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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

Happy Holidays from your Governor - 12/1/2016
Submitted by: Peter Larson

I hope all of you have had a great Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. I was lucky to have my sons here in Moorhead and then we visited my daughter's family in Burnsville. We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas and New Years before the end of the year. I hope each of you will enjoy your holidays according to your religion and traditions and have a wonderful new year.

I am announcing that our District has a new K-Kids District Administrator: Erin Atkins of Box Elder, South Dakota. She will be attending the SLP Training Conference in January. Thank you Erin for filling this important position that has been unfilled in recent years.

I am still in need of Lt. Governors in Division 1 and 6 and a Lt. Governor Elect in Division 2. Please consider filling one of these important positions. We will be having Lt. Governor training in Fergus Falls in April.

At the divisional meetings we discussed each club completing an I-Plan for their club and developing a signature service project. My intention during the winter is to visit as many clubs as possible to see how your I-Plans and Projects are proceeding. If you have any significant events occurring that I could attend please contact me at 701-261-7012.

Remember to invite others to attend your meetings and service projects. Membership in the Minnesota Dakotas District has fallen by over 5,000 members since 1991. To continue serving the children in our communities and the world, we need to bring our membership back up. Does your club need to make changes to allow young people to participate? As you work on the I-Plan think about why you joined Kiwanis and how you can bring others in to enjoy the fellowship and service we do in Kiwanis.

Again, I wish all your hopes for the coming year come true and that you enjoy good health.

Kiwanis Club Recognition Progarm 2016-2017 - 12/1/2016
Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

A couple of months ago Kiwanis International announced the details for the 2016-2017 Club Recognition Program. You can find a link to more details on the criteria at a link on our district website homepage.

Just this past month Kiwanis International has launched a supporting feature to this program. It is called the Club Recognition Program Tracker and can be accessed by the club secretary on their Online Club Secretary Dashboard. The new tracker allows clubs to enter the data as they achieve it throughout the year. It they enter an item on the online monthly club report and it applies to a recognition category it will automatically enter the number of points earned. Club secretaries also have the ability to print a PDF copy to share with the club board or members. Sharing that report would be great way to keep everyone in your club informed. If you click on the following link you can see exactly how the Club Tracker report appears.
https://portalbuzzuserfiles.s3.amazonaws.com/ou-87/userfiles/files/2016-17%20recognition%20program%20-%20goals%20tracking%20and%20reporting.pdf

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December Update - 11/30/2016
Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

Greetings! The holiday season is upon us and it is a great time to get involved in Kiwanis service and help others in your community! We wish all of you and your families a very happy holiday season.

Governor Elect Candidates: If you are interested in running for Governor Elect for 2017-2018, please submit a picture and a short biographical sketch not to exceed 600 words, along with an endorsement from your home club, to the District Kiwanis Office, P.O. Box 735, Dalton, MN 56324 no later than February 15, 2017 to be included in the March issue of the MINNEKOTAN. Candidates can announce their intention to run at a later date, but may not be able to have an article in the MINNEKOTAN or district website. Governor Elect candidates must be a Past Lt. Governor. The election will take place at the District Convention next August. A complete list of rules and regulations for district officer campaigns can be obtained from the District Office.

Club Donations to Outreach: Special thanks to all of the clubs that contributed to the Outreach Program during 15-16. We look forward to seeing your contribution again in 17-18. Most Kiwanis clubs include this as an annual budget item. Dollars given to the Outreach Program are used by Key Club and Circle K District Boards to build new Key and Circle K clubs, to attend Kiwanis District Conventions and Kiwanis special meetings, and to acquire needed supplies and equipment. Our Circle K and Key

Club District Boards are very busy and active. They need our financial support. Checks can be made payable to Kiwanis Outreach and mailed to me at the District Office.

Online Monthly Club Reporting: Since our online reporting is so very important, I would like to once again review the process for the 16-17 year. Your club should be submitting your monthly club report online by the 10th of the following month. Your Lt. Governors, District Officers, District Office and Kiwanis International are able to view your reports without you having to send any additional emails or hard copies. If you have any questions, please give me a call or send me an email. Here is a link to more information about the monthly online club report http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanisone/promote-your-club/club-district-web-tools/get-started-(the-basics)/tools-to-manage-your-club-online/online-reporting#.VlyCuXarTIU

Club Recognition Program 2016-2017: Kiwanis International announced a couple of months ago the details of a new Club Recognition program. A new club recognition progress tracker report is now available on you Club Secretarie's Online Dashboard. See our website and also separate December news article about this.

Tri-K District Board Meeting: Kiwanis, Circle K, and Key Club District Boards will meet in Fergus Falls, MN on Friday, January 20 and Saturday, January 21, 2017.
District Kiwanis Leadership Directory: Just a reminder that you can view or print a copy of our district leadership directory on our district website http://mndak.portalbuzz.com/Page/1018

Directory of Club Contacts: Last month I emailed all club secretaries a list of all club contacts in the district. If you would like a copy contact your club secretary, or send me an email and I will email it to you. The club contact list is not posted on the district website, but is available upon request for official Kiwanis business purposes.

Congratulations Mankato Kiwanis Club: Check out the great photos of their Kiwanis Holiday Lights on page 33 of the December Issue of the Kiwanis International magazine.

Thanks again for all your great work in Kiwanis!

