August 2016

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
Governor's comments - 7/30/2016  
Submitted by: Kent Hochgraber, District Governor

It has been a busy past week. I put on about 1200 miles and visited four clubs in southern Minnesota. Monday I was at the Mankato Club and they had their annual Picnic in the Park they have helped build. It was a PERFECT day in the park shelter. They had a very good turnout and an excellent program. Tuesday I spent in Rochester at the 9:00 am club at the Athletic Club. What a great place to meet and the members were very excited about all the service projects they are doing. They had a whole table of clip boards with different projects to work on. A very project driven group.

Wednesday I attend the new club just chartered in Planview-Elgin-Melville. What an exciting time to be at the charter meeting. They already have three projects that they want to help the community with. They chartered with only 15 members, but have a number on the list of very good prospects. Thanks to Bruce Klair and all the people involved in getting this club chartered. Thursday morning I met with the Albert Lea Golden K. There was no shortage of energy in that group. One member was 97 years young. I hope I look that good even at 90. They had several good service projects they were getting organized for. One was helping at the County Fair and the other a Pancake feed. What's that old saying? (Serve them FOOD and they will come).

Thursday evening I was back in Rochester for the Division 7 sub division meeting with all the presidents. We had a great discussion and report from all the presidents in attendance. There is a lot great work going on in that Division. I had a GREAT time and met many new Kiwanian friends.

August Update - 7/30/2016  
Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

District Convention: Our District Convention in Fergus Falls is just a few days away. Lots of preparation and planning has been happening to ensure that this will be another great convention. It will be a great opportunity to learn new ideas, meet new friends and enjoy great Kiwanis fellowship. I hope to see you there. Further information about the convention can be found in the MINNEKOTAN and on the district website.
Club Secretaries: Be sure that you have submitted all of your monthly online club reports for the 15-16 year. Remember that the September report (last report of the year) is due by October 10th, 2016. When you use the monthly online reporting system you will not be asked to submit a separate annual report.

Thanks again to Club Secretaries for submitting the Annual Club Election Reports for 2016-2017. The reports were due June 1, so if you have not submitted your information online, please do so ASAP! We are still waiting for some club election reports! Please include email addresses whenever possible. It is very important that Kiwanis International and the District Office both receive this information in a timely manner so that directories and mailing lists can be compiled. When filed online the report automatically goes to both Kiwanis International and the District Office.

Don’t get lost! The club locator (http://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/en/MembershipInterest/FindAClub.aspx) on the Kiwanis.org website is one of its most used functions. Prospective members and current members who are relocating use the search function to find a club in their area. But if your club doesn’t have a valid postal address, site visitors won’t be able to find you. Don’t get left off the map! Club secretaries, make sure your club’s address is valid and up to date via your online Secretary dashboard.

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Convention Corner - 7/29/2016
Submitted by: Judie Rosendahl

The Convention Committee is so looking forward to seeing you at the Minnesota Dakotas District Convention in just four days! A great
convention has been planned for you including a great ventriloquist show on Friday night, great forums both Friday and Saturday, and a great keynote speaker who I am sure will inspire us! Everyone who is involved has been working hard to ensure that the time spent at the convention will be well worth your time and effort! There will be time to socialize with fellow Kiwanians and time to get new ideas for your local club.

Fergus Falls is located in a beautiful area of Minnesota and the Kiwanis clubs there are excited to be our hosts!

There is still time to register and join in on this special time of learning, fellowshipping, and fun! Each club is encouraged to send at least one person to the convention who can then report back to the local club about all the experiences at the convention. Will you be that one? Just register today so you can get in on all the learning, fellowshipping, and fun!

**A few last minute reminders for our convention attendees**—remember that if you desire to sing with the Khorale, the practice is at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, August 4. You can register with George French at gfrench@umn.edu or call 218-289-1283 or just show up. Remember your diapers to be given to two organizations who provide services for children in Fergus Falls. Also be sure to bring your items for the MNT Silent Auction and of course, your used books! These things are some of the ways we can improve the world one child and one community at a time!

Remember the convention begins at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 5 and we are looking forward to spending time with YOU!

