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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>

Steve Handegaard  
District Secretary/Treasurer  
Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis International

## Call to the District Convention in Willmar, Minnesota - 5/30/2018

*Submitted by: Dan Leikvold*

If you have not yet done so, it is time to register for the 101st Annual Convention of the Minnesota Dakotas District of Kiwanis International. The Convention will take place August 10-12.

Every single club in the District should be represented and take full advantage of this great opportunity. To register and to learn more about the Convention, go to <http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/Page/1010>



We are very happy this year to be returning to the friendly and beautiful city of Willmar. The hospitality, the attractions, the dining, the fishing, the historical sites, and the Willmar Conference Center, all add up to make this an outstanding setting for a great Convention. I am confident that while you are attending our District gathering, you will have a wide variety of opportunities to grow as a Kiwanian.

Judie Rosendahl and her planning committee have done an outstanding job of putting together another great program for all of us. Through educational forums and keynote speakers, you will have a chance to explore many topics that will allow you to gather tools that you can use once you are back with your club.

Among these topics are membership growth, service to the community, and enhancing your leadership skills. You will also have the opportunity to hear about where our organization is at and where it is going as current and future divisional, district, and international level leaders of Kiwanis share their thoughts and vision.

As Kiwanians, we are constantly looking for new ways to help children and communities. We can never lose sight of the fact that "Kids Need Kiwanis." We need to look for new and relevant opportunities for service and we need to support and collaborate with our partners in the Kiwanis sponsored Service Leadership Programs such as Key Club, Circle K, Builders Club, K-Kids, and Aktion Club. This Convention will give you all of that.

It is important to keep in mind, Kiwanis conventions are not all about business. It is a great time to meet old friends and make new ones! While you are here, seize the opportunity to engage with others and exchange ideas with your fellow Kiwanians.

The possibilities for learning and networking at the Convention are truly awesome. Make your plans now to attend!

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### **Convention Corner - 5/30/2018**

*Submitted by: Judie Rosendahl*

I can hardly believe that we will be in Willmar for the 101st Minnesota Dakotas District Convention in only two months. I am looking forward to seeing you there! I have heard from first timers that they learned more about Kiwanis in one day at the convention than they knew from many years as a member. So glad that we can be involved with Kiwanis education. We have many great forums scheduled with many qualified, enthusiastic presenters. The US Army, a Kiwanis partner, will be presenting a forum as well as one entitled "How to be a Kiwanian." We will be sending out a complete listing of the forums soon. Watch your email for this information.



Saturday afternoon we will be having a joint presentation by our District Youth Protection Manager, Peter Larson, and our District Risk Manager, Ken Kohler. There is much for all of us to learn in these very important areas of Kiwanis.

If your club or you as an individual wants to put an ad in the convention booklet, please let me know right away. We will need this information soon as we will be compiling our booklet very soon. The cost for a business card size ad is \$35 and if you would like a larger ad, just let me know and we will get you the prices for those. My email is [mjrose@frontiernet.net](mailto:mjrose@frontiernet.net). Thanks for considering this as it makes the booklet more fun and interesting.

Remember our used book sale. This is a fun part of the convention as there are many good and interesting books donated.

We are again collecting diapers that will be given to the Salvation Army and Safe Avenues, two organizations that provide diapers to needy families. This has been a great service project for five years and it really helps needy families in the MnDak area each year. Please put this on your to-do list!

Have a great summer and we will see you in Willmar August 10-12!

REGISTER FOR THE CONVENTION ONLINE NOW! [www.mndak-kiwanis.org/Page/1010](http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/Page/1010)

Judie Rosendahl, Convention Director

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**June Update - 5/30/2018**

*Submitted by: Steve Handegaard*

**District Convention Director Position Opening:** Judie Rosendahl our current District Convention Director has indicated that she will be stepping down after this year's convention. Anyone interested in this volunteer position should contact Governor Dan Leikvold, Governor Elect David Harms or Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas for additional information. If possible we like to have someone appointed to the position as soon as possible so they can work alongside Judie during this year's convention.



