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
Kiwanis International President Will Visit Our District - 1/31/2020
Submitted by: Rachael Disrud, District Governor

Special Announcement!

We are fortunate to have the 2019-2020 Kiwanis International President Daniel Vigneron from Belgium come to our MNDAK District in Fargo! You are invited to share in activities during his visit from April 26-28th. We will have an event on Sunday evening April 26th, a banquet on April 27th and leadership opportunities during the day on Monday and Tuesday, April 27th and 28th. Please share this opportunity with your clubs and communities. We in MNDAK are very fortunate that he has chosen to be with our District! We look forward to seeing you.

Daniel Vigneron of Howald, Luxembourg, was elected to a one-year term as president of Kiwanis International in June 2019 at the 104th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Orlando, Florida, USA.

Daniel has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Vielsalm for 33 years and has served as club president twice. He served as Kiwanis International-European Federation president and is a former Kiwanis International trustee. He has also served as governor of the Belgium-Luxembourg District.

He is a George F. Hixon Fellow and a Walter Zeller Fellow. Daniel is a technical manager for a real estate company. He holds a master’s degree in economics from the University of Liege.

Daniel’s wife, Faby Gregoire, is a member of the D Kiwanis Club of Bastogne. They have three children and four grandchildren.

Governor Message - 1/31/2020
Submitted by: Rachael Disrud

Today, I reminisce about our Kiwanis story which includes a review of this past weekend's Tri K meeting which consists of the Kiwanis Leadership team, Key Club Administrator team and Circle K Administrator and team. The Strategic planning team met and was followed by an executive team review of where
we in Kiwanis have been and where we are going as an organization. Please go to our MNDAK website (www.mndak-kiwanis.org) to view our Directory and more.

I look around the table of leaders who are committed to Kiwanis. Lieutenant Governor Teams (LTG’s) are reviewing how they can serve our clubs in the most meaningful and efficient way possible. Our Administrative Chair reviews bylaws, policies, and the Star nominees. He is thorough, knowledgeable, experienced and committed. Our Service Chair focuses on spreading the news of effective service projects and is an experienced leader with great commitment to our mission. Into the room walks our Directors for Key Club and Circle K! They bring energy and life which enhances our purpose of why we have existed for over 100 years. Our convention chairperson brings details about past conventions, upcoming convention (August 2020) and the team votes to locate convention 2021 in Sioux Falls, SD. Public Relations/Marketing member reflects on how expansion of sharing our mission is high on our list of goals. I listen to conversations among our leadership team of how and when we can achieve greater marketing of our activities, service and mission as well as enhance the quality of experiences for members and clubs. MNDAK’s membership chair enthusiastically reminds us of the tools available through Kiwanis International (KI). We talk about how to share the tools with our members, leaders, and clubs reminding all to utilize resources through Kiwanis International (www.kiwanisone.org)

Our Governor Elect is engaged in taking us from where we are now to where we are going in this great organization called MNDAK. A mentor for me is our immediate past governor who serves on our Executive Team. He knows what we have experienced and how we can strategize to become better. The importance of our Governor Elect and the role he plays in the big picture is critical. Our team sets goals, reviews decisions, clarifies direction and affirms goals set by the strategic planning committee. These goals include member enhancement and more.

The budget is reviewed. Discussion centers on how long MNDAK can financially survive on the amount the dues are now. MNDAK dues are $30.00 per year which is $2.50 per month. The last dues increase was nearly 15 years ago. The board decided to bring a proposal for a reasonable dues increase to our August convention in St Cloud.

The time comes to vote on accepting the resignation of our Secretary Treasurer Steve Handegaard who has served for 15 years as a committed and knowledgeable servant to our Kiwanis members, clubs, 7 divisions and District. We accept his resignation with regret to be effective March 31, 2020. Past Governor, Governor Elect, Governor from 2017-18, former Secretary/Treasurer, our current Secretary/Treasurer and your current Governor has been working since October 1, 2019 to gather
names, recommendations, and applications for the position. A date in December was set to interview candidates. The board voted to affirm the name of Bettye Hoff as our new Secretary/Treasurer. Bettye volunteered to attend our meeting as an opportunity to learn how the board functions which also gave her a chance to meet as many Kiwanis leaders and board members as possible. She has committed to learn all she can about the position during the months of February and March. Bettye will officially begin the position of serving as Secretary/Treasurer on April 1, 2020.

