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Leading to Serve ... Clubs adding new members!

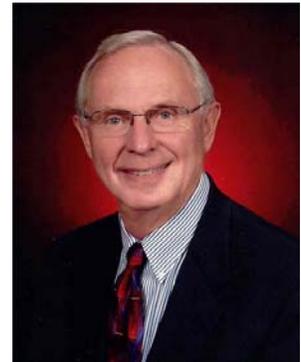
by Bill Lardy, Governor

Since the last newsletter several Lt. Governors and club presidents have reported their clubs have inducted new members. I compliment them and encourage other clubs to follow their lead.

I risk not mentioning some who may have told me they added new members. Yet I need to recognize the following; apologize to any I miss; and will gladly recognize other clubs that tell me of new inductees. In deed, I challenge club presidents and secretaries to tell me they have added new members as the year progresses. I would like nothing better than recognize their successes!

Since October 1, the following clubs have inducted new members:

Moorhead Vikingland - 3
Red Wing Golden K - 4
Bismarck - 4
Superior - 1
Fargo Lake Agassiz - 1
Fargo - 5.



The Rapid City and Rapid City West clubs are working hard to form satellite clubs. Fargo Rough Riders is working on a satellite club in Casselton.

It is encouraging to report these increases and report the strong effort to do more. Each community where new members are recruited benefits. These clubs are doing their part to change the world, starting with their children and communities.

This newsletter will be published after Thanksgiving Day but it is not too late for me to thank all Kiwanians in the District for the service they provide to the children of the world. Nothing that is done is insignificant. No service project is too small but what someone is better for it. Thank you! Thank you! Thank You! May you be richly rewarded for your good deeds!

Bill Lardy, Governor

Governor-Elect attends training in Indianapolis

By Bruce Klair, Governor Elect

"What time is it? Time to grow!" That was the theme when I attended the Governors-Elect Education Conference in Indianapolis on November 5 to 8. International President-Elect Paul Palazzolo set the agenda for the conference, stressing the need to build clubs and grow existing clubs. Kiwanis International has set a goal of a million members when we celebrate one hundred years of serving children in 2015.

If all clubs can increase membership by 4 members every year from now until then, we can reach these goals. Serving children is our vision in Kiwanis, and for us to address all the needs out there will require many more dedicated members. There are many people that we meet every day that would make great Kiwanians if only we would ask.

I returned from Indianapolis inspired and ready to help our district team achieve these goals and make MN-DAK the best it can be. Together we can do it!

With all the concern about our recent economic turndown, remember that the people who suffer the worst are our kids, right in our own communities. During this holiday season, there are many opportunities to serve our children. Most clubs are already doing many of these things, but there is always more we can do. Kiwanians are not asked to give until it hurts, but give until it feels good.

Phyllis and I wish everyone a blessed and safe holiday season, and thanks for all you do for Kiwanis.

2008-09 Governor-Elect Bruce Klair

(pictured L to R: Bruce Klair with Paul Palazzolo)



Update from the Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer December 2008 - by Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

Greetings! The holiday season is upon us and it is a great time to get involved in Kiwanis service and help others in your community! Laura and I wish all of you and your families a very happy holiday season.



Governor Elect Candidates: If you are interested in running for Governor Elect for 2009-2010, please submit a picture and a short biographical sketch not to exceed 600 words, along with an endorsement from your home club, to the District Kiwanis Office, P.O. Box 735, Dalton, MN 56324 no later than February 15, 2009.

Your information must be received by that date to be published in the March MINNEKOTAN.

Candidates can announce their intention to run at a later date, but will not be able to have an article in the MINNEKOTAN or district website. Governor Elect candidates must be a Past Lt. Governor. The election will take place at the District Convention in Watertown next August. A complete list of rules and regulations for district officer campaigns can be obtained from the District Office.

Club Donations to Outreach: Special thanks to all of the clubs that contributed to the Outreach Program during 07-08. We look forward to seeing your contribution again in 08-09. Most Kiwanis clubs include this as an annual budget item. Dollars given to the Outreach Program are used by Key Club and Circle K District Boards to build new Key and Circle K clubs, to attend Kiwanis District Conventions and Kiwanis special meetings, and to acquire needed supplies and equipment. Our Circle K and Key Club District Boards are very busy and active. They need our financial support. Checks can be made payable to Kiwanis Outreach and mailed to me at the District Office.

