to maintain over \$5,000 in income. Several years ago we profited about the same with more members and six more serving hours.

Two of the latest improvements have tackled the service side and the menu. We asked our Terrific Kids from the past year to help us out on the dining room.

With a smaller membership and the need for young legs to help with table service on the dining room floor, this year we had 23 Terrific Kids help us pick-up dishes and clean tables and re-stock tables with syrup and butter. Each 5th Grade Terrific Kid worked 90 minutes and was provided a Terrific Kid T-shirt.

Of the 45 letters that were sent to parents, 23 volunteered and even one of parents helped out. Several offered to stay longer and several parents complimented club members. Because they enjoyed themselves, two of the 5th graders wanted to be put on the list for next year.

A popular improvement on the menu side was the addition of strawberry and blueberry toppings for the cakes. In addition to homemade syrup, these toppings were especially popular with our youthful pancake eaters but also were found on almost everyone's pancake stacks.

Also, we found a sausage at an area meat facility that wasn't too spicy, a perfect size that could be quickly deep-fried for a quick turn-around. A

unique pancake condiment is our homemade syrup made the night before from mapeline. It was originated by one of our members many years ago. Our pancake recipe has remained consistent throughout the years, always using an egg and milk mixture, never the water variety.

Internal promotion of ticket sales by our members runs about three to four weeks. Members are divided into teams with captains for both individual and partner sales. During this sales period, pancake songs adapted in 1999 by one of our members are sung.

At one time when we had beans and steak member sales contest, bean and steak songs were sung by the winning and the losing teams. These songs drew lots of fun and clowning around.

Here's one of pancake songs:

Take Me Out for the Pancakes (To the tune of "Take Me Out To The Ball Game")

Take me out for some pancakes
 Take me out for a meal
 Just buy me some sausage and applesauce
 I don't care if the dishes I wash.
 Let me flip, flip, flip for Kiwanis
 For its 1, 2, 3 on the plate In the pancake game.

Other pancake songs are: "They'll Be Flippin' Side By Side When They Cook" ("She'll Be Coming Round The Mountain") and On The Good Old Pancake Day ("In The Good Old Summertime").

A KIWANIAN'S VIEW OF THE THE LT. GOVERNORS TEAM TRAINING FOR ALL REGIONS

Dawn Fairbrother, from Region 6 Kiwanis, had the opportunity to observe and take notes at the three-day conference for Lt. Governors, Lt. Governors-Elect and Lt. Governors-Elect-Elect training. Dawn discovered that these dedicated Kiwanians were given some fantastic tools to help them be the best Lt. Governors, Lt. Governors-Elect and Lt. Governors-Elect-Elect in Kiwanis!



These attendees paid very close attention to what was being presented. The attendees gathered a large amount of information as they continue being Lt. Governors and/or Lt. Governors-Elect and/or Lt. Governors-Elect-Elect!

The weekend of May 05, 06, 07, 2006 the dedicated Lt. Governor teams spent these three (3) days learning, growing, and being given the skills they need to help our seven (7) Regions in the MN-DAK Kiwanis District to have a successful 2006-2007 Kiwanis year!

There were 18 Kiwanis Lt. Governors, Lt. Governors-Elect and Lt. Governors-Elect-Elect teams in attendance. There were another 13 presenters of Kiwanis topics to help these teams gather all the knowledge and information they will need to help them be successful in their Kiwanis regions.

Coralyn Dahl, Governor-Elect of the MN-DAK Kiwanis District, was the main presenter; Stewart Ross, Governor of the MN-DAK Kiwanis District, was also a presenter. Governor-Elect candidate, Bill Daughtery, was in attendance as an observer.

Other presenters were: Steve Handegaard, District Secretary/Treasurer; F. Larry Rittgarn, District Director of Education, CLE trainer and District Convention Co-Director; Colleen Hyde, District Director of Administration; Chuck Nielsen, District Director of Membership, Jean Collins, District Tag Team Coordinator; Ben Kocourek, Kiwanis International Club Development Manager; Liz Lawrence-Ross, Director on the Kiwanis International Foundation and First Lady of the District; Joe Blasko, Circle K Administrator; Mary Beth Townsend and Paul Spyhalski, Key Club Administrators; and Orin Dahl, Special Projects, and First Gentleman.

Lt. Governors, Lt. Governors-Elect, and Lt. Governors-Elect-Elect in attendance were:

Region 1: Lt. Governor, Barbara Egan, Lt. Governor-Elect, Kelly Schmidt, and Cheryl Lane, 2007-2008 Lt. Governor-Elect.

Region 2: Lt. Governor, Larry Humble, and Lt. Governor-Elect, Lowell Disrud,

Region 3: Lt. Governor, Ed Reich, Lt. Governor-Elect, Chris Kellett-Sawdey, and Barb Fisher, 2007-2008 Lt. Governor.

Region 4: Lt. Governor, Kay Cox, Lt. Governor-Elect, Frank Ferguson, and Lyle Sonnenschein, 2007-2008 Lt. Governor.

Region 5: Lt. Governor-Elect, Bill Zortman and Beverly Warner, 2007-2008 Lt. Governor.

Region 6: Lt. Governor, Herb Hoff, Lt. Governor-Elect, Curt Pearson, and David Fairbrother, 2007-2008 Lt. Governor.

Region 7: Lt. Governor, Dennis Blesener, and Lt. Governor-Elect, Paul Michels.

We need to give our Lt. Governor teams, as well as our Governor, for the MN-DAK District, all the help and support we can so they will be successful; which in turn means that they will give us the tools and help our Kiwanis District, Regions and Clubs to build and grow and be successful!

