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# MINNEKOTAN

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## Bill's Pitch

On Friday afternoon at the District Convention we are running a session on improving our clubs and gaining membership plus building new clubs. HOW? By developing a group of Kiwanisans throughout the District to assist the Director of Membership, Stewart Ross in assisting in the aforementioned areas of growth. The session will be a TAG (Toether Achiveing Growth) ttraining session to prepare a solid group to help not only now but in future years as well.



Please advise me at [pugowner@sio.midco.net](mailto:pugowner@sio.midco.net) if you wish to attend this special session on Friday from 2:00 to 5:30pm.

Bill Daugherty, Governor

Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District

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

By Steve Handegaard, Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer

Greetings to everyone. As of June 1<sup>st</sup> we still have 4 months left in the 07-08 Kiwanis year. You and your clubs have been doing many great things in the name of Kiwanis. 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 June and August. To date 4430 registrations have been received for the **93rd Annual Kiwanis International Convention** in Orlando, June 26-29. So far we have 58 members and 10 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 Moorhead, August 8-10, 2008**, 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 15. 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/>

- **Distinguished Kiwanis Club Status for 07-08:** A new feature has been added to the KiwanisOne online reporting system. Club secretaries can now access an online summary from their “Monthly Report Launch Page” that will show you the points your club has currently accumulated towards the Distinguished Club Award. How is your club doing? You need 80 points to qualify. You have until September 30 to add to your points.
- Thank you once again to Club Secretaries for submitting your **Club Election Reports for 2008-2009**. The reports were due **June 1**, so if you have not entered your information **online**, please do so ASAP! Please include email addresses whenever possible. It is very important that we receive this information in a timely manner so that directories and mailing lists can be compiled.
- Has your club contributed to the **Outreach Program** this Kiwanis year? Our Circle K and Key Club District Boards are 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.
- Club Secretaries: Remember to file your **Monthly Club Reports** online by the tenth of each month. If you have any problems filing your report, contact [support@clubresource.com](mailto:support@clubresource.com) or myself at [secretary@mndak-kiwanis.org](mailto:secretary@mndak-kiwanis.org)

Hope to see you at the District Convention in Moorhead.

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

Club elections have just been held and new leaders elected for the 2008-2009 club year. Congratulations to those who accepted the challenge to lead your club during the year ahead. I wish you every success ... for your club and for yourselves.

For some, this will be your first leadership role. At times it will be challenging yet I am convinced you will find it rewarding. It is a time for personal growth. I encourage you to set personal and club goals. One club goal might be to learn more about Kiwanis and new services Kiwanis can offer your community. A personal goal should be to



learn how to become a more effective leader.

It has been very satisfying for me to watch several club presidents grow and mature as leaders. Kiwanis International has placed many useful tools on its website. I encourage you to review them. In addition, the Lt. Governor Team and District leaders are there for advice and counsel. They will gladly work with you any way you like. Contact them any time.

Again, congratulations to newly elected club officers. May your year of service give you personal satisfaction and growth and lead you to other leadership opportunities.

## **2006-2007 KIWANIS DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARDS ANNOUNCED**

The 2006-2007 Distinguished Member Award was recently presented to Arthur Grachek, of the Kiwanis Club of St. Cloud, MN and Richard Tinker of the Kiwanis Club of Lead, SD. They were recognized by Immediate Past International President Nelson Tucker who stated, "Your efforts and commitments to the goals and vision of our organization have been noticed and certainly guarantee that Kiwanis continues to "Serving the Children of the World."

## **Support Minnesota-Dakota's Key Leader Service Leadership Event**

Clubs or individuals may support the program by volunteering or through contributions. If your club or if you know an individual who would like to contribute, contact Clover Ellingson.

[Cloverjean@cableone.net](mailto:Cloverjean@cableone.net)

Thank you to *Governor Bill Daugherty* for his scholarships and to *Owantonna* for its club contribution to the program!

## **The Kiwanis Key Leader Service Leadership Event is for all Students: Ages 14-18**

Key Leader inspires all who attend. Read what one advisor wrote: "This past weekend I had the pleasure of accompanying three of my club members to the Key Leader program. I found it to be very worthwhile and inspiring for student and teacher alike. The Key Leader principles (integrity, growth, respect, community, and excellence) are principles that can benefit any organization...Spending the weekend in such a positive atmosphere with truly awesome students and adults has given me the little bit of motivation I needed for...the school year. I am excited for the year and hope to adapt many of the activities for classroom use. The program was very organized and met the needs of the students. Many activities were offered to keep them moving and working in their 'neighborhood' groups...My kids have not stopped talking about their time at camp and have interested other members from our club to attend the next session. I hope to see you there!"

Clover Ellingson

Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis Key Leader

## **Fargo North Key Club Members Invited to March of Dimes National Leadership Conference**

Fargo North Key Club has a long standing relationship to the March of Dimes. Because the March of Dimes wanted to strengthen this relationship, the organization invited 4 students and advisor Clover Ellingson to join them this summer to their National Youth Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Ga., July 31 through August 1.

Key Club International began partnering with the March of Dimes in the 1960s by holding dances, carwashes, and bake sales to raise funds to further research in the medical field to help reduce birth defects. Key Club members around the world remember collecting dimes in hopes that someday children would be born free of birth defects. Today, Key Club members still collect change to support the March of Dimes.

