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# MINNEKOTAN

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## Governor's Gab

by Walt Roetter

Club elections are due in May, has your club been seeking candidates for your Club's leadership positions? Wouldn't be fun to have an election for President-Elect. What about Board of Director members? All the elected positions need to be under consideration right now so that in two months you can hold your election, select the new leadership team and start planning for the 2005-2006 year. Once the election is completed, get the election report in, it is critical to a number of things that happen in early summer, including Club Leadership Education (CLE) planning and Directory development.



The first planning item is to be sure that the candidates for office know that attendance at CLE is a requirement for the job. This is critical as we are going through a number of major changes at both the International and District levels and to be able to lead effectively you must be knowledgeable about how your organization works. There is more than meets the eye as you set in the meeting each week so attending CLE will get you started on the right foot as the leader of your Club.

Your Club needs to be seeking delegates for both the International Convention and District Convention. The deadline for submitting delegate forms will be here soon, so start asking who will be attending the Conventions. Remember, your club must be represented at the District Convention at least every other year to remain in good standing. Let have a great turnout for both the Conventions, Hawaii is a great location for a vacation in conjunction with the Convention and we are going to have some new and, we think, exciting new activities at the District Convention.

Have you sent in your Club's Outreach, District Educational Foundation and International Foundation checks yet? Bet your Club has it in your budget, so let's get the funds in so we can help our own deserving young leaders prepare for tomorrow's role in both Kiwanis and the world.

Remember if we get over 75% of our clubs to contribute to the International Foundation, we get an additional scholarship. Our own Educational Foundations needs your support so we can get back to the higher levels of scholarships that we used to give. The next couple of months are critical for Outreach because both Key Club and Circle K will be holding their District Conventions and we need the leadership of those organization to be able to participate in planning for their futures.

How is your club doing on individual Distinguished Members and on being a Distinguished Club? Need to work on membership, Spring is a great time to plan a membership meeting to break out of the Winter doldrums. Also now is the time to start planning a Sponsored Organization and Program (SOAP) Club. Remember our goal is to have every club sponsor a SOAP club by the end of the year.

Well there is a lot to do, but that what Kiwanians are good at, getting the job done. Together we will make the District bigger and stronger with great leadership and more members.

Walt Roetter  
Governor

## Tom's Thoughts - District Secretary/Treasurer - March 2005

Greetings to each of you,

Our Kiwanis year is almost half over. I hope all of you are working hard to retain Membership in your Club, and bringing in new Members, and working on Service Projects in your Communities.

- Dues and New Member Add fees must be sent to Kiwanis International. In the last two weeks we had a good response with dues collection. Now we are just down to a few remaining clubs that have not paid their dues that were due on October 1, 2004.



- International Convention: Election of Delegates must be sent to Kiwanis International and the District Office on the proper delegate form that all Club Secretaries received. Please send in before May 1, 2005.
- International President Case and Susan Van Kleef will visit our District on April 8,9, 2005. All Kiwanis Clubs received a packet. Please reserve your overnight accommodations at the Americinn Hotel at 1-800-634-4444. Request the Kiwanis weekend special rate.
- Wanted: We still need Lt. Governors - Elect for the Kiwanis year 2005-2006. Congratulations to Regions 2,3,4 for we now have your names submitted.
- Governor Elect Candidates 2005/2006: We are still in need for qualified candidates to serve as Governor - Elect, and then move on to be Governor. For more information please contact the District Office.
- Mid-Winter Tri-K District Board Minutes you will find in the March Electronic Minnekotan.

## **Minutes from Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District Mid-Winter Tri-K Conference Board Meeting, January 14 & 15, 2005**

HOLIDAY INN AND CONFERENCE CENTER  
GALLERY #7  
WILLMAR, MINNESOTA  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2005/ SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2005

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Walt Roetter, Governor  
Stewart Ross, Governor Elect  
Charles Jacobson, Immediate Past Governor  
Tom P. Horan, District Secretary/Treasurer

### LT. GOVERNORS 2004-2005

Stephen Handegaard, Region 2  
Pat Spott, Region 3  
Mark Stewart, Region 4  
William Daugherty, Region 5  
Dennis Harris, Region 7

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Theresa Schaner, Region 1  
Dwain "Pete" Petersen, Region 6

