

MINNEKOTAN

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Time to Convene

Submitted by: Bruce Klair, District Governor

As I write this, Phyllis and I have just returned from the International Convention in Las Vegas. What a convention it was! Nearly 7000 Kiwanians from all over the world came together to celebrate our successes and exchange ideas for more ways to serve our communities and meet the needs of children throughout the world. I was especially happy to see over 100 Kiwanians from MNDAK in attendance. I know they returned home inspired, refreshed, and ready to share their experiences and newly gained knowledge with their home clubs.



Of particular interest for me was the unveiling of the new World Wide Service Project for Kiwanis International, "ELIMINATE". Kiwanis International is again teaming up with UNICEF to address another world wide health issue, the elimination of maternal and neonatal tetanus. This is a major health problem in over 40 third world countries, and takes the lives of thousands of newborn infants in the first week of their lives, and in many cases their mothers as well. For less than 2 dollars health officials can provide immunization to pregnant mothers, and prevent this scourge. Kiwanis and UNICEF have a goal of raising 110 million dollars, and eliminating this health threat by 2015.

In the past, Kiwanians have stepped up when Kiwanis International teamed up with UNICEF to provide iodized salt to eliminate Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD). This project has saved and improved the lives of millions of children throughout the world. I am confident Kiwanians will respond in kind this time as well. If we don't, who will?

Plans are being finalized for the MNDAK District Convention at the Doublewood Inn in Fargo on August 13-15. We hope to see many of you there. There are excellent forums planned, as well as entertainment and a great keynote speaker. This year we are hearing our keynote speaker at the beginning of the convention on Friday afternoon, so plan to be there early. Our convention coordinators, Pat and Larry Rittgarn, have once again done a great job in preparing for this event, and I know it will be great. There is still time to register for this event. Your club secretaries have all the forms and details.

Hope to see you there.

July 2010 Update

Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

A total of 92 Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanians and 28 guests represented our district at the **Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas**, June 24-26. If you were not able to join us at the International Convention, you can see, hear, and read about all the action on the Kiwanis International Convention's Web pages at <http://sites.kiwanis.org/VegasICon2010/home.aspx>



Next year's Kiwanis International Convention will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, July 7-10, 2011. Think about attending next year! You can find information about the Geneva Convention on the Kiwanis International website <http://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/en/geneva-convention/Home.aspx>

Don't forget to register for the **Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention!!** You can still register! Early registration price has been extended to July 15. Registration is \$110 until July 15. After July 15 registration is \$140. You can access and print a copy of the District Convention Registration form and related information on our district website at:

http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/public_district/pub_Content.aspx?Page=70

Thank you once again to Club Secretaries for submitting your **Club Election Reports** for 2009-2010. The reports were due June 1, so if you have not entered your information online, please do so ASAP! Please include email addresses whenever possible. It is very important that we receive this information in a timely manner so that directories and mailing lists can be compiled.

Have a great summer and hope to see many of you at the District Convention in Fargo.

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93rd Annual District Convention

Submitted by: Pat and Larry Rittgarn

Early registration will continue until July 15.

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After July 15 registration will be \$140. Register Now!!

The 93rd annual Kiwanis District Convention is headed to Fargo on August 13-14-15, 2010 and will convene at the Fargo Doublewood Inn and Conference center at 1:00pm sharp. This year the convention key note speaker "Patrick Kasper" will start our convention with his presentation at 1:15 that afternoon. Patrick will inspire all of us to really become involved not only with the convention, but also with life itself.

Be sure to bring your books for the book store, money to buy books to take back home, money for the Kiwanis store, your bobby socks and saddle shoes for the 50's night on Friday night, and your items for the YWCA service project.

Most of all bring your enthusiasm as we have many things planned, including tours, fun filled family night on Friday night, great meals and best of all lots of time to attend many forums. There will be 18 forums this year so plan now to really enjoy the 93rd annual convention in Fargo, ND.



BOOK-BOOKS-BOOKS

Submitted by: Larry & Pat Rittgarn

Yes, there will be another used book sale at this years District Kiwanis Convention, so start sorting them now. Bring all of your books, paper backs, hard covers, etc., to the District Convention at the Doublewood Inn, in Fargo, ND on August 13-14-15, 2010.

