

MINNEKOTAN

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Time to Reflect

by: Bruce Klair, District Kiwanis Governor

It is hard to believe that our Kiwanis year is two thirds gone, and that I have only 4 short months left in my year as Governor of the MNDK District. For Phyllis and me it has been a busy time, and we look forward to even more opportunities as we complete our year. I look at the beginning of June as somewhat of a turning point in our year. Now is a good time to reflect on our accomplishments and look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead. We have enjoyed meeting many new friends as we visited all seven Regions of our District in the past several months. In addition we have attended the District conventions of our Key Club and Circle K groups, the District mid-winter board meeting, and Lt. Governor training. We have seen new K-Kids, Builders Clubs, Key Clubs and Aktion Clubs chartered. Along with that we have visited numerous clubs in the District, both to celebrate their successes and milestones, and in some cases to help them find direction.



In the next several months, we hope to help members complete the building of several new Kiwanis Clubs in our District. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the International Convention in Las Vegas later this month, and even more of you at our District Convention in Fargo in August.

I am pleased to announce that former Lt. Governor Mary Sieling of Fergus Falls is our new District Director of Service, and is planning a great service project at our District Convention. Look for an article about it in this MINNEKOTAN.

Even though our membership push for May is over, keep up the effort to bring new members into your clubs. An active and growing Kiwanis club is an organization that every community needs, and now is the time to publicize ourselves. Many towns will have a summer community celebration soon, and consider having a booth or a parade float to share the fun and service we do in Kiwanis.

As you may know, I suffered a mild heart attack on May 22. I am happy to report that thanks to the quick response of my family, our local ambulance service, our local hospital, the Mayo One helicopter and the doctors and nurses at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, I am well on the road to recovery. I would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, e-mails and cards, as well as your thoughts and prayers.

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

June 2010 Update

Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

It is Kiwanis Convention time again! Both the District and International Conventions will provide some great learning and fun times this summer. To date 6040 registrations have been received for the 95th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas. So far we have 88 members and 27 guests attending from our district. You can check out some of the convention happenings at <http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/> Location and times of our International Convention District Reception and Caucus can be found on our website http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/public_district/pub_Content.aspx?Page=196



The District Kiwanis Convention in Fargo, ND, August 13-15, is going to be a great time. I hope to see all of you there. The Official Call to Convention letter was mailed to all Kiwanis Club secretaries the first week in May. The mailing contained registration forms and also your club's delegate certification form. Early bird convention registrations are due before July 1st. Register early! You can also access and print a copy 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

Distinguished Kiwanis Club Status for 09-10: Just a reminder that Club secretaries can access an online summary from their "Monthly Report Launch Page" that will show you the points your club has currently accumulated towards the Distinguished Club Award. How is your club doing? You need 80 points to qualify. You have until September 30 to add to your points.

Minnesota-Dakotas District History Available Online: The history of our district from 1916 to the present is now available on our district website. Check it out http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/public_district/pub_Content.aspx?Page=628

Outreach Program: Has your club contributed to the Outreach Program this Kiwanis year? Our Circle K and Key Club District Boards are very busy covering the three states building our Sponsored Youth Programs. They need our financial support. Checks can be made payable to Kiwanis Outreach and mailed to me at the District Office.

Club Secretaries: Remember to file your Monthly Club Reports online by the tenth of each month. If you have any problems filing your report, contact support@clubresource.com or myself at secretary@mndak-kiwanis.org

Coming Soon to KiwanisOne...Online Club Billing Roster Processing: Here is how it will work.

- Week of August 23- Traditional billing roster (paper) will be mailed to clubs, with instructions for filing online.
- After October 2010, all club membership rosters will be filed electronically.
- No more "group billing cycles"... all clubs will now be billed annually, effective October 2010.
- Revised billing roster due on October 10.
- No need to worry if roster is received on time...online system will provide you with a confirmation receipt.
- After your billing roster has been updated, Kiwanis will send your club an invoice for the dues owed.
- Please be sure to pay your dues invoice within 30 days of receipt.
- Want your membership to count for the 2009-10 certified count? If so, Kiwanis must receive your updated membership on or before September 30!
- Still need more help...watch for the "Online Club Billing Roster Processing" webinar coming in August! Webinar dates August 10 & 11, 2:00 pm (ECST).

For printable summary of this information

https://www.kiwanisone.org/Files/Districts/79/Documents/Online%20billing%20roster%20processing-final%202_.pdf

Club Election Reports for 2010-2011: Thank you once again to Club Secretaries for submitting your Club Election Reports. 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. The new Kiwanis year that starts in October is only 4 months away.

