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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>

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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

Support the Minnesota Dakotas Kiwanis District Educational Foundation - 4/30/2018

Submitted by: Dan Leikvold, District Governor

In the coming weeks, thousands of students will graduate from the many high schools located in communities throughout the Minnesota Dakotas Kiwanis District. It is a time for great pride as we celebrate the numerous achievements and accomplishments of our young people. It is a time for reliving the awesome and sometimes embarrassing memories associated with growing up, and it is a very exciting and joyful time for seniors, their families, and our schools.



As with most transitions, moving on from high school can present those involved with a mixture of positive vibes and a good bit of anxiety. The excitement comes from the opportunity to move to a new city, the prospect of meeting new friends, and the chance to stare out over new horizons. The trepidation can come from leaving family and friends behind, going to an unfamiliar setting, and the uncertainty that comes with the costs associated with post-secondary education.

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

This year, the Educational Foundation has awarded 63 total scholarships. They awarded one scholarship at \$250.00; nine scholarships at \$1,000.00, (six of these were Children's Fund Scholarships); and 53 scholarships at \$950.00 each. The Foundation has received monies from some Kiwanis Clubs to make the \$950.00 scholarships worth \$1,000.00 or in some cases, even more. Therefore, the Foundation will be writing out checks in excess of \$61,400.00 for the scholarships during the 2018 - 2019 academic year.

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

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

Rachael Disrud Announces Candidacy for Governor Elect 2018-2019 - 4/30/2018

Submitted by: Rachael Disrud

**“We make a living by what we get,
We make a life by what we give.”
-Winston Churchill**

For you, the Kiwanian, you are the epitome of the sort of person Winston Churchill was speaking about.

For me, it is an honor to be a part of our mutual journey as we strive to impact the lives of children and citizens of the world who will guide the present and the future of our communities, states, country and globe. There are 80 countries around the world that share the common focus of Kiwanis - 'to improve the lives of children and community'. Thank you for what you are doing.



It has taken me several months of deliberation and prayer for guidance while pondering if I am the 'right person at the right time' to take on the role of Governor – Elect for our MNDAK Kiwanis. Thank you to my club, 'the Rough Riders', Division 2 and all others who have encouraged and supported this endeavor. Without the positive spirit of our Kiwanis family, it would not be possible

What about me? According to 'seasoned' Kiwanians, I was a Kiwanian in support of our mission long before becoming a member. Why? Together, we advocated for children, families, education and their lives in the name of Kiwanis. We (Lowell and I) have four sons (named Daniel, David, Douglas and Stephen), two daughters in laws (Janelle and Naomi), seven grandchildren and always an animal or two, especially dogs. We have lived in Fargo for 42 years, moving from Manhattan, Kansas and Montana before that. My primary degree is from Kansas State University and there are many courses beyond that including conflict resolution from UND and counseling from NDSU. For employment, I have raised a family of whom I am very proud, have worked in areas that include families and children plus have volunteered in areas that focus on community and children as well as having served in public service focusing on the safety and well-being citizens of our state through ND Legislature. What does all this mean? Primarily, it means that I 'love to continue learning and share in fellowship with you'. In Kiwanis, I will complete a term as Lt Governor for Division 2 which includes the area from Grafton to the north, Alexandria to the south, Lisbon, Wahpeton and Valley City to the west and Detroit lakes to the east which embraces 19 dynamic clubs.

Kiwanis has allowed me the opportunity to continue in a quest for my passion for learning about life. We live life is in various stages which include birth, family, friendships, community, spiritual life while we grow physically, emotionally and go through the process of aging, world of work, lifelong education, service to others, and continued personal growth – all of which we cannot do alone as ‘no man is an island’.

Thank you for all you do for your community through Kiwanis. If you elect me in August during our MNDAK convention in Wilmar, Minnesota, I will continue to listen, serve, and focus on the needs you identify - we will work together. Your club and members are critical in our mission of serving the children of the world. If you agree, our goal will be to strengthen your personal leadership opportunities and skills as well as assist in strengthening the quality of service to and through your clubs.