Club Liability Information: All club secretaries should have received or will receive shortly a packet of information from Kiwanis International entitled, "General Liability 2008-2009 Risk Management Packet". The packet contains information about your club liability insurance and risk management techniques. Be sure that your members are aware of what kinds of activities are covered by the insurance and what is not covered.

Online Monthly Club Reporting: Since our online reporting is so very important, I would like to once again review the process for the 08-09 year. Your club should be submitting your monthly club report online by the 10th of the following month. Your Lt. Governors, District Officers, District Office and Kiwanis International are able to view your reports without you having to send any additional emails or hard copies. Among other things the online monthly reports will again be the official basis for selecting the Distinguished Club Awards for 08-09. If you have any questions, please give me a call or send me an email.

Tri-K District Board Meeting: Kiwanis, Circle K, and Key Club District Boards will meet in Fergus Falls, MN on Friday, January 16 and Saturday, January 17, 2009. Check out some of our other District event dates on the District Website ----

http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/public_district/ViewEventListing.aspx

Thanks again for all your great work in Kiwanis!

Key Leader Experience

by Clover Ellingson, District Key Leader Chair

Kiwanis International's Key Leader Manager Dick Peterson finalized the next key leader event for Inspiration Point, MN for Oct.2-4, 2008.

Following a positive survey from participants, the district has started making plans for next year's event. Here are a few comments made by last event's participants:



"I liked the location-beautiful. I liked learning and team building; I really liked the camp we stayed at! Everything was nice, new and clean. The staff were also nice. I like the information sessions and the low ropes course. Our lead facilitator was a very good speaker; Mailboxes, food, rope course, paddleboats, dorm rooms; I loved it all; Working together with everyone and learning how to incorporate what we learned into the simple stuff we do everyday."

Many of the participants look forward to coming back next year and others plan to apply to be the student facilitator.

Our district has started a steering committee headed by Bill Daughtery. If you would like to be part of that committee, let Bill know. The district chair is Clover Ellingson and the co-site coordinators are Sam Larson-Frobig and Vickie Walters.

Clover's email is cloverjean@cableone.net. Email for information or for education packets for your club. Many clubs are sponsoring students from their area or for the district in general.

Campaign to Elect Stewart Ross Rev's up!

by Coralyn Dahl, Campaign Chair

The campaign committee to elect Stewart Ross as international Trustee has been busy planning strategies and working out details. But you, too can have a part in this. We are looking for Kiwanians who are willing to talk to their clubs about this campaign and the importance of making sure that each club in the district has at least one delegate at the important convention in Nashville next summer. What an impact that would make at the convention! And that is doable!



Nashville is a fun place to visit with much to see and do. The convention will be exciting with excellent presenters and great entertainment. But most of all, we need you to be there and to spread the word to others. Let's get behind our candidate and show Kiwanis International the quality people who come from North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota.

Win/Win Day with Governor Bill Lardy

by Lt. Governor Marge Frost, Region 7

MNDAK "First Lady" Dixie Lardy is a smart woman! As a blizzard roared toward Bismarck, North Dakota, on November 6, she strongly suggested to Governor Bill that they leave a "little earlier than planned." They drove to Fargo for the night...as Bismarck was snowed in behind them! They arrived safely the next day in Red Wing for the planned Governor's Visit on November 8.

More than 100 Kiwanians from 21 clubs gathered for a day of fellowship, food, fun, and education. As Lt. Governor Marge Frost promised at the opening of the day, participants were informed, updated, inspired, entertained, and thanked.

From 8:30 to 2:30 they were...

INFORMED about the "Christmas With Dignity" project...and one Key Clubber's service experience in Ecuador last summer;

UPDATED on last year's presentations about the Central Asia Institute ("Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson)...and Operation Welcome Home;

CHALLENGED and INSPIRED to "Recruit Young Professionals"...and participate in a Kiwanis One Day Kids Against Hunger service project on April 4, 2009;

ENTERTAINED by a group of peppy violinists;

THANKED by Governor Bill for exemplary YCPO projects...for community service by our Region 7 Star Award recipient Bert Gernentz...and for making a difference in each Kiwanis community;

AND MUCH MORE.

