Welcome to the latest news from around our Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District. In addition to articles by some of district leaders you will also find many interesting articles and photos from Kiwanis Clubs in our district.

As always we encourage clubs to submit news articles about their activities, service projects or fundraisers. To submit an article go the District News on our website and find “News-News Story Submission” page  http://mndak.portalbuzz.com/Page/1013

This document is a PDF summary of the latest news that can also be found on the district website. If you prefer you can also view all of our news articles directly on the district website. You can search by District, Division or Club and view or print each article individually or as a group. In addition the photos appear in a larger format on the website. Here is a link to the website  http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/Page/1012

An archive of current and past MINNEKOTANS can be found on our district website http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/Page/1014

Steve Handegaard
District Secretary/Treasurer
Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis International
Enhance your Kiwanis Experience: Attend a Convention! - 3/31/2018
Submitted by: Dan Leikvold

Oh no, I cannot go to Tokyo, I do not speak the language! I cannot go to Toronto; I do not have a passport! Oh my, Paris is too expensive! Those are some of the many comments heard over the years in response to the question of whether or not to attend the International Convention this year.

Well, this year, excuses beware; the Kiwanis International Convention (ICON) will take place June 28–July 1, 2018 at the Paris and Bally’s hotels in Las Vegas! Make this the year you attend your first (or your tenth) ICON. In addition, the best news is, you do not have to have a title to attend! This Convention has something for everyone, from Trustees to Governors to Lt. Governors to Club Presidents to the general membership. Come, learn, and enhance your Kiwanis experience.

What will you do? You will engage and exchange with other Kiwanians; gather tools you will use once you are back with your club; and make sure your club has a voice—you can actually vote for the future leaders of Kiwanis and weigh in on proposed amendments.

Kiwanis conventions are not all about business. Experience inspiring speakers and entertainers, and purchase tickets for additional meal and fellowship events. Of course, fellowship is foremost during the convention. Come meet old friends and make new ones in Las Vegas!

Perhaps the best part about this year’s Convention is the cost. Early registration is only $150. After April 15, the cost is $225 and on site after May 18 is $300. As required by the Kiwanis International Bylaws, the funds for sending club delegates will come from your club’s administrative budget. When you calculate the budget for the convention, here are the costs you should consider covering for two people:

• Registration fee and select ticketed events
• Travel
• Hotel accommodations
• Per diem

If your club needs some guidance with budgeting, a template for a club budget is available in the treasurer section of the Leadership Guide http://www.kiwanis.org/docs/default-source/training/training/club-treasurer-education/guide-leadership-treasurer-section-pdf.pdf
We all have an opinion, so why not put it into action. Important amendments and resolutions are submitted for votes at the convention every year. As a convention delegate, you will be a part of the discussion. If you plan to be a delegate for your club, fill out the certificate of election of club delegates and alternates to the Kiwanis International convention [http://52.2.212.148/docs/default-source/training/governance/form_certificate-of-election_pdf.pdf](http://52.2.212.148/docs/default-source/training/governance/form_certificate-of-election_pdf.pdf)

The following amendments and resolution proposals will be discussed and voted on by the delegates present at the convention. [http://52.2.212.148/convention/2018/experience-the-convention/amendment-and-resolution-proposals](http://52.2.212.148/convention/2018/experience-the-convention/amendment-and-resolution-proposals)

Let us make sure we get a big contingent from Minn-Dak to ensure that our voices are heard. I think 50 strong should be our goal!

I strongly encourage you to do all you can to attend this ICON, and to promote it to all of your friends and fellow Kiwanians. This Convention is for everybody, not just for District leadership. There will be great information, great fellowship, and I am not sure when it will ever be cheaper.

Here is the link to sign up. [http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2018](http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2018) Have a great day!

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**April Update** - 3/31/2018  
*Submitted by: Steve Handegaard*

**Lt. Governor Elect Candidates:** We are still in need of Lt. Governor Elect Candidates for 2018-2019 in some divisions. Contact your current Lt. Governor if interested. The Lt. Governor Education program will take place April 27-29 in Fergus Falls.

**Governor Elect Candidates for 2018-2019:** As of this date we do not have any candidates for District Governor Elect 2018-2019. Contact the District Office for more information.

