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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

100th District Convention - 3/31/2017

Submitted by: Peter Larson

Watertown, SD is the host city for our 100th Minnesota Dakotas District Convention. Please visit their website to learn more about the exciting opportunities you and your family can enjoy while attending our convention: <http://visitwatertownsd.com/>



Special events I, as Governor, am sponsoring at the convention:

1. A display of club banners - Can 100 clubs bring their banners to the convention? It would make a terrific display. If I see 100 banners at the convention I will make a Century Club contribution to the Minnesota Dakotas Kiwanis Educational Foundation in honor of one of the clubs who brought their banner.
2. A display of District and International Convention memorabilia from the past 100 years. Does your club have something that you could share with others attending the convention? Again, I will make a Century Club contribution to the Minnesota Dakotas Kiwanis Educational Foundation in honor of the club that brings the most interesting item of District Convention memorabilia (my choice!).
3. Winning clubs will be acknowledged during my speech at the convention.
4. As a special incentive to our current club President Elects, I am sponsoring a drawing in which I will pay the district convention registration fee for one President Elect who has completed, since Oct. 1, 2016 and before July 10th, 2017, their Club Leadership Education (CLE) and have registered for the District Convention by July 10th. Additional details have been sent to each President Elect. All eligible President Elects will be recognized during my speech as will the winner.

I hope you have made plans to attend this special celebration of Kiwanis in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Registration details will be coming in May but make your plans now to spend August 11th to 13th in Watertown, SD with all your Kiwanis friends!

Spring is here - 3/30/2017

Submitted by: Peter Larson

Spring is here and that means elections at Kiwanis, Circle K, Key and Builders Clubs. When I visited the Henry Sibley Key Club I was introduced to their old and new officers. We had to take a picture so that is the one I selected to accompany this article. I hope each of our clubs have found candidates for their officers as enthusiastic as the



Key Clubs always have.

Some members are hesitant to consider leadership positions in their clubs because they wonder if they will be successful. Kiwanis International and your District have the training available to assist you in developing your leadership skills and your previous club leaders will also assist you when you have questions.

At the District level, we are also in need a few Kiwanians to step forward and take Lt. Governor Elect and the Governor Elect positions. I know we have individuals who would do a fantastic job in these positions if they would just take this opportunity. You will learn more about Kiwanis and allow the Minnesota Dakotas District to continue making ever greater impacts on our communities and help Energize the Dream that Every Child is Happy, Healthy, Safe and Loved.

I wish each of you have a wonderful spring as nature awakens and the world turns green and colorful with the flowers of spring.

April Update - 3/30/2017

Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

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



Lt. Governor Elect Candidates: We are still in need of Lt. Governor Elect Candidates for 2017-2018 in some divisions. Contact your current Lt. Governor if interested. The Lt. Governor Education program will take place on April 28-30 in Fergus Falls.

Governor Elect Candidates for 2017-2018: As of this date we do not have any candidates for District Governor Elect 2017-2018. Contact the District Office for more information.

District Kiwanis Convention: Mark your calendars....the Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention will be held August 11-13, 2017 in Watertown, S.D. All clubs should be represented at this annual convention. More information will be coming soon!

Monthly Club Reports: Thanks again to club secretaries that submit their club reports online each month. Your reports provide very valuable information to the district officers and Kiwanis International. (Reminder to club secretaries: Be sure that your club monthly reports are submitted online by the 10th of each following month.)

Club Elections: Just a reminder that your club election results will be due June 1st. Club secretaries should submit the club election reports online through the same KiwanisOne webpage that we use for monthly club reporting.

Kiwanis International Convention- Paris: Besides registering for the convention, be sure to report your club's two International Convention delegates and two alternates to the International Office by April 30 on the Delegate Certification Form. You can now submit your International Convention Delegate Certification form online on the Secretary Dashboard. You can also download a copy of the form from the Kiwanis International Convention website and submit it hard copy, however the online method is easier and preferred.

Lt. Governor Education Conference Planned: Governor Elect Dan Leikvold, along with the Lt. Governor team for the upcoming 2017-2018 Kiwanis year will be meeting April 28-30 in Fergus Falls. They will be learning more about their role on the district level and developing district plans and goals. The District Formula Team will also meet at the same time.

Kiwanis International Website: In the next few days the Kiwanis International Website will have a new look. Check it out.

