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# MINNEKOTAN

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## Governor's monthly message

Want to revitalize your club? Go back to school. Yes, contact your local schools about K-Kids and Builders Clubs.

One of the most rewarding experiences await you when you sponsor a school based program. Not only are the children exposed to leadership experiences through service, but the school is enriched by the activities provided by the K-Kids and Builders club members.

One of the benefits of these programs in your community is the improved visibility of the Kiwanis Club. The positive reactions can lead to increased membership interest as the community sees the enthusiasm shown by the students and school personnel



Dawn Fairbrother of Owatonna, MN, at [muffins3@charter.net](mailto:muffins3@charter.net) is the K-Kids and Builders Club Administrator. Please contact her for more information on starting these types of programs in your school.

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

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. If you need a need a contact person for a specific club(s), just send me an email and I can forward that information to you.
- Club secretaries should be sure to keep your club’s meeting time and location current. Club secretaries can add or change your club meeting location at any time using the KiwanisONE Online Club Secretary Reporting system. Many prospective members are using the “Club Locator” to find a club, so again be sure your information is current.
- **Club Officer Changes:** If for some reason there is a change in your club president or secretary at any time during the year, be sure that your club promptly informs Kiwanis International and the District Office. Your club may miss out on important communications if we do not have the correct contact information.
- **Tri-K District Board Meeting Minutes:** Kiwanis, Circle K, and Key Club District Boards met in Fergus Falls, MN on Friday, January 18 and Saturday, January 19, 2008. Minutes of the

Kiwanis District Board meeting can be downloaded by going to the following [link: http://mndak-kiwanis.org/MNDAK Board Minutes - January 2008.pdf](http://mndak-kiwanis.org/MNDAK_Board_Minutes_-_January_2008.pdf)

- **Club Elections:** Just a reminder that your club election report will be due June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Kiwanis International Convention in Orlando, June 26-29, 2008:** Registration for the 2008 Kiwanis International Convention is now live online. <https://www.kiwanisone.org/memberresources/convention/convreg2008.aspx> Kiwanis International also sent a hard copy of the registration and housing forms, along with a brochure containing information about the convention, to **club secretaries**. 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.

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Dalton, MN 56324-0735

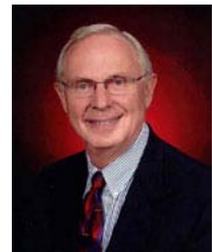
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#### **Leading to Serve by Bill Lardy, Governor Elect**

Last month Governor Bill Daughtery encouraged clubs to sponsor and support Key Clubs, Circle K and Key Leader camp. He emphasized the impact we can have on our communities by getting involved with Kiwanis school-based programs. He is exactly right! We can change our communities, and improve the experience children have in school, by getting involved with Key Clubs, Circle K and Key Leader, the BUG and Terrific Kids programs.



In addition to changes that will occur in schools and communities because of our involvement, I believe changes will occur for the good in ourselves and our clubs. Clubs will improve because the exposure will aid recruiting new members. Members will feel better since they are contributing to the overall good of the community and helping to improve the lives of others. This service is what Kiwanis is all about: Providing Altruistic Service, which is, placing the needs of others above personal needs.

Kiwanis International is encouraging the K-Family of clubs to jointly take part in Kiwanis One Day April 5. This is the second annual day of service that unites all Kiwanians around the globe with hands-on service projects. Below is a link to the Kiwanis web site; an excellent source for ideas and help in choosing and organizing a community service project.

<http://www.kiwanis.org/ServiceProjects/KiwanisOneDay/tabid/285/default.aspx>

Kiwanians are community leaders. They see a need and take the lead to address it. In every club, in every community, there is a need waiting for some one to step forward and lead the charge to meet it. One can make a difference! Are you the one?

## **Bruce Klair Announces Candidacy for Governor Elect 2008-09**

After encouragement from Kiwanians throughout the MN-DAK District, I am announcing my candidacy for Governor-Elect. I have received the enthusiastic endorsement from my home club, Dawnbreakers Kiwanis of Red Wing, Minnesota. I feel I have the drive, enthusiasm and experience to serve the District in this position. I am seeking your support at the District convention in Moorhead this August.



This is an exciting time to be a Kiwanian, and I look forward to being part of the District team. The clubs and their members are the heart and soul of the Kiwanis organization, and District officers should be there to council, encourage and advise members and club officers to make their jobs more effective. As Governor you can be assured that I will be there to listen to and respond to member's concerns, and resolve issues amiably and with diplomacy.

I have been a member of Kiwanis since 1989. During that time I have served my club as board member, vice president and president, as well as serving on all club committees. I am a past newsletter editor and been selected as club Kiwanian of the Year three times. I have eighteen years of perfect attendance.

At the Regional and District level I served as a Distinguished Lt. Governor in 1997-98, and later served as Regional Director of Administration. I was instrumental in building two new clubs in my Region. I have served the District as "On to International Convention" committee chair, and currently serve as Director of Service. In 2006 I received the Regional Star award for Region 7. I am a member of the Past District Officers Association, and have attended 12 District conventions.

At the International level I have served on the Election Committee, Sergeant at Arms Committee, and am a life member of Kiwanis International. I am a Diamond Hixon Fellow and have attended 10 national conventions.

On a personal level, I have been married to Phyllis for 33 years, have two adult children and one grandchild. Several years ago I retired as a Deputy Director of Public Works for the City of Red Wing. I now spend most of my time with Kiwanis activities, as well as working on our hobby farm, spending time at our cabin, reading and traveling.