Plan now to bring a load of books and also to take home a load of unread books.

See you at the book store!



District Convention Service Project

Submitted by: Mary Sieling, District Service Director

This year's Service Project will be collection of the items below for delivery to the Fargo-Moorhead YWCA. Please bring all donated items with you during the Saturday afternoon's Service Project Time Frame 2:00 to 2:45 or look for collection container at the Convention.

<https://www.kiwanisone.org/Files/Districts/79/Documents/District%20Service%20Project.pdf>

Most Urgent Needs

- Body wash
- Disinfecting spray/wipes
- Gas and grocery gift cards
- Paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, etc.)

Food

- ANY AND ALL FOOD IS NEEDED
- Fresh/frozen meat, produce, dairy, box dinners

Seasonal Clothing

- Children's slippers
- Children's socks (5T and larger)
- Adult and youth swimsuits of all sizes
- Women's and children's underwear (all sizes)

Household

- Hand/dish soap
- Laundry detergent & fabric softener
- Glass cleaner, counter top spray, bathroom cleaners

Hygiene

- Hair ties
- Shaving cream
- Antibiotic cream
- Diapers (sizes 5-6)
- Pull-ups (girls and boys, all sizes)
- Children's bubble bath & bath toys
- Unscented lotions/hand cream
- Feminine hygiene products (tampons & pads)

Other

- Jumper cables
- New bike helmets
- New full sheet sets
- Stroller and double strollers
- Gently-used furniture (couches, twin & full beds, dressers, desks)

Desired Items

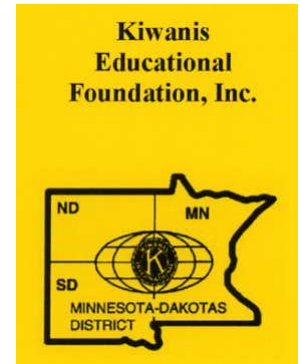
- Batteries 9V, AA
- New pot/pan & silverware sets
- Activity passes (Yunker Farm, pool, zoo, movies, etc.)
- Gently-used countertop appliances (microwaves, toasters, etc.)
- Small cable ready televisions, converter boxes, and DVD players



Minnesota Dakotas Education Foundation...An Opportunity Fund

Submitted by: Bill Lardy, Foundation Board Member

The Minnesota Dakotas Education Foundation this spring awarded 54 scholarships to deserving students in our 3-state District. These students were chosen to receive the scholarships based on their superior applications and recommendations from 3 references. For these 54 students the funds represent additional support of their education goals, and with the funds, help reduce the debt they would otherwise accumulate while pursuing their studies. The Foundation is a real opportunity fund to each and every recipient as the scholarship may open the door to post secondary education. Reaching the education goal will open other opportunities for the successful graduate.



The Foundation offers donors the opportunity to help change the lives of scholarship recipients. Contributing to the Foundation is important now, too, given that market conditions have reduced the value of invested funds. The Foundation offers the opportunity for donors to memorialize deceased family members and friends. It offers the opportunity to recognize Club officers and members who provide exceptional service.

The Minnesota Dakotas Education Foundation is an opportunity for scholarship recipients and donors alike. Recipients have the opportunity to enhance their lives, and therefore, society as a whole; and donors have the opportunity to make the world a better place by adding their gifts to those of others to be passed on to the next generation of students. Please take advantage of this opportunity now!

HOW IS YOUR CLUB DOING IN MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Submitted by: Chuck Schroder, International Membership Growth committee

It's not too late for your club to be on the positive side on membership growth. Did your club have a new member drive in the month of May as requested by president Paul? If not, why not do it now? It is never too late to bring in a new member into the world's greatest service organization. I'm sure that each of you know one person that would be a great member and all you have to do is ask them to join.



If every club in our district would gain one new member for the year, just think what the impact could be on the children around the world. Just think, that new member might be the link to a new service program for your club or be the Kiwanis international president one day. **IF WE DON'T ASK, THEY WON'T JOIN.** So give that person a chance to enjoy Kiwanis as much as you do. Maybe you can have a contest in your club of some sort or offer some sort of incentive, but do something.