### LT. GOVERNORS – ELECT 2004-2005

Ed Reich, Region 3  
Kay Cox, Region 4  
Vickie Walters, Region 5  
Herb Hoff, Region 6  
Dennis Blesener, Region 7

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Barbara Egan, Region 1  
Larry Humble, Region 2

### DIRECTORS:

Dan Neller, Administration  
 F. Larry Rittgarn, Education  
 Chuck Nielsen, Membership  
 Jack Zierdt, Service

GUESTS PRESENT:

Heidi Moldenhauer, Circle K Governor  
 Joe Blasko, Circle K Administrator  
 Joe Carmany, Circle K Assistant Administrator  
 Jenna Schaefer, Key Club Governor  
 Paul Spyhalski, Key Club Administrator  
 Dale Bowen, Key Club Assistant Administrator  
 Mary Bowen, Key Club Assistant Administrator  
 Merald T. Enstad, Past Kiwanis International President  
 Jean Collins, Past Governor

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Dinner Gallery 7, 6:00 P.M. Kiwanis, Circle K, Key Club

- **Call Meeting to Order:** Governor Walt Roetter called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 P.M.
- **Invocation:** Governor Elect Stewart Ross
- **Roll Call:** District Secretary/Treasurer Tom Horan. All in attendance or absent are listed above.
- **Introductions:** Walt Roetter introduced two committee members who were on the Search Committee to find a new District Secretary/Treasurer. Merald Enstad, Past Governor and Past International President, and Past Governor Jean Collins. Also committee were current Lt. Governor Pat Spott of Region 3, Stewart Ross Governor Elect, and Governor Walt Roetter. Also in the Lt. Governors Elect and the District Directors.
- **Minutes:** Tom stated that the Minutes from the Sunday morning August 15, 2004, District Convention were mailed to all Board members that month. Tom also placed another copy for each Lt. Governor and the Executive Committee for their approval at this meeting. Lt. Governor Mark Stewart of Region 4, to accept the Minutes was made and a second came from Governor Elect Stewart Ross. Motion passed.
- **District Secretary's Report:** Tom reported that the Mid-Winter Tri-K District Board Meeting for 2006 was scheduled for January at the Holiday Inn in Willmar. The Holiday Inn has a chance to host a large Convention that weekend. They asked if we would change our dates to the first or the third weekend in January of 2006. After discussion a motion was made by Lt. Governor Dennis Harris change our dates to January 19,20,21, 2006. It was seconded by Lt. Governor Bill Daugherty of Region 5. Motion passed. Tom handed out a roster of Clubs in the District by Region. One change was made in Region 5 removing the Aberdeen Sunri

Region 1	16 Clubs
Region 2	23 Clubs
Region 3	23 Clubs
Region 4	8 Clubs
Region 5	25 Clubs
Region 6	45 Clubs
Region 7	32 Clubs

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Total            172 Clubs in the Minnesota-Dakotas District (See attachment #1)

- **District Treasurer's Report:** All Board members received the December monthly report. Tom reviewed some of the line items on the report. The checking account and savings account will go up when all dues are paid. All other line items were in range of the

budget.

- **Director of Service Report:** Jack Zierdt reported that ten (10) clubs from our Kiwanis year 2003-04 did not take the time to annual report.

Region 1	Crosby, ND
Region 2	Alexandria, MN Crookston Pioneer 100's, MN Lisbon, ND
Region 4	Bear Butte, Sturgis, SD
Region 6	Hector, MN Morris, MN Tyler, MN Willmar Sunrisers, MN

Jack also reported on Young Children Priority One.