**District Kiwanis Convention:** Mark your calendars….the Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention will be held August 10-12, 2018 in Willmar, MN. All clubs should be represented at this annual convention. More information will be coming soon!
**Monthly Club Reports:** Thanks again to club secretaries that submit their club reports online each month. Your reports provide very valuable information to the district officers and Kiwanis International. (Reminder to club secretaries: Be sure that your club monthly reports are submitted online by the 10th of each following month.)

**Club Elections:** Just a reminder that your club election results will be due June 1st. Club secretaries should submit the club election reports online through the same KiwanisOne webpage that we use for monthly club reporting.

**Kiwanis International Convention- Las Vegas:** Remember early bird registration ends on April 15th and the registration fee increases. Besides registering for the convention, be sure to report your club’s two International Convention delegates and two alternates to the International Office by April 30 on the Delegate Certification Form. You can now submit your International Convention Delegate Certification form online on the Secretary Dashboard. You can also download a copy of the form from the Kiwanis International Convention website and submit it hard copy, however the online method is easier and preferred.

**Lt. Governor Education Conference Planned:** Governor Elect David Harms, along with the Lt. Governor team for the upcoming 2018-2019 Kiwanis year will be meeting April 27-29 in Fergus Falls. They will be learning more about their role on the district level and developing district plans and goals.

**Tri-K District Board Meeting Minutes- January 19-20, 2018:** Click on link to view the minutes

[http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/Page/1021](http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/Page/1021)

As always, think Membership Growth at all times! Only through maintaining and growing our membership can we be the vibrant service organization that is truly “Serving the Children of the World”.

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April Asking Brings May Members - 3/30/2018
Submitted by: Sharon Scudder

Thank you Matt Thompson for submitting your Membership Drive Plan for the Kiwanis Club of Bismarck, North Dakota in last month’s newsletter. I will share this plan with the Kiwanis International Formula Team. Great Plan in Asking and Bring New Members. Kudos to you!!!! Way to go Bismarck Club.

Our Members continue to do the ASKING and bringing in new members. The following deserve kudos for bringing in new Members. I want to thank you all for the hard work you have been doing in your clubs. This is a Challenge!!!!! It is worth it as Kids need Kiwanis.

Division 1: Dan Johnson – Devils Lake
Division 2: Larry Rittgarn (October – Sorry I missed, Gregory J. Dahlgren- Alexandria Golden K)
Division 5: Sonya Niles – Sioux Falls, Isaac Gerdes - Webster
Division 6: Avis Freitag- Granite Falls

I know that there have been more new members in the other Divisions but they have yet to report to International so they are not on this report. Please make sure your secretary has submitted all new members and make sure the sponsor’s name is on the application so that we can give recognition to you and your clubs.

Thanks to all the clubs who have been responding to inquiries so quickly. These inquiries are definitely a member on the horizon or a good program.

We will be working hard in April to open a new Club. My call was for who will be next? We are in Box Elder in Region 4. Our plan is to go to Bemidji after the LT Governor Training in April and weather permitting head to North Dakota. Be prepared for my call to you to help. Call me as soon as you are ready to have us visit you and help you get chartered.

Theresa Looby and I were invited to help with the Denver Blitz so looking forward to learning and get some one hand experience in other communities.

We are looking for some Club Openers in all Divisions, please contact me if you are interested. We
could certainly use your help.

Our Clubs are only as Good as there Members so let’s make sure we are Asking so our Clubs can survive. The Real Secret to Success is Enthusiasm. Smile and Ask

Scholastic Books  - 3/29/2018
Submitted by: AL Vanderlaan, District Service Director

I spent the last three days with our new Scholastic representative Angie Oshia in South Dakota. Her number is 314-502-6505. She is located in St Louis, Missouri. I had time to get acquainted with her. She visited four of the five Oasis that the Watertown Club placed in Watertown and spoke at our club’s weekly meeting.

The next day we traveled to meet with Governor Dan in Lead, S.D. to see the Oasis they put in the Boys and Girls Club there. We traveled on to the two Oasis on the Rosebud Reservation and then on Wednesday we went to the Sioux Falls weekly meeting where she spoke with their club members. At both the Watertown and Sioux Falls meeting other club members came to listen to her.