--Clover Ellingson--

## **Interclub Patch Award**

Send your entry to Joe Hesch, District Interclub Chair. No special form is required. You may send him an e-mail [JHesch@aol.com](mailto:JHesch@aol.com) with your interclub info: date, place, who attended and number of miles.

Or, you can print the list and mail it to him at:

Joe Hesch  
3854 E. Superior St.  
Duluth, MN 55804

Interclub patches will be presented in August at the Min-Dak District Convention.

## **Project HERO will be service project at District Convention**

Each year at the District Convention Kiwanians from the MN-DAK District open their hearts to participate in a district-wide service project. This year we have selected a unique project that will provide much-needed healthcare materials to those in need.

Project HERO serves as a clearinghouse for unused healthcare supplies and durable new/used medical equipment by providing access to much-needed healthcare materials for those in need. Thousands of individuals do not receive the healthcare supplies and equipment necessary to provide them with the quality of care enjoyed by most of our area residents. These individuals simply are unable to afford the supplies and durable medical equipment they need to live their lives in comfort.

We are asking Kiwanians attending the District Convention in Moorhead to ask club members for any durable medical equipment no longer being used and other new items or items no longer being used and bring them to the Convention. The type of equipment Project HERO is in need of includes:

Wheelchairs

Electric hospital beds

Walkers

Canes and crutches

Safety grab bars

Bedside commodes

Raised toilet seats  
Shower chairs/stools  
Tub transfer benches  
Lift chairs  
Motorized scooters  
Wound care supplies  
Gloves  
Incontinence supplies

Be sure your equipment donations have been cleaned and are in good working condition.

Include all accessories with equipment, including power cords, patient cables, transducers, spare parts and operation and service manuals (if you have them).

Project HERO will also accept cash donations in any amount. HERO is an independent 501©)(3) non-profit charitable organization unique in the Midwest. For more information about this organization, check out their web-site at [www.fmhero.org](http://www.fmhero.org).

Let's all get behind this great service project and reach out and help those less fortunate when we meet at the convention in Moorhead this August!

Bruce Klair

District Director of Service 2007-08

### **WON'T YOU, AS KIWANIAN, HELP THE CHILDREN, YOUTH,**

The 2007-2008 elementary, junior High School, High School, College vocational classes are nearing completion or have already completed their school year.

Many of the Builders Clubs, K-Kids Clubs, B.U.G. and/or TERRIFIC Kids programs are done meeting for the summer. However, there may be some of these Clubs and Programs that do meet during the summer.

The Kiwanis members of the Aktion Clubs usually meet all year around.

You may wonder why I am talking about **STARTING** one of the aforementioned Service Leadership Kiwanis Clubs and/or programs. However, **NOW** is an excellent time to investigate the fantastic opportunities to help the children, the youth, and the young adults!

Today, the need to help our children, youth, and young adults is greater than ever! They

**ALL NEED KIWANIS** to help them via our Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs!

Many of the elementary, junior high, high schools, vocational schools and colleges have principals who work during the summer months.

Now is the time to have a Minnesota-Dakotas District Administrator, from the Service Leadership Program, you are interested in starting help you get started. You can also go to either the [mndak-Kiwanis.org](http://mndak-Kiwanis.org) website or the [Kiwanis.org](http://Kiwanis.org) website and find information about the various Service Leadership programs.

You can reach the MNDK District Administrators, via their website or telephone number:

**Circle K Clubs...Anne Backes Dodge...[annbackes@hotmail.com](mailto:annbackes@hotmail.com)** or 218-327-0279.

**Key Clubs...Mary Beth Townsend...[mary.b.townsend@comcast.net](mailto:mary.b.townsend@comcast.net)** or 651-459-8977.

**Aktion Clubs...Dwain and Carole Petersen...[D2pete@aol.com](mailto:D2pete@aol.com)** or [C3pete@aol.com](mailto:C3pete@aol.com) or 507-345-6707.

**Key Leader Camp...Clover Ellingson...[cloverjean@cableone.net](mailto:cloverjean@cableone.net)** or 701-729-7640.

**Builders Clubs, K-Kids Clubs, Bring Up Grades (B.U.G.), and TERRIFIC Kids Programs**

**Dawn Fairbrother...[muffins3@charter.net](mailto:muffins3@charter.net)** or 507-451-5939.

--Dawn Fairbrother--

## **Cyclones, tornadoes, flooding, and earthquakes renew call for disaster-relief funds**

Recent extreme weather and natural disasters throughout the world have caused devastation in many areas. These events have prompted Kiwanis International and the Kiwanis International Foundation to issue a special plea for contributions to the [Disaster Relief Fund](#).

“Kiwanis has received numerous messages of concern for the well-being of those affected by natural disasters,” said Kiwanis International President Dave Curry. “As a result, we are asking people to donate to the Disaster Relief Fund, particularly to help and support children, who have been so tragically affected.”

Working with clubs within the affected areas, Kiwanis will ensure contributions are directed to help children who have the greatest immediate and critical needs.

[Contribute](#) to the relief efforts or send your support to the Kiwanis International Foundation Disaster Relief Fund, 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA 46268.

“Our thoughts are with the countless children suffering because of these disasters,” said Kiwanis International Foundation President Jane Erickson. “We can be the ones to make a difference by helping them when they need it most.”

Dave Curry

Jane Erickson

President

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