In Kiwanis Service,
Judie Rosendahl
Convention Chair

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EVERY GIFT MATTERS - 7/28/2016
Submitted by: E. Chuck Schroder

In local Kiwanis clubs, members change children's lives - by working, serving and volunteering together. For the Kiwanis family, the
Kiwanis International Foundation is where you EXTEND your Kiwanis impact. Each gift to our foundation helps children in many places, in many ways. In fact, your generosity helps sustain the work of the Kiwanis family—often in ways that would otherwise remain beyond the resources of Kiwanis clubs and districts. When you make a gift, we make it work. Then you see the results, TODAY, TOMORROW, and FOREVER.

We will be celebrating on Friday evening at the Honors Reception at the district convention, by honoring several people. One such recognition will be the FOUNDERS CIRCLE. This is when your cumulative gifts to Kiwanis International Foundation programs reach at least US $25,000, you deserve special recognition. You get it with membership in the Founders Circle. As a member, you can receive a crystal commemorating your generosity and the impact you've extended. This recognition is also available to honor couples giving and this is what we have. (Recipients may opt instead for the Founders Circle eagle.) This what we will be presenting.

We appreciate the support you and your clubs give. And we honor the difference you make for the CHILDREN OF THE WORLD. THANK YOU.

**The Eliminate Project - 7/28/2016**
*Submitted by: Bill Daugherty*

We are looking forward to our District Convention in Fergus Falls August 5-7 at the Bigwood Convention Center. There will be silent auction items for you to bid on throughout the Convention. The proceeds will be forwarded to the Eliminate Project and the club bringing the item will receive credit.

To bring you up to date, the following data is as of June 23rd. Kiwanis International has pledges and gifts totaling $101,420,941. We have $1,472,322 in pledges and gifts. The per member average for Kiwanis International is $474.00. We have 23 clubs that have reached or surpassed that amount. We have 31 Model Clubs. Alas, there are 14 clubs that have not donated any dollars to the Project. Let's not forget those who need the shots to prevent their death from tetanus.
"Because you give" is a new video that you or your Kiwanis group can watch on the Kiwanis International website.

It shares the impact that our donations have made in changing the lives of children near and far. Because of the generosity of our Kiwanis Members many clubs in the MN-DAK District have received grants to help with their projects. The Kiwanis International Foundation appreciates all you have given. We have a few clubs that may have forgotten to mail in their checks so it's not too late. We are so close to our goal this year so send or bring your donations to the District Convention to allow the Foundation to continue helping Clubs do their projects that benefit the Children in our Communities. Thank you and hope to see you at our District Convention.

Your friend
Immediate Past Governor
Sherry Scudder

The Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District Education Foundation depends on donations from clubs and individuals to build the assets necessary to continue providing scholarships to students attending institutions of higher learning within our district and in Superior, WI. As each club plans for the new Kiwanis year beginning on October 1st, the club president should ensure that the Century Club Donation to the Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Education Foundation is included as a line item in the club budget. Only the interest on the foundation assets is used toward scholarship awards. This year the Minnesota-Dakotas Education Foundation awarded 52 scholarships of $865.00 each.

A great way to recognize a club member or officer for outstanding service is to present them with a gift of a Joseph E. Messer Fellowship or a Vantine Life Fellowship from the Minnesota Dakotas Kiwanis Education Foundation. The Joseph E. Messer Fellowship is awarded for a contribution of $500.00. The...
recipient will receive an attractive Foundation plaque, recognizing that person as a Joseph E. Messer Fellowship recipient. The Vantine Life Fellow is awarded for a contribution of $100. The recipient will receive a Vantine Life Fellow Certificate, and a wallet card.

Individual members can also make contributions to the foundation for a Vantine Life Fellowship or a Joseph E. Messer Fellowship. The Joseph E. Messer Fellowship is open to any individual who contributes $500.00 or pledges that amount with a $250.00 first payment and a second $250.00 payment within the following year. The donor then receives an attractive Foundation plaque, recognizing that person as a Joseph E. Messer Fellowship recipient. The recipients of these fellowships will have the satisfaction of knowing that their gift will produce interest-bearing income to provide scholarship funds for years to come.

Memorial gifts to the Foundation can be given in any amount in memory of any person, and are not limited to Kiwanians and their families. This gift expresses the donor’s respect and love of the deceased forever and adds to the scholarship funds. When you send a memorial to the foundation include the name and address of the person to whom the acknowledgement is to be sent. The foundation Secretary Treasurer will notify that person that a memorial has been received. Donations to the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District Education Foundation are "gifts that keep on giving".