I prepare to adjourn our meeting and look around the room in gratitude for each person who represents members in MNDAK which stretches from northern Minnesota and ND to southern SD and MN, east to Minneapolis area and west to Rapid City. I am reminded that our purpose is to serve our clubs and Kiwanians to the best of our ability. I feel gratitude to be a part of this great mission. Thank you for allowing this opportunity.

In service to Kiwanis,
Rachael

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February Update - 1/31/2020
Submitted by: Steve Handegaard

International Convention Registration and Lodging: You can now register online for the International Convention in Indianapolis.  
https://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2020

Governor Elect Candidates: If you are interested in running for Governor Elect for 2020-2021, 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, 2020. 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 may 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 next August. A complete list of rules and regulations for district officer campaigns can be obtained from the District Office.

Lt. Governor Elect Candidates: We are still in need of Lt. Governor Elect Candidates for 2020-2021 in some Divisions. Contact your current Lt. Governor if interested. The Lt. Governor Education program
will take place April 24-26 in Fergus Falls.

**Reminder about Kiwanis Clubs & IRS filing requirements:** All organizations, including all Kiwanis clubs must file the appropriate annual IRS tax Form by February 15. The form used depends on your annual gross receipts.

**District Annual Audit:** The Annual Audit of the Minnesota-Dakotas District Financial Accounts for the Kiwanis year 2018-2019 was recently completed by Westberg Eischens, PLLP, Certified Public Accountants of Willmar, Minnesota. The report is on file at Kiwanis International and the District Office.

**Tri-K District Board Meeting:** Kiwanis and Circle K District Boards met in Fergus Falls, MN on January 31 and February 1, 2020. Minutes of the Kiwanis District Board meeting will be viewable on our district website soon.

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**You’re Invited to the 2020 Circle K DCON Dinner and K-Family Extravaganza - 1/31/2020**  
Submitted by: Jessie Emster

Dear Distinguished Kiwanians,

We, the district board of Minnesota-Dakotas Circle K International, take immense pleasure in inviting your Kiwanis Club to attend the Dinner and K-Family Extravaganza as part of the Minnesota-Dakotas Circle K International 59th annual District Convention. The events will begin promptly at 7pm at the Ramada in Fargo, ND on February 29th, 2020.

During our 2020 convention, a formal dinner and silent auction will be held in the hotel ballroom. At this event, we will be presenting awards to Distinguished Circle K and Kiwanis members. Following dinner and the award session, there will be a silent auction of wonderful baskets and prizes donated by Circle K clubs of the district. All are welcome to participate and we encourage you to donate items as well. The proceeds from this auction will be donated to UNICEF’s Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Project, which is our district’s ongoing project for the current
service year. Additionally, there will be fun activities such as a dance and casino-themed games to highlight the convention theme of Las Vegas. Kiwanians and K-Family guests will be invited to judge the costume contest for the dance.

This dinner serves to celebrate a successful service year for Minnesota-Dakotas Circle K International. We invite every Kiwanian and K-Family member to attend this program as they are a vital part of our service. Dinner tickets are $30 and may be purchased at www.minndakcki.com/district-convention.html#/ or a check may be mailed to CKI district administrator, Jason Stewart, at 3033 E. 42nd Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55406. Checks must be received by February 12th. Please make the check out to Minnesota-Dakotas District of Circle K and write the name of the attendee(s) in the memo.

Please feel free to ask a district board member or contact Jason with any questions that arise before DCON.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope to see you there!

Yours in Service,
District Governor Jackson Traas & the 2019-2020 Minn-Dak Circle K Board

CITIZENSHIP AWARD - 1/30/2020
Submitted by: Sharon Scudder

This is a reminder to all Kiwanis Clubs in the Minnesota/Dakotas District.

The Citizenship Award is a nomination OF A PERSON OR PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN A PART OF A HEROIC DEED THIS PAST YEAR BETWEEN JULY 2019 AND JUNE 2020. Submit nominations with a short description of the circumstances of the heroic deed, news clippings and any other supporting documents. There is no application for this award and more information will be forthcoming.

Start your search now so it can be presented in August at the District Convention. Any member of Kiwanis can submit a nomination. All other information will be sent to all Kiwanis Clubs in March. Think of who you will nominate. All information is due before JUNE 30, 2020.