Your district just lost a long time club, because of lack of growth in the past few years. Now that community's youth will suffer along with people of that area. Don't let this happen in your community. I had the opportunity this week to see a father come from Illinois to install his daughter into Kiwanis. Rotary had asked her to join, but because a Kiwanis member went to her work and followed up with a phone call, a third generation Kiwanis member was installed. If you need help, let me know and we will be there to do what we can. Thanks for all you do for Kiwanis.

Hendricks Kiwanis Pedestrian Bridge Enjoyed by Many

Submitted by: Julie Hogie

The Hendricks Minnesota Kiwanis Club provided funds for the Lake Hendricks pedestrian bridge as seen in the attached picture. The bridge allows children and adults a pleasant walking path connecting the boat docking and beach with the park and playground area. The bridge is located over the lake outlet which provides fish and fowl a pleasant habitat as the pelican is enjoying.



The club also recently provided a contribution to the Southwest Minnesota Honor Flight program. Three area World War II vets were recently able to participate in the first Honor Flight of this area which allowed them to visit many of the Washington, DC highlights especially the World War II memorial. Future flights are planned to allow additional veterans the same opportunity.

Thief River Falls Kiwanis Picnic in the Park Fundraiser

Submitted by: Paulette Odette

Thief River Falls Kiwanis hosted its annual picnic for the community on June 22 from 5 to 7 at Northrup Park. The Picnic Shelter for the Playground donated by Kiwanis was finished this month for the event. The TRF Kiwanis Club has raised about \$5,000.00 for the shelter. Donations came from the club's annual rummage sale, pancake breakfast and picnic in the park.



Picnic Shelter Completed for Northrup Park in Thief River Falls

Submitted by: Paulette Odette

Thief River Falls Kiwanis donated Picnic Shelter for the Northrup Park to compliment the Playground equipment previously donated.



Builders Club - Building relationships, building community

Submitted by: Jean Collins

The "Brainerd Dispatch" newspaper recently published an article about the The Forestview Builders Club, sponsored by the Brainerd Kiwanis Club. The Builders Club has about 28 members this year, mostly seventh- and eighth-grade students. You can view the story and a photo on the newspaper's archives:

http://www.brainerddispatch.com/stories/052710/new_20100527045.shtml



Hibbing Kiwanis...90 Years Young

Submitted by: Scott Mescher, Lt. Gov -Region3

Our Kiwanis club in Hibbing began 90 years ago on June 23, 1920. That's 90 years of Hibbing Kiwanis volunteers making a difference in the lives of their friends and neighbors and especially the youth of our community. Today our 30 Hibbing Kiwanis members work on fun annual projects like our pancake feed, our fishing tournament on Lake Vermillion and county fair parking (with the Chisholm club). We raise around \$20-25 thousand each year that is given back to our community, especially towards our local youth and to the sponsorship of our wonderful high school Key Club. This is something that is so easy to take for granted for as most of us know, many volunteer groups are struggling today. So what is Kiwanis about? Since I am Lt-Governor this year, let me briefly tell you my story.



Why am I in Kiwanis? No one asked me to join. No one. But when you are new in town, trying to meet people and promoting your practice, that's what you did 33 years ago. You joined a service club. But there comes a time, please don't misunderstand, that you are not new in town, that you know plenty of people and the practice is doing just fine, thank you! So why do I stay in Kiwanis?

Many years ago I learned something from one special Kiwanian Pops Lukens, a famous Hibbing high school swimming coach, who started our annual pancake feed. One! In fact, our top secret pancake recipe was created by his wonderful wife, Ruth. Pops knew this event was not about making and serving pancakes. Pops was old enough at that time and honest enough to tell me that our annual pancake feed was about love and friendship. Love and friendship! And I never forgot that.