In addition to Kiwanis, I have served my community as a Advisory Committee member for our local Technical College, served as president of the Red Wing Schools Parent Advisory Committee, been a Sunday School superintendent and a 4-H project leader. I served in the Minnesota National Guard from 1964-70, and am a member of American Legion Post 54. During my years of employment I served as a director on several professional organizations.

As your Governor-elect, I look forward to continuing the work that we have started. The organizational concept that our District adopted several years ago is now being used as a template for other Districts who are looking for ways to improve. Together, our Minnesota-Dakotas District can serve as a model for the entire International organization. I would greatly appreciate your vote for Governor-Elect 2008-09.

## **Kiwanis International Foundation Annual Gift Campaign**

Fellow Kiwanians, it is a real pleasure for me to be able to communicate with you again. I first would like to thank each of you that have contributed to the club annual gift campaign for the Kiwanis International Foundation through your clubs. For those of you that haven't had the opportunity to do so, please ask you club president about the program.

All donations for the Kiwanis International Foundation should be sent to the following:

Kiwanis International Foundation  
3636 Woodview Trace  
Indianapolis, IN 46268

If your Kiwanis Club wishes to honor someone in your club or community, why not honor them with a Hixson Fellow or Lady by donating \$1,000.00 to the Kiwanis International Foundation or a Tablet of Honor for \$2,000.00 and you would also be helping the children of the world and our many programs. When these are sent into International, you can designate which part of the endowment you want to support or go too. If you have any questions on this or any other matter, please feel free to e-mail me at [ecschröder@alliancecom.net](mailto:ecschröder@alliancecom.net) and I will do all I can to help you out.

Again, Thank You all, for what you are doing for Kiwanis and the "Children of The World". Remember **"TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN"**. Thank You.

Chuck Schroder  
Kiwanis International Foundation District Chair

## **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S DIRECTIONS!**

The club Annual Meeting is scheduled for a regular meeting time between April 1 and the second week in May, (Club By-laws, Article XI, Section 5) for the purpose of electing officers and directors, and hearing reports from the secretary and treasurer.

Five weeks in advance, the president appoints a nominating committee. This committee submits a list of nominees at least 2 weeks before the Annual Meeting, and the President reports the names to the membership. At least one week before the Annual Meeting, the Presidents accepts nominations from the floor. The nominating committee prepares the final ballot and the election is held at the Annual Meeting (Article XII).

The Annual Report of Club Election **MUST BE SUBMITTED BY JUNE 1!** Submit to both International and District Secretary.

For more information, please check your Club By-laws as well as your Club Leadership Guide, pages 30-31.

Also, begin planning to send your current President-Elect (next year's President) as well as your next year's Secretary to CLE (Club Leadership Education). Your Lt. Gov. team will be notifying their clubs as to the dates and locations. This is an excellent opportunity for clubs to show their support for the officers they have elected for the coming year. Be sure to inform nominees of your club's expectations regarding attending this event, as well as attendance at regional meetings, District Convention in August, and International Convention in July.

Submitted by District Administrative Director Colleen Hyde

## **Diversity Kiwanis Club Collects 700 Pairs of Shoes & Soul Supporters**

By Bill Zortman

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Guatemalan children and after weeks of collecting, packing, and praying --- she has raised enough money to send them on their way. For Cooley's the project is special -- a few years ago they adopted a Guatemalan child of their own.

Along the way the Diversity Club with the help of the other five Sioux Falls Kiwanis Clubs and countless friends with big hearts -- collected enough money to do the shipping. \$200 came from the Sioux Falls South club --- \$550 mostly through a 50-50 Super Bowl squares raffle collection. Lewis Drug Stores in Sioux Falls and Brandon collected shoes as did Egger Steel, Graybar, Peace Lutheran and Westminster Churches. Shoes had to be small enough to fit Guatemalan feet. Another 125 pairs of shoes that were too large to send have been donated to another South Dakota charity.

On packing pay -- Judge Katherine Caldwell and Carla were in the garage packing boxes while the rest of the gang was in the Cooley basement sorting, cleaning and stuffing shoes. Five huge boxes were filled. They will be driven to Minneapolis on the weekend of March 15th and will be shipped from there. It will take four to six weeks for them to make their way to villages in Guatemala. Here is what went into the five large boxes:

700 pairs of shoes, 48 Baby onesies, 134 baby outfits, 30 baby shirts and 25 baby sleepers

5 baby pants, 8 baby bottles, 15 bibs, 6 baby tights, 18 jackets, 86 pairs of socks, 30 jeans

89 shorts, 278 short-sleeved shirts, 30 sweaters, 32 blankets, 61 pants, 5 sweatshirts

11 hats, 1 sewing machine, 39 boys underwear, 11 swimsuits, 4 skirts and 4 pajamas

2 sweatsuits and 1 suit, 6 towels and 18 wash clothes, 7 dresses and 2 sleeping bags

56 toys, 1 set of sheets, 6 cups, 81 National Geographic Magazines and 2 books

75 pencils, 7 bottles of medicine, 12 pet toys, 4 dog leashes and 1 pet collar

2 pet brushes and 3 pet water dishes, 2 ziplocks of buttons, Fabric remnants

The event has spurred the little Diversity Club to consider doing the project again in 2009. The shoe will help children one pair and one soul at a time.