Angie would like to come back this summer. If you are interested in contacting her to speak at your club meeting and visit any Oasis you placed, feel free to contact her. This was her first time ever in the Dakotas. She thought it was cold but the reception was warm. She commented that the Mndak District is the number one district in all of Kiwanis to put Oasis in their area. It is something we should all be proud of. She said she uses our district as an example of what can be done if they are creative.

If you need ideas how you can find dollars to put Oasis in your schools ask me. We in Watertown have put a total of seven in schools and have not taken any dollars out of our treasury to place them.

Private schools, Boys and Girls Clubs and Church related schools may be more hungry for books than public schools. There are a lot of possibilities out there. I hope to hear from you.
Happy Spring to all - 3/29/2018
Submitted by: Kathy Welle

Children’s Fund is off to a good start. $595,679.00 was raised through the end of February toward our team goal of $1.6 million. We can all help to meet the goal by encouraging members to consider supporting the Children’s Fund with your annual club contribution and/or an individual gift.

Reminder: Donors 70 ½ or older are still eligible to move funds from their IRA’s directly to qualified charities without having to pay income tax on the money. If interested, contact Kiwanis Foundation office at 1 (800) 549-2647.

This year, Kiwanis Int’l and Kiwanis Children’s Fund will observe the World Health Organization’s World Immunization Week, April 23 – 27, by partnering with UNICEF USA, Rotary Int’l, LDS Charities and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

By joining with other international organizations, the Kiwanis goal is to extend our reach to more diverse audiences and drive public support for all immunizations. The Kiwanis call to action is encouraging members to fulfill individual and club pledges to the Eliminate Project. And here’s hoping we all can help spread the message.

Help us celebrate with and educate the public about the importance of immunization this April. Together, we will finish the fight against MNT

Something to ponder: Jane Erickson, Past International President said: “What if Kiwanis and Children’s Fund didn’t exist?” Would Kiwanis have made the impact worldwide for children without the IDD program and Eliminate project?

Convention Corner - 3/29/2018
Submitted by: Judie Rosendahl
The Convention Committee has been working diligently to make our 2018 convention a memorable one for each of you. Please set aside August 10 -12 to attend the convention at the Willmar Conference Center which was newly remodeled in 2014. The Willmar area has many beautiful lakes for you to enjoy.

We are encouraging each club to send at least one member to the convention. Last year we increased our clubs that had representation at the convention and we would like to do that again this year. Earlier this year we sent out a survey asking for your opinions on the convention and because of that, we have made some changes to try to accommodate your wishes. Please try your best to attend and give us your personal feedback on the changes we have implemented.

The Willmar Kiwanis Club is heavily involved in helping to plan the convention and that is greatly appreciated! We will be collecting diapers again this year for organizations that help needy parents in the Willmar area. We have had fun with this project and it is greatly appreciated by the organizations chosen to receive the diapers.

Join us in Willmar August 10-12 for surprises, good food, good fellowship, fun, giveaways, wonderful educational opportunities, and more! We are looking forward to seeing you!

ICON: Early-Bird Pricing to End Soon - 3/29/2018
Submitted by: Courtney Taylor, OTIC Chair

Don’t forget that the discounted registration for the 2018 Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas will end this month! After April 15, the cost of registration per delegate will increase from $150 to $225. Wouldn’t you rather spend that extra $75 on food, at a show, or in the casino? Don’t waste another moment!

Visit http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2018 for most of your convention needs, including registration, and check out https://www.facebook.com/groups/minndaktoicon/ to exchange information with fellow Minn-Dak delegates.
It is never too late in the year to begin a K-Kids Club in the Elementary School in your area. Every Elementary School needs a K-Kids Club!

Why is a K-Kids Club important? A K-Kids Club provides opportunities for children to grow as individuals while they develop leadership skills and become leaders at school and in the community.

Who can sponsor K-Kids Club? The Home Town Kiwanis Club can and is the usual sponsor of K-Kids.

Where is home for the K-Kids Club? The home for the K-Kids Club is the neighborhood Elementary School or even a Boys and Girls Club.

When is the time to start a K-Kids Club? The time to start is NOW!