Years later our club like many, went a little into the doldrums. Same old, same old and I thought about moving on. But then one of our members, Stan Peuha became president. Stan was one member who always felt we could find the money needed for worthy donations, and he always made meetings fun. And he was a special guy who brought a definite spark to our club. One. I'll never forget Stan. When he died unexpectedly, I suddenly realized that if that spark was going to continue, we would all have to do our part! One could make a difference! I am pleased to report that there's plenty of loving concern and friendship in our Hibbing club now. Terrific members like Jack do the soup kitchen, Jon marshals the winter and summer parades, Red and Jamie organize the fishing tournament, Jerry chairs the pancake feed, and so many others—friends all. And friends keep me in Kiwanis! And the knowledge and feelings that come from knowing that each of us in Kiwanis, one at a time is making that difference which makes our Hibbing community a better place for our young people.

That's the one thing. One, that Kiwanis is about. If you see a friendly Kiwanian volunteering this year, thank them and say Happy 90th! And consider joining us. We are having a lot of fun, and new friends and fond memories are the free benefits of making a difference, one at a time helping the youth in our community.

Thank you all in Hibbing for your support for 90 years. It makes a difference to all of us in Kiwanis!



Webinars

More details at www.kiwanisone.org/webinars.

<p>Wednesday, July 7, 2010 3 p.m., EST</p>	<p>Finding the Right People – Building A Team Join us for a fun and interactive session where we will cover the key aspects of getting the right people on the bus: assessing skills, the personal ask, commitment and accountability.</p>	<p>Tuesday, August 17, 2010 8 p.m., EST</p>	<p>Effective Division Council Meetings Lieutenant governors need to conduct division council meetings that will build effective teams, communicate goals, solve problems and grow the division. Learn the best practices to make your division council meetings productive, informative and fun.</p>
<p>Tuesday, July 13, 2010 8 p.m., EST</p>	<p>ReMember Campaign Before deleting inactive club members, make an honest effort to "ReMember" them. The intent of the campaign is to re-involve the individual in the fellowship and service of the club. KI President, Paul Palazzolo, will review a checklist and guidelines to boost retention in your Kiwanis club.</p>	<p>Wednesday, August 18, 2010 3 p.m., EST</p>	<p>Quarterly Membership Campaign – Keep it in the Family Tap into the potential of people who already know about Kiwanis. In this webinar you will learn ways to engage parents, teachers, administrators and Service Leadership Programs alumni in Kiwanis activities and membership.</p>
<p>Wednesday, July 14, 2010 3 p.m., EST</p>	<p>Developing Your Kiwanis Calendar – The Critical Path to Success Remember, no one plans to fail, they fail to plan. Create a strategic plan of action and capture it in a calendar to follow throughout the year to keep you on track to meet your goals.</p>	<p>Tuesday, August 24, 2010 8 p.m., EST</p>	<p>Light the Fire of Enthusiasm – Motivating the Other 80% KI President-designate Sylvester Neal will lead this session on learning how to motivate club leaders to apply the best practices to engage club members. Kiwanians that are energized will lead to increased attendance at club meetings, service projects and other social activities, as well as new member recruiting.</p>
<p>Monday, July 19, 2010 3 p.m., EST</p>	<p>Habits of Successful Clubs A quality club with outstanding projects and valuable member experiences must be planned. Learn ten simple habits of successful clubs.</p>	<p>Wednesday, August 25, 2010 3 p.m., EST</p>	<p>Roadmap to KiwanisOne Learn the ins and outs and highlights of using the member website – www.KiwanisOne.org. Tour the home page and main sections to learn how to find resources quickly and use them wisely. Gain a clear understanding of support options. Learn critical areas to visit most often and what new features are coming up.</p>
<p>Tuesday, July 20, 2010 8 p.m., EST</p>	<p>High Impact Service- Community Survey Increase the impact of your club's community service by conducting a community survey. In this webinar you learn how to assess service opportunities in your community with KI President, Paul Palazzolo.</p>	<p>Tuesday, August 31, 2010 8 p.m., EST</p>	<p>Making the Most of Your Club Visits Learn proven techniques that will build strong, enduring relationships with clubs in your division. Engage the club members in positive support for growth and service and get invited back again and again!</p>