Sherry Scudder, Immediate Past District Officer Association President. ShareKiwanis@gmail.com
February is the month of Love. Love Kiwanis' Mission, Love Kiwanis' Motto, Love the fact that Kiwanians help children and communities. Love how Kiwanis teaches Leadership and gives opportunities to use what you learn and experience. I especially love the Kiwanis family and the camaraderie we share. There is truly enough Love in Kiwanis to want to share it by asking people to belong to our fine organization. What better way to share oneself than to give to a child or a community. I hear so many wonderful stories on how a member asked another person to join Kiwanis and how they are loving it because they are giving of themselves to those who may be less fortunate, or are in need of a role model, or just helping out the community.

The members listed below shared their LOVE by simply ASKING people they knew it just met to belong to our REPUTABLE ORGANIZATION:

(club name/new member/sponsor)

**Division 1.**
The Turtle Mountain. Kelly Beaver. Whitney Gonitzke
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**Division 2.**
Hillsboro J.R. Strom. James Murphy
Crookston Pioneer 100. Diane Seddon. Shirley Iverson
Moorhead. Hannah McMeekin. Brenda Elmer
Vikingland Moorhead. Larry Seljevold. Carlton Paulson

**Division 3.**
Chisholm. Rochelle Lappi Sponsor unknown

**Division 4.**
Lead. James Farris. Donald Daywitt

**Division 5.**
Clear Lake Luke Wanius sponsor unknown
Sioux Falls. Kelly Jones sponsor unknown

**Division 6.**
Granite Falls Brad Christensen. Patrick Moore
Granite Falls Harold Goedgedrag. Jan Anderson
Pipestone David Thompson Sponsor unknown
Pipestone. Dustin Stewart. Dave Keeler
Pipestone. Robert Larsen. Sponsor unknown

Unfortunately I am unable to recognize some sponsors as their names were not on the application submitted to Kiwanis International.

Please contact me at 605-347-7718 or Sharekiwanis@gmail.com if you have leads on new clubs or any concerns.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY to All and SHARE YOUR LOVE this month and bring in one or more new members. LOVE YOU ALL!!.

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**Changing Lives** - 1/29/2020

*Submitted by: Nancy Cornell, District Builders Club Administrator*

Before joining a Kiwanis Club, did you ever imagine that you could change someone's life? or if you ever wanted to change someone's life? And better, yet, that you could even witness the change? Well, you can change a life and witness the change through your involvement with a K-Kids, Builders Club or Key Club. Pretty awesome. Right?

When you sponsor a service leadership program, you make an impact on members' lives and in the world where they live. The clubs you sponsor help breakdown community barriers. Multiple generations and localities unite to serve and learn from each other.

Your mentorship provides members with positive caring role models. You will be helping to build the next generation of community leaders. You may never know the full impact on each member but will witness the impact in some.

These service leadership programs change lives and improve communities. What better legacy could you leave?
Get started at kiwanis.org/charter. If you have questions about Builders Club, please contact me at nancyc2@centurytel.net or 507-346-2044. Make 2020 the year your club sponsors a new service leadership program and changes lives.

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February Partnership Highlight - 1/29/2020

Submitted by: Denis Cornell, Partnership Coordinator

WHAT IS KIWANIS WAREHOUSE?
When your Kiwanis club is planning a service project, Kiwanis Warehouse is an important resource for discounts and buying power. Operated by our partner, DollarDays, this premier online wholesale distributor is a secret weapon for Kiwanis clubs looking for the kind of insider access typically available only to large enterprises. Kiwanis Warehouse offers more than 200,000 high-quality goods at wholesale and bulk prices, sold in small cases. The minimum order is only a case, giving even the smallest clubs the opportunity to purchase products well below retail. Kiwanis Warehouse’s inexpensive selection of quality wholesale merchandise is impressive. Your club can find the exact products you need, including backpacks, school supplies, socks, flip flops, toothpaste, fleece blankets, and health and beauty products to support your community service projects and outreach programs.

WHY CHOOSE KIWANIS WAREHOUSE?

- Free shipping* on all orders regardless of size or volume
- No minimum purchase requirement
- Selection of more than 200,000 products at wholesale pricing
- Dedicated sales and support team for product selection, site navigation, checkout process and more, just a phone call away
- Through the 5% Give Back Program, 5% of your order can be donated to any nonprofit organization, compliments of DollarDays.

*Available in 48 continental U.S. states only.