As always, think Membership Growth at all times! Only through maintaining and growing our membership can we be the vibrant service organization that is truly "Serving the Children of the World".

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Submitted by: Hannah Engen

While most college students were gearing up for spring break, members of the CKI Minn-Dak district were preparing for our annual DCON. This year, our DCON was held in Fergus Falls, MN, at the Bigwood Event Center on February 24th-26th. The weekend was full of fun things to do, and it included over 60 people from around the district, including Circle K International President, Shayna Cole!



The weekend started out on Friday evening with everyone arriving to get signed in, claim their shirts/nametags, and settle into their rooms. Later on, everyone met in the main room to get started with introductions, hear the Past Governor speech, hear an overview of the weekend, listen to club cheers/posters, and play a few games! After we completed the games, we got treated to an ice cream bar in the lobby! Members were then able to enjoy free time, so they could hang out with old friends and meet new ones!

Saturday was an early start for members, so we could fit in everything we had planned for the day! The morning started with breakfast, followed by the first set of workshops (members had various options including “Spice up Your Meetings” & “CKI/Superhero Trivia”). Following the first bout of workshops, we headed into the first House of Delegates where members were nominated for Minn-Dak District Board positions. Our District Service Project was next where members worked together to sew, stuff, and repair over 100 Kiwanis Trauma Dolls!! These dolls are then given to sick or injured children in the hospital as a source of comfort for them. After all of the hard work done, all those in attendance were treated to a taco bar for lunch & free time.

Our Saturday afternoon started off with a leadership compass activity led by our District Administrator where attendees joined in on learning about teamwork and leadership. After that was the second set of workshops for members to attend- these consisted of individualized club officer training and a District Officer 101 led by Shayna Cole. The second House of Delegates was up next where delegates voted on proposed amendments to the Minn-Dak bylaws, as well as on our 2017-2018 Minn-Dak District Board! We were very pleased to have all six positions filled by the end of this second session!!

Our Saturday night consisted of lots to do, starting off with dinner and the Kiwanis Family Extravaganza. During this time, we held two different fundraisers- a silent auction (consisting of items brought by attending members), and the Miracle Minute (60 seconds of rapid donation). Altogether, we raised \$416.95 to be donated to UNICEF’s Eliminate Project!! The night carried on with speeches from Shayna Cole (about CKIx 2017) and Minn-Dak Kiwanis Governor Pete Larson, announcing award recipients (various ones including Distinguished Officers & the Best Scrapbook Award), viewing our 2018 DCON promotional video, and finally, announcing the Silent Auction winners! Saturday night closed out with an awesome dance that was Superhero/Villain themed!

Sunday was our last and final day to wrap things up. It started off with a new/old District Board meeting and then onto breakfast! During this time, we heard speeches from our 2016-2017 District Governor and

District Administrator, announced the winner of the Minn-Dak Spirit Stick (congrats MSU!!), and completed breakfast with the pinning of the new 2017-2018 District Board. Of course we had to close out the weekend in style, so all of the 2016-2017 District Board was pied in the face before members said their goodbyes and headed back to college!

Overall, it was a great weekend full of service, leadership, and fellowship! Congrats to our new 2017-2018 CKI Minn-Dak District Board, as well as everyone who won awards!

~Hannah Engen

You and Builders Club - 3/29/2017

Submitted by: Nancy Cornell Builders Club Administrator

The primary educational objective of Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs (SLP's), including Builders Club, is to prepare students to be the most engaged members of their current and future communities. This is accomplished through the experience of service leadership. Builders Club is a service leadership club for middle and junior high students. The objects of Builders Club are:

- * To provide opportunities for working together in service to school and community
- * To develop leadership potential
- * To foster the development of strong moral character
- * To encourage loyalty to school, community, and nation

Many students do not have the opportunity of a Builders Club experience because the Kiwanis Club in their town does not sponsor one. If your club has members who enjoy engaging with youth, then check out Builders Club. www.buildersclub.org Not only will the youth in your area be enriched but your club will also.

Contact your Lt. Governor for Builders Clubs in your area. Ask them how they started and about the joy of sponsoring a Builders Club.

Kids need Kiwanis and Builders Club needs you.

Questions, comments, concerns? Please contact me at nancyc2@centurytel.net or 507-346-2044



Scholastic Books - Partner - 3/29/2017

Submitted by: Sherry Scudder, District Partnership Coordinator

This month, I am featuring our Partner – Scholastic Books. I appreciate all those Kiwanis Clubs that have already worked with this partnership through their Oasis Programs and the purchasing of books.