How does K-Kids assist in education? K-Kids help improve education through learning appropriate behavior skills and portraying those skills in all academic settings.

Four steps will create a K-Kids in the Elementary School in your Club area.

First, your Club needs to make the decision to sponsor a K-Kids Club, then create a team to include a Kiwanis advisor and volunteers.

Second, make an appointment with the School Principal to discuss how K-Kids can be an integral part of school activities.

Thirdly, with the Principal's approval and support, meet with parents and share the goals of the K-Kids program and how the skills learned will provide academic and social experiences for their children.

Next, create a K-Kids Club based on the enthusiasm of the children as they learn the Kiwanis goal of building a better community one child at a time.
This is a CHALLENGE to each Club that is not a sponsor a K-Kids to make a commitment to create a club in the neighborhood Elementary School and have the Club ready to begin the new academic year organized and chartered.

Only ONE new K-Kids Club has been chartered this Kiwanis year - WHO WILL BE SECOND??

Theresa Looby
K-Kids District Coordinator

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Foundation Making A Difference for Students - 3/29/2018
Submitted by: Jean Collins

High school seniors throughout the Minnesota Dakotas District of Kiwanis are receiving word that have been awarded one of sixty scholarships from the Minnesota Dakotas Kiwanis Education Foundation. A team in each Division evaluated applications from a different Division to make these determinations. The monies for the scholarships comes from the earnings the Foundation funds make each year. I encourage you to help grow the Foundation so that bigger awards can be given each year. Each club is encouraged to become a Century Club by donating at least $100 to the Foundation each year. Donate yourself or honor another member with $100 to become a Vantine Life Fellow or $500 to become a Messer Fellow. Many clubs honor a deceased member by giving a Memorial to the Foundation. Each Kiwanis member is a part of the Foundation and we should feel good about presenting these Scholarships.

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Devils Lake Service Projects - 3/28/2018
Club: Devils Lake - Submitted by: Debra Shanks

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DL Kiwanis Thanksgiving & Christmas Day Dinner
Service Projects
The Devils Lake Kiwanis Club helps our community in countless ways. Some of the club’s efforts include a High School Concession Stand, Bicycle Safety Day, a French Toast Feed, Music in the Park and, above all, their Thanksgiving and Christmas Day dinners.

An annual affair since 1963, the Devils Lake Kiwanis Club hosts Christmas Day dinner for members of the community who are alone during the holiday. In 1973 they adopted the same philosophy for a Thanksgiving Day Dinner event as well.

The Devils Lake Senior Center, with ample kitchen space, multiple ovens and a dining area has been the site where the smiling faces of volunteers and diners gather each year for a warm meal and fellowship.

Dinners are served from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm and a free will offering is collected at the door to help off set costs. Some of those funds raised go back to help the Senior Center, while any remaining amounts are used to serve the children of the world.

On Thanksgiving Day 2017, volunteers served between 100 and 120 meals in the congregate area, while additional volunteers delivered meals to over 100 homes in the city. Christmas Day was the same. Volunteers came from miles around, many of them were not even members of the club, but their desire to help others matches our own Kiwanis mission.

Kiwanis One Day - 3/27/2018
Division: Division 7- Submitted by: Kathy Welle

Dresser building on March 24th at Bridging, Inc. Roseville, Mn. 130 Kiwanis, Circle K, Key Club members, family and friends from Division 7 participated in the service project. Fran Heitzman, 93 yrs old, who started Bridging, greeted everyone. Randy Schmitt, Lt Gov, Division 7 joined us, greeted the group and assisted with building dressers too.
Together the clubs sponsored 84 dressers at $85.00 each.
Bridging helps families in transition with household items from donations made. This was the 7th year Kiwanis, Division 7 made dressers for Bridging, Inc.

'Building Dressers' Kiwanis One Day North Clubs - 3/27/2018
Division: Division 7 - Submitted by: Gail Heyda, Kiwanis Club of North Hennepin

Minnesota Dakota Division 7 north clubs gathered on Saturday, 3-24-18 to build 80 dressers to donate to Bridging, Inc. for families in need. This was our 7th year and it was a great day of hard work and lots of fellowship. Pictured are members from Kiwanis club of North Hennepin, Kiwanis club of St Louis Park, Kiwanis club of St Anthony and Key Club members with Division 7 LTG Randy S. Thanks to past LTG Kathy W of Kiwanis club of Columbia Heights/Fridley and members who have organized this service project for the many years. Also, the staff from Bridging, Inc, Fran, Wendy and others are so fun to work with. Great Event!

