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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

First Month as Governor - 10/31/2016

Submitted by: Peter Larson

As the first month of my term as your Governor comes to an end I want to thank my wife, Mon, for her patience and driving ability on all the road trips we have taken. It started with a visit to Devils Lake, ND, for the Division One Governor Conference. We discussed the Division goals for the year, the need for a new Lt. Governor, and raised some money for Eliminate with a silent auction.



We then went to the Key Club Fall Rally, although Mon went on to Burnsville, MN, while I stayed at YMCA Camp Ihduhapi with the Key Club members. I got to stay in the "Bunkhouse" that even had hot showers in the building. There were great team building adventures with the camp staff on Saturday morning, high rope adventures in the afternoon and officer training, mock caucusing and service projects in the evening. Campfires, scavenger hunts and other fun and games rounded out the weekend.

Our next trip was to Mitchell, SD, "Home of the Corn Palace", for the Division Five Governor Conference. We again discussed Division goals and tied a couple of blankets for a service project. Then we attended the chartering of two Keys Clubs in Willmar, MN. The Dream Technical Academy was a new club and the Willmar High School chartered again after being inactive for a few years. The next day we attended the ribbon cutting of a new playground in Harvey, ND where the wind and rain could not dampen the pleasure of seeing such a fine playground opened for the children of Harvey.

One final trip this weekend will finish our October treks. We are going to the Division Four Governor Conference in Sturgis, SD.

During the monthly conference call with Kiwanis International President, Jane Erickson, I learned that to complete the goal of finding 725 new Kiwanis members during my year as governor, I should have 132 new Kiwanis members join our clubs in October. That means nearly all of our 140 clubs would need a new member to meet that goal. Did your club find that new member? If you did not find that person, please look around your community and invite someone to join our efforts to improve our world one child and one community at a time.

November Update - 10/30/2016

Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

Directory of Club Presidents and Secretaries: I emailed all club secretaries a directory of all club presidents and secretaries in the district. If you would like a copy contact your club secretary, or send me an email and I will email it to you. The club directory is not posted on the district website, but is available upon request for Kiwanis related purposes. The best place to find meeting times and locations is on the Kiwanis International Club Locator <http://locator.kiwanis.org/FindAClub>



Minnesota-Dakotas District Leadership Directory- 2016-2017: Just a reminder that you can find a Minnesota-Dakotas District Leadership Directory on our District website. <http://mndak.portalbuzz.com/Page/1018>

Kiwanis International Club Recognition Program for 2016-2017: Last month the new club recognition program was announced in this newsletter. You can also find the details and criteria on our district website <https://portalbuzzuserfiles.s3.amazonaws.com/ou-87/userfiles/files/club%20recognition%20program.pdf>

Monthly Club Reporting: Special thanks to the club secretaries for their excellent monthly reporting this past year. The information submitted is very valuable. Monthly Reports are submitted online by the 10th of each following month. Remember that this is not just the Club Secretary's job. A club secretary needs information to report, so be sure to keep them informed of your committee activities, etc.

The reporting program allows the club secretary to automatically send a preview of the monthly club report by email to the president, board members and others before submission. I would highly encourage you to do this. You may catch things that are not getting reported. The reporting program also allows the secretary to email the final monthly report to anyone in your club.

If your club completed all 12 of your monthly reports you do not need to complete a separate annual report. The Annual Report for each club will be automatically generated from the online monthly reports.

Dues: I often get asked how the Kiwanis International and District dues break down on a yearly basis. They remain the same again this year: International dues = \$52.00 Liability Insurance = \$13.00 Club Directors and Officers Liability Insurance= \$4.00 KI Magazine = \$8.00 District dues = \$30.00

If I can be of any assistance, please let me know.

Have a great Kiwanis year!

