August 2017

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
Mon and I have just returned from the Kiwanis International Convention in Paris. For those who have not attended an International Convention, I would recommend attending next year’s International Convention in Las Vegas. There are interesting amendments to vote on, candidates to meet and vote for and some excellent opportunities to learn about Kiwanis. The most contested amendment this year was about electronic voting for amendments and candidates.

On August 11th, our 100th District Convention will be held in Watertown, SD. Friday night we have the reception at the Terry Redlin Art Center. Do not miss it. There will be excellent forums and opportunities to meet and enjoy the company of fellow Kiwanians. You can still sign up and attend the convention.

Hope to see you there.

District Kiwanis Convention Program Booklet/Agenda - 7/30/2017
Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

Click on the following link to view a copy of the 2017 District Kiwanis Convention Program Booklet. Attendees will receive a hard copy when checking in at the convention.

August Update - 7/30/2017
Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas
**Division Star Award Winners for 16-17:** Division Star Award winners have been selected in each of our 7 Divisions. The winners will be recognized at the Saturday Noon luncheon at the District Convention in Watertown. To view names and information about each of the recipients go to our district website at the following link: http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/(S(q35qmn55ulnrshjfeswr3y55))/Page/24948

**District Convention:** Our District Convention in Watertown 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 16-17 year. Remember that the September report (last report of the year) is due by October 10th, 2017. 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 2017-2018.** 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 - 7/29/2017
Submitted by: Judie Rosendahl

Wow! The Minnesota Dakotas Kiwanis 100th District Convention will be here in less than two weeks! I hope you are as excited as I am to see your friends from around the District and enjoy the opportunity to meet new friends who care about helping children as much as you do. I am looking forward to the great speakers and forum presentations. We have many new events for you to enjoy and the forum topics this year are super-inspiring! You can still register to get in on all of this fun and education. Hotel rooms are still available but hurry before they are gone.

One of the new items is a fun exercise time at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday lead by Courtney Taylor. XaBeat is a dance fitness program that provides easy to follow cardio and toning in a party-like atmosphere. Hope to see you there!

So many things planned-how can I touch on all of them? Please remember to bring your club banner to display. Remember to bring your items for the Silent Auction for Eliminate and your diapers for the two organizations in Watertown that help needy families.

The Kiwanis Khorale will be performing for us and if you are a singer, remember the practice is at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday. Sarah Howe will be giving her keynote address Saturday morning and I am sure you will take away many new insights.

I am so excited to be seeing you once again! Watertown has much to offer us including an opportunity to visit the Terry Redlin Art Center on Friday evening with wine tasting and the Mascots.

See you soon!

Judie Rosendahl
District Convention Director
Children's Miracle Network Partnership - 7/29/2017
Submitted by: Sherry Scudder

It sure has been a very hot summer. I hope you are planning to attend the District Convention in Watertown, South Dakota beginning on August 11, 2017. I plan to have a very informational forum on Partnerships and how they can benefit your clubs and communities.

This month’s partner is the Children’s Miracle Network. I mentioned them a little with I-HOP showing some of the work Kiwanis can do to assist the fundraising process for The Children’s Miracle Network. Children’s Miracle Network (CMN) is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping kids by raising funds and awareness for 170 children’s hospitals. These hospitals help 17 million children each year battle diseases and injuries of every kind. All children are served regardless of ability to pay.

Kiwanis is a major sponsor for Children’s Miracle Network. Children’s Miracle Network has demonstrated total commitment to providing the finest health-care available to children and youth. Kiwanis’s principles run parallel to our commitment to “serve the children of the world”. Kiwanis has been a partner since the charity began in 1983 and has raised more than $36 million for CMN hospitals.

Kiwanis’ Clubs have made children happier and healthier by helping millions of kids be able to enjoy better lives. The partnership continues to provide service and fundraising opportunities to both organizations. Keep in mind the Children’s Miracle Network and your Club……..See you at District Convention this month. Until then remember our partnerships are critical to our clubs.

What is CLE? - 7/29/2017
Submitted by: Colleen Hyde, District Education Director
CLE is a course of instruction for incoming Kiwanis Presidents. It stands for "Club Leadership Education". It is offered on-line by Kiwanis International, along with similar courses for other club officers and directors. (Go to [www.MnDak-Kiwanis.org](http://www.MnDak-Kiwanis.org), go to the menu on the right, choose Education/CLE, choose Club Leadership Education, go to the section for club presidents and click on "Online education course" link).

In the past, we offered a classroom course within each division. This year we have encouraged incoming presidents to take the online course at their convenience. We also scheduled a classroom course for Friday morning before the convention starts, for those who would be interested in a more in-depth, classroom experience. It is free and refreshments will be available. It will be led by Lowell Disrud, a former District Governor. It is open to all President-elects, and anyone else who might be interested.

The advantage of taking the classroom course is the opportunity to ask questions and dialogue with other President-elects, as well as the use of some printed materials from Kiwanis International, which include a participant's workbook and a Leadership Guide.