**Club Election Reports for 2018-2019:** 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.

It is Kiwanis Convention time again! Both the District and International Conventions will provide some great learning and fun times this summer. To date Minnesota-Dakotas District has 44 members and 6 guests attending the **Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas**. You can check out some of the convention happenings at <http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2018>

The **District Kiwanis Convention in Willmar, MN, August 10-12**, 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 all necessary information and also your club's delegate certification form. The registration fee goes up after July 15. Register early! You can register online and find related information on our district website <http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/Page/1010>

**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. A brochure was sent hard copy to all clubs, but if you would like a copy of the brochure let me know and I can email you one.

**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 [kiwanisone@kiwanis.org](mailto:kiwanisone@kiwanis.org) or myself at [secretary@mndak-kiwanis.org](mailto:secretary@mndak-kiwanis.org)

**Interclub Award:** Just a reminder that the club visit timeline for Interclub Award coincides with the Kiwanis year – October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. 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/Page/24951>

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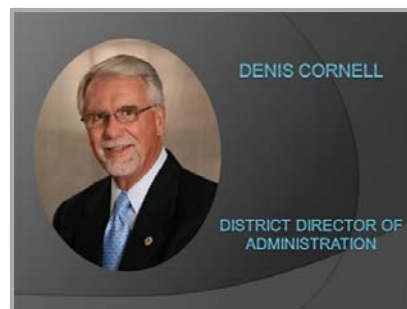
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**District Convention Memorial Service - 5/29/2018**

*Submitted by: Denis Cornell*

We will once again hold a memorial service at the 101st Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention in August 2018. Since 2012 we have held a Memorial Service at the 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. The 101st district convention will be held in Willmar, MN, August 10-12, 2018 and the Memorial Service will be held on Sunday morning, August 12th. Please send the names of those from your club who have passed away since our last convention to [cornell.denis@gmail.com](mailto:cornell.denis@gmail.com). I will need the names no later than Wednesday, August 1st.



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**Service Near and Far - 5/29/2018**

*Submitted by: Al Vanderlaan*

Service near and far!

Will we see what happened to the children we serve? Some we will, some we won't.

We all would like immediate victory and see the fruits of our labors. This may not always be true.

I have seen long term fruits of our labors. The children and their children.

Plant the seeds! Believe your are and will make a difference. If we can save and benefit one child we Kiwanians are victorious.

Our new representatives from both Scholastic Books and Books for Kids will be at our District Convention in August. Be sure to come and meet them.



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**Kiwanis Children's Fund Update - 5/29/2018**

*Submitted by: Kathy Welle*

Have you heard about the **KIWANIS DOLLAR?**

Every One dollar Bill has a letter in a black circle. If you see a **K**, that is the Kiwanis dollar. A challenge to you and your clubs: how many **K** dollars can you collect from now until our District Convention in August. These **K** dollars will be designated to the Children's Fund.

We can have competition between clubs and/or members to see who can collect the most **K** dollars from now until August, 2018. Any suggestions for competitions are Welcome.



**Kiwanis Children's Fund – About Us**

The Kiwanis Children's Fund raises money that transforms the goodwill and vision of Kiwanians into programs that serve the children of the world. We extend your Kiwanis Impact by supporting programs that promote healthy kids, educated kids, leadership development and priority programs like The Eliminate Project. When you give to the Children's Fund, you can make a difference in your own hometown, and in hometowns all over the world.

### **Five causes of the Children's Funds:**

- \*Service Leadership Programs for young people from Elementary school through college as well as adults with disabilities.
- \*Grants to clubs and districts that align relevant community services with the needs of children.
- \*Disaster Relief Grants for clubs and districts providing direct services and supplies in the aftermath of natural disasters.
- \*The Eliminate Project, the Kiwanis global campaign to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus.
- \*The Iodine Deficiency Disorder Project. Kiwanis global campaign to prevent mental disabilities through the proper iodization of table salt.