Kiwanis International is a proud partner with Scholastic Books, an organization that provides children access to books and promotes a lifelong love of reading. Thanks to our partnership, Kiwanis clubs receive crucial resources for helping children in their communities get access to books and reading opportunities –regardless of socio-economic status.

Scholastic literacy partnerships serve to enhance the mission of all those working directly and indirectly with children. It enables Kiwanians to support literacy by getting books into the hands of the children they serve. Not just any books, but books that will interest them, books that they will enjoy, and books that they will love.

Scholastic offers the Kiwanis family of clubs a wide range of programs and packages that will promote and support literacy projects in communities all around the United States. Whether you are ordering books for a literacy project, opening a Reading Oasis, or helping with a local Book Fair, Scholastic is there to support your clubs efforts to open a world of possible to children in local communities through reading.

Reading takes children to new places, opens up their imaginations and presents new ideas to enrich their experiences. Transform how books brighten a child's life by starting a literacy project in a local school.

Scholastic has created several special packages for our members, one sample is the Kiwanis Reading Oasis which helps principals and teachers connect students with books they can select on their own and take home to add to their home libraries. It is a service-project opportunity for Kiwanis club members who prepare the Reading Oasis, creates a comfortable space for Kiwanis club members to read with and mentor at-risk students throughout the year. Its is a great project to involve Key Club members and Scholastic dollar for dollar match of the Kiwanis clubs contribution to the Reading Oasis. Kiwanis Club benefits include: Free bonus books with purchase of \$150 or more, Deep discounts up to 72% off, and free shipping on all paperbacks and collections. Representatives can tailor a collection of popular books and effective resources to your specific needs and budget.

There are many Scholastic Programs that can be found on line but I suggest you contact our new MN-

DAK Representative, Ginger Guilfoyle at 402-957-7863.

Share the gift of reading, learning and exploring through a book. Kiwanis has a great partner in Scholastic Books.

Attend the Convention - 3/28/2017

Submitted by: Jeff Anderson, Watertown Kiwanis Club

Many people are diligently working to make this year's 100th Mn/Dak Convention one to remember! We have 160 clubs in the three state area; wouldn't it be fantastic to have every club represented at this year's convention and leadership conference in Watertown? I challenge each Kiwanis Club President to make that happen. Set the example! I challenge each Kiwanian to make it happen as well. If you've never attended a convention, please come to Watertown to celebrate this year. After all, we only turn 100 once! Room rates are cheaper this year and we have a facility second to none in the three state area. I have attended many area clubs asking for their help and drumming up interest. All the club Presidents will receive an email from me about the convention. Join us in Watertown for surprises, good food, good fellowship, fun, giveaways and much more. We're rolling out the red carpet for this year's 100th Mn/Dak Kiwanis Convention and Leadership Conference.



Why Others Love "ICON" - 3/28/2017

Submitted by: Courtney Taylor, OTIC Chair

If you are still on the fence about participating in the 2017 and future Kiwanis International Conventions, check out some of the reasons others enjoy attending again and again...

“It's the people and the places that I love most about the Kiwanis convention. Every year, I meet so many new friends with similar Kiwanis interests, and I get to enjoy a new city with food, culture, and places to visit.” – Stan, Indiana District



“I love meeting new people, and I get to hang out with people I met from my Key Club & CKI years.” – C.K., Southwest District

“The sharing of ideas and stories, reconnecting with old friends from Circle K, and making new connections renews and grows my passion for why I joined. I am able to bring back a fresh perspective to my Club and have new contacts across the world who are willing to help my Club throughout the year. International Convention is a reminder that what we do in our communities is making a difference on a global level.” – Allison, Nebraska Iowa District

“Always enjoy seeing everyone from the past and meeting new people. I like seeing how the organization advances each year and the enthusiasm that surrounds it during the conventions.” – Cory, Ohio District

If you're ready to register, go to <http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2017/register>.

***Remember that fees are scheduled to increase on April 15.

Getting ready for the District convention - 3/28/2017

Submitted by: Al Vanderlaan

Get ready for some great Forums this year at the District convention.