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Minn-Dak FLTC 2016! - 10/29/2016

Submitted by: Hannah Engen

October can be a busy time of year for college students with Homecoming, midterms, and various other activities. For one weekend in October, though, many Minn-Dak Circle K students got a break from the studying and homework to attend our Fall Leadership Training Conference (FLTC). On October 7th-9th, over 40 students from the Minn-Dak clubs gathered together at Camp Patterson near Mankato, MN, for a fun weekend full of games, service, and learning more about CKI!



Students began arriving Friday night to get signed in and make their “Happy-Grams”. Each student could write their name on a paper bag and decorate it however they wish. The bags were then all set up next to each other in the main room. Throughout the weekend, students could write messages for new & old friends and stick them in their corresponding bags, so, at the end of the weekend, each student could take their Happy-Gram bag home and read all of the messages they received! The rest of the night consisted of club cheers, icebreakers, and just hanging out!

After a chilly first night in the cabins, we were up bright and early for a quick breakfast, so we could head into downtown Mankato to help with preparation for the Kiwanis Holiday Lights Christmas event. We assisted Kiwanis members in preparation through various different tasks, including cleaning, organizing, and sorting out thousands of lights! The end product will be a HUGE Christmas lights display set up in Mankato’s Sibley Park. The rest of the afternoon was packed with fun activities. For

the next couple of hours, students had the opportunity to select workshops to attend, such as “International Service Projects”, “CKI 101”, “How to be a Better Leader”, “Recruitment and Retention”, and ones for each District Board position. Following that, we did an assorted number of team building challenges called GPS (Group Processing Skills) Activities in which team members had to work together to solve problems. It was a great way for students to bond with each other! We closed the night out with a big game of Hide-N-Seek, District Officer mock elections (to give members an idea of what the real Board elections will be like), a campfire, and free time to just get to know one another better.

We wrapped up the weekend on Sunday morning by announcing the winner of our Penny Wars fundraiser for homelessness, handing out several awards, and awarding the “Spirit Stick” to the college that exhibited the most school spirit throughout the weekend.

Overall, FLTC 2016 was a successful, fun weekend for CKI members to make new friends, become more knowledgeable of CKI, and take a break from homework! Everyone had a great weekend, and we hope to make our upcoming DCON 2017 just as awesome!

Foundation Scholarship Applications Available - 10/29/2016

Submitted by: Jean Collins

The MN-Dak Kiwanis Education Foundation is sending each Kiwanis club the application for our 65 scholarships. The club president needs to sign the applications and pass them on to the scholarship department of their local high school. Students fill out the applications and their scholarship committee chooses the top three to send to the Kiwanis Education Foundation for judging. The Foundation has the application of one Division judged by a committee in another Division. Each Division receives two scholarships. There are three District wide scholarships. A number of designated scholarships are also presented. The judging committees are very impressed by the outstanding applications. These applications show the committees the high quality of the students that apply for our MM-Dak Kiwanis Education Foundation scholarships.



Sherry Scudder appointed District Partnership Coordinator - 10/29/2016

Submitted by: Sherry Scudder

A new position in our district called the Partnership Coordinator is responsible for connecting clubs with Kiwanis International official partners and supporting clubs in developing and maintaining signature projects to their communities. The Partnership Coordinator may also help form new partners in selected regions, applicable to those areas.



Kiwanis has many partners that can be valuable resources. Some of our partners are: I-Hop, US Army, Landscape Structures, Nickelodeon, Rustic Pathways, Up with People, Scholastic, March of Dimes, Children's Miracle Network, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, JCI (Jaycees International), Sister Cities International, Atlas Flags, Inc, Kiwanis Warehouse (Dollar Days), Kiwanis Travel, Kiwanis Insurance, and Portal Buzz.

Please let me know your signature projects and what resources you use to complete your project. For example: Shoe Project and partners are Payless Shoes, K-Mart, the school or any others you can name that it takes to complete your project.

Be sure to read about each of our Partners in the monthly Minnekotan Newsletter for more details on all our existing partners.

Sherry can be contacted at ShareKiwanis@gmail.com or call 605-347-7718.