## **YOU HEARD IT HERE FIRST...CLE THAT IS!**

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The word is out! CLE for Region 6 is up and running! As you know, this is a requirement that your 2008-2009 President (President-Elect now) AND Secretary receive this training. This is part of the Kiwanis Leadership Guide and Distinguished Club criteria. All Club Secretary's will soon be receiving Registration materials from the District. But, this Newsletter let's you get the jump on it, and start your planning process *now*. \$35 for President-Elect, \$25 for Secretary, and \$15 for any Club member, lunch included. Where and when? See below:

April 26, Albert Lea, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

April 26, Slayton, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

May 6, Mankato, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

May 20, Madison, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Registration is ½ hour prior to start.

Ok, there you have it, but DON'T send in your Registrations and money yet! Wait for the notice from the District, and then send in your paperwork to Liz Lawrence Ross, Region 6

Director of Education, 720 Grant Ave, No. Mankato, MN 56003.

## **CLE (Club Leadership Education)**

CLE sessions are scheduled in the following regions:

Region 1-May 10, Chieftain Motel, Carrington, ND 12:00-4:30 pm

Region 1-June 7, Doublewood Inn, Bismarck, ND 12:00-4:30 pm

Region 2-May 20, Old Chicago, Fargo, ND 5:00-9:00 pm

Region 2-May 21, Royal Fork, Grand Forks, ND 5:00-9:00 pm

Region 3-May 20. Atonement Church, St. Cloud, MN 5-9:00 pm

Region 3-May 21, Our Saviour Church, Cloquet, MN 5-9:00 pm

Region 4- May 20, SDSMT Campus, Rapid City, SD 5-9:00 pm

Region 5-May 6, USF Campus, Sioux Falls, SD 5-9:00 pm

Region 6-April 26, Salem Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, MN 8-2:00

Region 6 April 26, Cty Host Restaurant, Slayton, MN 8:30-1:30

Region 7 NOT SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

## **CONVENTION TIME IS GETTING CLOSE**

Delegates for these two conventions are very important to the future of Kiwanis, so be sure your club has designated who will be attending these conventions.

The District convention will again be exciting with many family type activities planned for Kiwanis members as well as partners and children, so make it a family vacation, and head to Moorhead, MN on the 8th of August and join with Kiwanis members from the Minnesota Dakota district to have a great time.

Watch your mail for the official call to the convention which will be coming to each club early in May. Club Secretaries and Club Presidents will also be receiving mailings to remind them of that it will be time to get the paper work sent in for their club.

Lets make 2008 a "Return to Convention" time.



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7 dresses and 2 sleeping bags  
56 toys  
1 set of sheets  
6 cups  
81 National Geographic Magazines and 2 books  
75 pencils  
7 bottles of medicine  
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### **February Kiwanian of the Month**

Tom was awarded for performing extended service for the community. Tom is the Past President for the year 2005/06 and since has been the Community Services Committee Chairman and gave over 80 community service hours in 2006/07. Tom is an outstanding leader of the club and also is very active for the club fund raising.

Congratulations to Tom Norman.

### **Distinguished Club for Region 3**

Presidents Chris Robinson of Brainerd and Art Gracheck of St. Cloud were recipients of the Distinguished Presidents award. Marwin Bogue of Brainerd and Coralyn Dahl of St. Cloud were recipients of the Distinguished Secretarys award for 206/07. Together these awards come with the Distinguished Club Award for their respective clubs. It is in honor of the members of these clubs that came together collectively to earn the points necessary to receive the awards.

## **Friends of Education Award**

There was a great surprise in Worthington in January for a local Kiwanis Club. The local area Chamber of Commerce held their annual meeting and announced that the Early Risers Kiwanis Club had been nominated by two local teachers for the Friend of Education Award. Usually this award is given to individuals, but this year it was presented to the club president, Rena Willardson.

Early Risers started the QWIK Awards (Quality Work In Kids) many years ago for the students in 3rd to 5th grades at the elementary school. Each student works with their teacher to set goals for the year. When their goal is achieved, the local club distributes a beautiful printed recognition sheet with their name and signed by the principal, teacher, and Kiwanis president. They also receive a Kiwanis pencil. The names of these students are printed each month in the local newspaper following the monthly award presentations.

The club has been very active in starting the K-Kids at Prairie Elementary five years ago. They have a current membership of approximately 100 youth. Some of the projects are a newsletter, making and distributing a hand made item for each faculty member at Christmas, food drive for the local food shelf, winter festival week at the school with daily events for the students, along with many more projects through the years.

The Early Risers began a joint effort with the local Optimist Club three years ago for the VOKK Club (Volunteer Optimist Kiwanis Klub) at the Middle School. This club participates with the raising funds through the St. Jude's Math-A-Thon, fundraising for the Baby Cupboard at the local food shelf, making Valentines and Christmas cards for the nursing homes and assisted living facilities, ditch clean up, and many more.

Each officer in both youth clubs have had parliamentary procedure; each club has their committees and meet on a regular basis with Kiwanis members present to help.

The Early Risers are very appreciative and humbled by the award presented to them. They give all the credit to the advisors and the students that make it all worthwhile!

## **FIRST K-KIDS CLUB CHARTERED IN SOUTHEASTERN MINNESOTA!**

You could feel the excitement in the air as you entered the lunchroom at Riverside Elementary School in Rochester, MN. The K-Kids faces were all aglow and their eyes held the excitement of the evening!

The proud parents, along with the younger and older siblings of the K-Kids, were looking on and sharing in the excitement as they watched, some with their eyes beaming with pride; while others had tears in their eyes, as they watched their child or children receive their K-Kids pin, membership certificate, and recited the K-Kids pledge.

