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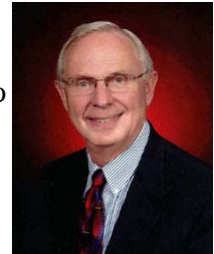
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BILL LARDY ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR GOVERNOR ELECT 2007-2008

In late 1979, my friend Cal Lundberg of the Dickinson ND Rough Rider Country Kiwanis Club invited me to its regular meeting. I joined the club in January 1980. Over those more than 27 years, Kiwanis has faced many challenges and responded to meet them in very creative ways. I offer myself to the Minnesota-Dakotas District as a candidate for the office of Governor Elect. If I am elected, I will work hard to continue the great work done by District Officers, Clubs and Club Members, to continue responding in creative ways to meet the challenges ahead.



As a member of the Dickinson Rough Rider Country Kiwanis Club, I served as president and secretary, serving 1 year in each position. In 1991 at the urging of then Lt. Governor Lionel Muthiah, I served as Lt. Governor for Region 1 during the years 1991-1992.

In 1991, a job change brought me to Bismarck and subsequently I joined the Bismarck Kiwanis Club in 1992. I have had the pleasure of serving as that club's secretary from 1999-2004. On February 6, the Bismarck Kiwanis Club unanimously endorsed me for the position of Governor Elect.

The experiences I have had, professionally and as a member of Kiwanis, tell me that teamwork is essential if great things are to be accomplished. I pledge that if chosen I will work to the very best of my ability; to work creatively with District Governor Bill Daugherty and Past Governor Coralyn Dahl, regional and club officers and Kiwanis Club members to meet the challenges our District faces. Since I retired in December 2006 I have time to commit to this exciting and rewarding office.

Education: BS and MS University of North Dakota

Career: US Army 1967-1969
Dickinson State University 1970-1977
Northern Plains Consortium 1977-1980
Ameriprise Financial 1980-1991
North Dakota Insurance Department 1991-2006

Family: Married to Dixie Lardy for 42 years
Two sons: Jason and his wife, Lisa, Minneapolis
Todd, Boston

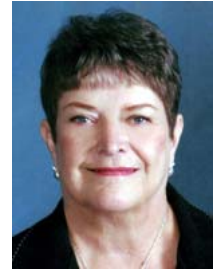
It will be an honor and privilege to serve you. I ask for your vote at the District Convention in August.

Bill Lardy, Candidate
Governor Elect

Governor discusses Concerns

My column this month brings up a concern and also a potpourri of future events.

My concern is about the decrease that has been reported for our district membership. The membership numbers out of Kiwanis International reflect our district down by approx 200 members. This, however, reflects the closing of clubs and the changing of the billing system of International. Across the district, most of our clubs have shown reasonable stability in their membership. What it tells us, however, is that we need to continue our excellent work in recruiting new members, so that we reduce the impact of declining membership. There are Lt. Governors working in their regions to assist clubs in minimizing their membership decline, and support those clubs in any way they possibly can to insure that growing clubs remain growing clubs. To that end I have asked Stewart Ross to complete this year as district membership chair. We are even now discussing plans for aiding regions and their clubs in this endeavor. Having completed four of our seven regional visits, I can report an energy and vitality among our members. I know that several of our regions are working on both new club building and membership recruitment. We all should be doing the same.



Now to future events. This Saturday, Region 6 conducts its annual conference in Redwood Falls, MN. The following weekend is the district convention of Circle K in Fargo culminating in the second annual Extravaganza with the profits going to the Outreach Fund (have you made your reservation?). At the end of March are two events: The Region One and Two Conference in Jamestown, ND and the Key Club District Convention at Gull Lake near Brainerd, MN. These are exciting times for our young Kiwanians and for those of us who support these young leaders!

I am hoping that each of the clubs in our district will consider sending at least one member as delegate to our International Convention in San Antonio, Texas in July. What a great time this is going to be! And what a great training ground for your President Elect or other Kiwanis member - to learn, to experience and to participate with other Kiwanians who strive for the same goal of Serving the Children of the World.

I will see many of you in the coming months and look forward to hearing your stories of service.