Interclub Award: Just a reminder that the timeline for Interclub Awards has changed this year. Beginning with the 2009-2010 Kiwanis year, the interclub visit timeline will change to coincide with the Kiwanis year – October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010. Award patches will be distributed to qualifying clubs after the September 30 deadline. A complete summary of Interclub Award Criteria can be found on our website <http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/Files/Districts/79/Documents/INTERCLUB%20AWARD%20CRITERIA.pdf>

District Convention Key Note Speaker

Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn, District Convention, Co-Director

This year you want to be in the convention center when it opens at 1:00pm on Friday afternoon, August 13th, 2010, at the Doublewood Inn, in Fargo, ND. Our Key Note speaker this year will set the pace for an exciting and motivational convention of sharing and learning.

Shortly after the convention opens we will be hearing our Key Note speaker for the convention.....Patrick Kasper.....

Patrick Kasper has been a positive force in the mind/body fitness industry for over 15 years. Patrick has combined his passion for fitness and dance and became a popular fitness instructor at health clubs in Boston, Los Angeles, New York, Minneapolis and more.



He hosted the TV show "Shape up Chicago" and has entertained fitness enthusiasts internationally in France, Grand Cayman, and in Bahrain where he worked as a trainer for the US Military on the "Elite 6 Seasports Team". As a Fitness Representative for Reebok, Patrick choreographed and performed on the Reebok Demo Team and planned and implemented successful promotions at conventions throughout the U.S.

Patrick is currently sharing Positive Motion with people of all generations and backgrounds throughout the world. Here is link to his website <http://www.positivemotion.net/bio.html>

Later in the convention you will have an opportunity to attend one of Patrick's workshops and also visit with him at his information booth.

Kiwanis Khorale 2010

Submitted by: Larry & Pat Rittgarn, District Convention, Co-Directors

The Kiwanis Khorale will once again be performing at the 2010 District Kiwanis Convention, at the Doublewood Inn, at Fargo, ND. Each club was mailed a Khorale application blank for members to fill out and return to Laura Handegaard. Click on the following for a copy of the form - <http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/Files/Districts/79/Documents/District%20Convention/Kiwanis%20Khorale.pdf>



This group will begin rehearsals on Thursday evening August 12th in the evening and will also have a social after rehearsal to get better acquainted. Plan now to be a part of this fun fun group.....Be a Kiwanis Khorale member or guest and sing, sing, sing.

93rd Annual District Convention Friday Night Event

Submitted by: Pat and Larry Rittgarn, District Convention Co-Directors

Kiwanians get out the saddle shoes, poodle skirts, and all of that gear that was so popular in the 50's because we are going to rock to the 50's on Friday Night at the 93rd annual Kiwanis District Convention. The Fargo Doublewood Inn will be the place and all of you will be rockin' to the 50's music and enjoying a family evening of fun and socializing with all of your Kiwanis members from all over the Minn-Dak District.

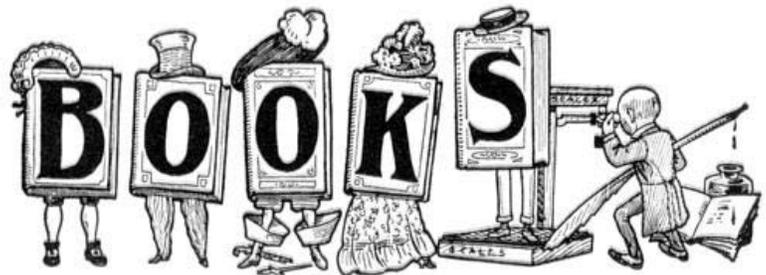


Plan now to be in the swing with the sounds and motion of the 50's. This event will lead us into the awards part of a fun filled evening, when clubs and members will be recognized for their accomplishments this past Kiwanis year. See you in Fargo.

Bag up your BOOKS for the 93rd annual Kiwanis Convention

Submitted by: Larry & Pat Rittgarn, District Convention Co-Directors

BAG UP YOUR USED BOOKS! At the 93rd annual Kiwanis Convention in Fargo, on August 13, 14, 15, 2010 we will once again have a used book store, so watch for more details, and save those books. Bring your books and plan to take a bag of "NEW TO YOU" books back home.



All proceeds will go to charities in the Fargo Moorhead area, and you will get rid of books you no longer want and maybe even find some to replace them with.

Win - Win situation for everyone.....Books can be a healthy way of life, so why not begin to read, trade, and donate to help many needy people.