There were a number of Kiwanis Day Makers Club members in attendance who were as happy and proud of the new K-Kids as the parents! They were so excited to see their dreams of a K-Kids Club come true!

On Tuesday evening, February 18, 2008, the Riverside K-Kids Club became an official Club!

The new K-Kids members are: Tiger Dipinto, Leandra Arnold, Jaidenn Sheridan-Britcher, Eli Latocki, Zachery Larson, Jaylyn Bottomlee, Madaline Swendsen, Claire Dahl, Leighton Arnold, Gianni Smith, Alexis Owen, Johanna Peterson, and last but not least Talia Radke.

The new K-Kids Club officers are: Alexis Owen, President; Zachery Larson, Vice-President; Johanna Peterson, Secretary; and Leandra Arnold, Historian.

Through the hard work of the Kiwanis Rochester Day Makers Club, with Al Strom, the new K-Kids Club advisor; Judy Lien, Club volunteer who did a great PowerPoint presentation of photos of what projects the K-Kids Club have already been doing; Jack Zierdt, who installed the K-Kids officers; Jerry Steinke, the Key Club Advisor from their Kiwanis Club, presented the K-Kids with their Club poster; Sue Thalacker, Riverside Elementary School K-Kids Club Advisor, who gave out the official K-Kids badges; Chad Schroeder, Assistant Principal at Riverside Elementary School, who helped get the K-Kids Club started with his support, advice, and the knowledge that Kiwanis works for the children because he also has three (3) TERRIFIC Kids assemblies per month to honor the kids at his school for their success in TERRIFIC Kids; the K-Kids Charter Night was a huge success!

Dawn Fairbrother, MNDK District Administrator for K-Kids and Builders Club, presented the K-Kids Club with their official K-Kids Club Charter and also made a few remarks. Dawn was as excited as the K-Kids were! Dawn has a special bond with the K-Kids as she also attended Riverside Elementary School in Iowa which made this Charter Night so special for her. David Fairbrother, the MNDK District Assistant Administrator for K-Kids and Builders Club plus Lt. Governor of Region 6, took pictures at this event and spoke with the parents to get their thoughts on the K-Kids Club.

For the K-Kids Club members, the finale was the serving of the K-Kids cake which was almost as exciting as the Charter Night for the kids; especially since they had to wait to have a slice of cake!

Now that Rochester has a K-Kids Club and a Key Club; we are going to work on getting one or more Builders Club(s) built so these new K-Kids can take the next step to becoming Builders Club members when the time comes!

### **Region 3 Kiwanian of the Month for January**

Scott Mescher was awarded the Kiwanian of the Month for Region 3 in January 2008. He has helped his club in many areas.

### **LT. GOVERNOR DAVID FAIRBROTHER AND FIRST LADY DAWN FAIRBROTHER INVITE YOU TO ATTEND**

*THEME: "HOW TO TAKE YOUR KIWANIS CLUB FROM GOOD TO GREAT!"*

*PLEASE JOIN US FOR:*

**Fellowship...Fun...Conversation...**

**Presentation by Stewart Ross and Ben Kocourek on New Member Recruitment...**

**Gain knowledge to help bring in new Kiwanis members...**

**Remarks by Lt. Governor, David Fairbrother**

Remarks by Governor, Bill Daugherty...

**Mankato Aktion Club gives a fine theatre performance...**

Sharing of ideas...

Honor winners of the Kiwanis Club Newsletter and Brochure Contest...

Honor winners for their "Read Around The World" Projects...

Honor the Region 6 Starz...

Election of the Lt. Governor-Elect...

Kiwanis Information to take home with you...

**Share a nice meal...(Serving around noon)..**

Enjoy some singing...

Be the highest bidder of a silent auction item...

Be the winner of a door prize...

Please encourage all Kiwanis Club members to attend the conference!

(It will fulfill part of your Goals to become a Distinguished Club!)

**Please bring a silent auction item and/or a doorprize!**

**Please bring one copy of three different Kiwanis Club Newsletters!**

(There will be an independent panel of judges to judge the entries!)

You could win a prize for your Kiwanis Club Newsletter!

(We will have winners from each membership category!)

Please bring one copy of your Kiwanis Club Brochure!

**(There will be an independent panel of judges to judge the entries!)**

You could win a prize for your Kiwanis Club Brochure!

**(We will have winners from each membership category!)**

Help us decide where to donate the silent auction funds!

Attention: Partners and Guests:

They have some nice shops in the Downtown area of Mankato if you wish or

You can visit the River Hills Mall

Please see the directions from the Holiday Inn Downtown to the Mall listed below:

**(You can also use Mapquest to get directions.)**

**Start out going NORTHEAST on NORTH RIVERFRONT DRIVE toward  
PLUM STREET.**

**Turn RIGHT onto EAST MADISON AVENUE/MN-22 BR.**

**Turn LEFT onto RAINTREE ROAD.**

**Turn RIGHT onto ADAMS STREET.**

**End at 1850 ADAMS STREET.**

(You will see the Mall.)

**TO TELL US WHERE YOU THINK THE FUNDS, RAISED FROM THE  
SILENT AUCTION, SHOULD BE DONATED! WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR  
IDEAS! WE WILL LET YOU KNOW THE RESULTS!**

**ALSO, IF YOU ARE GOING TO THE MALL AND WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THE LUNCH AROUND  
NOON, PLEASE LET DAWN KNOW SO WE HAVE AN ACCURATE FOOD COUNT!**

**PLEASE CONTACT DAWN FAIRBROTHER AT [muffins3@charter.net](mailto:muffins3@charter.net)**

**OR 507-451-5939**

**IF YOU NEED A REGISTRATION FORM OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE.**

**APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR BOOKS FOR READ AROUND THE WORLD ALL YEAR  
LONG!**

**BOOKS FOR READ AROUND THE WORLD!**

Is your Club in one of the following Counties: (?)

