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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>

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Get ready for Watertown - 6/30/2017

Submitted by: Peter Larson

Adam is in training so he will be ready to travel to Watertown, SD. Are you? Your 100th Minnesota Dakotas District Convention registration is due by July 15th to avoid late charges and for club president-elects to qualify for the drawing to have me reimburse the registration fees for one president-elect who has completed Club Leadership Education for club presidents.



The Friday night event at the Terry Redlin Art Center will be a memorable experience for everyone. On Saturday our Keynote speaker is Sarah How speaking on "The Power of Relationships". After the Saturday educational forums we have the Governor's Banquet where we dress up a bit and have the opportunity to talk about the great things we have experienced in Kiwanis.

I am also hoping to see 100 club banners hanging in our convention hall and convention memorabilia from the past 100 years of Minnesota Dakotas District Conventions. The Minnesota Dakotas Kiwanis Educational Foundation will receive \$200 if these two things happen.

In the interest of full disclosure, I used Adam and Molly's picture to get you to read this article. He won't be able to attend the convention since he is two and needs to stay home with his mom and dad. He has loved pulling wagons since he could walk and there was a slight down slope to that sidewalk so he was having a great time.

District Kiwanis Convention Corner - 6/30/2017

Submitted by: Jeff Anderson and Judie Rosendahl

The 100th Minnesota Dakotas District Convention and Leadership Conference is a little over a month away, August 11th -13th in Watertown, SD. As I told the Madison, MN Club last week "Most of us won't be around for the 200th convention and not many of us for the 125th." This is a big occasion and I hope every club will make a big effort to send several members to this convention. If every club sent two people, we'd have over 300 in attendance. Wouldn't that be great?



The Friday night event at the Terry Redlin Art Center will feature delicious wine in pretty blue Kiwanis bottles made by our Kiwanians. There will be many dignitaries in attendance, plus a special welcome at the door by the South Dakota Mascots so be prepared for a photo op. There will be special gifts for each attendee, surprises during Saturday night's banquet including a chance to win a trip to Denver. There will also be a silent auction, a book sale and fabulous forums Friday and Saturday. Sarah How will provide the Keynote address with "The Power of Relationships." If you haven't attended a convention before, the 100th is a must. The Watertown Kiwanis Club and the City of Watertown will be rolling out the red carpet.

Get registered by July 15th and save money. I look forward to seeing all of you in Watertown next month.

Jeff Anderson, Watertown Kiwanis Club Convention Chair

Just six weeks and we will be in Watertown, SD to celebrate our 100th Minnesota Dakota District Convention. Isn't that exciting? Kiwanians have been celebrating children for 100 years and we are eager to continue doing so for many years to come. I would like to remind you to bring your banners as we will display them at the convention. Our Governor has asked that we strive to send at least one member from each of our clubs. That would be a wonderful accomplishment and a very noteworthy gift to Governor Peter.

Judie Rosendahl, District Convention Director

July Update - 6/29/2017

Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

Don't forget to register for the Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention to be held August 11-13, 2017 in Watertown, South Dakota!! Registration is \$160 until July 15. After July 15 registration is \$185. You can also register for the Saturday only option. The preferred method of registering to is to do it online and pay with your credit card. If you are not able to register online let me know and I will email you a registration form that can be printed and returned by US Mail with a check. If you are a voting delegate be sure that your



club secretary has submitted your name on the Club Delegate Certification form. More convention information can be found on our district website at:
<http://mndak.portalbuzz.com/Page/1010>

District Kiwanis Convention House of Delegates: There were no Bylaw Amendments submitted by the deadline this year. However the House of Delegates does need to elect the Governor and Governor Elect. Dan Leikvold, Division 4, is moving up from the Governor Elect position. Also, David Harms, Division 7, is an unopposed candidate for Governor Elect.

Thank you once again to Club Secretaries for submitting your **Club Election Reports for 2017-2018**. 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 Watertown.