In Service to you and our mission of Kiwanis
Rachael Disrud

Convention Corner - 4/29/2018
Submitted by: Judie Rosendahl

This week the Kiwanis Clubs of the Minnesota Dakotas District will be mailed the convention packets showcasing the fun and educational opportunities awaiting each of us who attend the 2018 Convention. Please be sure to look at it and then register to attend August 10-12, 2018 in Willmar, Minnesota. You can also view all of the information online. You can also register online at the following link: <http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/Page/1010>



Please be thinking about what you can donate to our silent auction for Eliminate. Last year we raised \$2000 and our goal is to do that again this year. The children around the world continue to need our help to raise the money needed to protect them from Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus.

At this time we are looking for clubs and individuals who will sponsor an ad in our convention booklet. These can be any size but the favorite size is business card size for \$35 each. Please let me

know if you are interested in advertising in this way. My email is mjrose@frontiernet.net. I look forward to hearing from you. I will need your information by July 1st to get it in the booklet.

We will be having two special times for entertainment at this convention. We will have juggler and comedian, Sean Emory, on Friday night after the General Session and Dueling Pianos following the Saturday night banquet. Both promise to be fun and entertaining so you won't want to miss the convention this year.

In addition we will be having many informative forums. On Friday afternoon we will have three times for forums and on Saturday morning there will one additional forum time. You won't want to miss these!

Remember to register now for the convention! It is always so much fun to meet new Kiwanis friends and of course, it's wonderful to see friends from past years. Look for the changes we have implemented for you which we hope will meet with your approval.

May Update - 4/29/2018

Submitted by: Steve Handegaard

Call to Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Convention, August

10-12. 2018: The Official Call to Convention letter will be sent by U.S. Mail to all Kiwanis Club secretaries the first week in May. The mailing contains the registration/delegate certification form and other information. You can also access and download the same District Convention Forms and Information on our district website at <http://mndak.portalbuzz.com/Page/1010>



Online registration is now open. Online registration requires card payment. Look for the "Sign-Up" button at the above link. District Convention registrations are due by July 15. Registrations after July 15 will incur an additional late fee.

2018-2019 Club Election Report Online: Club secretaries should submit the results of club elections through the online reporting system as soon as elections are completed. Due date for the club election report is June 1st. The online election report is ready to go, so you can submit any time. It is very important that this information is received in a timely manner so that directories and mailing

lists can be compiled by Kiwanis International and the District Office.

International Convention in Las Vegas: As of this date we have 40 Kiwanians and 4 guests from the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District registered for the Kiwanis International Convention. Total convention registration as of this date is now at 3276. There is still time to register for the International Convention. You can register online no later than May 18, 2018. After that date you could still register on-site in Las Vegas. You can find all of the necessary forms and information on the Kiwanis International website <http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2018>

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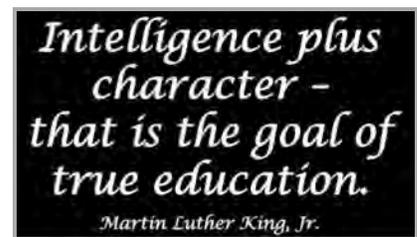
Phone: 218-589-7581

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Education through example - 4/28/2018

Submitted by: Al Vanderlaan

Fellow Kiwanians, We all are educating our children and grandchildren through books and our example. You are on the front lines! You will and are now making a difference with the children your club works with.



WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR LIVES!

Good or bad they will learn through your efforts as well as others they come in contact.

Keep up the good word!

Follow up on the places where your club has sent money to to support their organizations efforts. Be sure to have these groups come to your club meetings to be a speaker. Keep their feet to the fire or move on to other organizations that will do the work Kiwanis believes in.

If the children don't learn from you, they will learn from someone else.

Hooray! A New Builders Club - 4/28/2018

Submitted by: Nancy Cornell Builders Club Administrator

Congratulations to the Rapid City Kiwanis Club for sponsoring a new Builders Club at Southwest Middle School in Rapid City, South Dakota. They also sponsor a Builders Club at West Middle School. Kathleen Van Horn is the Kiwanis Club president and also the Kiwanis adviser for the new Builders Club. Way to go, Rapid City!



Even though the school year is winding down, it is still a good time to start working toward sponsoring a Builders Club. Middle School/Junior high students need you.

Through Builders Club you can:

- * Inspire students to believe in their ability to change the world
- * Help students develop self-confidence at a critical time in their lives.
- * Encourage leadership that transforms ideas into meaningful action.
- * Generate a more caring and inclusive school climate.