South Point Kiwanis Club Honors students & teachers

Madison School in Fargo, ND and the South Point Kiwanis Club have partnered together for the past 5+ years.

Madison School has been using the B.U.G. (Bring up Grades) Kiwanis program with the help of the members of the South Point Club.



The results each year have been such that this year the club also honored all of the staff at Madison School with certificates, pen/pencil sets, and a breakfast for the honored students and teachers.

Annual Kiwanis Citizenship Award

ATTENTION ALL 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.**” Nominees are submitted by Kiwanis clubs of the Minnesota-Dakota District. The award recipient(s) will be recognized at the banquet at our Annual Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention in St. Cloud in August 2006.

There is not a formal application. 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 2005 and June 2006).
2. Include a short description of the circumstances of the heroic deed, any news clippings or other supporting information.
3. Include the name of your Kiwanis Club & President, a contact person with contact information (preferably e-mail address) and the name of your Region Representative and Region Number.

The PDOA will inform the nominating club if their nominee was chosen for the award. The nominating Kiwanis Club is responsible for the travel and lodging expenses for the recipient to attend the banquet at the District Convention. The PDOA will pay for the recipient’s meal at the banquet.

The information must be submitted by June 30, 2006 to

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Meet the Simpson's

Mike Simpson is a mild mannered dedicated Kiwanian. He believes in cloning new members. In addition to serving a year and a half as President of Sioux Falls East -- he has become one of the biggest proponents for Kiwanis projects in Sioux Falls.

In 2005-2006 --- Simpson has brought in 7 new members including his daughter Kathy Luke. No generation gap here. In fact the Sioux Falls East star is burning bright as they provide support for Sioux Falls Downtown, Sioux Falls Daybreak, Sioux Falls West, and Sioux Falls South.

For bringing in seven new members this year -- Mike Simpson was awarded the Ruby K Award.

Anyone able to claim they brought in their daughter or son in 2005-2006 and plus another half dozen members?

Sioux Falls Kiwanis Clubs Hear

Life is precious --- and we never know when a car accident can change what we take for granted.

Dr. Anna Madsen -- Associate Professor of Religion at Augustana College in Sioux Falls delivered that message to forty some Kiwanis Members at the 9th Annual Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast.



Dr. Madsen with her young daughter sitting with Kiwanis members from several Sioux Falls Clubs told the story of how her life changed. She spoke of how her faith had been tested as a result of a car accident. Dr. Madsen had finished her PH.D in Germany when her husband and 3 year old son Carl were struck by a car while walking. Her husband was killed and young Carl received a traumatic brain injury.

The young girl shown in this picture -- had just been born. Supports that helped her through the crisis were her family, her religion and the German health care system. They got full medical attention while not even being German citizens. Dr. Madsen says she stands as a living testimony to universal health care.

Her teaching at Augie was delayed one semester as the family tried to regroup. Carl is starting to re-learn words and to walk, but the going is slow. But she says, "I will not give up! God is with us."

For the Kiwanis members present it was a chance to come together, reflect on the value of life, and know that the Annual Prayer Breakfast is a chance to share their concerns for each other.

OWATONNA GOLDEN "K" KIWANIS CLUB DONATES FUNDS TO HELP PEOPLE DISPLACED BY FIRE!

The Owatonna Golden "K" Kiwanis Club gave Joan Lalonde from the American Red Cross of Owatonna, a check for \$500 to help the Owatonna residents who were displaced by a fire at the Academy Apartments complex in Owatonna. There were many people who lost everything they owned. The only thing some people saved were the clothes on their backs after racing out of the building which was full of fire and smoke.

These people are slowly making progress as the American Red Cross continues to help these people to find new places to live as well as food, clothing, personal items and furniture.

Mitchell Celebrates 85th Birthday

Mitchell's Kiwanis Club is 48 members strong today. A far cry from the number of members that believed enough in this service club following World War I to put their energies together for the good of all.



But you can bet the founding fathers would be proud of President Jan Quenzer and those that celebrated the 85th birthday with cake, community cheer, and a belief in Kiwanis of the future.

May 31, 2006 --- the goal is still to promote and support programs for the youth of Mitchell and other programs that are needed. The ceremony was held at Kiwanis Woodlot Park -- part of the 50 acres approved by the City of Mitchell that is adjacent to Lake Mitchell Dam. Many of the 1000 trees that were planted in 1929 are now mature and provide shade for scouts, families, and those that now play golf with a frisbee.

The Mitchell Club sponsors youth awards for 4-H clubs, the youth Winter Beef Calf Show project, gives two local high school scholarships, donates to the Therapeutic Garden and to the local Love Feast, and even the Kiwanis teddy bears find a home to children under four. The "Read Around the World Project" and the spaghetti feed keep these men and women of Kiwanis very busy.

The Co-chairs of the Woodlot Committee Randy Ahrendt and Rube Adams gave a colorful history that included the tale of how close the park came to being "Koots Park" instead of Kiwanis Woodlot Park. Minnesota Dakota Kiwanis 2007-2008 Governor Bill Daugherty and Region 5 Lt Governor Bill Zortman 2006-2007 gave their congratulations to the club whose's members included a South Dakota Governor, several mayors, and many more prominent leaders from every walk of life.

Mitchell Kiwanis is also responsible for founding the Madison and Yankton Clubs. To those clubs -- Mitchell is still a shining example of how a service club and its citizens can work together.

Life does go on --- and President Elect Will Haugen will take the bell and gavel on October 1st. Sixty days later -- the Haugen's will become parents of twins. Both future Kiwanis members (of course).



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