History: It began with 25 silver dollars. That's the donation Walter Zeller made in 1940- the first in our history, one year after the Kiwanis International Foundation had been established. Zeller's gift inspired others to build on his donation then. And Kiwanians have been doing so ever since. Today, we are known as the Kiwanis Children's Fund to better reflect who we serve: **children**, and how we serve them by funding the work of the Kiwanis family.

This year the Children's Fund is 79 years old. We will have a "special" pin to celebrate 79 years. The pins will be available soon, and I'm hoping to have them available in August for our District Convention in Willmar. This pin could be a special gift to recognize a Kiwanian or anyone for special achievements or a Service Award. It is my understanding the pin will be \$79.00.

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### **Kiwanis Educational Foundation - 5/29/2018**

*Submitted by: Jack Zierdt*

With the end of the school year either here, or fast approaching, depending on where you are, the students that have received their scholarships from the Foundation are very grateful for all that we as Kiwanis members do for them. I have received many notes and letters of thanks for the scholarship that the students received from



the Kiwanis Educational Foundation of the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District and the Children's Fund/District Foundation. The scholarships that we have awarded this year are \$950.00 scholarships that some of your clubs have increased to the \$1,000.00 amount by sending a \$50.00 donation to the Foundation. There is still time to honor the student(s) that won scholarships. If your club has not already done so, you can send a \$50.00 donation in the winner(s) name to the Foundation to increase the scholarship to the \$1,000.00 value. Each club that had a winning scholarship recipient received notice of the winner(s) with a copy of the letter sent to each recipient in April. If you have not already honored the winning student(s) at one of your meetings and/or a special event, please try to find some mutually agreeable time to do so before the student heads off to college.

Please remember to continue to send in the Century Club donation for your club each year. So far this year we have received \$6,400.00 from 51 of our clubs. If your club has not already sent in this contribution for the 2017 – 2018 Kiwanis year, you still have time to do so before the middle of September to be included in this year's total. The Century Club donations to the District Foundation go in to the scholarship funds to help us to be able to continue funding scholarships each year for students in our District. We rely on the interest earned from the Foundation's investments each year to determine the amount of the scholarship award.

Your donations to the Kiwanis International Children's Fund, also, come back to the District in the form of scholarship monies. This year the percentage that came back to our District allowed us to give out 2 - \$1,000.00 scholarships and 6 – scholarships totaling \$1,000.00 from matching funds of \$500.00 each from the Children's Fund and the Kiwanis District Educational Foundation. These scholarships allowed us to honor 8 more students than we did last year.

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## **JUNE IS NEW CLUB BUILDING EXCITEMENT MONTH - 5/29/2018**

*Submitted by: Sharon Scudder*

The Eye of the Tiger Team will be joining the MN-DAK District Governor Dan and members of the formula team to work in Egan, Eden Prairie and Bloomington, MN from June 3rd to June 6th to open at least 3 new clubs. If we have time, we will be working at Mall of America too. Kiwanis International President, Jim Rochford, Brad Boyd, Kendra Skidmore and others will be here to assist in making these clubs a reality.





Way to Go in strengthening clubs. Listed below are the new members in the clubs and their sponsors. We are missing a few sponsors so check with your secretary to make sure you are credited for ASKING:

DIVISION 1 - Devils Lake - Kari Agatness by Colleen Batton

DIVISION 3 - Baxter Lakes Area and Friends – Jayme VanRisseggem by Michael Schwartzwald

DIVISION 4 – NEW BOX ELDER CLUB – 16 MEMBERS

DIVISION 5 - Sioux Falls – Donna Helling by Nate Helling

DIVISION 6 - Willmar – Ross Peterson by Earl O Knutson

Granite Falls – Kyle Klausing by LeeAnn Smith

Early Risers Worthington – Richard Besel by UNKOWN

DIVISION 7 - Winona, Sunrisers – Kevin Arndt by Tom Reeck

We are obligated to build 10 clubs this year for Governor Dan and the MN-DAK DISTRICT so we are on our way. We started with the Sturgis 31 Club, adding Box Elder Club at the end of May and on to Minnesota to get Egan, Eden Prairie and Bloomington. We are pushing for Mall of America too so wish us luck. We hope to share our experiences with you at our District Convention in August at Willmar, MN.