Several are already in the works:

- 1] Sex educational forum, Jenna Moffatt 605-881-2228 is ready to help answer your questions, giving you information on how to train us on signs of trafficking . We need to know what to look for to help Kiwanians save our children. The upper Midwest and especially Minnesota is one of the highest trafficking areas in the country. Plan on coming and learning all you can.
- 2] Books for Kids, Coleen Liebsch 605-783-7714 is ready to help you, learn about how they give books to children in First grade. You can be part of this terrific program.

Scholastic Books has a new contact for our area. Ginger Guilfoyle 402-057-7863 is our new representative. Give her a call.

They are ready to help you! Lets show them how much we care. Contact them and see how they can help the children you work with.



Watertown Kiwanis and the District Convention team is preparing the most exciting 100th year celebration that our district has ever seen. Put it on your calender August 11--13 at the Ramkota in Watertown , S.D.

Convention Corner - 3/28/2017

Submitted by: Judie Rosendahl, District Convention Director

In just one month, the Convention packets will be sent to the local Kiwanis clubs. We will celebrate our 100th Convention this year in Watertown, South Dakota. What a party is being planned!

Clubs are encouraged to purchase a business card size ad in the convention booklet. For only \$35, your club can share something great about your club! Please send me the information by July 1.

The Watertown Convention and Visitors Bureau has many creative and fun things planned for us! There will be a drawing held during the Governor's Banquet on Saturday. The raffle will be for two flights from Watertown to Denver, Colorado and hotel accommodations included. Events for the whole family will be available Saturday including trolley transportation. Wine tasting on Friday night at the Terry Redlin Center will be available with time to enjoy the paintings by this famous artist.

Governor Peter is encouraging every club to send at least one member to the Convention this year in honor of our 100th Convention celebration. What a wonderful way to celebrate our 100 years!

Looking forward to seeing you in Watertown!

Judie Rosendahl

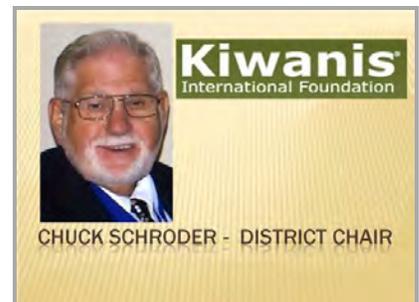


MORE MONEY - 3/28/2017

Submitted by: E. Chuck Schroder

I first want to thank all of you and your clubs that have contributed to the Children's fund.

Now I would like to talk about the second (2nd) change that has taken place. The grant program coming back to the district has been changed for the the better. Instead of only getting 5% of our contributions back to the district we will be receiving 15% back.



There is a stipulation that we have to use some of this money for education. So now we will be able to start giving scholarships again back to the young people in our district. For example: If our district receives \$3,500 back, we would use \$2,000 for scholarships and the balance we can use as we have in the past. This is another way that we as Kiwanis members can help the young people in our own area. This is why it is so important for you as an individual to contribute. This can be in the form of a Hixson, Tablet of Honor, Leadership Society, or just a cash donation. Not only do you get credit for your gift, but so does your club, division and district.

So now is the the time to step up and do something and make sure your club has sent in the \$10.00 pr member.

Our goal this year is \$35,334 and we are at \$20,127 and our 15% grant at this point in time is \$3,019. We are Number 5 in the standings.

LETS MAKE IT HAPPEN.

Spring Events Are Almost Here - 3/27/2017

Club: Bismarck - Submitted by: Paul Schadewald

Bismarck Kiwanis is getting ready for our April 23, 2017 Annual Pancake Breakfast. Funds raised will support youth programs throughout the year. Thank you Kilee Harmon and Camille Grothier for co-chairing this event. Bismarck Kiwanis Club has agreed to host our Governor's Division 1 Conference in Bismarck on Saturday, October 14, 2017. Our club sponsors middle school and high school track meets each year. The Kiwanis High School meet is on April 21 and the middle school meet is May 4-5.

Kiwanians Build Dressers - 3/27/2017

Club: North Suburban Golden K, St. Paul - Submitted by: Ric Soderstrom, President of the North Suburban Golden K Kiwanis Club of St. Paul

It was International Service Week for Kiwanis around the world and on Saturday, March 25, 2017 about 140 Kiwanians from around the metro area converged on the new Bridging location in Roseville to build dressers for the sixth consecutive year. Kathy Welle, the Lieutenant Governor of the seventh district Minnesota-Dakota



District, presided over the festivities.

