October 2018

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
October brings us to the start of a New Kiwanis Year. Poly Lot will become President of Kiwanis International and I will become the Governor of the Minnesota-Dakotas District.

There are so many people to thank and so many big shoes to fill. I want to start by thanking Dan Leikvold for his leadership and encouragement to me this past year. He always found the time to get involved in Kiwanis business and was a tireless worker for Kiwanis. I look forward to continue working with him this next year and will be counting on his help and knowledge. I also want to thank our District Secretary Steve Handegaard for all of his help and support. He is an integral part of this District's success.

For those of you who may not know my background, I was a Police Officer by Profession and worked for 32 Years. After retiring I served as a County Commissioner for 12 years, and have been active in Kiwanis for 15 years. I am married to the love of my life Kay and we celebrated our 55th anniversary and have 5 children, 11 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren.

I look forward to the Governor's visits this next year, and getting to know more of you better.

We have a lot of work to do and a lot of kids and communities depending on our abilities to get the job done. Additionally, I want this to be a fun experience as well as a fulfilling one for every member of Kiwanis.

I believe strongly in living generously, and to me that means if you have the time, there is always some way to help someone, and with the areas Kiwanis works in and supports, there is something for everyone.

Membership is still an issue that needs to be continually addressed and we have a team in Sherry Scudder, Dave Odette, and Loreena Luetgers that have worked tirelessly and spent many hours in conference calls to help clubs retain their member numbers. It only takes a phone call to them to get the help your club needs.

The Minnesota Dakotas Education Foundation, Kiwanis Children's Fund, and MN-DAK Outreach are other areas that need our support, so please make giving to these areas a club and personal priority.
Keeping Kiwanis strong and continuing our work is going to require the best effort of all our members. I look forward to working with all of you.

There are too many Kiwanians to name in this newsletter that deserve a hearty thank you for what you have done and what you are doing in the Minnesota-Dakotas District to thank individually, but every single member has contributed to something that has made a difference in someone's life and you all deserve that thank you. Let's make this a GREAT year for Kiwanis. Thank you all for this wonderful opportunity.

October Update - 9/29/2018  
Submitted by: Steve Handegaard

October is the start of another Kiwanis year. Welcome to our new Governor, David Harms and the great team of Lt. Governors and other district leaders. They will be working hard to promote and support Kiwanis in your area. They are there to help local clubs at any time. Just give them a call or send them an email.


Important information for processing your club’s membership for the 2018-2019 billing period: Club Secretaries received this message earlier from Kiwanis International, but just a reminder!

You have until October 10 to delete non-returning members. These updates will be reflected in your 2017/2018 certified membership count. Kiwanis will use this updated information to invoice clubs in October 2018.

We appreciate your assistance in maintaining accurate membership records and reporting your membership changes on time!

Kiwanis International Club Recognition Award: Kiwanis International President Poly Lat has announced a “new” Distinguished Club recognition program for 2018-2019. Click here for more
District Board Minutes: You can review the minutes of our August District Board Meetings and the 2017 House of Delegates at the following link:

http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/(S(asnlutu45eowqh45clzqupm5))/Page/1021

DISTRICT WEBSITE and MINNEKOTAN !!! Thanks to all the clubs that have submitted articles! If you have club “news” that would be of interest to other clubs around the district, please submit them to our website….things like new service projects or fundraising ideas that your club has tried. You can also share a photo. Your story will also appear in the monthly MINNEKOTAN. The news submission form is located on the “News” menu of the district website. http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/public_district/pub_Content.aspx?PageID=109

Club Election Reports: We are still missing some club election reports. If your club has not submitted your 2018-2019 club election report, please do so right away. The easiest and preferred way to submit the election report is for the club secretary to do it online. Even if you have the same officers as last year we need to know or we will not have the necessary information to communicate with your club. Also a reminder that if any of your reported officers change during the year, the club secretary can edit the club election report online at any time.

Monthly Club Reporting: Just a reminder to club secretaries and presidents that if you have submitted all of your 2017-2018 monthly club reports online, you will not need to do a separate Annual Report. All of the necessary information will already have been submitted via your monthly reports. Complete your September report by no later than October 10th. If your club has a new secretary, be sure that they get registered for the online reporting program. If you have questions about that, let me know.