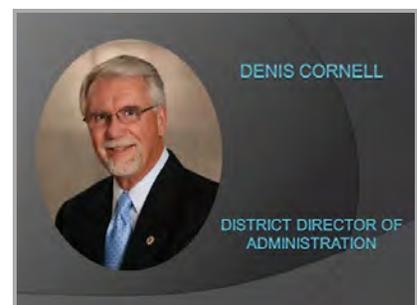
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Convention Memorial Service - 6/28/2017

Submitted by: Denis Cornell

Since 2012 we have held a Memorial Service at the Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention to honor those Kiwanians who have passed away since our last convention. This service is a way to recognize the tremendous Kiwanis service to the children of the world by those who have passed away. During the service, the names of those who have passed away are read and a carnation is placed in a



vase in their honor. Following the service, the carnations may be taken back to your club or to loved ones of the deceased. This year the convention will be held in Watertown, SD and we will once again hold a Memorial Service on Sunday morning, August 13th. Please send the names of those from your club who have passed away during the last year to cornell.denis@gmail.com. I will need the names no later than Tuesday, August 1st.

ICON: How to be Involved if You're Staying in the States - 6/28/2017

Submitted by: Courtney Taylor, OTIC Chair

You've decided not to fly across the ocean or to travel to Ireland or Zimbabwe instead of Paris. Don't worry! You can still be involved in this year's Kiwanis International Convention.

First, go to <http://www2.kiwanis.org/convention/2017/experience-the-convention/amendment-and-resolution-proposals> to download the "Proposed Amendments Booklet." Read what changes have been presented by both the Kiwanis International board and other groups of Kiwanians. Discuss the merits of each proposal with your fellow members, and provide your thoughts to delegates who will be representing your club or district.



Next, visit the elections page (<http://www2.kiwanis.org/convention/2017/experience-the-convention/elections>) to see who is running for which positions. Again, discuss the candidates with fellow members and share your opinions with travelers who will be attending the House of Delegates.

Last, learn from others' experiences! Ask attendees about the sessions they attended and the people they met. Watch the KI website for videos of the workshops and special events. Read the highlights in your next Kiwanis Magazine. And start planning your budget and suitcase for next year's convention in Las Vegas...

Relieve Your Anxiety - 6/28/2017

Submitted by: Nancy Cornell Builders Club Administrator

You know you would like your Kiwanis Club to sponsor a Builders Club but you have questions. You are anxious about making a commitment. How much of a commitment is it? How much will it cost? Where do you start?

Come to the District Convention in Watertown, SD and have your questions answered at the Service Leadership Programs forum and make sure you visit the Builders Club display table. Put your mind at ease and see how much fun you can have sponsoring a Builders Club.

Remember it's all about the kids. You will be providing service leadership opportunities for young teens and guiding them onto a lifelong path of service.



PS I invite all clubs who sponsor a Builders Club to join me at the forum and add your experiences sponsoring a Builders Club. Please stop at the Builders Club display table and introduce yourself. Looking forward to seeing you at the District Convention.

America the Land of the Free - 6/28/2017

Submitted by: Sharon Scudder

Happy 4th of July. What a better way to celebrate our independence than to post our Symbol of freedom, THE AMERICAN FLAG. There are many men and women who served and some gave the ultimate sacrifice for us to be free in order to make choices we have the privilege of doing today. Our partner this month is ATLAS FLAGS.



Atlas Flags, Inc is a partner of Kiwanis International. They have been making American flags and accessories since 1938. Atlas Flags gives Kiwanis clubs all over the United States a chance to raise funds while spreading American pride. Thanks to our partners, Kiwanis get substantial discounts on flags and accessories.

Kiwanis partner with Atlas Flags to access products that put pride, service and patriotism into our communities. Many clubs found the partnership is a great way to:

- *Lease flags to homeowners and businesses on a subscription basis for patriotic holidays.
- *Sell or give away stick flags at festivals, parades and patriotic events.
- *Sell flags at local cemeteries on Memorial Day or Veterans Day,
- *Commemorate patriotic events with community flag ceremonies.