Aktion Club - 3/27/2018
Club: Mankato - Submitted by: Clarissa Meissner, Mankato SLP Chair

Wilbur Neushwander-Frink, Aktion Club Theatre (ACT) Advisor, hosted a chartering ceremony on March 22, 2018 for the newly established Aktion Club Theatre of Fairmont. This Club was established on December 11, 2017 and is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Fairmont, Early Risers. Pictured on the far left of the picture is Wilbur followed by members and officers representing Mankato ACT. The four members on the right are the ACT of Fairmont elected officers.

This is the fourth Aktion Club Theatre that Wilbur has chartered and advises. Every other year each ACT holds a performance in their respective communities. Wilbur is a playwright who creates and directs each ACT performance. The energy, enthusiasm and warmth of each ACT rehearsal are absolutely infectious! Members leave each rehearsal with pride, focus, confidence and know they are in a safe environment that welcomes people with ALL abilities, ages, gifts and skills.
In attendance at the ACT of Fairmont chartering ceremony was Deb Foster (Mayor of Fairmont), Sharon Taylor (Lt Governor-elect of Kiwanis MNDAK Division 6), Daron Johnson (President of the Kiwanis Club of Fairmont, Early Risers), Mankato ACT officers and members. New members were inducted and officers were installed. The Mankato ACT donated $100 as seed money for this new club and shared their closing cheer: We are Aktion Actors Making Change Within the World!

You won’t want to miss the Mankato Aktion Club Theatre performance of Circus Metamorphosis. There are two performances and all ages are encouraged to attend. A free will donation will get you admittance into the Mankato West High School Auditorium for the Saturday, August 25 7 p.m. show or the Sunday, August 26 2 p.m. show. We look forward to seeing you there!

Kiwanis North Suburban Golden K of St. Paul joins forces with over 100 metro Kiwanians to build Dressers at Bridging for another year - 3/27/2018
Club: North Suburban Golden K, St. Paul - Submitted by: Ric Soderstrom

Yes, you saw this headline before because this is the seventh year of this dresser build project (one day Kiwanis project too) and the North Suburban Golden K Kiwanis of St. Paul has been at every one. This is the second year in their new facility and as usual it started out with a few words from Kathy Welle, past Division Lt. Governor and Randy Schmidt of Rochester, current Division 7- Lt. Governor.

We got t a few statistics. The plan was to build 80 dressers, but amazingly that is only a week’s worth of dressers. Yes, that’s right because this warehouse facility serves 85 to 100 families a week. At $80 per dresser that’s $6,800 worth of product. The volunteers were there about three hours providing over 300 hours of community service on a Saturday.

But the best part of the whole day for me was to see the founder – 93 year old Fran Heitzman get up on a steel ladder and give us a pep talk telling us how important our work was to him. He started this whole operation by building one baby crib in the basement of a church and progressing to build a prosperous enterprise that has provided over 90,000 families with furniture over the last thirty years for their perhaps first house, or apartment. A huge proportion of the families are at or near the poverty line and to hear Fran tell it – the whole thing is at it’s best when that family moves that furniture in – maybe the first dresser they have ever had. He calls it the “food shelf of furniture”. He ended his pep talk with what I believe is his signature phrase – “When good people get together – good things happen” Enthusiasm counts! What a wonderful inspiration Fran is!
The dressers built on this day brought the seven-year total to over 580 new dressers assembled by volunteers from local Kiwanis clubs and key clubs, a great mix of men, women and young adults working together for a better community. This year, our club provided nineteen North Suburban Golden K Kiwanis of St. Paul volunteers and provided money to purchase ten of the dressers built at this session. It is great to be a part of such a wonderful enterprise and support to the community. I’m pretty confident that we will be continuing the tradition by building more new dressers in years to come.