Kiwanis Service - 10/29/2016

Submitted by: Al Vanderlaan, District Service Director

KIWANIANS, Can you believe the new Kiwanis year is already here? So much has been done yet there is so much to do. The good work is never done. You are GOD'S hands in your community.

You all should be very proud as we are the number one district in Kiwanis to place SCHOLASTIC Oasis. We are also the first district to put a reading Oasis on a reservation at the St. Francis Mission School in St. Francis, SD. Soon another Oasis will be placed in Pamerlee, S.D. At the HeDog elementary school. I cleared the way with the details while visiting the school yesterday. Many of you have said you are thinking about putting one in your community. If you have a problem with the public school system wanting one look to the church related schools. They are very receptive.



Sex trafficking is becoming a very big problem in America. CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT AND I AM SURE YOU WILL DISCOVER HOW MUCH OF THIS IS HAPPENING IN YOUR LOCAL AREA . This is a crime we hear little about but I am starting to hear more as I have been involved with educating our Kiwanis clubs and Key Clubs . Kiwanians we can make a difference in our communities by educating the public . I know a young women who is working to educate the public and is willing to reach out to your club if you want her to. Contact me and I will get her in contact with you. Her name is Jenna Moffatt.

I just got back from delivering the " Kiwanis Shoe Box " collected to the HeDog elementary school to the children on the Rosebud reservation in Todd County at Pamerlee , South Dakota. There were approximately 125 happy children that received the gifts at their school and a few more gifts to go other places . Thanks to the Kiwanians that participated.

Division 1 Welcomes Governor Peter - 10/29/2016

Division: Division 1 - Submitted by: Carol Nitschke

Division 1 welcomed Governor Peter at our most recent Conference. It was on Oct. 1st. The Devils Lake Club hosted the event at the Fireside Inn and Suites. We were given a very interesting overview of the efforts of the Head Start Program in Devils Lake. Division 1 presented Head Start with a good supply of diapers.

Darlene Vandervorst gave an update on the efforts of the Eliminate Project in our Division. Carol Nitschke, Lt. Gov. Elect filled in for Bruce Klair, District Growth Chair for the Formula. She went over the goals for the District in terms of membership growth. She also went over the Top Ten Reasons to Join Kiwanis.

We heard from Katie Ryan-Hanson, Public Relations Coordinator. She will be forwarding information to the clubs after attending training. Carol Nitschke, Lt. Gov. Elect gave the Lt. Gov. report. She thanked the Devils Lake Club for hosting and also thanked Gary Ochsner for helping out again this year as a Past Lt. Gov. She also pointed out that we are still in need of a Lt. Gov. in our Division. She went over the membership goals for our Division and reviewed the current membership picture. She encouraged our Division to attend Educational Sessions and Conferences. She emphasized the role of the Lt. Governors in our Division and reported that each club will be visited 3 times by them.

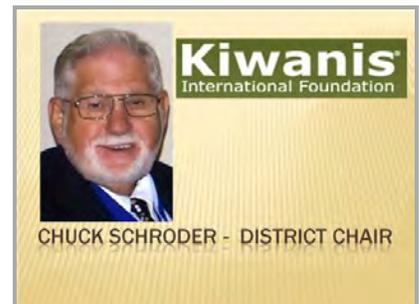
Governor Peter addressed the group and gave his goals for his upcoming year in Kiwanis. He stressed the importance of the I-Plan for each Club and also went over his membership plan. He will be working on clubs in Williston and Watford City.

The Silent Auction raised close to \$500!

We want to thank Devils Lake for their wonderful hospitality and hard work in putting together our Conference.

DID YOU KNOW - 10/29/2016
Submitted by: E. Chuck Schroder

Did you and your club know that if you sponsor a Key Club or a Circle K Club, that the Kiwanis International Foundation has special scholarships available to them. The Kiwanis International foundation proudly supports these scholarship opportunities through donor advised funds. The following scholarships are made possible by the generosity of donors dedicated to the Kiwanis family, education and community service. They are: The Cunat International Scholarship for Key Club. The Harry S. Himmel Scholarship for Key Club, the John E Mayfield Scholarship for Circle K and the Linda Canaday Memorial Scholarship for Key Club.