A Club can create a signature project, Subscription Program. The way it works is a club determines A subscription fee, your Kiwanis club provides and installs the flag or flagpole on the customer's residential or business property, properly stores it afterwards and then arranges for delivery and pick up for the next holiday. Your club could work with local key clubs, boy scouts or other youth groups giving them \$1 each time a flag is installed for the customer. These groups earn funds for their own group and provide your club with energy and manpower.

Your club gets a chance for service and visibility on prominent days from spring to fall. Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Patriot Day and Veteran's Day.
Enjoy the 4th and be Safe

For more information on how to get started on a subscription Program, contact Kiwanis.atlasflags.com

CAN WE DO IT? - 6/27/2017

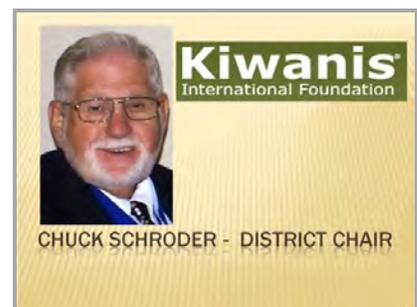
Submitted by: E. Chuck Schroder

CAN WE DO IT ? Can we make our goal of \$35,334.00 by the end of the fiscal year September 30,2017? As of May 31,2017 we as a district were at \$26,627.30 which means we are \$8,706.70 short of it.

In Division 1 there are 4 clubs that have not sent in their \$10.00 pr member and in Division 2 there are 14 clubs, in Division 3 there are 12, in Division 4 there are 2, Division 5 there are 13, Division 6 there are 19 and in Division 7 18. That's a total of 82 clubs that need to step up and help support the children of the world.

Some of these clubs have a Key Club that they sponsor or a Circle K. What would happen to these young people if the Kiwanis Children's fund stopped sponsoring these. Your dollars that your club sends in does this and the children of the world need Kiwanis. Kids need Kiwanis and Kiwanis needs you and your club's help.

CAN WE DO IT? I do believe that we can do it and I would hope you feel the same way. Together we



can make it happen. It would only take nine Hixsons to make our goal or if each of those 82 clubs would send in \$125 we would be past our goal. So what do you say, let's do it.

Thank you.

Harvey 6th Grade Class Partners with Harvey Kiwanis for 2016-2017 Class Project - 6/27/2017
Club: Harvey - Submitted by: Sandy Teubner

Over the past several years, Bret Dockter and his 6th grade students have chosen community projects to raise funds for and the Harvey Kiwanis Club was this year's benefactor of \$6,019.88 to pay off the Kiwanis playground equipment installed in October of 2016! The remaining funds will provide a base for future additions related to the playground area. The club already has a few ideas to enhance the area.



Their fundraising year's season finale was the Idol VI contest held on May 19th at the elementary school where several contestants participated by showcasing their musical talents in front of a panel of judges and their peers. Students from second to eighth grade participated. It was a SUPER fun event!! Other fundraising events throughout the school year entailed Penny Wars between classes, community coin jars, root beer float sales & selling calendars (showing last year's recipient of 6th grade funds - the Harvey Fire Departments new fire truck). The class also came up with a theme for their playground project and sold t-shirts to the community. Mr. Dockter's class interviewed Kiwanis members about Kiwanis, their past projects and their most current project of the playground. The students worked on a PowerPoint presentation with the information gathered from the interviews, presented it to the Kiwanis group and also showcased the presentation to the community at the Idol Contest. Mr. Dockter commented that the students learn a great deal through these projects he has had each class work on, not only about giving of themselves for a cause, but they learn skills of public speaking, teamwork, research and dedication. Thank you Mr. Dockter & 6th grade class for your generous donation to our new playground!