- **Director of Membership:** Congratulations to Chuck Nielsen for taking the role of Director of Membership. Chuck will be working on the MN-DAK Membership Stabilization Plan with Stewart Ross, Governor Elect. Chuck also gave some statistics from the new Kiwanis International North American Growth Plan. As of today the Governor, Governor Elect, and the District Secretary/Treasurer are the ones that have the book and the new guidelines. Chuck, as Director of Membership, will go to a special training class with a few of the Directors that are available on the North American Growth Plan.
- **Director of Education:** Larry Rittgarn gave a rundown on the CLE instructors in each Region. Larry handed a copy out to each Region. Region 1 & 2 will only have one instructor each. The other 5 Regions will have 2 each this Kiwanis year. Maximizing for Success will become a major plan with many clubs, and it appears to have brought some Clubs up to new levels. Larry announced that this will be his final year as District Director of Education. He will stay on as our Master Trainer for educating our Lt. Governor Team and CL.
- **Director of Administration:** Dan Neller reminded all officers that clubs should send in Club Bulletins and Club Brochures to the Chairperson. Jo also took care of the responsibility last year. Dan also had a number of overhead slides of different Region web pages. He also had some good and bad ones from other Districts. His message was to make them attractive - contest on web page design.
- **Kiwanis Education Foundation:** District Secretary/Treasurer of the Kiwanis Education Foundation Jack Zierdt, reported on the scholarship program. All applications must be postmarked this year by January 21. Each high school is limited to three (3) applications. Forms should be sent to Jack Zierdt. Jack handed out a packet explaining all about the District Education Foundation.
- **Kiwanis International Foundation:** Dale Bowen, District Chairperson, representing the Kiwanis International Foundation, presented a letter and brochure entitled Annual Club Gift Campaign. This Campaign begins annually October 1, and ends September 30. He also handed out a list to the Lt. Governors of the 34 Clubs that already sent funds to the Kiwanis International Foundation.
- **Outreach:** Tom handed out the December financial report on Outreach which lists the clubs and dollar amount. To date the District (the end of December 2004) has received \$1,655.00. A majority of the Clubs in the District have not given to Outreach this Kiwanis year. Outreach funds are used for the Key Club and Circle K District Boards.
- **Future District Convention Reports and Site Selections:** Tom reported that he has contracts signed through the 2009 Kiwanis International Convention. The new three year rotation of Fargo, Moorhead, and Watertown beginning in the year 2007 is now in place. The locations are in the center of the three states. Each location will have to meet the needs of the District. Larry reported on the sites of the hotels for good Conventions. After April 15th The District Secretary will not be responsible for Conventions. A Convention Committee will handle all Convention responsibilities.
- **Monthly Reports:** Tom handed out packets of reports for October/November of the clubs that did not turn in reports for two months. It is the same clubs that do not turn in Annual Reports or do not respond to any requests. The Lt. Governors and Chairperson might have to make more visits to the clubs to help them with all reporting needs to get them up to speed to earn District and awards.
- **Lt. Governors' Report on Training and Contact Visits:** Tom reported all contact reports are now completed that were due by the end of 2004.

• **Lt. Governors Region Reports:**

**Region 1** – Lt. Governor Theresa Schaner, Lt. Governor Elect Barb Egan, Immediate Past Lt. Governor Lowell Jensen – (written report as no one was present at the meeting). CLE Sessions – two excellent CLE Sessions are in New Rockford conducted by Jim Bekken, and one in Bismarck conducted by Maxine Fleck. Contact visits were made to all sixteen clubs by Barb Egan (7 clubs) and Lowell Jensen (9 clubs). Theresa did not participate because of bypass surgery in September. Club Building – one new Key Club in Jamestown, ND. Region 1 Governor's Conference was held January 8 at Fort Mandan in Washburn, ND with 37 Region 1 Kiwanians in attendance. Region 1 service project is a three year commitment to build a playground at Fort Mandan. All clubs in Region 1 have been alerted about the February Read Around the World Emphasis.

**Region 2** – Lt. Governor Steve Handegaard reported that the two Fergus Falls Kiwanis Clubs have chartered a new Circle K Club. Now Fergus Falls has a Circle K Club and a Key Club. Region 2 now has a Regional web page. All clubs have the option to enter their month's reports on line.

**Region 3** – Lt. Governor Pat Spott reported on their Governor's visit to Region 3 on February 5, 2005. Pat Spott who is a Dale Carnegie instructor, lined up a one day Dale Carnegie Training for the day. All Kiwanians were free. A one day session like that is around \$7,000 or \$200 per person. Pat said that the Friendly Duluth Kiwanis Club is helping him with expenses for the Regional visit.