The first step in sponsoring a Builders Club is to check out the Builders Club website at www.buildersclub.org and have your Kiwanis Club's support. The next step is to talk to a principal of 6th, 7th and/or 8th grade students. Use the chartering tool kit, which can be found at www.kiwanis.org/charter. Look through the steps, even if you are not ready to charter. At step 6, click on "Complete charter petition". Read through the charter to see what your Kiwanis Club's responsibilities are.

Please let me know when you are working on sponsoring a Builders Club. And also contact me with any questions or concerns.

nancyc2@centurytel.net or 507-346-2044. Kids Need Kiwanis!

A Builders Club Success Story - 4/28/2018

Submitted by: Nancy Cornell

The Builders Club at Kingsland Jr. High in Spring Valley, MN recently attended a meeting of their sponsoring Kiwanis Club where Key Club students auctioned off their yard cleaning, window washing, and leaf raking services.



The Builders Club also sponsored a "Coin War" in the Kingsland Elementary School which raised \$1300.00 for the Kiwanis sponsored Food for Kidz event in Stewartville, MN and organized by the Stewartville Kiwanis Club. The Coin War provided funds for 2600 of the more than 174,000 meals that were packaged on April 7th. If there is enthusiasm and a worthy project, great things happen.

District By-Law Changes - 4/28/2018

Submitted by: Denis Cornell, District Director of Administration

Any club, by a majority vote of its active members, may submit a proposed bylaw change to be considered at any convention of the district. Any proposed changes must be submitted to the District Secretary Treasurer not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the convention. The 101st Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention will be held August 10-12, 2018 at Willmar, MN. Any proposed bylaw change to be considered at this year's convention must be submitted to Steve Handegaard, District Secretary/Treasurer, P.O. Box 735, Dalton, MN 56324-0735 no later than June 11, 2018.



MN-DAK Kiwanis Citizenship Award - 4/28/2018

Submitted by: Denis Cornell, President, Past District Officers Association

Each year the Past District Officers Association (PDOA) selects a person or persons from within the Minnesota-Dakotas District to receive the "Citizenship Award."

Nominees are submitted by Kiwanis Clubs of the Minnesota-Dakotas District. The award recipient(s) will be recognized at our

annual Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention in Willmar, MN on Saturday, August 11, 2018.

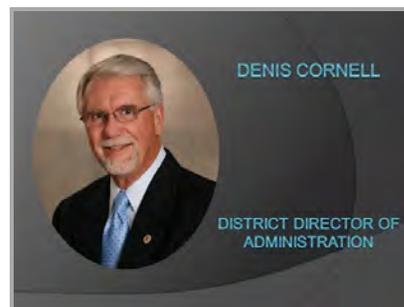
There is not a formal application form. If your club wishes to submit a nomination, please:

1. Submit a nomination of a person or persons who have been a part of a heroic deed this past year (between July 2017 and June 2018).
2. Include a short description of the circumstances of the heroic deed, and any news clippings or other supporting information.
3. Include the name of your Kiwanis Club and President, a contact person with the contact information (preferably e-mail address) and the name of your Lieutenant Governor and Division number.

The PDOA will inform the nominating Club if their nominee was chosen for the award. The nominating Kiwanis Club is responsible for the travel and lodging expenses for the recipient to attend the banquet at the District Convention. The PDOA will pay for the recipient's meal at the banquet.

The information must be submitted by June 30th, 2018 to:

Denis Cornell, PDOA President
22884 Oak Hill Drive
Spring Valley, MN 55975
Phone: 507-346-2044
cornell.denis@gmail.com



Kiwanis Children's Fund Update - 4/28/2018

Submitted by: Kathy Welle

Finally - Signs of Spring flowers on the way.

Kiwanis Children's Fund District Giving Report Update:

As of March 31, 2018 2017-2018 Giving (US\$)
Club Individual Total



Minnesota-Dakotas K13 \$15,151 \$6,249 \$21,400

District Per Member

\$3,210 \$5.64

President's Challenge for our District is \$39,338.

With another \$18,450, total giving by District will match 2016-2017.

Remember KI now returns 15% back to the District. This is a 10% increase from the previous years.
(15% x \$39,849)

A payment of \$5977 was paid to our District last month, and will be used for scholarships via the MN-Dakotas District Education Foundation program. Club and Individual giving to the Children's Fund has a direct impact back to our District.