TAKE YOUR SIGNATURE PROJECT TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

Many Kiwanis clubs make a mark in their communities with a signature project. Some provide items and goods that families otherwise can’t afford. For other clubs, a signature project requires tools and equipment. Either way, Kiwanis Warehouse makes a signature project easier—and less expensive—by providing what your club needs at low prices. Back-to-school. All of the school supplies a child could need, from pencils and paper to backpacks and glue. You can even purchase pre-filled backpacks and school kits. Baby care. Clothing, baby wash, and lotion, baby bottles, socks, and bibs—all of this and
more to benefit the babies in your community. Food pantry. A wide variety of wholesale candy, snacks, discount coffee, inexpensive seasonings and spices, groceries and much more. Arts and crafts day. From yarn to pipe cleaners to beads, all of the supplies you need for any project—in one place. Games and toys. A wide variety, from baby games, novelty toys and outdoor games to fun items for science and math education. Seasonal. Fleece blankets, socks, scarves, hats and gloves—and much more—for your seasonal service projects. Kiwanis One Day. Whether you need landscaping items, tools, and hardware or painting supplies, we’ve got all of the items for your Kiwanis One Day projects. Holiday supplies. From party supplies and costumes to gifts and decorations, you can find all of the items you need for a successful holiday event.

STRETCH YOUR PROJECT DOLLARS WITH GREAT SAVINGS.
Thanks to Kiwanis International’s partnership with DollarDays, you get wholesale pricing on items and free shipping.* Those savings add up, so you can buy more and free up your club’s budget for the service that inspired you to join in the first place. You’ll discover great savings available on merchandise and shipping throughout the Kiwanis Warehouse inventory. Find it all online at kiwanis.org/warehouse. *Free shipping for the continental 48 U.S. states.

GET FANTASTIC CUSTOMER SERVICE KIWANIANS RAVE ABOUT.
“I have used Kiwanis Warehouse many times for events. For our Salvation Army Christmas Party, we order hats, gloves, and scarfs for children that do not have these items. My Kiwanis club could not do these donations without the help of Kiwanis Warehouse.” —Marie B., Treasurer of Canandaigua Kiwanis
“Kiwanis Warehouse is excellent to work with. I buy large quantities (bulk) for a number of our projects, especially our Christmas Stocking Project—1,000 made and filled. Great prices and free shipping. A great WIN-WIN!” —Kim C., member of Oviedo-Winter Springs, Florida, Kiwanis Club
“I have used Kiwanis Warehouse several times. I found it to be very inexpensive per item, and very quick to respond with excellent follow-up.” —Thomas E., president, Kiwanis Club of Indianapolis
“The Jackson Area Kiwanis were very pleased with our purchase from Kiwanis Warehouse. We purchase gloves for our school children. The representative was very helpful. We will order again.” —Judith W., member of Jackson Area, Ohio, Kiwanis Club

GET IN TOUCH WITH KIWANIS WAREHOUSE. kiwanis.org/warehouse Use promo code KEYFREE at checkout for free shipping. sales@dollardays.com

On Jan. 18th, I flew out of the Fargo blizzard five hours late for Atlanta, GA. Once there, I found Kyle Hakala, our District Key Club Administrator and learned about the work Kiwanis International was doing to keep our youth programs safe and how to reduce the risks associated with adults working with youth. Many of the participants were also involved with the Boy Scouts of America so discussions were conducted on how Kiwanis can avoid the problems being experienced by them.

The Big Sister Big Brother program was also presented as a template for keeping youth safe by vigorous background checks, following written guidelines and interviews of the adult volunteers to keep out potential molesters.

The first item I took away from the meeting was that I need to follow up on all Kiwanis advisers of K-Kids, Builders Clubs, Key Clubs, Circle K and Aktion clubs who have not completed their Kiwanis background checks.

The second item was to remind and encourage all Kiwanis clubs to complete their Annual Youth Protection Guidelines training.

As a final item, Kyle and I discussed putting some guidelines together for Kiwanis Advisers on what needs to be done and what options they have while working with their youth clubs.

By completing these items our district will advance to our goal of making our interactions with youth a safe environment for the youth and the adult volunteer.

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Eliminate Update - 1/29/2020
Submitted by: Bill Daugherty

Hello Kiwanians,

This is our final year for sending our donations and pledges for the Eliminate Project. Beginning in 2021, Kiwanis International, along with UNICEF, will continue the Eliminate Project, as they are still doing with the IDD program, and will still accept donations/pledges, but KI would like us to meet our goals before the end of the 2020 year. Our Minnesota Dakotas Clubs have been generous with our
donations and pledges, with donations/pledges totaling $1,493,639.74 as of December 31, 2019. We have $88,974.00 left to meet our pledges. There are still opportunities to donate individually.