Update from the Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer - March 2007

By Steve Handegaard, Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer

I receive many questions about where and when specific Kiwanis clubs meet. Currently the best way to find that information is to use the “**Club Locator**” located on the Kiwanis International Website. You can find the “Club Locator” button on the top selection bar of the Kiwanis International website or you can use the following link <http://www.kiwanis.org/clubloc/> You can search for any Kiwanis club in the world.



Club secretaries should be sure to keep their club’s meeting time and location current. Club secretaries and presidents are authorized to make changes. You can find the “**Change meeting place and time**” button on the same page as your current club information. Many prospective members are using the “Club Locator” to find a club, so again be sure your information is current.

I have also received a few questions about the 25% Membership increase - Dues Waiver. Be sure to read the guidelines carefully. I have included a separate article on this topic in this issue of the MINNEKOTAN.

Tri-K District Board Meeting: Kiwanis, Circle K, and Key Club District Boards met in Willmar, MN on Friday, January 19 and Saturday, January 20, 2007. Minutes of the Kiwanis District Board meeting are included in the March MINNEKOTAN.

Club Elections: Just a reminder that your club election report will be due June 1st.

MINNEKOTAN Stories: If you submit a story to the District Website or the MINNEKOTAN be sure to include your byline in the body of the story.

Kiwanis International Convention in San Antonio, July 3-7, 2007:

- Remember to submit any resolutions or amendments to the International Bylaws to the International Office by April 1.
- Report your club's two International Convention delegates and two alternates to the International Office by April 30 on the Delegate Certification Form. All club secretaries should have received the necessary forms, but if you need another copy you can find it on the Kiwanis International Convention website <http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/>

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MINNESOTA DAKOTAS KIWANIS DISTRICT BOARD MEETING - JANUARY 2007

For the entire Board Meeting Notes, [Click here](#)

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POLICIES

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3. Clubs

a. Chartering: The granting of a charter to a club in Kiwanis International shall be under the

control of the International Board. Each club must adopt the Standard Form for Club Bylaws, modified only as approved by the Board. (5/83)

b. Incorporation: Every Kiwanis club shall be incorporated within one year following the presentation of its charter if the incorporation of clubs is the practice in the nation in which the

club is located. (5/83) (provided by Steve Handegaard)

Incorporation helps to protect the personal assets of an individual member should their club be sued for something that happened at a club event. It does not remove all personal risk/liability, but it helps. (Steve Handegaard)

“[While] Kiwanis International requires that clubs be incorporated when they are chartered, [this] has nothing to do with being eligible for liability insurance. They have insurance coverage whether they are incorporated or not.

Some leaders in the past have tried to use the liability insurance as a hammer to get the clubs to stay incorporated by saying no coverage if not incorporated, but that is not the case, nor has it ever been the case.” Lisa Heindricks, Risk Management, KI

(Most states require a corporation to file a renewal and pay a small fee every year or two, in order to maintain the corporation in good standing.) (Steve Handegaard)

Following are the links to find status of club incorporations:

Minnesota http://da.sos.state.mn.us/minnesota/corp_inquiry-find.asp?:Norder_item_type_id=9

North Dakota <https://secure.apps.state.nd.us/sc/busnsrch/busnSearch.htm>

South Dakota <http://www.state.sd.us/applications/st02corplook/ASPX/ST32Main.aspx>

As of Dec. 1, South Dakota had 19 incorporated clubs, Minnesota had 31, and North Dakota had 20.

This means that we have nearly 100 clubs that are currently NOT incorporated in the state where they are located. (Provided by Larry Rittgarn)

Directors & Officers Insurance, "Do we need it?"

It is each club's decision. D & O Ins. covers items not covered by the Kiwanis International Liability Policy, such as errors or omissions committed while serving as

a director, officer, committee chair, etc. Some examples: conflict of interest, mismanagement of funds, discrimination, or other “wrongful acts.” (Situations involving bodily injury and /or property damage would be covered by the liability policy.) Kiwanis International wants members to be know that they do offer a special D & O Policy for clubs who chose to purchase it from them. Information packets are mailed to all clubs during the 3rd quarter of every year. Clubs may also choose to purchase this protection from a local insurance agent, who can help them design a policy to meet their specific needs.