Blue Earth

Brown

Faribault

Fillmore  
 Freeborn  
 Goodhue  
 Houston  
 Le Sueur  
 Martin  
 Mower  
 Nicollet  
 Rice  
 Steele  
 Waseca

If so, here is an excellent opportunity for you to apply for a Grant to the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation. SMIF will purchase books from Capstone Publishing of Mankato with funds provided by the McKnight Foundation. You can use these books to set-up a table at your local Food Shelf, give to local County agencies helping families, or other options. SMIF will distribute approximately 4000 books within 20 counties.

If you are interested, you should:

1. dial up: [eNews@smifoundation.org](mailto:eNews@smifoundation.org)
2. click on BookStart Guidelines and Application
3. download instructions and the Application—5 pages
4. Pick a partner in your community for distribution of the books
5. be sure to complete the application by March 14, 2008

Or, write to SMIF, PO Box 695, Owatonna, MN 55060 and request BookStart information.

This is another way for your Club to earn points under the Distinguished Club criteria.

## HOW DOES YOUR CLUB STACK UP?

That's the question a lot of Clubs ask themselves. **How do we compare with other Kiwanis Clubs?** We do service projects, give to the Century Club, attend Conferences and Conventions, go to CLE, etc. But is that good enough? **How do we stack up against other Clubs?**

The answer, my friend, is NOT written in the wind, but is called: Distinguished Club. "DC" is the criteria by which Kiwanis defines whether your Club is "good" or "great." **How did Region 6 do last year? Not too good, in fact: "lousy"**.

In 2005-2006, we had **NINE** Clubs achieve "great" status. In 2006-2007? Only **TWO!** The two Kiwanis Clubs are **Albert Lea Noon Kiwanis Club** and the **Mankato Downtown Noon Kiwanis Club**. **What happened?**

**Where specifically did we fall down?** Kiwanis Club membership net gain, sponsoring of new clubs and/or a service leadership program, MNDK District Convention attendance, and Region 6 Conference attendance.

**What can we do to improve?** Good news! The NEW Distinguished Club criteria for 2007-2008 (thanks to Kiwanis International President Dave Curry) now includes under YCPO:

Read Around the World, Bring Up Grades, Terrific Kids, Key Leader, and World Link. All programs included are in your Monthly Report as check-offs. **Easy to do, and easy to score points.** Contact your Lt. Governor's for details!

### **ALL FORMER LT. GOVERNOR'S ATTENTION!**

Once a Lt. Governor, always a Lt. Governor. You are always an asset to your District and Region! And the District has a plan to utilize your talents once again, by pairing you with your local Key Club. Many Key Clubs are struggling, and the District has a plan in development to ask former Lt. Governor's to take an active role in mentoring their local Key Clubs, and giving assistance where needed. Too many times, faculty Advisors leave, Club Advisors change, and the Key Club program suffers. The key to Key Club success is consistency, and former Lt. Governor's can provide this to their local Youth programs. I am sure there are other Regions who need the same type of help with their Key Clubs!

This is just a head's-up to start thinking about how you can help. Key Clubs in Region 6 are:

Pipestone  
Ortonville  
Willmar  
Albert Lea  
Austin  
Faribault  
Fairmont  
Mankato  
Owatonna

Some of these Clubs are inactive, and have not paid dues. They need Lt. Governor TLC!

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AND REGION 6 KIWANIS CLUBS**

#### **Here is Pop Quiz for you:**

**Did you know...** that the MNDAK Educational Foundation awards 58 total Scholarships each year to graduating High School Seniors to further their education? That our own Region 6 awards the greatest number of scholarships of the seven (7) MNDAK District Regions? How many? 12 Designated, plus an additional 2 from the District, for a total of 14!

Your Club is encouraged to help the MNDAK District with this program. Your contribution may be designated: "MNDAK Educational Foundation", and sent to the District Secretary, Steve Handegaard.

Thanks for helping our Youth, and fulfilling our Kiwanis Motto: "Serving the Children of the World."

#### **Help is available for membership growth**

One of the most important things a Kiwanis Club can do is grow. There are many reasons why some clubs get smaller and smaller. However, any club that decides to grow membership has many aids at their disposal from printed materials to hands on help from the district.

For those clubs interested in a membership blitz, one or twice a year, the district is fully prepared to help you with this. Simply contact Stewart Ross, Director of Membership Growth and New Club Building. Call 507-390-1098 during work days or 507-345-5180 in evenings or on weekends.

You can also send an email to: [stewart.ross@mnsu.edu](mailto:stewart.ross@mnsu.edu) If you think it is time to grow your club make contact now. We are here to help our clubs grow and thrive!

## **BEADS OF COURAGE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN!**

While David and Dawn Fairbrother were attending the **Kiwanis International Service Leadership Programs Conference in Denver, Colorado**, they met Harold "Hal" Tuttle, the Nebraska-Iowa District Administrator for Builders Club. Hal is a member of the **Kiwanis Noon Club of Sheldon, Iowa**. Hal and the members of his Kiwanis Club are doing the "Beads of Courage" program in their area. After a discussion with Hal, David and Dawn, Hal gave David and Dawn a copy of the "Beads of Courage" program Folder. There is great information in the folder.