Here are links to the different recognition pieces we have for the Eliminate Project:

Scroll down and click Give to protect a life today to learn about the different levels of giving.
https://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/en/theELIMINATEproject/Recognition/IndividualLevel.aspx
Click to learn about becoming a Lead Gift, Major Gift Donor, Walter Zeller Fellowship and Diamond-level Walter Zeller Fellowship.

Did you know that our District has saved the lives of 879,230 women and their future babies?

Thank you for your continued support for the Eliminate Project.

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**Children's Fund Update** - 1/29/2020
*Submitted by: Kathy Welle*

Here we are a month into the 2020 New Year already!!

Children's Fund Update as of December 31, 2019
with a little sunshine to brighten your day!!

**Good News** – The Giving Report change from 11/30/19 to 12/31/19. Club Participation went from 9% in November to 19% in December.

**NOTE:** The 2019-2020 President’s Challenge for MN-Dakotas District is $25,386 with 50% Club participation to qualify for the 15% rebate.

So we have 8 months to achieve the 2019-2020 challenge goal with 50% or more Club participation.

At last count, there are 130 clubs in the MN-Dak District. **It sure would be helpful if more than 65 clubs**
would contribute to the Children’s Fund.

Last year the K Dollar challenge helped to achieve the goal and increased Club participation. Before our District convention we were at 42% club participation. By September 30th we had 59%. Hoorah! The **K DOLLAR** Challenge continues until District Convention in Aug. 2020. **SPREAD the WORD.**

Another Giving Report by Division is impressive for Mn-Dakotas as well. **Six out of Seven Divisions** have already made a contribution to the Children’s Fund, but the club participation was only at 19%. 

*Now to achieve our goal and qualify for the rebate, I am asking for assistance from Lt. Governors for each Division. Encourage all the clubs in your Division to participate by making a contribution to the Children’s Fund. A minimum contribution of $10 per member has been suggested by Kiwanis Int’l. If 100% of Kiwanis clubs made a contribution, more funds would be returned to the District and the impact would greater. Returned funds are currently combined with District Education Foundation for scholarships. The foundation has been doubling the amount and increased the number of awards to high school student applicants in Mn and Dakotas.*

**NOTE:** Clubs should include a line item on the budget for the annual Children’s Fund donation. Then the funds should be submitted shortly after the budget is approved after October each year.

**Changes will be coming:** KI will have a Team of 6 staff members to focus on fundraising for the Eliminate Project and Children’s Fund. The team will be traveling throughout the 2020 year to many of the larger Metro areas. **A new level of individual giving of $5000.00 has been added for Eliminate Project. This will be communicated soon to all Districts and Clubs.** Now we have $1000.00 (Hixson) or $1250.00 (Zeller) for Eliminate and $25,000.00 (Founders Circle) and $50,000.00. (Legacy Society).

Campaign for Eliminate Project fundraising will end this year. The Eliminate Project will continue to be supported along with: Service Club Leadership; IDD; and Disaster Relief.

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**Support the Minnesota Dakotas Kiwanis District Educational Foundation - 1/29/2020**

*Submitted by: Daniel Leikvold*
As with the return of the robins and the blooming of the flowers, spring in the Minnesota Dakotas District is accompanied by thousands of students graduating from the many high schools located in communities throughout our three states. It is a very exciting time for seniors, their families, and our schools.

It is a time for pride as we celebrate the numerous achievements and accomplishments of our young people. It is a time for reliving the awesome and sometimes embarrassing memories associated with growing up. And, it is a time to prepare for one of life's greatest transitions—moving on from high school.

As with most transitions, this one comes with both a lot of excitement and a good dose of trepidation. The excitement comes from the opportunity to move to a new city, the prospect of meeting new friends, and the chance to stare out over new horizons. The trepidation can come from leaving family and friends behind, going to an unfamiliar setting, and the uncertainty that comes with the costs associated with post-secondary education.

Not all of the uncertainty of the transition can be easily put aside, but with the assistance of the Minnesota Dakotas Kiwanis District Educational Foundation, some of the uncertainty of the cost of school can be curbed by the many scholarships provided to high school seniors within the Minnesota Dakotas Kiwanis District.