Club Incorporation Reminder: All Kiwanis Clubs are or should be incorporated with their respective Secretary of State. Non-Profit Corporations such as Kiwanis Clubs are also required to file an annual renewal each year. The renewals are quite easy to do, but sometimes they slip through the cracks when officers change. Each state has a slightly different procedure so see the website for your respective Secretary of State for details. You can also check the status of you club renewals online. Here are links:

• Minnesota- http://mblsportal.sos.state.mn.us/
• South Dakota- https://sos.sd.gov/business/search.aspx
Club meeting times and locations: Just a reminder to keep your club meeting time and location up to date on the Kiwanis International website. Anyone visiting the Kiwanis International website can now search for clubs anywhere in the world. The “Find a Club” is found on the Kiwanis International website http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanis/clubs-for-every-age/find-a-kiwanis-club#.Ukm7CZMo7IU Give it a try. See if your club information is current. Your club secretary can update your club meeting location online at any time through the same portal that is used for monthly club reporting. Many prospective members use this online search method to find a club.

If I can be of any assistance, please give me a call.

Have a great Kiwanis year!

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Convention Silent Auction Results - 9/28/2018
Submitted by: Arlyce Daugherty

Thank you for participating in this year’s Eliminate Project Silent Auction held at our 2018 District Convention. A grand total of $2,395.00 was raised from the 101 items that were donated from thirty three clubs. The money raised from clubs that donated items to the auction will be credited to the Eliminate Project by Kiwanis International. A project this size cannot be done alone without the help from others. Thank you to Willmar Club members, Wanda and Christina. Also, a special thank you to Dixie for her help and support. If you would like the document of each item and bid please email me at arlyce.daugherty@yahoo.com and I will send it to you.
**Children’s Fund and more - 9/28/2018**  
*Submitted by: Kathy Welle*

District Convention Funds have been submitted to Ki. Clubs that participated in K Dollars challenge and individuals who wrote a check for the raffle items will receive credit as a contribution to Children’s Funds. When an updated report is available, I will share it with you.

Other Important dates:
30 DAYS
- September 30: Deadline for incoming club presidents to complete Club Leadership Education
- October 1: 2018-19 Kiwanis administrative year begins
- October 10: Club rosters due
- October 15: Deadline to file for distinguished member status

60 DAYS
- October 22-27: CKI Week
- October 27: Kiwanis One Day
- October 31: Deadline to submit resolution and amendment proposals for the 2019 Kiwanis International convention at Walt Disney World
- October 31: Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF
- November 5-9: Key Club Week

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**Kiwanis Partnerships - 9/28/2018**  
*Submitted by: Denis Cornell, Partnership Coordinator*

To assist our club members, Kiwanis International has partnered with select organizations that can provide products or services at a free or reduced rate to maximize a club’s impact. Partnerships are an exciting way to maximize our service to communities around the world. The right partnerships are paramount. We welcome partnerships that align with our mission and preserve the trust of our members and the communities, children, and families we serve.

Below are the current partnerships that Kiwanis International has developed partnerships with. In the
coming months, we will take a more in-depth look at these partnerships individually.

Kiwanis International partners with Boy Scouts of America to ensure boys, young men and women grow in character, citizenship, responsibility, and leadership.

Kiwanis clubs build an impactful partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of America with a focus on mentoring tomorrow’s leaders and providing leadership education.

Kiwanis family members participate with Children’s Miracle Network by sponsoring fundraising events and conducting service projects at their local children’s hospitals.

Clubs and districts can access preferred rates and amenities from various Hilton properties around the globe. Kiwanis members also receive special member incentives for becoming a Hilton Honors rewards member.

Let someone else worry about planning your home improvement to-dos. Kiwanis members get complimentary access to Home Concierge, HomeAdvisor’s exclusive service offering a dedicated personal assistant for coordinating any home project.


JCI (formerly Junior Chamber International) is a nonprofit organization of young active citizens, ages 18 to 40, who are engaged and committed to making an impact in their communities.

Kiwanis family members partner with the Kiwanis Children’s Fund to make remarkable things happen for kids and communities around the world because kids need Kiwanis.

Kiwanis Gives Online brings popular online crowd-funding tools to our youth leadership programs by providing every club with an online fundraising platform.

Emergency Assistance Plus® A safety net that provides services for your health or travel insurance generally won’t cover when you’re traveling. Individual Term Life Affordable life insurance for Kiwanis club members, with personal assistance selecting the right coverage for your needs.