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**Reasons to Visit Paris: Art - 7/28/2016**

*Submitted by: OTIC Chair Courtney Taylor*

The Horses of Marly, L’Apparition, Le Radeau de la Méduse – art and Paris are inextricably linked. You may be familiar with the great works of a selection of French artists, including Édouard Manet and Edgar Degas (Realists), Pierre-Auguste Renior and Claude Monet (Impressionism), Georges-Pierre Seurat (pointillism), Paul Cézanne (Post-Impressionism), and Henri Matisse (Fauvist). While visiting Paris for the 2017 Kiwanis International Convention, make time to visit at least one art museum. The Musée du Luxembourg is one of the oldest in Europe, having been opened in 1750. The Musée du Louvre is best known for containing the Mona Lisa and the Venus de Milo. Just across the street is the Musée d'Orsay, an “impressionist and expressionist treasury” (Top 10 Art Museums in Paris). Musée de Cluny is recognized for its medieval arts and gardens. Musée Picasso, Admirers of The Thinker and sculptures should make a point to see Musée Rodin. For modern art, go to the National Museum of Modern Art (MNAM) at the quirky Centre Georges Pompidou.
WILLMAR KIWANIS TO CHARTER TWO NEW KEY CLUBS - 7/27/2016
Club: Willmar - Submitted by: Dennis Hier

SLP’S (Service Leadership Programs) are a vital part of the Kiwanis family. Kiwanis International has programs for every age group giving our young people the opportunity and joy of developing their service and leadership skills to help make our communities and world better.

The Key Club is one of those vital organizations. Founded in 1925, it is the world's largest high school service organization. That is why Willmar Kiwanis takes great pride in announcing that we will charter not one Key Club this fall, but two, Willmar High School and The Dream Academy. Charter Night is Monday, October 24, at the Holiday Day Inn Conference Center in Willmar.

The High School has had a good Key Club in the past, but because of tight budget considerations it was dropped. This year the High School and Willmar Kiwanis, with some good young leadership, have teamed together to make it happen again.

The Dream Academy is an alternative high school with about 100 students and they are excited about forming a Key Club as it fits perfectly into the objectives of the school. Enlistments and activities are already in process in both schools. Advisors have been secured. Recently, Willmar Kiwanis shared an Ice Cream Social with the Dream Academy.

We are looking forward to a great Charter Night for both schools!

(Photo: Kiwannis Advisors to the two new clubs: L to R - Debbie Strommer and Fran Hussong.)
Kiwanians Courtney Heyda and Katie Polz and all the kids picked the best day to do Sochacki Park, Robbinsdale, MN quarterly clean up. North Hennepin Kiwanis adopted this park over 20 years ago and it has gone through many changes including currently being updated and in the planning stages to be a transportation hub for one of the Twin Cities Blue Line networks. This park is located in a southern part of the City of Robbinsdale and shared with the City of Golden Valley neighborhood and will now add this new dimension. Our city parks are a big part of our community and our club will continue to provide the service to keep it nice for everyone. Have a nice summer.

MnDak District 7 Clubs at St Paul Saints Baseball - 7/27/2016
Submitted by: Gail Heyda, Secretary, North Hennepin/South Suburban TC

The northern clubs including Columbia Heights-Fridley, North Hennepin, South Suburban TC, North Suburban St Paul, Stillwater, Woodbury, St Anthony and St Anthony Aktion all joined together and attended the St Paul Saints baseball game on Monday, 7-25-16 at a night game. Lt Governor Elect Kathy Welle and many club members and family members had a great night watching the St Paul Saints play the Sioux City Explorers at the beautiful new CHF field in downtown St Paul. It was a game worth watching with great fellowship and just a plain good old time. The Kiwanis received a warm welcome at the stadium and helped make the evening a nice memory. A very special time together.

Kiwanian Making a Difference - 7/20/2016
Club: Early Risers, Worthington - Submitted by: Loreena Luetgers

I am a member of Worthington Early Risers Kiwanis.
This summer, I was fortunate to see how our club can and is affecting children in this city. We collect new and used books to donate at the local food pantry. I am also a volunteer there and speak to the children about reading and offer them books to take and keep. Their smiles are absolutely heartwarming.