This awesome display of giving is made possible by the generous gifts and donations of the clubs and individuals in the Minnesota Dakotas District. To all of you who have donated to the Educational Foundation, I want to say thank you so much for your generosity and your support of our young people.

In addition, I would like to encourage those of you who haven’t yet given to do so. Your investment in the Minnesota Dakotas Kiwanis District Educational Foundation is an investment in our students and in our communities. We need you to build our endowment so our children can build their futures.

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LAK Helps out Fargo North Key Club - 1/28/2020
Club: Lake Agassiz, Fargo - Submitted by: Kristi Engelstad
The Lake Agassiz Kiwanis recently presented a check for $800 to the Fargo North Key Club, which will be used to purchase materials to continue their community service projects through the Fargo area.

The Lake Agassiz Kiwanis also gave the Key Club gift cards from local grocery stores worth over $240 to be donated to students at Fargo North High School who may not have enough food over the holidays. With the gift cards, these students were able to purchase groceries to feed themselves and their families over the holiday break.

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**Thief River Fall Lincoln High School Key Club Receives Awards - 1/22/2020**

*Club: Thief River Falls - Submitted by: Paulette Odette*

The Lincoln High School Key Club of Thief River Falls was honored by Minnesota Towards Zero Deaths for its work to save lives through improved traffic safety. The awards were announced at the statewide TZD Conference, October 23-24 in St. Cloud.

Key Club members were honored with the newest TZD Star Award – the Emerging Leader Award- for their outstanding leadership and creative execution of a sustained local teen driver education and outreach campaign. Each April for six years, the Key Club worked with the Pennington County TZD Coalition and Minnesota State Patrol to display crashed vehicles, hold mock crashes, and place traffic safety messages and car parts from local crashes and place traffic safety messages in the hallways at Lincoln High School. They also held the first TZD Teen Conference at Lincoln High School with surrounding high school students attending in March 2019. Their 2020 LHS High School Conference is scheduled for March 10th with several other high schools registered to attend.

Key Club members on hand to accept the Emerging Leader Award included students Annika Christianson, Ivy Wiggs, Kyri Christianson, Elaina Ballard and Key Club Advisors Rosaline Groven and Heidi Carlson. The students were asked to speak at the State Conference as well. The Christianson’s, Wiggs and Cindy Li also received their own individual awards as they spoke at the Northeast Regional Conference and the Northwest Regional Conference last spring. Ballard accepted on behalf of Li as Li was unable to attend due to conflicts with college classes. Carlson and Groven received individual awards as well.

“To see the girls' faces and to listen to them afterward was amazing!” said Groven. “Heidi and I have been telling the members of Key Club that what they are doing is pretty amazing. They haven’t
believed us, but now they do. Key Club wasn’t at the conference just to learn about TZD, we were there and being asked for ideas and input. To realize that something we started at Lincoln High School is now being looked at to be implemented across the state – pretty awesome!

TZD Star Awards are given annually to individuals and organizations in Minnesota that show excellence in TZD’s emphasis areas of enforcement, emergency medical and trauma services, education, engineering, child passenger safety and judicial/court systems. They have shown their leadership and creative capacities in efforts to improve traffic safety throughout the State and building partnerships. The Minnesota TZD Program is an interdisciplinary partnership with the state departments of health, transportation and public safety. This collaboration began 15 years ago and has worked to reduce roadway fatalities by 45%. Learn more about TZD and how to get involved at www.minnesoattzd.gov.

Dictionary - 1/9/2020
Club: Box Elder Patriots - Submitted by: Jacqueline Beck

Box Elder Patriots delivered 236 dictionaries to the whole 3rd grade team at Francis Case and Badger Clark Elementary School.

Willmar Kiwanis Donates $5,000 to MNyouth Youth Garden - 1/1/2020
Club: Willmar - Submitted by: Maribeth Williamson

The Willmar Kiwanis Club partnered with MNyouth Youth Garden for this year’s peanut campaign. Our Willmar Kiwanis Club along with our peanut partner worked together seeking donations from businesses and individuals in exchange for a box of peanuts as our “thank you”. The MNyouth Youth Garden was seeking assistance with their upcoming project regarding a need for a new deep winter greenhouse. The current location has served them well and they
found themselves out of space to “grow”.

Pictured are Bev Crute, Willmar Kiwanis Grants Committee Chair, Ben Larson, MNYou Youth Garden and Scott Thompson, Willmar Kiwanis President. The remaining funds that were received from seeking donations will be given back to the community to support nonprofits throughout the community.