**Region 4** – Lt. Governor Mark Stewart reported that two years ago Spearfish Kiwanis Club built an Aktion Club, and now this year the Aktion Club built a new Key Club in their High School with around 75 members. Rapid City Kiwanis Club chartered a new Key Club this year. Region 4 has taken on two projects. Immediate Past Lt. Governor Mark Stults came up with the idea to provide every student in Region 4 a dictionary for their own use. The second project came about with Mark Stewart's idea "Kids in Cars" advertising, word of mouth, to all people about not leaving their children in cars while the parents run an errand. Mark reported that the word is getting out in Region 4. Governor Walt's visit to his own Region will be on January 22, 2005.

**Region 5** – Lt. Governor Bill Daugherty gave his report regarding Region 5 clubs pulling together. Pierre, Chamberlain, and Miller Kiwanis Clubs are working to sponsor a new club in a foreign land. The five Sioux Falls Club Presidents are meeting to design a program for Kiwanis in Sioux Falls as a team. Governor Walt is scheduled for his official visit to the Region on February 26, 2005. Part of the day will be reading to immigrant children. Augustana Circle K Club will also help out during the Regional visit. Bill noticed as he was making his visits to the Region Kiwanis Clubs that a number of clubs are on the small side. They have good projects and also room to grow.

**Region 6** – NO REPORT

**Region 7** – Lt. Governor Dennis Harris reported that Region 7 had their official Region meeting on September 11, 2004. Also four sub region meetings were held to date of this Conference. Dennis also said that packets have been mailed out to all clubs regarding Kiwanis International President Case Van Kleef's visit on April 8, 2005. A number of events have been planned. Governor Roetter asked Dennis Harris to chair this district event.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2005

Breakfast 7:30 A.M.

• **Circle K Report:** Joe Blasko informed everyone that they now have a financial report (just handed out at the meeting). Circle K just appointed a new District Secretary. That makes four (4) Board Members. Circle K has 13 clubs this year with 188 paid members. There is still 75-80 members that are not paid yet. The budget goal was set at 275 paid members. Governor Heidi Moldenhauer went to the Fergus Falls Charter Banquet of the new club. They are a very active club. The next new club will be at Dickinson State. The paper work is close to being sent in. They also have good Kiwanis support. The Circle K District Convention will be held at Grand Rapids on March 4-6. Keynote speaker will be Jeff Pauley on Friday night. He is the CEO of Magellan Executive Resources Inc. This is a consulting firm based in Minneapolis. They provide services within four primary areas of expertise – executive development, change management, team development, crisis management. This will be a K family event.

• **Key Club Report:** Governor Jennifer Schaefer came to the podium and informed everyone that she had six Key Club Board Members with her this weekend. Jenna also had a display board explaining the Governor's project this year –

Feeding Children International. Every 2 seconds a child dies of starvation. That figure grows to 40,000 children a day. Key Club members attending the FLTC in Willmar this past October packaged 28,000 meals in four hours. The Key Club District will also have a fast day on Jan. 21, 2005 to raise pledges for this project. Key Club has also built four clubs this year. They are located at Jamestown ND, Spearfish SD, Pipestone MN, and Rapid City, SD. A new club is still in the process in Chisholm. The Key Club District Convention is March 18-20 in Fargo, ND. Administrator Paul Spyhalski reported to the Kiwanis board regarding their past FLTC and upcoming Key Club District Convention March 18-20, 2005 at the Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND. The Key Club International Convention will be held in Atlanta, Georgia July 5-10, 2005. Paul asked for our continued support for Outreach, which is for Key Club and Circle K District Boards.

Key Club Business – Paul proposed to transfer \$200 from line item 3055 to the line item 3090 District printing. A motion from Lt. Governor Region 5 Bill Daugherty to transfer \$200 from account 3055 to line item 3090. This was seconded by Lt. Governor Pat Spott of Region 3. Motion passed

- **Report on K-Kids:** None

- **Report on Builders Clubs:** None

- **Report on Aktion Clubs:** Alan Nelson reported he was in Florida.

- **International Convention Hawaii:** Walt gave a view of the good things that make it easy to register by the Kiwanis International package. You still can register on your own. There will be a District Board Meeting in Hawaii. Walt urged everyone to get their registrations in as soon as possible.