Kiwanis International Foundation

Submitted by: Chuck Schroder, Kiwanis International Foundation District Chair

HELP-HELP-HELP-HELP-HELP

We are in need of your club's help by contributing to the international Foundation annual clubs gift campaign. At the present time 69% of our clubs have not participated in the program. This means that we will not be able to give out the scholarships to the Key Club or Circle K as we have in the past. At the present time we will only be able to give one to each, and last year we were able to give four to each. Also the grant program will be cut back, but if your club will support this program at \$5.00 pr. member, we will get back on track.



While you're in Las Vegas at the International convention, stop by the foundation booth and participate in the Silent Auction that will be taking place. Many things will be happening and there will be forums as well for the foundation.

Remember this is your Foundation. I know that we can do it. We have wonderful leadership for the foundation now and this will help. There are plans that will help our district foundation grow, because when the International Foundation does well so do the district foundations.

REMEMBER: "**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN**".

What has your club done to promote membership?

Submitted by: Ann Backes Dodge, District Circle K Administrator

May was Kiwanis Membership Month. So, what did your club do to promote membership? What also happens at the end of May through the middle of June? College Graduation. If your Kiwanis club sponsors a Circle K Club, do you know where your graduates are going? Are they staying in the area? Or are they moving into another community that has a Kiwanis club? Another question for you, has your club ever run a Membership Campaign calling for all Key Club and Circle K Alumni in your community? Oh, wait I have one more question, if your Kiwanis club sponsors a Aktion Club, K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club or Circle K Club have you ever invited the parents of these members to a Kiwanis meeting to share with them what Kiwanis is and what their children are learning and doing when they are involved in our programs?



You are probably thinking right now, well why wasn't this in May's Minnkotan? I did this on purpose. You see it is my belief that membership recruitment is NOT just a membership committee thing, or a board thing or just a membership campaign thing. Membership recruitment is a never-ending journey; it IS AN EVERY DAY, EVERY MEMBER THING!

People cannot NOT be impressed with the impact Kiwanis makes with our sponsored youth programs. There is no other organization that can form our leaders of tomorrow like Kiwanis can. The last question, what kind of impact would there be in our district and with our sponsored youth programs if every member in every club invited ONE person to join Kiwanis? Think of the youth and invite someone to a Kiwanis meeting.

In the Spirit of Service and Youth...

Ann Backes Dodge
Circle K Administrator
Minnesota-Dakotas District

MARCH OF DIMES MONEY MADNESS

Submitted by: Ali Sandberg, Co-Chair

On the week of May 10-14, 2010, the Fridley High School Key Club sponsored a new project called "March of Dimes Money Madness." Key Club has a long standing relationship with the March of Dimes Foundation, an organization which improves the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature births and infant mortality. The Foundation is a useful way to make high school students aware of the problems in premature births and to get students involved with making a change.



The chairs of this project, Will Earley and Ali Sandberg, asked teachers if they would be willing to dress up in crazy costumes for the whole week. Each participating teacher would have a money bucket at the "March of Dimes Money Madness" table in the cafeteria. The teacher with the most money donated during the week would be the winner, complete with a nominal prize. The total money proceeds would go to the March of Dimes.

Four teachers jumped at the chance to volunteer in a heartbeat! As the week went on, an additional teacher begged to join in all the fun as well. Our popular math teacher, Ms. Swartout, dressed up as Pippi Longstocking and won the most student votes on the first day. As the teachers began to compete for the best dressed, the costumes got better and better! Student and staff involvement of this project was incredible. Our principal, Dr. Webb, also participated in this project and even gave out prizes to those who put money into his donation bucket. Behind the scenes he had to change his clothes several times throughout the day because of professional meetings he had to attend in business attire.

This "March of Dimes Money Madness" project was a success for the Fridley High School Key Club and the March of Dimes Foundation. The club raised \$231.01! On Friday, the donations doubled which showed how excited our school was for this project. This project added spirit to the school as students voted on costumes such as a gorilla, pirate, promzilla, mad scientist, hula girl, hippie and Mario Girl. It was a fun way to channel the "squirreliness" of May students into a positive outcome. Key Club was the talk of the school!

Ali Sandberg, Co-Chair
Fridley High School Key Club

K-Kids Activities 2009-10, Prairie Elementary School, Worthington, M

Submitted by: Dale Carlson, Worthington Early Risers

The K-Kids Club at Prairie Elementary School, Worthington, Minnesota just completed another successful year. This is the tenth year of the K-Kids Club at Prairie Elementary School. Approximately 60 students participated in this year's K-Kids Club.