Are you ready to chart a course to new destinations? With Kiwanis Travel you can realize all your travel dreams. All you have to do is pack your bags.
Carry Kiwanis with you wherever you go and earn rewards while shopping. How? By using a Kiwanis-branded affinity credit card for personal and club-related purchases.

Kiwanis clubs get insider access to more than 265,000 high-quality goods at wholesale and bulk prices, sold in small cases.

Think of the impact your club could have in your community constructing a playground. Use our Playground Planning Guide to help your club get started.

Kiwanis family members partner with March of Dimes by raising thousands of dollars annually to give every baby a healthy start.

National League of Cities helps facilitate collaboration between Kiwanis clubs and NLC members to deepen local civic engagement.

Nickelodeon currently presents two major campaigns year round that encourage action in kids globally.

The Office Depot/Office Max savings program provides preferred pricing to clubs, with additional benefits including preferred customer assistance. Registration is free and easy.

Penguin supports a new K-Kids literacy and service program called Read & Lead, providing reading kits that contain books on important social themes, such as bullying, acceptance and the environment.

Protect America offers home security systems that use wireless technology. Homeowners can download apps to their smartphones, giving them control of and access to the protection system.

Scholastic Books partners with the Kiwanis Family to promote literacy outreach programs through a wide array of programs.

Sister Cities International serves as the national membership organization for individual sister cities, states, and countries around the world.

Squads Abroad provide Key Club members with affordable service opportunities to volunteer abroad and make a meaningful impact.

Thirst Project educates students about how they can be a part of social change, make a difference
and encourage others to join in the effort to solve the global water crisis.

Two Ten Footwear Foundation is a resource for shoe distribution projects — offering very low cost, brand-name sneakers, and athletic shoes.

Kiwanis family members joined forces with UNICEF to raise US$110 million to help eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus from the planet.

United Medicare Advisors is helping U.S. Kiwanians get information about Medicare options and rates. Work with UMA to better understand Medicare and secure a top-rated Medigap plan.

Up with People is a global education organization focused on bringing the world together through service and music.

Engaging in local opportunities, U.S. Army personnel connect with Kiwanis family members and provide access to local battalion support and resources.

Now is the Time to Sponsor a Builders Club  - 9/28/2018
Submitted by: Nancy Cornell Builders Club Administrator

This is the start of a new Kiwanis year and how great it would be to declare your club’s goal of sponsoring a Builders Club. Builders Club members are energetic middle school/junior high students, ages 12 to 14. There are twenty-two Builders Clubs in the MN/DAK District, which means that less than one-sixth of our Kiwanis clubs sponsor a Builders Club.

What is keeping your club from sponsoring a Builders Club? Many more Kiwanis clubs sponsor a Key Club, which is great. Did you know that a Key Club can co-sponsor a Builders Club with your Kiwanis Club? This may make sponsoring more appealing to your club members. Your Kiwanis club would be responsible for chartering fees and annual renewal. Key Club can help with officer training and help with service projects. Think about it. To get started go to www.buildersclub.org. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. nancyc2@centurytel.net or 507346-2044

Thank you to all the Kiwanis clubs that do sponsor a Builders Club. By the time you read this, you
should have received your membership kits. I hope you will use the "IDEA Toolkit for Club Officers", which will help them choose a high impact service project. The toolkit takes them through four steps: Identify the need, develop the passion, execute the project, and advance the impact. The membership kit also includes an advisor guidebook, officer, advisor and member pins, member handbooks, pledge poster, contest flier and officer guides. Have a great fun and service filled year with a Builders Club.

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**K-kids Are on the Move - 9/28/2018**

*Submitted by: Theresa Looby*

The new academic year brought educational experiences in a new grade and a first experience for kindergarten age children. This experience has been enhanced by K-Kids Clubs found on many Elementary School campuses.

We are anticipating four new K-Kids Clubs to be Chartered this year in the Minnesota-Dakotas District. These new Clubs will join existing Clubs that have begun holding meetings and planning activities.

Sturgis Elementary School K-Kids Club is proud to announce ninety-one members! This is double their first year membership. They have planned a fund raiser and have selected their major project for the first semester. The Sturgis Community is proud of their ninety-one little Kiwanians. Their advisors are Rosy Thompson, Karin Hinek and Paula Meeker.

I would like to feature K-Kids Clubs each month. I am sure each Club has a special project. Sharing of Club activities provides an opportunity for children to understand the value of leadership and community involvement.