As an incentive for clubs to meet their giving goals, Kiwanis has a Mother's Day Zellar program. Recognize someone special with a Zellar Award.

Children's Fund is 79 years old this year. We will continue celebrating, more details to follow.

Thanks to all of you for your support.

#KidsNeedKiwanis

KIDS-KIDS CHALLENGE TO BE CONTINUED - 4/28/2018

Submitted by: Theresa Looby

I am pleased to announce that Vern Hagedorn of Division Four has accepted the challenge to start K-Kids Clubs in Elementary Schools. He is currently working on establishing two K-Kids programs.



A K-Kids Club will be a part of the opportunities presented to the students of General Beadle Elementary School in North Rapid City, South Dakota. General Beadle experiences a multi-cultural population that is looking for programs to develop the skills found in the

K-kids program. The Administration and Mr. Hagedorn are working together to ensure the institution of the program with the first meeting prior to the end of this academic year. The fall semester will provide a new experiences for the children. K-Kids Club will be organized. Terrific Kids and BUGS programs will be become a part of the K-Kids program as well.

The second K-Kids Club is planned for fall in Hot Springs, South Dakota. This Club also supports a Key Club and a Builders Club. Therefore,adding a K-Kids Club will provide all children in the school district with the leadership skill building afforded by Kiwanis SLP,s.

Thank you to Vern Hagedorn for accepting the challenge. I know he will succeed in adding two K-Kids Clubs in the area.

Who will be second to accept the challenge?

Theresa Looby
K-Kids Adminstrator

May Membership Marathon - 4/28/2018

Submitted by: Sharon Scudder

Wow! What an exciting time we had at the Lt. Governor's training in Fergus Falls, MN. Brad Boyd was our KI representative who had many good ideas on membership. The entire Lt. Governor's team was given a booklet on membership tips on how to get members and open new clubs. Be sure you ask your Lt. Governor to share these tips and get educated on these great tips.



Asking is on the rise—we are seeing new members all the time and the below listed sponsors need a round of applause for their efforts in changing lives.

Division 2.

Rough Riders - Fyl Orbus by Rachael Disrud

Alexandra Golden K – Dennis Gronholz by Michael Syverson

Crookston Pioneer 100 – Lisa Meyer by Shirley Iverson

Division 4.

Sturgis Golden K – Dennis Cowen by John Raforth

Division 7.

Rochester Golden K – Joan Ward by Michael Sheehan

Lake City – Catherine Sprout by David Harms

Please make sure sponsors names are in the back of the application so you can get credit for signing up your new members .

May is membership month so one of the best way to serve your community is to grow your club. We are five months into Governor Dan's year and we are needing to build 10 clubs. We have one chartered, two in the works and more to charter this year. If you are aware of any city that would LOVE A KIWANIS CLUB.....(Which every one does), please let me know this month as we are booking up fast to meet our quota.

Remember your ABC's -Ask, Bring a guest, and continue asking and bringing. Remind yourself you are growing to serve children in the community.

Kiwanis Club of Minot needs some sleep! - 4/26/2018

Club: Minot- Submitted by: Carla Dolan

The Kiwanis Club of Minot is tired. But they don't seem to mind. The Club held its annual After Prom Party April 7 to allow Minot High School juniors and seniors to continue celebrating into the wee hours of the morning. The club provides gaming, dancing, food and prizes, all free to the students. The students come in their prom attire and need to check in and check out if they leave early.



"This is a great service project for our group, as it shows our commitment to the children in our community," said Kiwanis Club of Minot President Jessica Carpenter. "We enjoy hearing from the students about their night and keeping them entertained until the big prizes are given out at 3 a.m.

276 of the 695 students who attended prom attended the After Prom Party. Now it's time for some real zzzzzzzzz's.