We will be working next in Williston, Casselton, ND then on to Britton and Rapid City, SD. We are still looking for committed Club Openers and Club Coaches. Let me know if you are interested as we are preparing to form our team for next year.

Be sure to join us in Las Vegas June 27th to vote for your leaders, learn, socialize and have fun with friends from all over the world.

REMEMBER TO BAG SOMEONE (Bring A Guest). We need to keep growing. Until next month, Keep ASKING AND BAGGING.

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**Kiwanis & Student Council Working Together - 5/28/2018**

*Club: Harvey - Submitted by: Sandy Teubner*

Harvey's 7th and 8th grade student council members joined Harvey Kiwanis on Tuesday, May 22nd to pick up trash in the ditches along Highway 52 on the west side of Harvey. Pam Stewart, Dave Voeller,

Joann Hansen and Sandy Teubner from Kiwanis joined the students who were also accompanied by chaperones Ken Radke and Ashley & Kyle Ketterling. It's a "win-win" project working with the youth/students to teach them not to litter and hopefully have them thinking twice when they want to discard something out the car window to remember what it was like when they picked up all the trash", said Teubner. "We also appreciated the manpower as many of our members are unable to do this type of work, but it's a great community project."



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### **Spiritual Life Dinner - 5/28/2018**

*Club: Fargo Rough Riders - Submitted by: Rough Riders*

On the evening of May 21, Rev Dr David Knecht, a long time member of Rough Riders, led the club and guests in an evening of fellowship concentrating on the importance of Prayer, and spoke on "Renewing your Sense of Awe". A guest musician sang 'Amazing Grace' and 'God Bless America'. The opportunity to recognize members was included in the evening. Lisa Mulvaney, West Fargo Key club advisor, was honored for receiving an award for outstanding advisor in MNDAK Key clubs. Dave Ferguson was also honored with a Vantine fellowship given by the club in appreciation for his leadership as immediate past president.



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### **Scholarship Winners Announced - 5/28/2018**

*Club: Webster - Submitted by: Lola Pollard*

On May 12th, 2018 Webster High School in Webster, SD held their annual awards night. Many scholarships were presented. See the following link for more details and photos.

[portalbuzzuserfiles.s3.amazonaws.com/ou-87/userfiles/files/2018%20scholarship%20winners%20announced.pdf](https://portalbuzzuserfiles.s3.amazonaws.com/ou-87/userfiles/files/2018%20scholarship%20winners%20announced.pdf)

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## **KIWANIS SPRING SPRINT - 5/25/2018**

*Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley- Submitted by: Mary Bowen*

The Columbia Heights - Fridley Kiwanis Club sponsored a 5K run/walk and family event on May 12, 2018 from 9 am to 12 am at Sullivan Park in Columbia Heights, Minnesota. The purpose was to raise funds for Columbia Heights and Fridley High School scholarships.



The day was an enjoyable one for all who participated and worked the event. There were 18 local community members who participated in the 5K run/walk. Nine Kiwanians and ten Fridley High School Key Clubbers made a balloon arch, manned registration, distributed water and cheered for the participants. The making of the balloon arch was fun. The Key Clubbers estimated it would take several hours to make, but they were done in one!

All who gathered listened to live DJ music from A Ran Music Service. There was line dancing, musical chairs, cake walk games, and sports ball relays. Prizes were given out and everyone went home happy and full of fond memories!

The Columbia Heights/Fridley Kiwanis Club wishes to thank the sponsors Northeast State Bank, Tasty Pizza, Firefly Credit Union, Thrivent Financial, Culver's, Dave's Sport Shop, Embers, A Ran Music Service, Columbia Heights Rental, Heights Bakery, Roger Oclimb from Farmers Insurance, Bobby Williams from Freedom Oil, Red's Savoy Pizza, Landwehr Law, Mike's Discount Foods, Starbucks, and City of Columbia Heights Parks and Recreation. The success was due to the overwhelming support of each business! Thank you.

The Columbia Heights/Fridley Kiwanis Club proudly announces that \$1,600.00 was raised. It will be distributed equally between the two schools and used for scholarships.