- **Regional Visits:** Governor Walt had his first visit in Red Wing. They had nearly 60 people in attendance. Dennis Harris (Region 7) took Walt to the hotel that President Case Van Kleef will be at in April. The second Regional meeting was in Washburn, ND. The program was at Fort Mandan. Jim Bekken had an excellent program for the people in attendance. Susan Roetter is also making a presentation at the Regional Meetings on Reading is Fundamental (RIF). Many Kiwanis Clubs are now involved in buying books and taking the time to read them to students.

- **MN-DAK Membership Stabilization Plan:** Stewart Ross, Governor Elect, was assigned the job of putting together a plan to stabilize membership in the District.

Goal: To stabilize membership in each region and the district in order to:

- Make Kiwanis available to more people
- Improve service to our communications
- Keep clubs from failing
- Improve morale of clubs in the district
- Develop pride in all clubs in the district
- Keep the district budget balanced without continual cutting due to membership losses.

This presentation has 48 slides. Stewart will put this presentation on the MN-DAK web page. A motion was made by Lt. Governor Bill Daugherty of Region 5 to accept the MN-DAK Membership Stabilization Plan. A second was made by Lt. Governor Dennis Harris of Region 7. Motion passed.

- **New Club Building Directors:** Walt Roetter made a proposal to add a 5th District Director – the title would be District Director of New Club Building. That would also require all seven Regions to have a Regional new club building director. We need to get the past officers organization involved in making this happen in all Regions. The District will need to add another line item in the District Directors budget. Motion made by Lt. Governor Pat Spott of Region 3 to accept this new proposal. A second was made by Lt. Governor Bill Daugherty of Region 5. Motion passed.

- **Job Description for the District Secretary/Treasurer:** Larry Rittgarn handed out the new job description and said no changes have been made. He did remove the District Convention job duties. Motion was made by Governor Elect Stewart Ross to accept the new District Secretary/Treasurer job description beginning April 15, 2005. This was seconded by Lt. Governor Pat Spott of Region 3. Discussion – Immediate Past Governor Chuck Jacobson stated that we did not have enough time to read and study the proposal. Larry Rittgarn did say no changes were made to the Secretary/Treasurer job. Motion passed.

- **Job Description for the District Convention Director:** Larry also handed out the new Job Description of the District Director of Conventions. Motion was made by Lt. Governor of Region 3 Pat Spott to accept the new Job Description of the District Director Conventions. Seconded by Lt. Governor of Region 4 Mark Stewart. Motion passed.

- **Appointment of the new District Secretary/Treasurer:** Walt introduced the Search Committee – Merald Enstad, Jean

Collins, Pat Spott, Stewart Ross, Walt Roetter. The new District Secretary/Treasurer as of April 15, 2005 is current Lt. Governor Steve Handegaard of Region 2, and a member of the Fergus Falls Noon Kiwanis Club. Motion to accept this new appointment was made by Lt. Governor of Region 4 Mark Stewart, and seconded by Immediate Past Governor Chuck Jacobson. Motion passed.

- Walt introduced the new **Director of Conventions** – Larry Rittgarn. He stated that at this time he does not have a Director of New Club Building.

- **Webmaster:** Lori Larson has agreed to also do the electronic Minnekotan.

- Governor Walt Roetter proposed the following **line item changes**:

Line item 4380 \$ 28,800 Secretary/Treasurer salary  
 Line item 4500 \$ 7,500 Website expense  
 Line item 4540 \$ 4,000 Office equipment fund  
 Line item 4702 \$ 1,500 District New Club Director expenses  
 Line item 4705 \$ 1,200 District Convention Director & Committee expenses

With the budget changes it does not change the bottom line of the original budget set for 2004-2005. Motion to accept the proposed budget changes was made by Lt. Governor Pat Spott of Region 3, and seconded by Lt. Governor Bill Daugherty of Region 5. Motion passes.

- **Lt. Governors for 2005-2006; 2006-2007:** The current Lt. Governors Elect 2004-2005 who will be the Lt. Governors for 2005-2006 are all in place.

Lt. Governors for 2006-2007 are as follows:

Region 1  
 Region 2, Lowell Disrud  
 Region 3  
 Region 4, Frank Ferguson  
 Region 5  
 Region 6  
 Region 7, Paul Michels

We need the names for the other four Regions soon so they can plan on attending the May Education Training in Willmar.