I encourage you to attend this CLE session if at all possible. I’m **extending the deadline for registration to August 7!**

Here is link to registration form [https://portalbuzzuserfiles.s3.amazonaws.com/ou-87/userfiles/files/district%20convention%20cle%20%20registration(2).pdf](https://portalbuzzuserfiles.s3.amazonaws.com/ou-87/userfiles/files/district%20convention%20cle%20%20registration(2).pdf)

If you are unable to attend, there are other options:

• Take the online course as directed above.
• The printed material will be available to you at the convention
• A forum will be conducted for President-elects, led by the current Governor, Peter Larson, which will be an opportunity for questions and discussions.
• A number of other forums and speakers will be offered with information and ideas for clubs and officers.
• Lots of opportunity to network with other Kiwanians.

Note: when taking the online course, be sure to finish it to the end. Otherwise it may not get recorded that you took it! To be eligible for awards from Kiwanis International and prizes from Mn-Dak, it must be documented that you took the course. Print the certificate, show it to your club secretary, and ask him/her to include it in the monthly club report, further documenting your online attendance.
Key Club District Travels to San Antonio for ICON - 7/28/2017
Submitted by: Mary Beth Townsend

The MinnDak District Key Club just returned from a fun filled trip to San Antonio for the Key Club International Convention.

The tour made a stop in Kansas City where attendees visited the Kansas City Art Institute and stayed overnight in the dorms at Park University.

Other highlights of the tour include:
Natural Bridge Caverns Tour
Sea World and fireworks on the Fourth of July
An Escape Room challenge
The San Antonio Zoo
A trip to the top of the Tower of the Americas
A ghost hunting tour of San Antonio’s “most haunted” places

Highlights of the convention include:
Fridley Key Club was honored with a plaque for their Diamond Level achievement.
Kacie Iverson of Fargo South Key Club (current district governor) and former LTG was awarded the a Robert F. Lucas award for outstanding LTG.
Delton Gable of Fargo South Key Club was also awarded the RFL.
Jim Probst and Wendy Vandeputte were both recognized for being awarded Kiwanis Advisor and Faculty Advisor of the Year from MinnDak.
Emily Rice of Fridley Key Club was also awarded the RFL for her outstanding service last year and was elected to serve as trustee for the year.

We are already looking forward to next year’s convention which will be held in Chicago!

LET'S GET IT DONE - 7/28/2017
Submitted by: E Chuck schroder

We have two (2) months left of this Kiwanis year and we aren't finished yet. I have received the latest report from KI on the Children's Fund and we have a little work to do to make our goal. We
have three (3) divisions that have made their goals and four (4) that need to do some work yet. But they are so close and the goals can be reached. We are only $5,121.70 of reaching our district's goal. Our goal is $35,334.00 and as of June 30th we have contributed $30,212.30. This means that if we have six (6) people obtain a Hixson we have it.

We will again have our raffle at the district convention and this will help. We have some great items again this year and if anyone would like to bring something for the raffle, feel free to do so. We will also be able to sign you up for a Hixson, Tablet of Honor Leadership Society etc. so make plans to stop by the foundation and Children's fund booth and support us.

I want thank all those who have supported the Children's Fund and District Foundation. Without your club's and your support we would not be able to help the Children Of The World.

See you all at the convention in Watertown.

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100 Years of Service - 7/28/2017
Submitted by: Al Vanderlaan

The Mndak Kiwanis wants to thank each club for your service to the children in your communities and around the world! You are making a difference!

I hope you have registered for the District convention August 11--13 in Watertown, South Dakota. There will be a special 100 year celebration planned. Don't miss this one. Its the only 100th District convention any of us will ever attend.

Remember to bring your club banner to hang up and be recognized.

ONLY THREE CLUBS WERE FORMED IN THE DISTRICT AHEAD OF THE MNDAK DISTRICT BEING INITIATED.

1 ] Kiwanis club of St. Paul --1916
The Minnesota-Dakota District was officially originally formed in the fall of 1918 as the Minnesota District. No clubs were formed in 1918 or 1919 that are in existence today. Clubs started in 1920 were Chisholm, Hibbing, Red Wing, Virginia, and Winona in MN. Fargo and Grand Forks in ND and Sioux Falls and Watertown, SD. We hope that all clubs that were formed early in Kiwanis' infancy are represented at the District convention this year.

Through your service Kiwanis lives on in the hearts and minds of the children you serve. Thank you for all your efforts.

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**Bring Donations to Watertown - 7/28/2017**
*Submitted by: Bill Daugherty*

In just a few days we will be having our District Convention in Watertown, SD. Cubs that have pledged or want to donate to the Minn Dak Educational Foundation or to the International effort to Eliminate maternal neonatal tetanus need to bring their donation to the meeting. Two items need your support: 1 the District Educational Foundation and 2, the Eliminate Project.

Please let's all help these two needs in Kiwanis. Hope to see you in Watertown August 11th.