If you would like to contact Harold "Hal" Tuttle, you can reach him at [hptuttle@nethtc.net](mailto:hptuttle@nethtc.net) or 712-324-4190. If you would like a copy of the contents of the "Beads of Courage" Folder, please contact David or Dawn Fairbrother at either [muffins3@charter.net](mailto:muffins3@charter.net) or 507-451-5939. You can also contact Beads of Courage, Inc. at either [www.beadsofcourage.net](http://www.beadsofcourage.net) or 520-331-1984. The following is a brief overview of this program.

### **What is Beads of Courage, Inc.?**

Beads of Courage, Inc. is a 501©3 tax-exempt non-profit organization provides innovative, arts-in-medicine programs to promote the well-being of children coping with serious illness, their families and the health care providers who care for them. They are committed to promoting the well-being of children coping with life threatening illnesses, and their families. Beads of Courage, Inc. achieves its mission through the development and implementation of research-based supportive care programs.

### **Goals of the "Beads of Courage" Program:**

To visually acknowledge the courage displayed in each visit a child makes to the hospital for treatment.

To provide something tangible children can use to tell their unique story during treatment, and at completion of therapy.

To add brightness, play and fun to the care of children with cancer.

To recognize the challenging journey throughout their treatment.

To create meaning from the many procedures children must cope with throughout their treatment.

## **What is the “Beads of Courage\*” Program?**

Our premier bead guide driven program for children with cancer in which children collect beads that symbolize different treatment milestones. The program is also available to support children coping with cardiac conditions, traumatic burns and soon hematological disorders.

## **Our Premier “Beads of Courage” Program Includes:**

On-site Training...Program Bead Boxes...High Quality Procedure and Alphabet Bead Collections... Handmade, one-of-a-kind treatment milestone beads...Program Literature, including training manuals, membership cards and posters...Caring for the Caregiver beads for health care providers.

## **How Does the Program Work?**

Upon enrollment, each child begins their “Beads of Courage” journey with a length of string and beads that spell out their first name plus the “Beads of Courage” color guide. Then, colorful beads, each representing different treatment milestones, are presented to the child by their health care provider to add to their “Beads of Courage” collection throughout their treatment.

## **Who Administers the Program?**

The multidisciplinary team—nurses, physicians, social workers and child life therapists—implement the program after completing specialized training to become “Beads of Courage” Ambassadors. As an Ambassador, staff receives the knowledge necessary to administer the program and achieve resilience-based outcomes.

## **What Makes the “Beads of Courage” Program Unique?**

The program is grounded in research with emphasis on interdisciplinary collaboration for continual program evaluation and implementation success at all sites. Research findings indicate that the program serves as a visible narrative which provides meaning to the illness experience and mediates suffering in the childhood cancer survivor.

Beads of Courage, Inc. gratefully acknowledges the support of the **Tucson-Sunshine Club of Kiwanis International**, Arizona Society of Glass Beadmakers and the International Society of Glass Beadmakers.

## **How Do I Get A Program Started?**

Contact the “Beads of Courage’ Program Director at 520-331-1984. Through Beads of Courage, Inc. all hospitals interested in establishing the “Beads of Courage” program are provided with on-site staff Ambassador education and implementation training, program bead kits, related membership cards for children and posters to display.

## **“Beads of Courage” Color Guide:**

### **Bead Colors for Procedures:**

Beige...Bone Marrow Aspirate/Biopsy

White...Course of Chemotherapy

Orange...Central Line/Port/PICC Line Insertion and Removal

Blue...Clinic Visit

Magenta...Emergency/Ambulance/Unusual Occurrence

Brown...Hair Loss/Thinning

Lime...Isolation/Fever/Neutropenia

Tortoise...Lumbar Puncture

Purple...Morphine/Dopamine/PCA Infusions

Silver/Black...Pokes (IV Starts; Blood Draws; IM Injections; Port Access)

**“Beads of Courage” Color Guide Continued:**

**Bead Colors for Procedures Continued:**

Glow in the Dark...Radiation Treatments

Light Green...Tests/scans (EEG, ECG, ECHO, MRI, CT, Bone Scan, Gallium...)

Red...Transfusions

Aqua...Tube insertions (Catheter, Chest, NG, Foley)

Yellow...Sleep Over at Hospital/Inpatient Admission

Dark Green...Stem Cell Harvest/Dialysis/TPN

Silver...Surgery and Dressing Changes

Square Heart...Transfer to the PICU

**Bead Colors for Milestones**

Glass Bead Selection...Act of Courage

Special Selection...Special Accomplishments and Recognition

Glass Selection...Bone Marrow Transplant

Purple Heart...Completion of Treatment

**Special Safety Note:**

**WARNING:** Choking hazard...Beads should only be worn or used with proper supervision. Never wear or use in bed, while playing, sleeping, or when sedated. Handle carefully-glass beads are breakable.

**Member Hospital in the Beads of Courage Cooperative Group in Minnesota**

Children’s Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota (Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN.)

There are 21 more member hospitals all over the United States.

This is a program that can help so many children who are suffering through stressful, pain-

filled illnesses.

Won't you consider checking out this program that can be of significant benefit to very ill children in your area?

\*This information was used with permission.

## **2007-2008 K-KIDS CLUB CONTESTS AND DUE DATES**

### **SCRAPBOOK CONTEST**

The 2007-2008 Scrapbook Contest asks the K-Kids Club members to create and complete a scrapbook containing pictures, souvenirs, examples, newspaper clippings, etc. of its activities through-out the current academic year.