The icing on the cake occurred when the results of the silent auction were announced -- a record **\$1500!** -- to be evenly divided between the District Education Foundation and the Outreach Fund. What a thrill!

Thanks to the Region 7 Team for planning a worthwhile day, and thanks to everyone who participated. Win/Win!

Pictured is Region 7 Star Award recipient Bert Gernentz with Governor Bill Lardy and Marge Frost.



Region 5 Welcomes Governor Bill Lardy

by Lt. Governor Allen Herrboldt, Region 5

On November first in Brookings, South Dakota, thirty one Kiwanians representing 15 clubs from Region 5 welcomed Governor Bill Lardy and First Lady Dixie. Many Kiwanians had the opportunity to visit one-on-one with Governor Bill.

The program began with Loreena Ennenga, Assistant District Education Director, presenting and guiding the participants through a great new tool, Maximizing Kiwanis Service: Tools for Success. This is a dynamic process each club should routinely follow to remain viable in today's culture and to attract and keep active members.



Tim Stromer from Kids Against Hunger challenged the clubs to a service project within their communities involving Kids Against Hunger. Chuck Schroder, District Chairman Kiwanis International Foundation, presented a challenge and an update on the foundation.

Governor Bill Lardy presented his goals and vision for the Minnesota-Dakotas District and for Region 5. Ryan Jorgensen, the Robert P. Connelly Medal for Heroism winner was a special luncheon guest. Governor Bill present him with a \$500 bond from Kiwanis International.

A first time ever silent auction was held to raise funds for the KIF. With only ten items, \$189 was raised. A special thanks goes to the Brookings Golden K and the Brookings noon club for acting as hosts.

Priority One: Serving the Children

by Coralyn Dahl, District Service Director

"A million books - a million opportunities for at-risk young children thanks to Kiwanis and friends." That is the first line of an article I read concerning what Kiwanians are doing in Alabama. This effort is the largest Reading is Fundamental project in the nation serving pre-schoolers. These Kiwanians are giving at-risk children age-appropriate books and have been doing so for a number of years.



As the article states, "We can't take the bad things out of a child's life, but we can always put good things in," and for some children a book given to them may be the first and only book that child has in the home. All of us have access to books, and many, many of us read to children, but this is a reminder to all of us what an impact we can make on one child at a time as we strive to put children first.

Interclub Award Criteria

Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District

To qualify for an interclub award banner patch, a club must:

1. Have a minimum 2 club members attend each visit.
2. Club must have a minimum of 8 different clubs visited. More than 8 may be reported, but there must be 8 unique clubs visited to qualify.
3. Visit must be to a regular club meeting or club board of directors meeting. (note: conventions, fund raisers, service projects, Lt. Gov. or district Governor's visit DO NOT qualify as a club visit)
4. The visited club may be any K-Family club. (that includes sponsored Key Clubs, Circle K, K-Kids, Aktion and Builders Clubs)
5. The club visited may be in any Min-Dak region or any Kiwanis district. (no location requirement)
6. The visit must be during the Kiwanis administrative year from Oct. 1 through July 31. (prior to the Min-Dak district convention) Note: Beginning with the 2009-2010 Kiwanis year, the visit timeline will change to coincide with the Kiwanis year - October 2009 to September 2010.
7. The visit must be reported on the club online monthly report. It may also be reported via e-mail or via regular mail to the district interclub chairperson:



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Minnesota-Dakotas District Scholarship Applications

by Jack Zierdt, Secretary/Treasurer, Educational Foundation

The District Educational Foundation scholarship application materials were sent out to all club secretaries the first part of November. The materials should already have been handed out to the schools for the students to complete.



The applications need to be completed and mailed by the high school to the secretary/treasurer of the Educational Foundation of the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District on or before January 16, 2009. The school personnel need to send three (3) complete photocopies of the scholarship packet, along with the original. This deadline needs to be met by the schools, so that their students aren't penalized by having the applications disqualified. The applications will be disqualified if the application is not complete, is postmarked after January 16, 2009 and we do not receive 3 photocopies, complete packet, and the original application packet for each student.

Please check with your school personnel to make sure they are on target to meet the deadlines and follow all instructions for the complete application process. If they have questions that you are unable to answer please contact me for the answer.