Bridging was started by Fran Heitzman in 1987 and his organization is known in the community as the “food shelf of furniture” by providing about 80 households a week with furniture and furnishings to help them transition out of poverty and homelessness and into dignity and stability. Fran was at the last five years Kiwanis building sessions, but missed this one due to health issues, but we all knew he was there in spirit as the Kiwanis clubs spent about three hours building 85 new dressers from packets provided by donations.

The dressers built on this day brought the six-year total to over 500 new dressers assembled by volunteers from local Kiwanis clubs and key clubs, a great mix of men, women and young adults working together for a better community. This year, our club provided fifteen North Suburban Golden K Kiwanis of St. Paul volunteers and provided money to purchase ten of the dressers built at this session. It is great to be a part of such a wonderful enterprise and support to the community. I’m pretty confident that we will be continuing the tradition by building more new dressers in years to come.

Left to right - Ric Soderstrom, Kathy Welle (Lt. governor), Erv Oehlke, Gil Ward and Marv Boeckermann - North Suburban Golden K Kiwanis - St. Paul - club members.

Builders Club Coin War - 3/27/2017

Club: Spring Valley - Submitted by: Nancy Cornell

The Kingsland Builders Club in Spring Valley, MN , sponsored a very successful coin war March 6th to March 10th in the Kingsland pre-school and elementary school. They decorated the donation containers and talked to each of the classes about the many children and families who are in need of food around the world. The winning class receives a rootbeer float party.



The proceeds are going to the Food for Kidz Kiwanis One Day event in Stewartville, MN on April 1st. \$1,170.00 was raised which will help pay for the ingredients. The goal is to package 133,00 meals that day. Some of the Builders Club members will also help with the packaging. It is amazing what can happen when you have enthusiasm and a worthwhile cause.

Honor Their Memory Project - 3/27/2017

Club: Rapid City - Submitted by: Vern Hagedorn

The "Honor Their Memory Project" places flags on the graves of our Fallen Warriors in Western Europe. Our club sent two boxes of flags to Dan Neese, Director of all the Western European Cemeteries. Since our club member had last contacted Dan in Normandy. The new superintendent of the Normandy American Cemetery, Mike Coonce, graciously received the flags.



Dan stated, regarding his retirement, "I thought my son said something very touching when we announced our retirement to him a couple of weeks ago. He said 'Dad, we have been separated by an ocean for 17 continuous years, we are ecstatic and it is time that we become a close family again and your grandchildren get to know you better.'"

Good Shoes=Healthy Student - 3/27/2017

Club: Rapid City - Submitted by: Vern Hagedorn

Our club signature project, the Shoe Project, has been continued for the 2016-2017 year. The Stearns Foundation has increased our grant to \$9,000 so that more students can be served because the need exists. The club provides \$5,000 which brings the total project budget to \$14,000. With the generous discount that our club has received from Payless Shoes, our dollars are greatly extended. A BIG thanks Payless Shoes.



In March there were two shoe buys. At the March 22 purchase, 53 students received a new pair of shoes and 5 pairs of socks. The shoe project paid the bill of \$1,124.66. To date this year the project has purchased shoes for 339 students, 1695 pairs of new socks for a total expenditure of \$8,698.19.

One pair of good weather shoes and socks that keep a student's feet warm and dry can have a marvelous impact on their academic progress. If the feet are warm and comfortable, the student can focus on their school work, not their feet. Dry feet can increase the student's health and school attendance which again affects the student's school performance and maybe even their school graduation rate, a goal of every school.

Dental Bus Return - 3/27/2017

Club: Black Hills, Hot Springs - Submitted by: Vern Hagedorn

The Ronald McDonald Delta Dental Bus was able to make two visits to our school district this year. On this visit 57 students between Preschool and high school were served, and some with extensive work that required three to four visits during the week. The value of services provided was \$38,120 which is an excellent return for the return on the small amount of money invested by the Kiwanis club. If you do the math, that is an average of almost \$669 per student.



Rochester Day Makers Achieve Model Club Pledge - 3/26/2017

Club: Rochester Day Makers - Submitted by: Richard Odell

Congratulations to all Day Makers Club members on achieving our 5-year Model Club Pledge of \$70,000 to save 39,000 women and their children from Maternal/Neo-Natal Tetanus. All of our club members participated in fund raising projects for our Eliminate campaign. Additionally, over 45 Walter Zeller and Hixson Fellowships for the Eliminate campaign were funded directly by our club members.