The scrapbook must be divided into the following sections: Service to school, service to community, fund-raising projects, assistance to Kiwanis family projects, and miscellaneous. Each category must be tabbed accordingly. The pages must also be numbered with a table of contents included at the beginning.

Entries may be submitted in a standard three-ring binder notebook, a scrapbook, or a homemade scrapbook. As long as some type of cover is holding the contents of the book, the entry will be accepted for judging. There are no size limitations, however, a large scrapbook is sometimes more difficult to take from place to place. When creating your scrapbook, think about all the possible ways the club might use the book and design your scrapbook with this in mind.

You must submit the following with your contest entry: Scrapbook, Scrapbook information sheet adhered to the inside cover and completed and signed entry form.

MNDAK District scrapbook winners will be kept during the summer and displayed at the K-Kids Club exhibit booth during the Key Club, Circle K, and/or Kiwanis International Conventions. MNDAK District Scrapbook winners will also be photographed and displayed on the K-Kids Web site.

You can find the contest entry form and complete rules by going to [www.kkids.org](http://www.kkids.org). **Your entries need to be sent to Dawn Fairbrother, MNDAK District Administrator and RECEIVED by no later than Tuesday, April 01, 2008.**

### **ESSAY CONTEST**

The 2007-2008 Essay Contest theme is: **“What skills have you developed in K-Kids, and how will these skills benefit you throughout life?”**

The K-Kids Essay Contest recognizes students for their ability to develop and present original ideas in written form. In 500 words or less, participants are asked to share thoughts about the above-listed Essay Contest Theme. The subject matter of the presentation must be original and completely developed by each participant. These factors will be considered equally in determining who is to receive the award(s). Your Essay Contest entry must be submitted with the written essay and the completed and signed entry form which can be found by going to [www.kkids.org](http://www.kkids.org) or [buildersclub.org](http://buildersclub.org). Complete rules are also available at this website. **Your entries need to be sent to Dawn**

**Fairbrother, MNDAK District Administrator and RECEIVED by no later than Tuesday, April 01, 2008.**

### ARTS CONTEST

**Prepare a drawing which demonstrates how one K-Kids member can make a difference.**

All K-Kids members, in good standing, are invited to participate in this contest. The purpose of the contest is to promote K-Kids Clubs throughout the Kiwanis world! All entries become the property of Kiwanis International and may be used for various purposes, including: Framed artwork for display at the Kiwanis International Office or Regional Service Centers. Reproduced as a plaque, card or other item and offered as a recognition piece by the Kiwanis International Foundation. Reproduced in any publication including Kiwanis Family magazines and calendars. Reproduced for sale through the Kiwanis Family Store. Reproduced and used on Kiwanis Family Web Sites.

Prepare a drawing/artwork, which demonstrates K-Kids serving others. Each entry must be an original painting, drawing, or other two-dimensional piece of art, created solely by the contestant. Any medium or mixture of media may be utilized. All entries must be 11 ½ x 17" or smaller in size. All entries shall become the property of Kiwanis International, and may be reproduced for publication, sale, and/or promotion of K-Kids and the Kiwanis Family. The contestant's name, age, mailing address, school, and sponsoring Kiwanis Club information, and a completed and signed entry form, plus the **artwork with the K-Kids member's name and Club printed directly on the back of the artwork** should be included with the entry. You can find the contest entry form and complete rules by going to [www.kkids.org](http://www.kkids.org). **Your entries need to be sent to Dawn Fairbrother, MNDAK District Administrator and RECEIVED by no later than Tuesday, April 01, 2008.**

### SPEECH CONTEST

The 2007-2008 Speech Contest theme is: **"How has K-Kids changed your outlook about what you can accomplish in the future?"**

K-Kids members, who wish to participate in this contest, should create a speech illustrating the designated theme listed above. The presentation must be original and completely developed by each K-Kids member. A written presentation **MUST** be submitted with the taped speech. The speech may be submitted in one of the following formats: ¾" Tape, VHS, AND DVD.

The speaker must be filmed delivering his/her speech before a Kiwanis Family Group. Each Speaker must be a member of a K-Kids Club in good standing. Remember: The decision of the judges is final and no changes or alterations will take place after the judges have certificated the results.

MNDAK District Speech Contest winners should plan on presenting the winning speech before a group at a Kiwanis function, preferably the Kiwanis District Convention, at which time the certificate is presented.

All K-Kids speech contest winners will become **K-Kids Ambassadors** and added to a directory of Speakers, along with Kiwanis Advisor contact information. Advisor information

will be available should a club or district leader wish to contact the advisor about scheduling a presentation by the **K-Kids Ambassador**.

The overall first, second and third place K-Kids Speech Contest winners will receive a trophy from Kiwanis International. Overall winners also become **K-Kids Ambassadors** and are asked to contribute footage of their winning speech to be included on the Service Leadership Programs DVD to be used by the Kiwanis Family Clubs in promoting Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs. You can find the contest entry form and complete rules by going to [www.kkids.org](http://www.kkids.org). **Your entries need to be sent to Dawn Fairbrother, MNDAK District Administrator and RECEIVED by no later than Tuesday, April 01, 2008.**

### **SINGLE SERVICE AWARD**

The 2007-2008 K-Kids Club Single Service Award provides recognition to individual K-Kids Clubs, in good standing, for their Single Best Service Project. The project is defined as a K-Kids Club Service Project planned, organized and produced by the K-Kids Club occurring on a single day or consecutive days, or recurring on different days. In the case of a recurring project, it is the same project that must be repeated for the purpose of achieving the same service goal.