The Club plans to make this an annual event. It hopes to see you there next year! Bring your family and your friends. Enjoy the morning with running, fun games, and music!

Mary Bowen, Spring Sprint Committee Member  
Columbia Heights - Fridley Kiwanis Club

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## **Youth Baseball Tourney - 5/21/2018**

*Club: Mitchell- Submitted by: Linda McEntee*

The Mitchell Kiwanis Club will host its annual youth baseball tournament July 7 & 8, 2018. The tournament will be held at Caldwell Park in Mitchell, South Dakota. Individual awards (13 awards per team) for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Entry fee is \$120.00.

For more information contact: Terry Johnson 605-933-0025 (tjohnson@mitchelltelecom.net). Entry Deadline is June 29, 2018. All teams are guaranteed to play 4 games with 8 teams entered in the tournament. Tournament will be pool play, round robin format.

Ages 8 through 12 invited. We will try to group by age, if there are not enough teams then we will combine ages depending on the amount of teams that are entered.

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### **Mitchell Bike Rodeo - 5/21/2018**

*Club: Mitchell - Submitted by: Linda McEntee*

Kiwanis Club of Mitchell held their Annual Bike Rodeo on May 8, 2018. Participants had their bikes inspected by Ron's Bike Shop, had a helmet fitting lesson with the Palace City Pedalers and enjoyed learning hand signals and riding through an obstacle course.



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### **Grand Opening Little Free Libraries - 5/21/2018**

*Club: Sturgis Golden K - Submitted by: Paula Meeker*

The Sturgis Golden K Kiwanis project to bring 3 Little Free Libraries to the Sturgis community was celebrated with a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on May 21. This project brought much interest and excitement to the Sturgis community and in attendance were members of the Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor, other city officials, local businesses owners, members of the community, our Aktion club members, city and school librarians, and students from 2nd grade.



Sturgis Golden K's intentions for the libraries are to inspire and support a love of reading, and provide 24/7 access to books for people of all ages.

Kiwanis members constructed the libraries and then painted them with colorful art. One Library was painted by the middle school Destination Imagination team and they had lots of fun and did a great job drawing and painting volcanoes, lava and happy dragons.

These 3 Little Free Libraries join our Kiwanis Book club, which provides books for the elementary after school program, in promoting and supporting literacy. In Little Free Libraries - The Books are Always a Gift - Never for Sale!

Sturgis Golden K President Duane Boy is shown cutting the ribbon.

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### **BEST PANCAKE BREAKFAST IN MINNESOTA! - 5/4/2018**

*Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Fridley Key Club*

On April 29th, NE Kiwanis held its Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Minneapolis Armory on Broadway Avenue. I'm proud to say that eight Key Clubbers from Fridley High School showed up to help from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Advisor Crzy Mry Bowen and Kiwanis Member Aaron Neumeister assisted us with cooking and distributing food, cleaning and resetting tables, pouring coffee, and emptying garbage cans.



It could be dreaded, tedious work, but it also warmed our hearts with contentment and, not to mention, filled our stomachs with food. The NE Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast isn't the most touted in all of Minnesota for no reason. They serve blueberry and strawberry syrup on top of soft, fluffy pancakes, along with a side of homemade sausages from Sentyrz's Grocery Store! (The syrup was a double-edged sword. It was delicious, but filling the bottles was a sticky task and Advisor Mary Bowen commented on her way home that her home smelled like syrup.)

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## Day of special guests for Crookston Kiwanis - 5/1/2018

*Submitted by: Nikk Caputo*

Abiha Qureshi came and did a lovely presentation about her home country of Pakistan, and brought along some amazing gifts! Abiha is at the university on an Emerging Leader Scholarship, as part of her creating her own service group JAAGO, which also helps the youth and many others in her country.



Our other guests, Olivier Perrin and Pierre-Yves Bernard, all the way from Normandy, France are here learning more about Crookston Agriculture. They both are Professors and hoping to take back some knowledge on producing sugar, from sugar beats compared to sugar cane.