Donor advised funds are a great way to set up a sustained giving program, such as a scholarship, in your name, your family's name or on behalf of a club. If your interested in learning more, you can can contact me or call the Kiwanis International Foundation, at 1-800-KIWANIS, ext. 155.

Has your club approved their budget yet? If they have, is there a line item for the Children's fund for \$10.00 pr member? If they have and there isn't one why not? If they haven't approved one yet, please make sure they have that line item in there because under the new club recognition program it is required. I will address more on this at a later date. **THANK YOU ALL FOR WHAT YOU ARE DOING FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD.**

Getting Ready for Paris: Fact, Fiction, and Film - 10/29/2016

Submitted by: Courtney Taylor, OTIC Chair

The countdown to the next Kiwanis International Convention continues! This month, let's discuss some ways for you to study up on Parisian culture from the comfort of your favorite chair.

For a little history, check out John Baxter's "Paris at the End of the World" about World War I and Charles Glass's "American in Paris: Life and Death under Nazi Occupation" about World War II. To gain celebrity insight, look at "A Moveable Feast" by Ernest Hemingway or "My Life in France" by Julia Child. "Culture Shock! France" by Sally Adamson Taylor summarizes French culture, and "The Sweet Life in Paris" by David Lebovitz discusses the best foods.



Fiction lovers have a variety of popular options too. Diane Johnson's "Le Divorce" explores a woman's visit to Paris amidst her stepsister's marital crisis. Victor Hugo's "Les Misérables" is about a man's struggle for redemption in pre-revolutionary Paris. "A Tale of Two Cities" by Charles Dickens covers love and war in the late 1700s. All three of these stories have been turned into movies as well. Other movies based in Paris include "French Kiss" with Meg Ryan and Kevin Kline, "Marie Antoinette" with Kirsten Dunst, and "Midnight in Paris," directed by Woody Allen. Other well-known films are "Amélie" and "Moulin Rouge!"

Remember to keep an eye on <http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2017> for updates.

Sturgis Golden K Hobo Stew Fundraiser - 10/28/2016

Club: Sturgis Golden K - Submitted by: Deb Looby

Sturgis Golden K held another fantastic Hobo Stew Fundraiser with all proceeds to benefit the children of our community. We thank our Aktion Club for keeping tables neat and clean!



Dry & Warm Feet For Kids - 10/27/2016

Club: Rapid City - Submitted by: Vern Hagedorn

The Rapid City Kiwanis Shoe Program, our signature service project, started sometime around 2001. It has been a very successful program that has grown exponentially over the years because of all of the hard work done by the Kiwanians. It was originally set up to help school age children and to predominately serve students in one middle school because of the great economic need at that school. There have been a lot of individuals that have helped our Kiwanis Shoe Program succeed over the years as well as Payless Shoes giving us great discounts along the way. We have received many grants that have helped us grow and we have received the blessing of many schools, school employees, administrators, counselors, bus drivers, principals, and others who have let their children participate in this program. Thank you to all who have helped coordinate this program over the years. With the Stearnes Foundation grant and a matching amount from our club, we have a \$14,000 budget for 2016-2017. In 2014-2015 our budget was \$12,950 with which we were able to provide 486 student with sturdy weather proof shoes and 2,430 pairs of socks.



It is a well known fact that having dry and warm feet helps to increase concentration on academic work at school which at the same time can also raises academic performance. A good waterproof pair of shoes also improves the student's health therefore can improve school attendance which like wise can equate to increasing the graduation rate. These are all criteria by which schools and states are measured by the Federal Department of Education. Did you realize that a \$30 pair of shoes could do so much!