Donations to Youth Projects - 6/27/2017
Club: Sturgis Golden K - Submitted by: Debbie Looby

Sturgis Golden K Kiwanis Club recently donated funds to youth projects in the community. Pictured are Bill Ateyo, Sturgis Golden K Kiwanis, Kathy Dykstra, Children's Librarian, Sturgis Public Library, Caly Dirk, Youth and Family Services, Rod Heikes, Sturgis Community Center, and the DeJarlais Family on behalf of the late Joe DeJarlais, Sturgis Little Mended Hearts. Also receiving checks were Sturgis Crises Center (Womens Shelter), Youth and Family Services and Relay for Life. Earlier in the year dictionaries were also presented to all Meade 46-1 3rd graders.



Twin library - 6/22/2017

Club: Fargo South Point - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn

Fargo South Point Club and its members continue to install more mini libraries in the Fargo area.

This one is located in front of Jefferson school, and is a twin mini, with two libraries on one post.

The libraries are stocked with children's books, provided by the club members.



Special Olympics dance - 6/22/2017

Club: Fargo South Point - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn

The second Friday in June was once again a major weekend for the Fargo South Point Kiwanis club members.

The weekend was for the gathering of Special Olympic athletes from a major part of North Dakota. During all of their sporting events there is the traditional dance for them on Friday evening. The South Point Kiwanis club has been the dance sponsor for many years.



Each year the club attempts to add more decorations to the event, and prior to the dance a very short amount of time between volley ball ending and the dance beginning is when the decorations are put in place. During the dance for 300-500 athletes the club members serve as hosts, serving cookies, water

etc. One note of interest: there is hardly any one ever seated. They are on the dance floor nearly the entire time they are in attendance.

Over 90 Recognition - 6/13/2017

Club: Watertown - Submitted by: Tim Oviatt

The Watertown, SD club hosted its 38th annual “Over 90 Recognition Luncheon & Program” in early June where more than 70 of the area’s most senior of senior citizens joined Kiwanians for food, fun and entertainment. For one senior, it was the 13th time she had attended the event, which featured the singing of some old favorites and a few jokes that only the seniors would appreciate. Kiwanians were seated at each table and collected and presented some profile facts on the lives of the special guests. Kiwanian Nancy Linneman is shown in the picture presenting some background information on the seniors at her table.



Lake Agassiz Kiwanis Donate in Honor of Member - 6/12/2017

Club: Lake Agassiz, Fargo - Submitted by: Kristi Engelstad

In 2013, the Lake Agassiz Kiwanis voted to sponsor a shelter near Mickelson Park in Fargo. In four years, the club raised over \$6500 for the shelter. On June 12, 2017 the shelter was officially dedicated to the Lake Agassiz Kiwanis, in memory of long-time member Marty Holsen. Holsen was instrumental in having the Lake Agassiz Kiwanis partner with Cenaiko Productions to sponsor the Boat and Sportsmen's Shows as the club's primary fundraisers each year. The Lake Agassiz Kiwanis are proud of the shelter and hope that many families will enjoy the shade it brings on hot summer days!



Harvey ND Kiwanis Club Awards Scholarships - 6/7/2017

Club: Harvey - Submitted by: Sandy Teubner

Pictured: Steven Stutlien, Jade Olschlager, Chantel Mertz & Alicia Hellman

Four Harvey High School students were chosen to receive academic scholarships through Harvey Kiwanis which were awarded to them on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at the Harvey High School Awards Night.

Harvey Kiwanis has 3 designated scholarships set up within the Kiwanis Educational Foundation. This year's scholarships were valued at \$865, but through local fundraising the value was increased to \$1,000. The John Tebelius Scholarship was awarded to Steven Stutlien. The Ione Tebelius Scholarship was awarded to Chantel Mertz and the Harvey Kiwanis Designated Scholarship was awarded to Alicia Hellman. The Marvin Frey Scholarship, a separate \$1,000 scholarship set up within the local Kiwanis group, was awarded to Jade Olschlager. All four students are wished success in their future college endeavors from Harvey Kiwanis!