Here is a listing of the activities for 2009-2010:

1. Started the year with an open gym night for all K-Kids members.
2. Sponsored and organized a breakfast with a program to honor all veterans.
3. Collected food items for the Community Christmas Baskets.

4. Decorated Christmas cookies to celebrate the holidays.
5. Attended a boy's basketball game wearing their K-Kids T-shirts.
6. Fighting the winter blues - organized a week of fun dress up days and provided treats for the staff.
7. Planned and organized the Spring Fling week at Prairie Elementary School.
8. Collected 900 pounds of food for the Manna Food Pantry in March.
9. Collected Pennies for Patients and raised \$895.41 for this project.
10. Sponsored a Hats for Haiti project and collected \$400.00 for Haitian relief.
11. Collected Carnival Baskets for the school carnival.
12. Collected Campbell Soup labels to be redeemed for school play equipment.
13. Helped with Homecoming days at Prairie Elementary School.
14. Ended the year with an open gym night for all K-Kids members.
15. On May 6 the Early Risers Kiwanis Club sponsored an Achievement and Recognition Breakfast for all K-Kids, their parents and Early Risers members.

Prairie Elementary School K-Kids is sponsored by the Early Risers Kiwanis Club of Worthington, Minnesota. Tiffany Neugebauer and Zach Dingmann, 5th grade teachers at Prairie Elementary School, are the advisors for K-Kids. Tiffany has been an advisor for three years and Zach for one year. They both have done an excellent job of advising the K-Kids. Tiffany was recognized for her three years of dedicated service by being presented with a plaque honoring her for her work with youth. Dale Carlson serves as the Early Risers Kiwanis Club advisor to K-Kids.

Worldwide Service Project

A cause to care about

Which will Kiwanis choose as its next Worldwide Service Project? We'll all find out this June at the [Kiwanis International convention](http://www.kiwanisone.org/convention) (www.kiwanisone.org/convention). In the meantime, read all about these important causes at www.kiwanis.org/wsp.

Kiwanis International Foundation

Kiwanis International Foundation campaign surpasses goal

Kiwanis International Foundation raised more than US\$750,000 in a historic, seven-month fundraising campaign.

The New Beginning Campaign, a lively collaboration in which Kiwanis International matched, dollar for dollar, all unrestricted gifts to the foundation, saw participation by 547 clubs and nearly 4,000 Kiwanians from all U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and 14 nations. The \$1.5 million in funds will bolster the foundation's grants and programs that help underwrite Kiwanis club and district projects worldwide.

"The generosity of Kiwanians and Kiwanis clubs never ceases to amaze me," remarks Paul Palazzolo, Kiwanis International president. "There was such superb collaboration at all levels for the New Beginning Campaign. More than ever, Kiwanis International and its foundation are partnering to fulfill the Kiwanis mission of representing the least and last of society."

Center Stage

Put your best stories on Center Stage

Have you checked out Kiwanis International's storytelling site, [Center Stage](http://www.kiwanis.org/centerstage) (www.kiwanis.org/centerstage)?

Read some great club stories and [send your best projects](mailto:centerstage@kiwanis.org) (centerstage@kiwanis.org) to Kiwanis International for consideration for Center Stage.

Convention

Delegates: Be informed before you vote

Whose names are on the ballot? What bylaws changes are being proposed?

It's best you know what you're voting on before you enter the Business Session—so read up on the [amendments and resolutions](http://community.kiwanisone.org/media/p/18324/download.aspx) (http://community.kiwanisone.org/media/p/18324/download.aspx) and learn more about the [candidates](http://slp.kiwanis.org/vegasicon2010/Libraries/Documents_PDFs/Bio_Candidates_for_International_Office_pdf.sflb.ashx?download=true) (http://slp.kiwanis.org/vegasicon2010/Libraries/Documents_PDFs/Bio_Candidates_for_International_Office_pdf.sflb.ashx?download=true) today.

And by the way, voting should be a breeze. Handheld units are back this year after proving to be quite a success last year in Nashville.

Reminder.....Please note the timeline change beginning 2009-1010.....

Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District

INTERCLUB AWARD CRITERIA

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. **Note change:** *Beginning with the 2009-2010 Kiwanis year, the interclub visit timeline will change to coincide with the Kiwanis year – October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010. Award patches will be distributed to qualifying clubs at a later date.*
7. The visit must be reported on the club online monthly report. It may also be reported via e-mail or via regular mail the to the district interclub chairperson.

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