Grand Rapids Noon Kiwanis does Blandin Beach clean-up - 10/27/2016

Club: Grand Rapids - Submitted by: Bernie Backes

On a beautiful Fall Saturday morning members of the Grand Rapids Noon Kiwanis Club, Grand Rapids Key Club and ICC Circle K got together at Blandin Beach to rake leaves and pick up garage. Two awesome men came with their leaf blowing equipment to minimize the job and two men volunteered their trucks to haul all the leaves to the compose site making a big job easier. A chili lunch was served when the job was completed. We could not have had a better day.



Homeless Sleepout - 10/27/2016

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

The Fridley High School Key Club hosted another annual Homeless Sleepout on September 30th. Over 70 Key Club members from Fridley and Columbia Heights' Key Clubs came to the event. These members raised over \$1200 for the SACA Low Barrier Homeless Youth Program while sleeping in cardboard boxes on the FHS Football field. Overall, the Homeless Sleepout was a success this year.



Harvey Kiwanis Celebrates Ribbon Cutting for New Playground - 10/26/2016

Submitted by: Sandy Teubner

Harvey Kiwanis Club Hosts Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Centennial Park, Harvey ND

“We had a taste of the cold weather yet to come this fall at our ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday evening, said Harvey Kiwanis President Sandy Teubner. “ I’m sure the cold wind and rain kept a few people away, but we celebrated our newly installed park equipment with Kiwanis, Centennial Park and Chamber of Commerce members in addition to local children and community members. “Kiwanis’ mission is to serve children and this is one of the largest projects in the 93 year history of the Harvey Kiwanis”, said Teubner. Jared Hanson, Kiwanis member and the instrumental lead for the project, was recognized for his leadership in the coordination of the project.



Alan Walter, Recreation Committee Director from Garrison Diversion, one of the primary donors of the project, was present as well as Kiwanis District Governor, Peter Larson of Moorhead. Gary Oschner, Past Lieutenant Governor, Division 1, drove over from Minot to partake in the ceremony. Tom Jespersen of Verendrye Electric came to give the Kiwanis group a donation.

The playground equipment was purchased with local private and business donations as well as grants from Garrison Diversion, ND Parks & Recreation and Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota. Kiwanis is grateful to everyone for their donations to make this dream a reality and provide healthy recreation to our youth. Bret Dockter’s 6th grade class is committing their fundraising proceeds this year to the project and we are still seeking additional grants/donations to complete it. It has been a great project

with many hands involved, so thank you to everyone. It's wonderful to see all of the activity in the park that's taking place with families. We're glad the kids are able to use the park before the snow flies!

In photo: Tom Jespersen, Verendrye Electric - Gary Oschner, Past Lt. Gov, Division 1 - Sandy Teubner, Harvey Kiwanis President, Peter Larson - District Gov. wife, Mon Larson and Alan Walter, Garrison Diversion.

Click here portalbuzzuserfiles.s3.amazonaws.com/ou-87/userfiles/files/new%20park.jpg to see photo of park.

Jamestown Kiwanis to pack one millionth meal - 10/22/2016

Submitted by: Katie Ryan-Anderson

At 25 cents a meal, Jamestown Kiwanis knows every penny counts.

That's why, for the sixth time in five years, Jamestown Kiwanis and 400 volunteers will pack meals as part of Kids Against Hunger. The club hopes to raise \$44,000 by the Oct. 29 event. If it can reach that goal, the club will pack is one millionth meal.

Kids Against Huunger is based in Omaha, Neb. It's goal is to end world hunger. To do that, it provides the ingredients: rice, soy, chicken flavor, vitamins, etc., and volunteers pack them. Each pack contains enough to feed six people.



"To save on cost, volunteers assemble the meals. It's really inspiring to see them in action. Throughout the day, we see 400 people from Jamestown, sure, but also Devils Lake, Medina, Valley City and Carrington," said Jamna Bergstedt, one of the event's co-chairs.

Once packed, the meals are then delivered to areas that need them, both internationally and domestic. This year, all meals at Jamestown Kiwanis' pack remain with the Great Plains Food Bank and benefit families in North Dakota and Minnesota.