- **District Convention 2005 Aberdeen, SD:** Walt encouraged all Board Members and Kiwanians to start planning for the District Convention in Aberdeen. The dates are August 12,13,14, 2005. Tom said the contract is signed and a lot of the arrangements are complete. Tom sent Stewart the names of the rooms that will be used for workshops. Tom and Walt are working on the Agenda for the program. The Aberdeen Club is working on the name of a Keynote speaker. The Aberdeen Convention and Visitors Bureau has put together a list of tours for the District to approve. Tom will make one more trip to Aberdeen with Larry and Pat Rittgarn before he turns the Convention over to the Director of Conventions and the Committee.

- **District Master Trainer:** Larry has been our District Master Trainer since Kiwanis International started the program. This year all the material that will be used will be new for our Lt. Governors team in May. Larry will go into Kiwanis International in February to get a first look and sit through the first training session. He will be ready to educate all Lt. Governors in May.

- **Directors and Officers Insurance:** Tom asked all officers if they had the new General Liability Packet for 2004-2005. All responded Yes. The new contract for Directors and Officers Insurance has been signed and it does include Key Club and Circle K District Board Members along with all Kiwanis District Officers.

- **Review of Contest dates/Flow of materials:** Walt asked all Lt. Governors to make sure that all clubs know where and when they send in their forms to enter in the judging.

- **Other:** No other business. All present made a motion and second to adjourn this Meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

(Wednesday, January 26, 2005)

Tom P. Horan  
District Secretary/Treasurer  
Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District

## South Point Membership Drive

South Point Kiwanis club in Fargo continues to battle the membership problem.

President Larry Rittgarn challenged the 11 members of this club to search out the area for prospects for their club.

Since October 1, three new members have been recruited, and all are becoming very active in this club.

South Point has been the receipt of the multi-service award for the past 3 years, and this feature appears to be a great recruiting tool, to interest new members.

A new club location a year ago, and a recruiting brochure have greatly improved the image of the club, and the goal it to get back to Charter strength.

Working with young people at Madison School, as well as Special Olympics continues to be priority areas for the South Point Members.



## Club Leadership Education (CLE) Information

Club President-elects, and Club Secretaries, are you preparing for your Leadership Education program?

GOOD NEWS! We will be presenting ALL NEW material at this year's CLE sessions, so be prepared now to attend this years session when it is held in your Region.

Larry Rittgarn, Director of Education for the Minn-Dak District will be traveling to Indianapolis on February 12 to view all of the new Education material that will be offered to new officers this summer.

When your registration arrives, be sure to plan to check out the locations and dates where the sessions will be held and get your registration sent in, as it is vital to your club and membership to be well prepared for your year.



## Kiwanis brings reading program to students at public library

February has events with world theme. Madison Kiwanis members were storytellers for the After-School Care students from Washington School February 7. Two other dates that are scheduled for the Madison Kiwanis club to read are February 18 and February 25.

The Madison Public Library is trying something new during the month of February in the Children's department. The librarians will be working with the local Kiwanis Club and the theme of "Read Around the World. Robert Oas, Vickie Walters, Nancy Lammers and Gene Hexom were four of the Kiwanian storytellers at the library Monday night, February 7. There were about 36 young readers in attendance. The International Kiwanis has chosen this theme for it "Kiwanis-family event" Feb. 1 through March 3. The International Kiwanis has a list of 21 books that the public library will hold in reserve. The library has just purchased 12 stories from various countries of the world. "All children need to understand the joy of reading. The first step is reading to them. The second is to give them book they can treasure and read again and again, says the Kiwanis Club.



## **Sioux Falls President's Look at American Idol Like Show, Picnic, Zoo Co-op**

Five Sioux Falls Kiwanis Club President's met for the second time and have now set a date for a summer picnic, adopted a plan to present a Kiwanis International Rug to the Multi-Cultural Center, and to perhaps even try their hand at an American Idol Like Show -- Kiwanis Kapers.

There are 219 Kiwanis members in Sioux Falls -- and if the leadership of the five clubs have their way -- the membership will work together on projects and find ways to leave a lasting impression on all those that are touched by Kiwanis cooperation.

The five club Presidents met for the first time in January --- and as a New Year's resolution did the same in February. The difference in the first meeting and the second? Follow-up on round one projects and new ideas that could be exciting for all in Sioux Falls.