Please e-mail your K-kids articles to me at tnl2438@mail.com.

Theresa Looby
K-Kids Administrator
Hello October, Here we come!!! - 9/28/2018
Submitted by: Sherry Scudder

We have started a lot of good leads for new Clubs and a lot of new members before the end of September. Some members were submitted after the newsletter was written so they will be in the next newsletters. We will have the results of the gift cards in next newsletter as they are still coming in. The contest has many winners but names of Sponsors were omitted so I need to research some before gift cards are handed out.

New members received:

**Division 1:**
Jamestown – Kristin Atwood by Jason Guebele
Iva Masaki by Katherine Ryan Anderson

**Division 2:**
Fargo Rough Riders – Darragh Killilea by Eithnea Killilea

**Division 4:**
Spearfish – Barbara Rose & Edward Rose by unknown
Brian Baczwaski by Vic R Ottke
Leo Orme by unknown

**Division 5:**
Webster – Vanessa Bloom by Melissa Waldner
Lynn Lutz by Mary Jo Bloom
Peggy Ninke by Jeff Franson
Huron – Kaylie Darrow by unknown
Mitchell – Corey Marek by Tami Sonne
Celia Burkinshaw by unknown
Sioux Falls Day Break – Nora Christensen by Nancy Beck
Watertown- Kristen Henderson by unknown
Lana Holland by unknown

**Division 6:**
Early Risers Worthington – Joel Vargus by Joanne Carlson
Willmar – Wesley Nelson by Roger Rhody
Hendricks – Ashley Citterman by Beverly Gislund

**DIVISION 7:**
Woodbury Area- Cassie Schmuecker by unknown
Saint Anthony – Adam Mohr by Koel Kasel
Rochester- Lucinda Kenr by Mary Tompkins
Thank you for a successful year. Thank you for getting your ASK out of the way and adding new members to help our children and communities. Keep up the asking.

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**Builders Club Gearing Up** - 9/27/2018  
*Club: Black Hills, Hot Springs - Submitted by: Vern Hagedorn*

The Hot Springs Middle School Kiwanis Builders Club gears up under new leadership. Seventh grade teacher Mr. Dan Bibber is the school advisor for the club. The club has started with 40 members which is a marvelous starting membership this year. At their first meeting earlier this year they elected officers and they were installed at their second meeting as shown in the attached photo. The club has already decided on one fundraiser/school service project with more service projects forthcoming.

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**School Supplies Donated** - 9/27/2018  
*Club: Black Hills, Hot Springs - Submitted by: Vern Hagedorn*

The Black Hills Hot Springs Kiwanis Club donated a variety of school supplies to the Hot Springs Middle and High Schools exceeding $200. The supplies are used for students who run out of supplies during the year or are not able to purchase the required supplies for the grade level. Club members donate more supplies second semester. Pictured from left to right are Board members Vern Hagedorn and Shirley Leigh, President Effie Rome, and Secretary Dub Rome. Not pictured is Cathy Nelson, photographer and Past Club President.
Free Kids Haircuts Offered by the Thief River Falls Kiwanis - 9/26/2018
Club: Thief River Falls - Submitted by: Paulette Odette

Barret Neibaur, 3, wasn’t too happy to get a haircut when he could be playing instead. Neibaur and his sister, Alice, were at Northrop Park Friday where the Thief River Falls Kiwanis Club was helping to provide free haircuts for children of Thief River Falls. Usually, their dad has the honor of cutting their hair.

For this project, the Kiwanis Club enlisted the help of several licensed cosmetologists in the community who either work at a local salon or are independent. Thief River Falls Kiwanis member, Sherry Abbott, who organized the event, said families need a little help especially at the beginning of the school year. Abbott is pictured in the background.

Northrop Park’ playground equipment, shelter and bathrooms is an ongoing emphasis project of the local Kiwanis Club. The park is the original site of the Children’s Free Summer Lunch Program. With the lunch program ending earlier the Kiwanis provided a free lunch of barbeques, chips, pickles, dessert bar and drinks for all.

A volunteer cosmetologist stated later that 40 heads of hair were cut in three hours. Organizers said they are already planning to offer this again next year.

Leadership team installed - 9/26/2018
Club: Fargo South Point - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn

The 2018-19 leadership team for the Fargo South Point Kiwanis Club will be led this coming year by a “president of the month” president.