Thanks for your generous response, Bill Daugherty

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**Bonjour, Paris! - 7/28/2017**
*Submitted by: Courtney Taylor, OTIC Chair*

The first day of the convention got off to a rough start with registration, but even in those long lines, we had the opportunity to
meet people from all over the world. Most of the day was filled with workshops on topics like branding, partnerships, and Service Leadership Programs (SLPs). The evening held Opening Session, complete with an accordion performance and a mime. Our keynote speaker was Ruby Bridges, who reminded us, "Racism has no place in the minds and hearts of children."

Day two started with our district caucus, paused for the Bastille Day parade, and continued with the afternoon House of Delegates. The state of the organization was given, amendments were discussed, and officers were elected. In the evening, some members attended the European Federation Gala while others went out to the Eiffel Tower for fireworks.

The last day held an idea exchange in the morning and Closing Session in the afternoon. The idea exchange included presenters covering a variety of service projects as well as ways to involve youth and local partners in our mission to serve children. During Closing Session, the Kiwanis Club of Des Moines was given the 2017 Signature Project award for its baseball program for children with disabilities. This year's World Service Medal was granted to UNICEF.

Congratulations to the incoming Kiwanis International Board, and thanks to all the delegates from Minn-Dak who participated in this year's Kiwanis International Convention. See you next year in Las Vegas!

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**Circle K International Convention - 7/28/2017**

*Submitted by: Darian Snyder*

San Antonio was home to The 2017 Circle K and Key Club International Conventions over the week of July fourth. The Minnesota-Dakotas District was represented well as we had eight members, two club advisors (Will and Bernie Backes) and our district administrator, Jason Stewart in attendance. The week was filled with so many great experiences that served us all! We were able to visit The Alamo and other attractions along The San Antonio Riverwalk. We had the privilege of meeting and getting to know hundreds of other service-minded college students. We learned about the inner-workings of the organization at The House of Delegates. We were also provided with great information about resources and opportunities available to our members. We all had
a great week and to top it off, the weather and city were absolutely beautiful! I know we are all blessed to have been able to share such an experience. Thank you to The Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis for sponsoring our trip!

Darian Snyder
North Star LT. Governor, CKI

Harvey Area Students Summer Speech Class - 7/27/2017
Club: Harvey - Submitted by: Sandy Teubner

Harvey Area students who are taking a college communications course this summer came to Harvey Kiwanis on June 23rd and July 18th to present their speeches to an audience. Ten students spoke either by performing a single speech of introducing another student, a single speech on a persuasive topic or a dual speech demonstrating a process. Pictured are Tatiana Friese and Jade Olschlager making homemade ice cream. We were also treated to Triple Chololate chip cookies as well as we were "persuaded" to drink more water vs. energy drinks, juice and soda based on sugar content. In addition, we had a demonstration on fire safety and building campfires. "It's great to have the youth interact with Kiwanis by joining us for lunch and speaking to us. They say you learn something new everyday!" says Teubner, President.

Fridley Key Club Takes on San Antonio - 7/26/2017
Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Mary Bowen, Fridley Key Club Advisor

During the first week of July, seven students from the Fridley High School Key Club and Kiwanian Advisor Mary Bowen attended the Key Club International Convention in San Antonio, TX. During this convention, high school students from around the world come together to train for their upcoming year in a district office, learn about leadership and service, receive recognition from the previous year, and elect the new International Board.
During the first two days of the convention, students Daniel Ajagbusi and Gao-je Vang were trained to serve as Lieutenant Governor and Bulletin Editor for the Minnesota-Dakotas district, respectively. Fridley Key Club President Daegia Vang, Vice President Ben Stevenson, Treasurer Jennie Ollila, and Publicist Hung Nguyen also attended workshops to improve their leadership skills.

On the third night of the International Convention, the Fridley High School Key Club was recognized for some outstanding achievements. Fridley High School was recognized as a Distinguished Diamond Level Club for the 13th year in a row. Of the 5,200 clubs in Key Club International, under 60 are granted this prestigious title every year; The Fridley High School Key Club was the only club in the Minnesota-Dakotas district given this title. Immediate Past Lieutenant Governor Emily Rice also received the Robert F Lucas Outstanding Lieutenant Governor award for her service the past year.

With the final night of the Key Club International Convention came the election and induction of the new International Board. Emily Rice, a rising junior at Fridley High School, was installed as an International Trustee. Emily now serves on the Key Club International Board with ten other International Trustees, the International Vice President, and the International President as they lead the 270,000 Key Clubbers of the world.

This year’s International Convention brought some big wins for the Fridley High School Key Club. The achievements of these high school students are nothing below remarkable and it is important to recognize their service to our community, state, and world.

**Crookston's Builders Club off to an early and productive start** - 7/5/2017

*Club: Crookston Pioneer 100 - Submitted by: Nikk Caputo (Crookston MN Kiwanis Club)*

Crookston Kiwanis is very proud of our newly formed Builders Club. This group of 7th and 8th graders are already getting out and making an impact in the community, only together a year, and already doing their own fundraising. These amazing kids partnered with our local Human Society and raised $194. We are very excited to see what The Helping Hands Builders Club has in store for the upcoming year.