The highlights of our meeting included comments from Bob Nowicki, Jack Zierdt and Dick Odell. Special recognition of Herb Erickson was offered for driving this important campaign all 5 years.

There was delicious cake and coffee to go with our special Model Club Kiwanis pins for all Day Makers.

Congratulations to the Kiwanis Day Makers Club of Rochester, MN for achieving their Model Club pledge.

Richard Odell, Im. Past Lt Governor, Division 7 of MN-Dakotas District

Playground Project - 3/24/2017

Club: Grand Forks Kiwanis Club - Submitted by: Paul Fladland

The Grand Forks Kiwanis Club is leading a new project to create a brand new playground near one of Grand Forks' newest elementary schools. The playground will be constructed at Kiwanis Park South on the south end of Grand Forks, adjacent to Discovery Elementary School.



The Grand Forks Kiwanis Club has previously worked with the Grand Forks Parks District to create a neighborhood playspace and family gathering place at Kiwanis Park North. A need was recognized at the nearby Discovery Elementary School, so Grand Forks Kiwanians jumped in to lead. Our club leadership stitched together \$75,000 in funding from multiple entities to facilitate a single-phase construction project that will quickly build a large playground for use by Discovery Elementary students and children from the surrounding neighborhoods.

The Grand Forks Kiwanis Club is teamed with the Discovery Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association, the Grand Forks Parks District, and the Kiwanis Children's Fund. The Kiwanis Children's Fund Board of Trustees approved a grant request by the Grand Forks Kiwanis Club in the amount of US\$6,000 in support of the construction of Kiwanis Park South Playground Project. The Grand Forks Kiwanis Club is proud to partner with all of these entities to achieve a rapid and large playground equipment construction project that extends the Kiwanis impact within our community and advances the name and mission of Kiwanis.

St. Anthony Key Club Receives it's Zeller Award! - 3/12/2017

Club: Saint Anthony - Submitted by: John Dierbeck

The St. Anthony Key Club recently accepted their own hard earned Zeller Award. David Elias, Club President, is pictured receiving the Zeller Award, along with Sponsor Club Advisors Dale Gunderson and Michael Cylkowski. Two years ago, John Dierbeck the St. Anthony Club's Project Eliminate Coordinator, issued the challenge, in person, to the entire Key Club. The Key Club accepted the two year challenge by committing to fundraise with projects to reach \$625 each year, and they did it!! Our Key Club is very active, well run and always focused on service. David Elias has brought great vigor, enthusiasm and produced results with the many dozens of great St. Anthony High School students following his lead. In addition, David has been nominated, in the upcoming Villager of the Year competition. Good luck David! Our Wilshire Park,



K-Kids Sponsored Club has also accepted the Zeller Award challenge and are more than half way in reaching the \$1250 goal! The St. Anthony Kiwanis Club and all of their SLP's ROCK.

WILLMAR KIWANIS CO-HOSTS INDUCTION INTO WEST CENTRAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME - 3/10/2017

Club: Willmar - Submitted by: Maribeth Williamson

Willmar Kiwanis, along with the Kandiyohi County Historical Society, co-hosted the induction of three outstanding baseball players into the West Central Baseball Hall of Fame. This was the fourth year of induction since the inauguration of the Hall in 2014. A large crowd gathered at the Historical Society, was treated to a delicious turkey dinner, and then within the context of the Kiwanis meeting celebrated the induction of Greg Kallevig, drafted by the Chicago Cubs in 1985; Ronald Tucker, drafted by the Boston Braves in 1947; and his brother Howard Tucker, drafted by the New York Giants in 1946. Marc Jerzak, co-owner of the Willmar Stingers, also gave us a nice update on our highly successful Stinger baseball team and new renovations to the ballpark. The Stingers also play a key role in helping to select the hall-of-famers. Many thanks go to the Kandiyohi County Historical Society and the Willmar Stingers for initiating the Hall of Fame and for their invitation to Willmar Kiwanis to help host the event.



PICTURE: From left, Greg Kallevig, Dorothy Anderson, wife of the late Howard Tucker, and Ronald Tucker, receive certificates honoring Kallevig's and the Tuckers' induction into the West Central Minnesota Baseball Hall of Fame on Tuesday, March 6, at the Kandiyohi Historical Society. Photo by Gregory Harp.