Submitted by District Risk Manager Colleen Hyde.

Celebrating women in Kiwanis

Twenty years ago, Kiwanis extended an invitation to women to join. Kiwanis International celebrates this anniversary by honoring those women who have made a significant contribution to their communities through service. If you know such a Kiwanian, [tell Kiwanis International about her](#) and why she deserves to be recognized.

Kiwanis International will identify women who represent the very best of Kiwanis and share their stories with regional and national media, as well as consider them for possible future use in Kiwanis publications.

Spread the news that Kiwanis women are changing the world one child and one community at a time.

Here We Grow Again

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The Holidays are over and the groundhog in Missouri did not see his shadow. Punxatawny Phil did not see his and even Staten Island Charlie didn't see his. That means winter is about over. What all this means is that now is the time for all Kiwanians to concentrate on getting new members for their club. It also is a great time to start building a new club. Our goal is one million members by 2015.

Kiwanis has identified our TAG (Together Achieving Growth) teams as the leaders in spearheading new growth. If you haven't volunteered to be on a TAG team, now is your chance to join and find out what they are all about. We always talk about our Past Lt. Governors and how we are missing an opportunity to use them in our districts. I encourage all Past Lt. Governors to join the TAG team. We need at least two in each division.

All clubs that grow by 25% this year will get a rebate of the Kiwanis dues for the new members.

Don't forget the 1-2-3 program for getting new members. If you sign up three new members by June 1, Kiwanis will give you a gold key to wear in San Antonio. All gold key Kiwanians will be eligible for prize drawings at the convention.

Key Leader

We have endorsed this Kiwanis Leadership program and we encourage clubs to send students to the weekend experience in your district. The fee is \$150.00 for each applicant who is in grades 8 through 12. We are excited about this leadership development program. Look for the dates in your district and send two or three students.

K University,

A one-day "traveling road show" of workshops and forums focused on team building, motivation, communication and managing change. Kiwanis leaders and professional staff guide sessions and

discussions on a variety of issues, including Kiwanis' future, adjusting to change, membership recruitment, service and more. Look for K University in your area. It will make you a better Kiwanian

Club Experience

We must continue to find new ways to create and sustain value for the member. Time is our most important asset. The member must have good reason to stay and serve the Kiwanis mission. If new members are to stay in your club, be sure to present an orientation program to them. Kiwanis International has a DVD that is an excellent tool for this purpose.

San Antonio

Our International Convention is scheduled for July 3-7, 2007. Register now for a great time on the Riverwalk and learn more about Kiwanis.

See you there, Pete Mihelich, International Trustee

Successful Pancake Feed

Thanks to everyone who made this possible. We couldn't have done it without you.



Show the world your club's success

Any Kiwanis club can share its success stories with other Kiwanis clubs, while also demonstrating to the world the true meaning of "Kiwanis."

Simply take one or two action shots from your most successful service, fundraising, membership, or fellowship activity and post them in the [Kiwanis In Action](#) section of the Kiwanis International web site.

To participate, you will need to be registered, which requires your club key number and membership identification number. (Inquire of your club secretary if you do not know these numbers.)

And the Kiwanis In Action section is a good place to get ideas from other Kiwanians.

Partial Dues Waiver for Clubs

Clubs worldwide support Kiwanis' goal to achieve 1 million members by its 100th anniversary in 2015. In addition to local recruitment and retention efforts, Kiwanis clubs sent delegates to the 2006 International Convention this past year, where members approved an amendment that establishes a dues-waiver incentive for clubs that achieve a net 25 percent increase in membership.