One morning a family with three grade school children came in. The students were so excited to receive books and especially “chapter books”. We visited awhile and they acknowledged my name and thanked me.

Later that day, my granddaughter and I were cleaning up trash at a park that our club has adopted. I saw four kids sitting in the shelter house and heard “there’s Pat”, “hi Pat.” An extra girl was with them and said, “I know you – you come to my school and help with QWIK Awards.” She was extremely excited and asked when there would be awards for summer school. Obviously, it meant so much to her. We all talked and they just wanted to share thoughts and concerns.

My granddaughter and I went back to our work and felt thankful for the many wonderful projects Kiwanis supports.

Note: Pat Bretzman shared this with our club one morning and we encouraged her to share this with others. The QWIK Awards (Quality Work Inspires Kids) were started over 25 years ago by the club for teachers to individually help students set goals. When the student achieves the goal(s), the club presents them with a beautiful certificate and a pencil.

Harvey Kiwanis Offers Local Speech Students an Audience for the Speeches - 7/19/2016
Club: Harvey - Submitted by: Sandy Teubner

Harvey Kiwanis has offered up their group to be an audience for local summer speech students to present their speeches. June Prom’s students have come to present demonstration speeches or persuasive speeches for several summers now. The class is an accredited college class where the students earn 3 credits. June stated "It's a small audience for them rather than a large college class".

Pictured are Devany Stutlien and Sarah Engelhart demonstrating how to make glitter glue jars – a “homemade snow globe”. Sandy Teubner, Pam Stewart and Tim Huseth were willing to help them out with their speech by making the glitter jars. The students mentioned how the glitter jars are calming for small children to watch and even helps children take and break and settle down when busy running and playing - when you shake up the globe and the glitter floats, you can tell the child to sit and take a break.
and that when the glitter settles, they can then get up and continue playing - it's like a timer, Sarah said.

Kiwanis is always excited to host meetings where the youth are involved.

MLB Umpire Speaks At Minot Golden K Meeting - 7/15/2016
Club: Minot, Golden K - Submitted by: Gary Ochsner

Minot, North Dakota native and MLB umpire Gary Cederstrom shared his knowledge and a unique perspective to America's pastime at the July 13th, Minot Golden K meeting. Cederstrom is a veteran of 22 years as a MLB umpire. He has umpired in three World Series, 2005, 2011 and 2015; as well as six League Championship series. He has also umpired notable games such as being the third base umpire when Rickey Henderson stole third to break Lou Brock's career stolen base record. He umpired two no-hitters, Matt Garza 2010 and Johan Santana 2012.

The 36 Golden K members at the meeting asked several questions with laughter echoing throughout the room during the casual question and answer time. He answered questions from the impact of instant replay to the worst weather conditions he has endured. He indicated the cold weather is the worst since umpires are not allowed to have pockets on their uniforms.

He was also asked a question on how he can call a close play at first base by watching the ball and the feet of the players at the same time. His reply, "I am very talented." However he did continue to say you listen for the ball to hit the glove and watch for the runner to hit the base.

Albert Lea Daybreakers Celebrates 40th Anniversary - 7/8/2016
Club: Albert Lea - Submitted by: Catherine Buboltz, Past Club President

Albert Lea Daybreakers Kiwanis celebrated its 40th Anniversary on June 28, 2016 at the Edgewater Park Cottage in Albert Lea, MN.
Current and past members as well as spouses of deceased members all
joined in the celebration of the daybreakers club. Current club president, Matt Greibrok, led the ceremony. Member, Joel Erickson, provided the invocation. MN-DAK Division 6 Lt. Gov. Jim Bock recognized the many efforts of this club over the past 40 years. Charter member, Dick Polley, led the group in sharing stories of the efforts of this club and the fun that has been had over the past 40 years, while doing good in the community of Albert Lea, MN. Daybreakers Kiwanis is proud of its heritage and was excited to celebrate this momentous occasion. The club looks forward to all the future holds and extends a warm welcome to anyone wanting to learn more about the efforts of this club or becoming a member. Daybreakers Kiwanis meets at 7AM on Friday mornings in the conference room at the Country Inn and Suites in Albert Lea, MN