Once we receive the applications after the 16th of January they will be mailed out to the service directors in each region for judging. Remember that judging is not done within in your own region, it is done on a rotating basis. The scholarships will be awarded and announced around the middle of April, 2009 if all deadlines are met.



An Unusual Guest at our Club Meeting

by Coralyn Dahl, St. Cloud Kiwanis Club

This past week, the Kiwanis Club of St. Cloud had an unusual guest- the governor elect from the Norden District (that is both Norway and Sweden). Governor Elect Alf Henriksen was visiting relatives in the Milaca area after having spent some days at Kiwanis International headquarters in Indianapolis receiving governor training. He called me as he wanted to see how we ran our American Kiwanis meetings. I believe he enjoyed our meeting and we certainly enjoyed having him here as our guest and listening to him talk of his own club.

After the meeting, Alf and I decided that we should continue to communicate - one club with another. we would like to share ideas, goals and successes in the hope both clubs may benefit. I thought I would share this with all of you, as perhaps your club would also enjoy this type of exchange with a club from another country. I'm sure that Kiwanis International could put you in contact with a willing club.



Pictured is Governor Elect Alf Hendricksen of the Norden District.

Internal Revenue Tax Filing Requirements

All organizations, including Kiwanis clubs must file a 990 in one form or another. Clubs with total receipts under \$25,000 have not had to do this in the past, but must do it now. Go to the following link to view "Frequently Asked Questions" http://mndak.kiwanisone.org/Public_District/pub_Content.aspx?Page=99

There is now a new form called 990N for clubs with receipts under \$25,000. If a club goes three years without filing they will lose their tax-exempt status, so we need to make sure everyone files. You can also learn more about the 990N and other filing requirements right on the IRS website <http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=169250,00.html>

In addition, it is always a good practice to get the assistance of a local qualified tax person when completing the forms. They should be familiar with the process as this filing requirement is not specific to just Kiwanis.

990s are due four and a half months after the club's year-end so clubs with 9/30 year-ends, which I assume is just about everyone, must file no later than February 15th.

AKTION CLUB ACTION

by CAROLE AND DWAIN PETERSEN, DISTRICT AKTION CLUB ADMINISTRATORS

Quotes Needed from Aktion Club advisors and members

Kiwanis Magazine Editor Jack Brockley needs quotes from Kiwanis faculty advisors. Please read the following message and do your best to obtain quotes from the faculty advisors you know. Please forward this information to Lisa Pyron at lpyron@kiwansi.org as soon as possible.



"For the April 2009 issue of KIWANIS magazine, we're publishing a story about why Kiwanians should attend SLP meetings. We'd like for the "reasons" to come from SLP members themselves. Do you have five advisors who can get me quotes from their sponsored clubs?"

What should advisors be doing this month?

A [planning calendar](#) to assist advisors with responsibilities is posted online.

E-newsletter Template

If you're interested in doing an Aktion Club Newsletter you will find a template that you can use on the Aktion Club website. Type over the wording with new copy and attach the newsletter to an e-mail or print. URL for the template <http://www.aktionclub.org/lit/download.asp?id=76>

Cool new T-shirt available through Kiwanis licensed vendor

What if Aktion Club members could create personalized T-shirts to wear during club meetings or special Kiwanis activities? If you think this is a cool idea, check-out this Web site: <http://www.classroomfaces.com/>. I think Aktion Club members everywhere will enjoy taking part in creating a club T-shirt.

UPCOMING DISTRICT AND REGIONAL EVENTS

January 2-4, 2009 Key Club District Board Meeting- Alexandria, MN

January 16-17, 2009 Minnesota-Dakotas District Board of Trustees Meeting- Fergus Falls, MN

February 27- March 1, 2009 Circle K District Convention – Sioux Falls, SD

March 26-29, 2009 Key Club District Convention – Alexandria, MN

March 28, 2009 Region 3 Governor's Visit and Conference – Brainerd, MN

April 4, 2009 Kiwanis One Day

April 18, 2009 Region 6 Governor's Visit and Conference – Hutchinson, MN

May 1-3, 2009 Lt. Governor Education Conference - Fergus Falls, MN
May 15-16, 2009 District Past Governor's Meeting - Fergus Falls, MN
June 25-28, 2009 Kiwanis International Convention – Nashville, TN
July 31-Aug. 2, 2009 Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention – Watertown, SD

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