"Our goal is to raise \$44,000 and we're still \$10,000. So we're getting nervous. But when a quarter pays for a whole meal, every dollar counts," Bergstedt said.

Small donations actually mean a lot, as Jamestown Kiwanis secured an anonymous donor. That donor will give \$1 for every \$2 raised.

Kids Against Hunger raises awareness of a good cause. It also raises membership at Kiwanis. Since the first KAH pack, Jamestown Kiwanis has added at least six members to its club. Those members joined after getting to know the club through KAH.

One of them is KAH co-chair Tim Perkins. His wife, Krysten, soon joined as well. She is the club's

secretary.

"Kids Against Hunger does a great thing for hungry families. Indirectly, it does a great thing for Kiwanis too. We hear about service clubs struggling with membership, but with the help of KAH, membership in Jamestown remains strong," Tim Perkins said.

Kids Against Hunger is set for Saturday, Oct. 29 at Stutsman Harley-Davidson in Jamestown. To help, email JamestownKiwanis@gmail.com. Donations can be made at GoFundMe.com/KAHJamestown.

Club Donates Trauma Dolls - 10/21/2016

Submitted by: Vern G Hagedorn

The Rapid City Kiwanis Club donated about 150 trauma doll kits to the Rapid City Youth and Family Services, one of the clubs partners, for use in their community Youth Trauma Counseling Center. The donation culminated a presentation on the services of the trauma center. Pictured (left to right) are club treasurer Kathy Monington, Trauma Counselor Maureen Murray, club president Kevin Sickels, and YFS Director Darcie Decker. Decker was quoted saying "The staff were excited about using these dolls within their Trauma Center. We are grateful to your group for thinking of us."



The Trauma Center was opened in 2012 with a three year grant from Sam's Club. This grant funded training in schools and other agencies regarding youth trauma, what it is, how to recognize it, and the different ways that it manifests itself in youth. Another five year grant was just received this September which extends the scope of service beyond Native American youth. It will encompass 3 high schools, a middle school, an elementary school, and one reservation school. Currently the trauma center employs eight full time therapists which is an insufficient number for the need. Since opening, the center has completed 1,600 screenings, and 858 assessments resulting in 9,802 counseling sessions. The most prevalent reasons for youth trauma was domestic violence (70%).

Celebrating 93rd Anniversary - 10/21/2016

Division: Division 4 - Submitted by: Vern G. Hagedorn

The "Kiwanis Club of the Black Hills, Hot Springs," will be celebrating its 93rd Charter Anniversary during the 2016-2017 year. When this club was chartered, it was the first Kiwanis Club in the Black Hills. Hence the part of the source of its long name. But I believe it was also for a second reason. At the chartering time, the

club was part of the Rocky Mountain District so it was also logical to tack on "of the Black Hills, Hot Spring." Even though it currently has about 15 members, it was the parent of several of the other current Region clubs.

Early in its Minnesota-Dakotas history, Hot Springs held the District convention. For its size it has had a proportionate number of Lt. Governors and even a few Governors from its club. Over the years, the town has lost its main source of transportation, the railroad, and is fighting to keep its VA Medical Center currently.

Happy Anniversary Hot Spring Kiwanis Club!



Devils Lake Kiwanis hosts Division Conference - 10/6/2016

Club: Devils Lake - Submitted by: Tammy Reierson

The Devils Lake Kiwanis Club, recently hosted the Minnesota-Dakotas District Division 1 Conference at the Fireside Inn & Suites in Devils Lake. DL Kiwanis Club members were joined by members from other clubs in the division including Moorhead, Harvey, Jamestown, Mandan, Minot and Rolla.



The conference is an annual event, but it is the first time in over ten years that our local club has had the honor of hosting it. It gave all clubs the opportunity to exchange information about all the wonderful projects each club is supporting in their communities.