Division 2 Education Conference - 4/26/2018

Division: Division 2 - Submitted by: Division 2

The Division 2 Education Conference was held on April 7 at the Garden Pavillion in Fargo. Pledge and prayer was led by Dr Vern Bennett, and music was led by Immediate Past Lt Governor George French who also leads the choir at District Convention. Subjects covered were making good use of the Minnekotan, demonstrated by Steve Handegaard; Club Coaching led by Larry Rittgarn, Past Governor; Leadership and Membership led by David Odette, Co Chair of the Formula Team; clubs shared successes and concerns with one another; Club Leadership Education (CLE) updates by Colleen Hyde and Lowell Disrud; tips for working with Key Clubs by Lisa Mulvaney Advisor; services of the KI and MNDAK Foundation, Lowell Disrud; Ken Kohler, MNDAK District Risk Manager was asked to cover liabilities in working with youth. Mr. Kohler will be presenting important information during the District Convention in Wilmar. Peter Larson presented on how to safely and appropriately chaperone students. Unfortunately, due to a spring snow storm in South Dakota, Governor Dan Leikvold was unable to attend. Thirteen of the 19 clubs in Division 2 were represented.



15th Annual Kiwanis Food for Kidz Event a Huge Success - 4/26/2018

Club: Stewartville - Submitted by: Mary Brouillard

On Saturday, April 7, the Stewartville Kiwanis, Key and Builders Clubs hosted the 15th annual Kiwanis Food for Kidz food pack event as the Division 7 South One Day of Service project at the Stewartville Civic Center. Co-hosted by members of the Spring Valley Kiwanis, the day was a great success with 520 volunteers, including 185 Kiwanis Family members from Division 7 South, in attendance. Members of the Kiwanis family included the 3 Stewartville clubs; Spring Valley Kiwanis, Key and Builders Clubs; Rochester Kiwanis, Golden K, Daymakers and Sunrisers Clubs and their Key Clubs from John Marshall, Century and Mayo High Schools; Lake City and their Aktion and Key Clubs; Winona Sunrisers and their Winona State Circle K Club. In addition there were many churches, school clubs,

other service clubs, individuals and families from Stewartville and the surrounding area in attendance for the event. Members of Kiwanis International Service Partners – the U.S. Army and area Boy Scout Troops also helped for the day.

The organization Food for Kidz of Stewart, MN, brought all the ingredients and supplies for the meals. Money was raised in advance to pay for those. Using an assembly line method, volunteers measure the ingredients for the meals into a bag, weigh and seal the bags, and put them in boxes for shipping. 15 tables of 10 to 11 volunteers were working full speed the entire day. Other volunteers kept the tables supplied with ingredients and shipping boxes while more loaded the boxed food onto pallets and returned them to the Food for Kidz truck. As one Kiwanian in attendance said, "This process works like a well-oiled machine".

174,648 chicken flavored rice and soy meals were packed at the event bringing the total of meals packed in 15 years to 1,678,172. In addition, the Food for Kidz organization (Stewart, MN) donated 2 pallets of 11,880 meals each to the Rochester, MN Channel One food shelf – one pallet of oatmeal-cinnamon meals and one pallet of rice and bean meals. Currently Food for Kidz is shipping food to the following countries and U.S. states and territories: Texas, Puerto Rico, Haiti, Honduras, Afghanistan, Sierra Leone, and Syria.

For information on how to host a Food for Kidz food pack event visit the Food for Kidz website, www.foodforkidz.org

Bismarck Pancake Breakfast Held and Scholarships Awarded - 4/25/2018

Club: Bismarck - Submitted by: Paul Schadewald

With a lot of help from our friends, our annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser was again a success. While final financial numbers are not in, we served 497 and had a good time doing it. Thank you all those who helped make it a success. These include our Key Clubs, the Boy Scouts, the Aktion Club, our members, spouses, friends and supporting businesses. We are especially grateful to Camille Grothier and Kilee Harmon for co-chairing this event.



The Bismarck Kiwanis Club is proud to announce our \$1000 Scholarship winners for 2018!

Marleigh Buechler, from Bismarck High
Rachel Burgard, from Bismarck High
Micah Larshus, from Legacy High
Alexis Kuhn, from Bismarck High

Each of these winners submitted an application which included a listing of their extra-curricular activities, how they are involved in the community and where they volunteer, and a letter discussing their future plans. Please plan to attend the Kiwanis Meeting on May 15th where the program consists of these future leaders sharing their plans with our club.

Thank you to the Kiwanis member scholarship committee consisting of Steve Delap, Jessica Holcomb and Reva Kautz.