The Kiwanis International Board recently approved an interpretation that describes how the waiver will be applied. Before a club is eligible to have dues monies refunded to them, the following rules must be present for each eligible club:

1. Starting date is September 30, 2006, and the first measurement date is September 30, 2007.
2. Ending membership count in one year is the beginning membership count in the following year.
3. All clubs worldwide are eligible.
4. Based upon active members in the club as of measurement dates (September 30) as determined by Kiwanis International and reported to the district offices.
5. Merged clubs are not eligible in the year of merger.
6. Only clubs on active status at the end of the measurement year are eligible.
7. Clubs on the following status at the end of the measurement year (September 30) are not eligible: charter suspended notice, charter suspended, pending revocation, charter revoked, and charter suspended by district.
8. All club dues and fees must be paid as of the end of the measurement year (September 30), including all new-member fees, to be eligible.
9. New clubs are eligible in the year organized using the club's organizational date as the start date.
10. All clubs must pay their current year dues by the due date of their respective annual dues billing period (for US/Canada district clubs) or within 90 days of the date of being invoiced (for clubs in Regions III, IV, and V) to be eligible.
11. Refunds will be sent to eligible clubs within 120 days of the end-of-year measurement date. Kiwanis International will determine the method of refund.

As amended at the 2006 International Convention, Article XXII (Revenue), Section 4, of the Kiwanis International Bylaws, now reads:

"If a club achieves a net growth greater than or equal to 25 percent at the end of a given Kiwanis year, the club shall be relieved of any obligation to pay International dues for any club member over and above the club membership of the previous Kiwanis year. The financial obligations to said member's local club and district, the subscription to KIWANIS magazine, and the premium payable to defray the cost of insurance prescribed in these bylaws shall remain payable."

Our Kiwanis Club charges \$25.00. Our cost is about \$5.00.

The Olivia Kiwanis Club has an annual Fundraising event to support their Kiwanis Club Community projects.

They have a Barbershop group go out and do singing valentines! Their Kiwanis Club has three (3) Men's quartets, and one (1) Woman's quartet. They try and learn a new song each year to add to their songbook.

For each gig, they wear their Tuxedo's. They sing two songs and give out a rose to the women and a small box of candy to the men. They sing all over Renville County. They start singing at 8 a.m. at the radio station and then go out and sing to people either at work or at home. Between gigs, all the quartets go to the hospital, the assisted living locations, and nursing homes and give a free concert.

Our Kiwanis Club charges \$25.00. Our cost is about \$5.00. We bid for the roses we purchase. We have found that the cheapest place to purchase roses is at the local grocery store. We use the funds we take in for our various Kiwanis Community Projects. They can sing to your valentine at home or at work. Just call Home Town Bank at **507-523-2040** and ask for **Donald Orth**. His e-mail address is dorth@htbmn.com. We sing two (2) songs by either a male or female quartet and give out a flower.

They sing at the requested locations until about 5 p.m. Then they go to the local restaurant and sing on cell phones to relatives that live all around the country. They do a little advertising. Their Kiwanis members sell this service to the community beforehand. Each quartet usually sing about four (4) times an hour. Each quartet sing to about 40 people during the day plus a lot of free gigs at the hospital, etc. We spend a lot of time singing at schools for teachers, girl friends, etc. It is a really fun day! We have a very musical county...a lot of Choirs, etc.

If you have any questions, please contact Don Orth at the above listed telephone number or via his e-mail address.

Pierre Celebrates 85th Anniversary

The Pierre Kiwanis Club has a long, rich, traditional history. It dates back to a charter date of January 19, 1922. The 85th anniversary was publicly celebrated as part of the Pancake and Sausage at the Congregational Church in Pierre. As people walked through the line for what President Jeff Mammenga calls the best sourdough pancakes and whole-hog sausage in town, they saw historical photos and documents about the Pierre Kiwanis Club --- along with projects the club is working today.

Among those projects are work to charter on an Aktion Club. Brenda Kleinjan and President Mammenga met with Oahe Inc -- a local organization for disadvantaged adults. 14 people signed up to join the club.

The three children of a former member and his wife -- both of whom passed away in the last few years --- each donated \$1000 to the Pierre Club to be used for educational outreach and support of the local Meals on Wheels Program. Their mother coordinated the program for many years.

As a part of the 85th Anniversary and 31st Annual Sausage Feed -- Lt Governor Bill Zortman presented Florin Hemminger with the Kiwanian of the Week Award to be the week of March 5-11th. Florin -- who was still working hard at the pancake feed created by Tommy Thompson more than 30 years ago ---- was President of the Pierre Club when it celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 1972. Florin shows by believing in Kiwanis with his mind and his hard working hands.

Congratulations to Florin and the Pierre Kiwanis Club for all they do in their community, the Region, South Dakota, and beyond.