<p>Wednesday, July 21, 2010 3 p.m., EST</p>	<p>LinkedIn 101 It's easy to forget that there is an online network out there for professionals, but with 60 million active users, LinkedIn is an important tool that can't be ignored. Learn the ins and outs of LinkedIn and see how you can use this website to develop your career and help with your local club's recruiting efforts.</p>	<p>Wednesday, September 1, 2010 3 p.m., EST</p>	<p>Ten Tactics to take your SLP from Fine to Fabulous During this hour learn how to best support your Service Leadership Programs clubs. Gain tips and techniques to improve your SLP service opportunities and develop your Kiwanis family relationships.</p>
<p>Thursday, July 22, 2010 8 p.m., EST</p>	<p>What did I miss in Vegas? So much happened in Vegas when Kiwanis came to town! Join us as we highlight the best of the 2010 International Convention in Las Vegas</p>	<p>Wednesday, September 8, 2010 3 p.m., EST</p>	<p>Facilitating Change The changes in our environment make it critical to develop skills to lead change in a positive way. We will go through the basic principles of leading change successfully.</p>
<p>Tuesday, July 27, 2010 8 p.m., EST</p>	<p>The Annual Club Assessment One of the keys to being a great Kiwanis club is conducting an annual club assessment. In this webinar you will learn about several ways to assess member satisfaction and the member experience.</p>	<p>Tuesday, September 14, 2010 8 p.m., EST</p>	<p>Recruiting through Service Membership Campaigns Membership growth outside the typical Kiwanians present realm to expand division, district and club leadership's Vision to growth and Service as One</p>
<p>Wednesday, July 28, 2010 3 p.m., EST</p>	<p>Best Practice for Club Websites Following Kiwanis graphic standards will only take your club or district website so far. This webinar will divulge what Web visitors want to find quickly and easily, what they don't want to see, and some tips and general discussion about free resources for Webmasters.</p>	<p>Wednesday, September 15, 2010 3 p.m., EST</p>	<p>Planning Your Club's Success Get tips from experts on using tools available from Kiwanis International to make your club the "best show in town."</p>
<p>Tuesday, August 3, 2010 8 p.m., EST</p>	<p>Site Survey for a New Kiwanis Club Successful club building efforts start with good planning and the right foundation. Learn the best practices of gathering and evaluating information with a focus on the needs in the community and the pool of prospective members.</p>	<p>Tuesday, September 21, 2010 8 p.m., EST</p>	<p>Mentoring Made Easy – How to be an Effective Club Counselor You were chosen to be an advisor for a new club. You accepted, you attended training...now what? Learn some best practices for building a relationship and coaching the club toward service, fellowship and growth.</p>
<p>Wednesday, August 4, 2010 3 p.m., EST</p>	<p>How to Actually Recruit To train members on proper and successful recruiting methods and in turn the membership will build an Army of members who can recruit/increase Membership professionally.</p>	<p>Wednesday, September 22, 2010 3 p.m., EST</p>	<p>Innovative Membership Initiatives In this webinar you will learn new and exciting ways to help expand Kiwanis through a flexible range of club options and new and innovative membership initiatives including some new pilot programs.</p>
<p>Thursday, August 5, 2010 8 p.m., EST</p>	<p>Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs 101 You may have a Key Club or a BUG program, but did you know Kiwanis has programs for your entire community. Come learn the basics about Service Leadership Programs.</p>	<p>Tuesday, September 28, 2010 3 p.m., EST</p>	<p>Reuniones efectivas de junta directiva La principal función de la junta directiva del club es la de manejar el club exitosamente. Hablaremos sobre cómo utilizar efectivamente las reuniones mensuales de junta directiva para administrar el club.</p>
<p>Tuesday, August 10, 2010 8 p.m., EST</p>	<p>Online Roster Process Club secretaries will learn how to process your annual club billing roster online! Coming soon to KiwanisOne.org – Member Management.</p>	<p>Wednesday, September 29, 2010 3 p.m., EST</p>	<p>Effective Board Meetings The club board of directors has the primary role of providing on-going general management of the club. Learn how to effectively use the monthly board meetings to manage club operations.</p>
<p>Wednesday, August 11, 2010 3 p.m., EST</p>	<p>Online Roster Process Club secretaries will learn how to process your annual club billing roster online! Coming soon to KiwanisOne.org – Member Management.</p>		

NOTE: All webinar times are listed in Eastern Standard Time.