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**Blankets for Veterans - 3/25/2018**
*Club: Black Hills, Hot Springs - Submitted by: William Rome*

The Builder's Club of Hot Springs Junior High School took on the challenge of hand making fifteen blankets for veterans in the Domiciliary at the VA Black Hills Health Care System - Hot Springs Campus. The Builder's Club is a Kiwanis International organization sponsored by The Kiwanis Club of the Black Hills. Faculty sponsor is Ms. Denise Haden, and the Kiwanis Club president is Ms. Effie Rome.

Photo Credit: Dub Rome

Front Row- Denise Haden (school sponsor), Elizabeth Davis
second row-Shirley Leigh, Cathy Nelson, Effie Rome, and Scott

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**Girls Have Needs - 3/24/2018**
*Club: Webster - Submitted by: Kendra Johnson*

The Key Club of Webster, SD had a Girls Have Needs Fashion Show and Luncheon on March 24th at 11:30 a.m. The tickets sold for $10. The show included many outfits, salads, and desserts. The leftover salads were sold for free will donations. Some outfits were modeled and additional items were sold on silent auction. Trevor Case, Key Club President, dressed for the event and practiced his auctioning skills as each model had one outfit that was auctioned off. The
proceeds went to our local Needs Anonymous as well as the Day County Food Pantry/PACH Program.

**Sturgis Aktion Club Honored - 3/16/2018**  
*Club: Sturgis Golden K - Submitted by: Paula Meeker*

The Golden K Kiwanis Aktion Club was honored March 2, as Mayor Mark Carstensen declared the week of March 5 - 9 Kiwanis Aktion Club Week.

Sturgis Aktion Club has been helping people with disabilities develop initiative, leadership skills, and serve their community since 2010. The club’s 11 members are primarily associated with Black Hills Special Services Cooperative.

The members have made and donated blankets to the local women’s shelter and pet food to the animal shelter. They have wrapped Christmas gifts, hosted ice cream socials and worked with the Golden K Kiwanis Club on many fundraisers.

"Each and every one of you have done an outstanding job by participating in all the activities we do to try to make the community better, so you can be recognized as being an important part of the Sturgis community," said Pearl Gulbranson of the Aktion Club
Sponsored book fair at Little Canada Elementary School - 3/16/2018  
*Club: North Suburban, Saint Paul - Submitted by: Deanna DeMay*

As part of the North Suburban Saint Paul Kiwanis Club's 5-5-5 initiative (5 Reading Oasis's in 5 years with 5 years of ongoing support) a sponsored book fair was held at Little Canada Elementary School on Friday, March 16th.

We learned from Scholastic that a key factor for kids developing a love of reading is to have books at home. More importantly, books that they've selected themselves, so we have adjusted to include a sponsored book fair where each child gets to pick a book for their home library. The Reading Oasis, to create a safe and comfortable space at the school, will be installed in a couple of months.

The kids in every class were very excited and a couple even screamed. Some of the kids went back a few times because they just couldn’t decide what book they wanted for their forever book. One little girl asked if her little brother (who was a first grader) was going to get to pick a book. If not she thought she should give him her book.

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Harvey Kiwanis Hides & Horns Project - 3/15/2018  
*Club: Harvey - Submitted by: Sandy Teubner*

For many years, the Harvey Kiwanis Hides and Horns project has been an annual project for the club. This year, the project raised $504 for youth projects. Past recipients of funds raised have included high school scholarship awards for college, local Boy Scout’s charter and the playground project. Deer hides and horns are collected in a dumpster at St. Aloisius Medical Center parking lot on Brewster St and then sold to Hansen's Hides & Fur. Pictured, Dave Voeller, coordinator of the hide project for Kiwanis (left) and Kerry Hansen (right).
Harvey Kiwanis joined community businesses in supporting the local youth center, called the Penny House, at a recent Tour of Tables event. The Penny House is a non-profit youth center for teens to spend their free time doing positive activities. Activities at the center include billiards, video games, virtual reality games, ping pong, Foosball, and a study area. The Kiwanis table which was also co-sponsored by Delvin Hansen, DDS had a 95th birthday theme to celebrate Kiwanis' 95 years of serving the community. Our anniversary is November 15, 1923. Donations raised that evening exceeded expectations and will allow the youth center to expand on some of their dreams and to offer "free days" to the youth. Kiwanis was very happy to have been a part of this wonderful event!