Lt Governor Bill Daugherty attended the session and carried with him an idea to create a Kiwanis Kapers variety show that could combine the talents of all five clubs and other Kiwanis family members. Musicians, comics, impressionists, story tellers, magicians, dancers, jugglers, or whatever would help bring together a fun filled evening of family entertainment that could raise money for one joint community project or be split by the five clubs. The additional spoof could be an "American Idol" twist that would give the audience a chance to judge the merits or demerits of the so-called talent -- and perhaps even make a "Simon" out of the 5 Kiwanis Presidents. Clubs will have a chance to discuss the project and if there is enough interest -- a task force would look at how best to do it.

One President reported back on the possibility of working Kiwanis volunteer hours with the Great Plains Zoo. Work could include the spring cleanup-- Zoo-Boos in October or M/C-ing on the Zoo train. The group will hope to bring in a spokesperson from the Zoo to discuss needs in the March meeting.

In January the President's presented the idea of having the first Sioux Falls Kiwanis Picnic. Feedback suggested that it would be best to hold an event during the week -- rather than on a weekend. A tentative date has been set for the longest day of the year --- June 21st -- hopefully at Sertoma Park.

The 5 President's discussed the concern that some have about the end of the Minnekotan publication. Lt. Governor Daugherty explained that it was costing roughly \$35,000 a year to publish and deliver the newspaper and that the end came for financial reasons. Bill Zortman, Daybreak President and the District's Public Relations Chair -- explained the work that is being done to fill the void. Clubs with their club reps or Secretaries are encouraged to report news to the District and Regional website -- allowing members to be better informed and to share ideas and upcoming events -- much like the 5 Sioux Falls Presidents have started doing. Club President's are encouraged to print copies of the Minnekotan from the website for those that don't have access or the want to know to use the computer.

The communications issue will be discussed at the Regional Meeting on February 26th in Sioux Falls. At that meeting --- in addition to the business session, education, public relations, and address by Governor Walt Roetter -- Kiwanis members will read to international students at the Multi-cultural center. At that time -- the Kiwanis Clubs of Sioux Falls will present the Multi-Cultural center with a Kiwanis Rug that has the alphabet and numbers in a very attractive pattern. It will serve as a reminder of the importance of kids to our Kiwanis members with the hope that we can serve as rays of light for the future.

Kiwanis members were reminded of the ice melt project, the June 10th Golf Tournament at Elmwood as a Daybreak fundraiser, the chance to use Younker's Days as a money-maker, as well as Home Interior offering candles to clubs with 50% of the proceeds going to clubs for their projects.

Sioux Falls Kiwanis Presidents include Kathy Lueth, Downtown, Terri Fischer, West, Bryan Satter, South, Mike Simpson, East, and Bill Zortman, Daybreak.

The meeting all worked very well without a chairman (chairwoman) and two President-elects also joined the process wanting to make sure that meetings continue past October 1st.

Stay tuned --- we'll keep you posted on the progress of this innovative Sioux Falls project.

## **The 1st "Sign of Spring" -- Otter Risers Kiwanis to hold "30th Annual Fertilizer Sale"**

The first "Sign of Spring" -- Otter Risers Kiwanis to hold "30th Annual Fertilizer Sale"

Fergus Falls morning club has set Saturday, April 2nd as the date for their annual fundraising event. As we make contacts during our door to door sales, we highlight the programs that have received funding in the previous year and emphasize

the benefits of our service projects.

The first fertilizer sale was completed in April 1976. So, yes it has become a tradition for our club that was chartered in September 1975, just a few months before the first fundraising event. As noted in the May 1976 Bulletin: "We don't have a final report as our sales still continue. The last word was that we have made over \$600.00 ....., Looks like this has already established itself as an annual project."

A few years ago compost was added to products sold with great success. We also accept donations to be used for youth programs in our community.

The Otter Risers are looking forward to spring!!!!

## Before School Reading Program

The Devils Lake Kiwanis Club is in it's fourth year of an on-going weekly before-school reading program at two of our local elementary schools. We typically have from 20 to 25 volunteer readers, who give a half hour of their time a couple times a school year to sharing their love for reading with approximately 30 students per school. Pictured is Club President Elect, Phil Langerud, reading to a group of attentive elementary students.



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