Highlights of the event included guest speaker Allison Driessen, Early Explorers Head Start Program, Director in Devils Lake. She presented facts related to the early education of children and the importance of family involvement. District Governor, Peter Larson spoke with the group regarding club progress and goals for the upcoming year. Carol Nitschke, Lieutenant Governor Elect, Katie Ryan-Anderson, Public Relations Coordinator, and Darlene VanderVorst, Eliminate Representative all contributed information during the event.

Members in attendance donated cash for the Happy Dollars fund and gifts for the Silent Auction. The proceeds for both were awarded to The Eliminate Project through Kiwanis International. They also

donated winter coats, mittens and diapers, which were given to Ms. Driessen for the Early Head Start Program.

Devils Lake Kiwanis President, Suzie Kenner, noted how proud she was to be a member of such a wonderful organization that helps the children and people in need. Just this past year, through funding requests such as the Hope Center, Homeless Shelter and Shore Fishing Pier Project the Devils Lake club has been able to help put food on people's table, a temporary roof over their heads and provide access to mobility impaired anglers.

Founded in 1921, the Kiwanis Club of Devils Lake joins a global organization of clubs and members dedicated to serving the children of the world. Kiwanis gives members a source of fulfillment and the ability to impact our community; now and long into the future.

The Kiwanis Club of Devils Lake meets every Tuesday at noon at the White House Café. Anyone interested in helping to improve the community and the world is invited to drop by for a visit or to contact the club President at kiwanisdln@yahoo.com or Suzie at 701.662.4903.

New Officers and Board Members - 10/5/2016

Club: Marshall Area - Submitted by: Renee Suby

Club officers for 2016-2017 were installed for the Marshall Area Kiwanis Club at the American Legion on October 5th, 2016. Kiwanis Lt. Governor Dennis Hier performed the officer and board member installations.

Pictured left to right: Dr. Rob Hennen-Board Member, Erik Vogel-Board Member, Allan Bakke-President, Dennis Hier-Lt. Governor, Paul Goode-Board Member, Renee Suby-Secretary, Jana Reilly-Vice President/Past President, Trista Link-Treasurer



Service is at the heart of the Marshall Area Kiwanis club, and it shares the Kiwanis International vision of being dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. Marshall Area Kiwanis officially chartered in 2011. The club meets every 1st Wednesday of the month 12-1pm in downtown Marshall at the American Legion, where members socialize, often hear a guest speaker from the community, and talk about club business. Club members devote the 3rd Wednesday of each month to service/volunteer activities within the Marshall area. Guests are welcome to meetings as well as service projects. Club information on how to join, as well as meetings and volunteer activities can be found at: marshallkiwanis.org.

Kiwanis Service Award - 10/3/2016

Club: Grand Rapids - Submitted by: Bernie Backes

On September 27, 2016, at the Forest Lake Restaurant, the Grand Rapids Kiwanis Noon Club presented the first Kiwanis Service Award to two deserving men from the Grand Rapids Community. Jeremy Nelson, from the Grand Rapids Police Department and Rob Rima from the Grand Rapids Fire Department were recognized for outstanding service beyond the call of duty by their Department Chiefs, Scott Johnson and Mike Liebel. Lt. Gov. Cal Saari was the keynote speaker at the luncheon honoring Jeremy Nelson and Rob Roma.



Punt, Pass and Kick competition is Marshall, MN - 10/2/2016

Club: Marshall Area - Submitted by: Renee Suby

One hundred-seventeen participants took part in the NFL Punt, Pass & Kick local competition hosted by Marshall Area Kiwanis on September 17, 2016. The competition was for boys and girls ages 6-15. Pictured are some of the winners, and Kiwanis members Renee Suby and Andrew Suby who helped organize the event. This was the club's third year organizing and putting on the local competition in Marshall. 10 first-place winners move on to a sectionals competition on Oct. 8 in Marshall and could qualify for the Team Championships on Nov. 20, in conjunction with the Minnesota Vikings vs. Arizona Cardinals game.