Service Leadership Conference

Minnesota-Dakotas Service Leadership Administrators attend the Service Leadership Conference in Dallas, TX January 26-28. Those in attendance were Mary Beth Townsend, Key Club Administrator; David and Dawn Fairbrother, K-Kids Administration, Clover Ellingson, District Key Leader and Vickie Walters, Key Leader Site Coordinator.



The conference was Empowering with opportunities to interact with the Kiwanis International Leadership Staff throughout the weekend. Nelson Tucker, International President and Dave Curry, International President-Elect were among the attendees.

Kiwanis International has a caring and strong team to support our K-family. The interaction among

the strong support team only strengthened how Minnesota-Dakotas will work with our K-family. Minnesota Dakota's has a strong force in Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids and Aktion Club. The newest of these is the Key Leader team to plan the Key Leader Weekend October 5-7 in Clitherall, MN at Inspiration Point.

Clover and I were in workshops for the weekend preparing for the Minnesota-Dakota Key Leader weekend October 5-7 in Clitherall, MN at Inspiration Point. We also had the opportunity to interact and learn with other District Chairpersons/Site Coordinators from 27 Districts throughout the country. Key Leader is designed to begin a process of personal leadership growth and development as opposed to being a weekend event that is forgotten weeks or months later. It will be a life-changing experience. The all-inclusive cost is \$160.00 for each student. Key Club members who attend can receive a \$25.00 discount thanks to a grant from the Kiwanis International Foundation.

Minnesota Dakota's has a strong team in place to empower and help develop the youth of our District to get connected so as an adult they will want to continue active leadership by joining a Kiwanis Club in their area and helping in changing their community one child at a time. Please help in your clubs to make the youth programs the best that they can be, and if your club does not have an active K-family at this time please think about sending someone from your community to the Key Leader program in October.

Beanie Baby Lady Thanked by Webster, Region 5

Last fall in early September --- Gaila Althoff's grand niece Sonja Hofstad asked Lt Governor Bill Zortman if he thought he could find a home for a lot of beanie babies. As he was getting geared up for a busy year of serving 24 clubs and a new Diversity Club that was about to charter he agreed to take them on. Then came a dozen or so large garbage bag sacks filled with beanie babies. His wife -- Carolyn --- a new Sioux Falls Daybreak Kiwanis member and now Treasurer --- decides to sort them in the couple's basement. Before she knew it the large finished basement floor was covered with every beanie baby you could imagine.

The trek started to take beanie babies along to each club and tell the story of Gaila Althoff wanting her prize collection to bring smiles to the face of children. From Chamberlain to Milbank to Pierre to Redfield to Mitchell to Sioux Falls East, Brookings Golden K, to Sioux Falls West, Sioux Falls Downtown, Sioux Falls Daybreak, Sioux Falls South, to the new Diversity Club, to Brookings, to Madison and then to the State Kiwanis Meeting on November 4th in Chamberlain --- one by one they were given away. In each stop they were given to Kiwanians with the promise that it would be given to a needy child.

Behind the scenes other organizations Lutheran Churches, Catholic Family Services, the Banquet, Big Brothers and Big Sisters in St. Louis, Brookings Christmas Needs ---- they were given out to children at Christmas. Thank you letters came back praising the Beanie Baby lady for what she was doing. Some went to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation -- others to children in Africa.

In Webster --- this small -- but smiling lady with her husband Virgil wiped away tears as Carolyn Zortman explained where all they had gone. Gaila Althoff had never been to a Kiwanis meeting and this session --- just 7 miles or so from Waubay held meaning for the Webster Club including her grand-daughter Eva who was being honored for volunteer hours in a Key Club.

The club gave her a standing ovation --- and an invitation to come back and join them. At the same meeting Mary Bloom was presented the Kiwanian of the Week Award in Region 5.

The winner for the day was not only all the children that were blessed with a beanie baby --- but all of the Kiwanians who saw what a few beanie babies can do to make us proud of what we do --- one child at a time.