Governor Elect Rachael Disrud installed all of the officers plus the Presidents, which included, 2nd from left, Larry Rittgarn, Deborah Nichols, Jeff Swanson, Margaret Mowery, Joe Thomas, Mary Ann Berg, and Joel Hektner. Derrick Lewis and Rande Knudson were not available for the photo.

Also in the photo is Odell Krohn, 56 year Kiwanian.

FHS senior Emily Rice named International Key Club President - 9/24/2018
Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Fridley Public Schools
This summer, one of Fridley High School’s own rose to the most prominent position of an international service group.

Senior Emily Rice was chosen as International President of Key Club International at the program’s annual convention in Chicago on July 7. The role oversees more than 264,000 members from 5008 clubs in 38 countries around the world.

Key Club is a student-led community service organization focusing on servant leadership and building leadership skills. It is sponsored by Kiwanis International through local districts and international entities.

Rice found out she was one of two finalists for International President after a day of caucusing and attending a morning nominating conference, giving numerous speeches throughout. On the afternoon of July 7th, Rice won the election.

“It was very overwhelming and surreal,” Rice said. “To serve this many people on such a large scope is an opportunity I haven’t had before.”

Rice added that in Key Club, being the president is not a figurehead position. “I’m here to serve everybody else. It’s an inverted pyramid. Our members – the largest part, the base – is actually at the top, and the international board is at the bottom. Being the International President exemplifies that, embodying servant leadership and showing we truly are the bottom of the pyramid and here to serve others.”

The International Board focuses on strategies, making decisions for the organization as a whole, and providing grants and fundraising opportunities. The board also looks for ways to improve the member experience and create a sense of community within the organization.

Rice was an international trustee last year, so she was familiar with how the board operates. A personal goal of hers is to boost the international focus instead of local club level support. “My campaign was based on the tagline ‘let’s focus on who makes this organization as great as it is: our members, our supporters and our communities,” she said.

Her new role involves a fair amount of travel for a high school senior. “I just got back from Indianapolis – I was there for nine days for training and a board meeting. I’ll be returning there in November, and Baltimore for another board meeting. Beyond that, it’s on a request basis, with the international president averaging one trip per month, and one international trip,” Rice said.
Bowen has watched Rice’s ambition over the years, and felt she was destined for great things.

“Sometimes people get so focused they lose track of their own club,” Bowen said when asked about Rice as a role model for Key Club members. “It’s so easy to say you’re overloaded with your own job. You don’t hear that from Emily. She’s always there to say ‘what can I do to help?’”

Club wins 16th Distinguished Club – Diamond Level Award
For the 16th straight year, Fridley’s Key Club has achieved the rank of Distinguished Club - Diamond Level, the only club in the Minnesota-Dakotas District to achieve the designation and an achievement that puts them in the top one percent of clubs. To attain this honor, Key Club partners with the Fridley Kiwanis group to raise awareness and donations for such organizations as UNICEF, Children’s Miracle Network, and the March of Dimes.

Fridley’s Key Club ventured into service projects, such as cleaning the football field after home games, taking May baskets to nursing homes, teacher appreciation tokens, and making pillow case dresses and dolls for 15 orphanages in Africa. The group also held its annual 72-hour teeter totter marathon at Kiwanis sponsor and Key Club advisor Mary Bowen’s home to raise money for Eliminate, a Kiwanis project group that funds neonatal and maternal tetanus vaccines in third world countries. One of its most visible campaigns is its annual Socktober Sleepout, a month-long effort to collect socks for homeless people and includes club members sleeping in cardboard boxes on the football field for a night.

Bowen figures the Fridley Key Club has raised between $20-22,000 over the years through its fundraising efforts.

Greg Stowers, the new Director of Key Club International, made a visit to Fridley High School on September 12, 2018, to meet the club that has won the prestigious Diamond Level for a record 16-years in a row. In addition, he joined Rice in presenting a banner to Activities Director Dan Roff, proclaiming the high school as the home club of the International President.

“It’s easy for us as adults to look at students as up and coming leaders,” Stowers told the students. “I see every day that you all are not just future leaders, but that you’re leaders now. You are doing awesome things and I’m happy to play a role in that process.”

Though Stowers has only been at his post for three months, he is well aware of new president Rice’s contributions. “She keeps me on my toes – lots of emails, lots of questions – but it comes from a place of passion,” Stowers said. “I really appreciate her abilities to navigate the realities and scope of
what she can do, and also be open to new ideas of what we can do in the future.”