The activities must be conducted during the current school year (2007-2008). Photos and newspaper clippings can be used to explain the Club's project.

**Remember:** Entries should be submitted on the provided entry form. You can visit [www.kkids.org](http://www.kkids.org) for specific rules, entry forms, and regulations found in the K-Kids Contest Booklet. Any entry may be disqualified for reporting incorrect or false information. You can find the contest entry form and complete rules by going to [www.kkids.org](http://www.kkids.org). **Your entries need to be sent to Dawn Fairbrother, MNDAK District Administrator and RECEIVED by no later than Tuesday, April 01, 2008.**

### **KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION'S K-KIDS LEADERSHIP AWARD PROGRAM.**

This is an opportunity to recognize outstanding leaders within K-Kids is available via the Kiwanis International Foundation's K-Kids Leadership Award Program. This program offers each District K-Kids Leadership award recipient a plaque and a \$200 U.S. savings bond or its equivalent purchase price for non-U.S. recipients.

The nominee must be a member of a K-Kids Club in good standing. Each nomination packet submitted for consideration must include: A letter of recommendation written and signed by the K-Kids Club Faculty Advisor. A letter of recommendation written and signed by a school administrator or official to indicate academic, behavioral, and social success. A letter of recommendation written and signed by an individual of the nominee's choice. A listing of Kiwanis Family activities attended by the nominee, including K-Kids Club meetings, service and fund-raising projects, and interactions with the sponsoring Kiwanis Club and other service organizations. The number of hours invested by the member in each activity listed must be indicated. A listing of all non-K-Kids Club activities (such as church or religious organizations, Scouting, and organized athletics) in which the nominee participates. The number of hours invested by the member in each activity listed must be indicated.

The following items must be submitted with this contest entry: Letters of Recommendation

(Noted on judging criteria checklist). Listing of Club and non-Club related activities (noted on judging criteria checklist). Completed and signed entry form. **Remember:** Include your Social Security Number on the entry form. This information is needed to purchase the savings bond for the MNDAK District winner.

You can find the contest entry form and complete rules by going to [www.kkids.org](http://www.kkids.org). **Your entries need to be sent to Dawn Fairbrother, MNDAK District Administrator and RECEIVED by no later than Tuesday, April 01, 2008.**

### **ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT REPORT**

Your K-Kids Annual Achievement Report is due to **Dawn Fairbrother, MNDAK District Administrator and RECEIVED by no later than Tuesday, April 01, 2008.** You can find the entry form and complete rules by going to [www.kkids.org](http://www.kkids.org). **Remember:** Make sure you fill out this report completely. You have the opportunity to earn a **maximum of 157 points.** You have the opportunity to **earn 130 points and have your K-Kids Club earn the designation of a Distinguished K-Kids Club.** You also have the opportunity to **earn 90 points and earn the designation of being a K-Kids Honor Club.**

### **2007-2008 BUILDERS CLUB CONTESTS AND DUE DATES**

#### **ESSAY CONTEST**

The 2007-2008 Essay Contest theme is: **“Pick one of the four Builders Club objectives; explain what it means to you and how you were able to use that objective to make an impact on your home, school or community?”**

#### **SPEECH CONTEST**

The 2007-2008 Essay Contest theme is: **“As a Builders Club member, what characteristics have you developed that will help lead the way in making a positive difference in your home, school, or community?”.**

**PLEASE BE ADVISED:** In order to save space in the Minnekotan, please refer to the article on the **2007-2008 K-KIDS CLUB CONTESTS AND DUE DATES AND K-KIDS CLUB ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT REPORT** as the contests are pretty much the same. You can also go to [www.buildersclub.org](http://www.buildersclub.org) for the complete information on all the **Builders Club contests and the annual Achievement Report.** If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Dawn Fairbrother at [muffins3@charter.net](mailto:muffins3@charter.net) or 507-451-5939.

### **Kiwanis Avenue Re-dedication Planned for April 19th**

By Bill Zortman

Lt Governor 2006-2007

Attorney Carolyn Dick has long been a proud member of the original Kiwanis Club in Sioux Falls. While some call it Sioux Falls Kiwanis Club --- others that are part of the five other clubs in South Dakota's largest city say it is the Downtown Club.

Carolyn Dick is a historian who has studied the past years of Kiwanis in Sioux Falls and chairs a group of all clubs in the city that will remember Kiwanis Avenue on the 75th (or 76th) Anniversary of its establishment.

Seventy five years ago Kiwanis Avenue was the western boundary to Sioux Falls. Today it runs from Elmwood Golf Course on the north pass the Sioux Falls Zoo, two Country Clubs, a multi-million dollar tower, and a lot of businesses south of busy 41st street.

While plans are still being finalized for quite a day on April 19th --- Governor Bill Daugherty with the help of past Governors, membership gurus, Lt Governors and others will start the day with a Growth Summit at the Public Library. The re-dedication of Kiwanis Avenue will be planned just north of the 12th and Kiwanis site that was market actually 76 years ago.

The youngest club in Sioux Falls -- the Diversity Club is working with the Great Plains Zoo for a Kiwanis Day and a scavanger hunt that could include all six clubs if they want to participate.

The Sioux Falls Daybreak Club --- formed 10 years ago in April will have a special birthday event.

We'll have an update for you in the April Minnekotan and on the Region 5 webpage.



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