Special Olympics pancake day - 4/23/2018

Club: Fargo South Point - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn

On Saturday, April 14, the Fargo South Point Kiwanis Club and the Fargo Rough Rider Kiwanis club combined their efforts to do the pancake flipping and the sausage preparation. One of the major changes this year was the help of the corporate members of the Fargo South Point Club.



The Fargo campus of the University of Jamestown, ND is a corporate member of the South Point club and this year over 20 students helped during the day. In the picture there are a good number of them, along with 4-5 members of the Special Olympic organization. They were ready to begin the serving of several hundred guests during the fund raising event.

Good programs make good Kiwanis meetings - 4/23/2018

Club: Fargo South Point - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn

One of the most important parts of a successful Kiwanis club is the programs that are scheduled for each week. When members are surveyed and asked the question about their joining the club, there

are usually two answers. One is the service that is offered by the club and its members and the other is ALWAYS, the PROGRAMS each week.

Programs are so important, and also announcing the future programs as far ahead of time is critical so members can pass that information on to prospects, and make plans to be sure their calendars are cleared for their club meeting date.



Shown in this picture is James Garvey, from the fire marshall's office. His presentation included his responsibilities, regarding fire safety, fire prevention and fire investigations.

Celebrating the New Sturgis 321 Club - 4/19/2018

Submitted by: Paula Meeker

On April 17, Minn-Dak Governor Dan Liekvold presented the Sturgis Kiwanis 321 Charter to club President Tina Ficek. Also in attendance from District 4 were Lt. Governor John Hauge, Lt. Governor-Elect Theresa Looby, and Sherry Scudder, District Formula Chair.

The 16 charter members, and guests from the Golden K Kiwanis enjoyed a delicious catered dinner followed by presentations from Governor Dan.

A special Eye of The Tiger watch and Certificates of Appreciation from Kiwanis International President James Rochford, were presented to Golden K Kiwanis club President Duane Boy, to Kiwanis 321 club President Tina Ficek, and Theresa Looby and Sherry Scudder from Kiwanis 321. The watch and certificates were in appreciation of the dedication and perseverance shown by these Kiwanians to organize and charter the new 321 club.



Following the presentation of the charter, dated November 21, 2017, each member received a charter certificate and pin to commemorate this special event.

As sponsoring club, Sturgis Golden K Kiwanis is very proud of the new Sturgis Kiwanis 321 club, and welcome them to the Sturgis Kiwanis family. We look forward to many fun and collaborative events.

Kiwanis club member Mr. Elwood Caldwell is older than ... the six permanent Objects of Kiwanis - 4/3/2018

Division: Division 7- Submitted by: Randy Schmidt

St. Paul, Minnesota (April 3, 2018) - As Lieutenant Governor of Kiwanis Minnesota-Dakotas Division 7, it is my pleasure to send my sincere congratulations and share my appreciation for Mr. Elwood Caldwell, member of Golden K Kiwanis, St. Paul, Minnesota, as he celebrates his 95th birthday in fellowship with members of his Kiwanis club.



I venture to guess that Mr. Caldwell's friends have been expressing friendly statements about the significance of his age. In a similar way, I will share that in 1924, when Elwood was one year old, the Kiwanis' six permanent Objects were adopted during the Kiwanis convention in Denver, Colorado, USA.

In 1924, Kiwanis Club International (as it was called at that time) had over 1,200 clubs and almost 90,000 members in 2 countries (US and Canada). It took another 38 years before Kiwanis opened the first club outside of the US and Canada.

Today, as we celebrate Mr. Caldwell's birthday, Kiwanis and its family of clubs annually dedicate more than 18.5 million service hours to strengthen communities and serve children. The Kiwanis International family is comprised of 16,500 adult and youth clubs and 560,000 adult and youth members in more than 82 countries and geographic areas.

Mr. Elwood Caldwell, thank you for your service and contributions to support children in your community and around the world. I am told that you are doing quite well, so I look forward to your continued engagement in Kiwanis. Could you help us recruit new members? A few in their 60's would be great because if they take after you, they could be members for another 30 years.

With Sincere Congratulations and Appreciation,
Randall Schmidt,
Lieutenant Governor, Kiwanis Minnesota-Dakotas Division 7

Six permanent Objects of Kiwanis:

1. To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
2. To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
3. To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.

4. To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.
5. To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.
6. To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.