Rapid City Kiwanians Develop A Children's Learning Park

In 1999 Rapid City Westside and Rapid City Downtown Kiwanis clubs formed a joint committee with the overall goal of completing a learning park for the children of the Rapid City area. The 9.7 acres to be used was donated to the city by members of the Mary Hall family and had been vacant for many years. The committee developed a memorandum of agreement with the city to develop the park using primarily private donated funds, rather than governmental funds. Ground was broken for the shelter in 2004 and slowly but surely the park is beginning to look like a park. Major construction of the shelter and restroom facilities was completed in 2005, with picnic tables, benches, entrance signs, and the beginnings of several nature areas being added the last several years. The biggest hurdle faced by the committee has been finding large enough grants to accomplish the big tasks like completing the electrical and plumbing for the shelter, extending the local street and building a parking lot.

In December 2006, with the help of a local web designer, the committee launched a web site designed to tell people about the park, show pictures of facilities, and offer the opportunity for site visitors to help complete the park. The committee is beginning a capital fund drive this spring with the goal of raising nearly \$400,000 over the next several years to complete the major projects in the park, including extending a street for entrance, a parking lot, and other park amenities. For more information on the park and the committee's efforts, visit the website at www.kiwanis-maryhallpark.org.

Picture shows the entrance to the SW corner of Kiwanis-Mary Hall Park.

Long time Kiwanian Passes Away at age 103

Click on the [Obituary](#) to read more.

ST. PETER KIWANIS CLUB TO HOLD A FEBRUARY FUNDRAISER!

The St. Peter Kiwanis Club will be having a Chili Supper fundraiser as part of the community Winter Fest on Friday, February 09, 2007. They will be serving from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Community Center, 975 Park Avenue, St. Peter, MN. The cost is \$6.00 for adults; \$3.00 for kids; ages 6 to 12; and kids ages 5 and under are free. The funds raised will go to support Kiwanis sponsored sports activities.

If you have any questions or want to purchase tickets, please contact Joan Williams, Club Secretary at either 507-931-3765 or joanw51@hickorytech.net.

If you live in the area, we encourage you to support their Kiwanis Club fundraiser by attending their Chili Supper! Hope to see you there!

Madison Kiwanis Club Helps Haitians -- ONE Child at a TIME

Jay Niedert is a member of the Madison Kiwanis Club. He had scheduled a visit to the a slum on the edge of Port Au Prince, Haiti. In all Jay was one of 12 traveling to Carrefour for two-three day seminars on the use of solar ovens. The Solar Oven Partners is a part of the United Methodist Church VIM (Volunteers in Mission). The program is unique in that it involves North and South Dakota volunteers and donations.

Haiti is almost completely deforested, which has driven the cost of their primary source of cooking fuel (charcoal) to record levels. With the average worker making \$1.00 per day --- up to 40% of the Haitians average wages goes toward the

fuel which cooks their food. Solar Oven Partners attempts to reduce the cost by educating the public and about cooking with solar radiation and helping them with water purification.

Evenings will be spent near Leogane, at the Children of Promise Orphanage and school. It is here that the donations from the Madison Kiwanis Club will be distributed to those in need. Haiti is a country of 8 million with the average lifespan 46. As a child in Haiti, you have a one in 10 chance tht you will die before reaching 6. Parents unable to feed their children leave them at one of several hundred orphanages. Children lack the basic medical care we take for granted. Simple needs like antibiotic ointment, worm pills, and clean water have the greatest impact.

The donations will have a remarkable impact on the lives of the children. Not just because they clothes and shoes, but because they know they are not alone.

As the group was leaving in early February -- CNN And MSNBC reported that the UN was sending in 350 more troops into Port Au Prince to help fight the gangs in the slum areas.

ALBERT LEA NOON CLUB TO HOLD FUNDRAISER!

The Albert Lea, MN. Noon Club will be hosting a Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday, February 18, 2007, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the American Legion Club in Albert Lea, MN. The cost is \$6.00 per person.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact either **Richard Paul**, Club Secretary, at **507-377-1318** or via his e-mail at **rpaul@deskmedia.com** or contact **Lawrence Forster**, Club President, at **507-889-9060** or via his e-mail at **larryf@frontiernet.net**.

If you are in the Albert Lea area, you are encouraged to attend and support your fellow Kiwanians by attending this event. Hope to see you there!



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