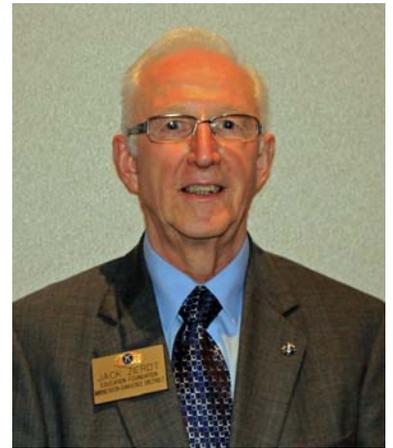


## 1999 – 2000

**Governor:** Jack Zierdt, Spring Valley, MN

**First Lady:** Judy Zierdt, Spring Valley, MN



International President: Nettles Brown, Louisiana  
International Trustee/Counselor: J. W. Sales, Jr., AL  
2000 Mid-Winter Conference: Huron, South Dakota  
2000 District Convention: Duluth, Minnesota  
2000 International Convention: Miami Beach, Florida

1999 – 2000 Theme:  
“Building the Family Through Teamwork”

The District Executive Board consisted of Immediate Past Governor Bernadine Martin, Governor Elect Dale Carlson, Secretary/Treasurer Tom Horan and myself. It was a pleasure to serve with these knowledgeable and dedicated Kiwanians, as we led the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District of approximately 8,500 members. Their counsel and guidance were invaluable throughout the year.

One of our goals for the year was to develop a model of governance that would take our District from one of 23 divisions to set up the plan to develop a Regional governance led by a team of three Lt. Governors

rather than 23 individual Lt. Governors. In our attempt to do this, we made a determination that our Governor visits would be to a Region and have clubs and divisions within that area attend the Regional visit. We, also, started working on a Strategic Plan that would carry over into the next Kiwanis year for final creation.

The journey, for First Lady Judy and myself began in August of 1998, in St. Cloud, MN, when I was elected Governor- Elect of the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District. In August of 1999, in Bismarck, ND, it was a great honor to be elected as District Governor. Serving in that capacity was one of the most rewarding experiences of my years as a member of Kiwanis.

During the year we worked on “Building the Family Through Teamwork” at each of our District’s first ever-Regional gatherings of Kiwanis members from the Divisions within the area. The Lt. Governors and the club members working together for the good of Kiwanis came together to work on helping the District grow and work toward meeting our goal of fund raising for the “IDD” (Iodine Deficiency Disorders) eradication project. We, also, worked on the building of teamwork toward developing the Strategic Plan of the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District.

In January of 2000, we held our annual Mid-Winter Conference Kiwanis Education Day in Huron, South

Dakota. This was the beginning of the kickoff of really “Building the Family Through Teamwork”. The next step was the first weekend in March of 2000, when we journeyed to Mankato, MN, and attended the District Circle K convention and worked with them on developing the “Kiwanis Family” concept. Following that, two weeks later found us in Willmar, Minnesota, at the District Key Club Convention working with another partner in the “Kiwanis Family”.

The middle weekend in April of 2000 found our District’s “Kiwanis Family” together in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the visit of our Kiwanis International President Nettles Brown, and First Lady Glenelle. During this weekend we worked with K-kids, Builders Club, Key Club and Circle K members on service projects for the benefit of the homeless in the Twin Cities area. We, also, held an informal “question and answer” session for Kiwanis members with International President Nettles. The partners were also able to attend this session or an informal session, hosted by Judy, with First Lady Glenelle. On Saturday evening we capped off the great family weekend with a program and banquet, for all members of the “Kiwanis Family”, in honor of President Nettles and First Lady Glenelle Brown.

We, also, were privileged to be able to be in attendance in Indianapolis, IN, at the Kiwanis International Headquarters for the Dedication Ceremony for Service in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and the

Children of the World Garden. This celebration was held during the last weekend in April of 2000 during which time the annual Kiwanis International Council Meeting was being held in Indianapolis.

The last weekend of June found us travelling to Miami Beach, Florida, for the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Kiwanis International Convention.

The first weekend of August found us in Duluth, Minnesota for the 83<sup>rd</sup> annual Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention. The theme of the convention “Kiwanis Building Bridges in our Communities” along with our theme of “Building the Family Through Teamwork” was a fitting description of the 1999 – 2000 Kiwanis year in the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District. The keynote address of the convention “Old Rules Don’t Create New Futures” complimented the yearlong and convention themes as well as giving us further guidance in developing the District’s Strategic Plan.

Judy and I would like to thank all of you for allowing us the opportunity to be your First Lady and Governor of this great Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District during the 1999 – 2000 Kiwanis year. We also, want to take this opportunity to thank you for the support and new friendships that we made during this wonderful opportunity.