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Kiwanis Warehouse Partners with DollarDays - 11/29/2016
Submitted by: Sherry Scudder, MN-DAK Partnership Coordinator

Happy Holidays to all our Kiwanis members. I want to share some information that may help you now and all through the year with your clubs service projects. Kiwanis Warehouse PARTNERING WITH DOLLARDAYS is the best kept secret for Kiwanis Clubs. Kiwanis Warehouse makes projects easier and less expensive by providing what your club needs at low prices.

Thanks to the Kiwanis International partnership with Dollar Days, you get wholesale pricing on items and free shipping that are normally only accessed to larger enterprises. Those savings add up, so you can buy more and free up your clubs budget for more services and projects.

Kiwanis Warehouse offers more than 200,000 high-quality goods at warehouse and bulk prices – sold in small cases. Your club can find the exact products you need whether it be tools, equipment, clothes, food, toys, holiday supplies, decorations, crafting supplies or many more items.

When your Kiwanis Club is planning a service or signature project, Kiwanis Warehouse is an important resource for discounts and buying power. Stretch your project dollars with great savings. Find out more information online at **Kiwanis.org/warehouse.**

The 17th Arrondissement in Paris - 11/28/2016
Submitted by: OTIC Chair Courtney Taylor

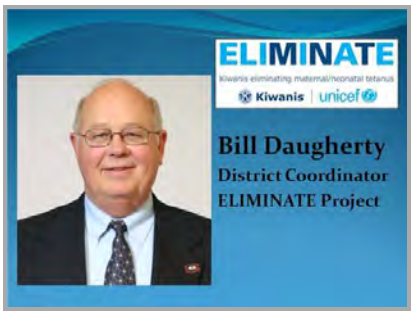
The 2016 Kiwanis International Convention will take place in the 17th Arrondissement. Take note of an easy trick to know if an address you seek is nearby: if the zip code ends with a seventeen (such as 75017), then the destination is in our administrative district.

The *Arc de Triomphe* is located in the 17th district, less than one mile on foot from our convention area. For a small fee, you can climb the 40 steps to the top of the monument for a view of the city. After you return to the street, you can enjoy a two-mile tour along the *Champs-Élysées.* Included in the many sites on this road are stops for fans of the Mercedes-Benz and lovers of Louis Vuitton. Look for a wall plaque that notes where Thomas Jefferson lived during his 1785-1789 tenure as minister to France. The walk concludes at the *Place de la Concorde*, former home of the infamous guillotine that ended the lives of Louis XVI, Marie-Antoinette, and Georges Danton, among many others. The centerpiece of this site is the obelisk of Luxor, standing seventy-two feet high.

To get ahead on planning, visit http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2017/attend-the-convention/book-your-hotel to book your hotel with Kiwanis rates at one of the hotels near our convention location.
Meilleurs vœux!

Eliminate Project - 11/28/2016
Submitted by: Bill Daugherty

We all need to make sure that our club pledges are honored. We want to Eliminate Maternal and Neonatal tetanus this year. If our pledges are met we can ensure that UNICEF can complete the battle.



Check with your club board and treasurer to make it happen. Enjoy the Holidays with family and friends. Look forward to the new year and our finishing our pledges to the Eliminate Project. Thank you!

Membership Growth Process - 11/28/2016
Submitted by: Randy Schmidt, Lt. Gov. Elect, Division 7

The holidays provide many opportunities to invite others to join our clubs because #KidsNeedKiwanis

View this Membership Process

https://portalbuzzuserfiles.s3.amazonaws.com/ou-87/userfiles/files/membership%20process%2011282016.pdf for ideas on an end-to-end process to recruit new members and activate them. This is helpful for facilitating brainstorming sessions with your Membership Committee, Board and Entire Club.

Your comments/recommendations are welcome at rschmidt.kiwanis@gmail.com

Thank you.

Randy Schmidt
Kiwanis Lt. Governor Elect, Division 7, Minnesota-Dakotas

"Kiwanians Kare" - 11/28/2016
Submitted by: E. Chuck Schroder

SEPARATED BY ROUGHLY 80 MILES, TWO KIWANIS COMMUNITIES UNITE FOLLOWING A DISASTER.

Recent flooding in Baton Rouge, Louisiana hits home with club members in the New Orleans community. After Hurricane Katrina, many of the members experienced the devastation that comes after a natural disaster---from cleanup to the tremendous loss and grief that follows. Luckily, the Kiwanis Family was there to help.

Division 4A in Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee, which includes New Orleans, decided it was their turn to provide support.

"The flood water receded to the point where families could return to assess what was left in their homes," says Cathy Simmons, Kiwanis Club of New Orleans secretary. "The Kiwanians in our division want to be there for these families at the beginning of what will be a long journey, just as they were there for us.

The New Orleans club received a disaster-relief grant from the Kiwanis International Foundation to help fund their "Kiwanis Kares" program. The seven clubs in the division will use the funding in addition to their own resources and donations from businesses to extend their impact in Walker, Louisiana on

October 22. The community suffered extensive flood damage and more than 60 percent of homes and business were affected.

The clubs plan to provide 1,000 hot meals and energy-to-go packs as well as 500 cases of water in conjunction with Kiwanis One Day. The energy packs include protein bars, mints, gum, baby wipes, and sport drinks.

"We will set up a home-base in a local church or school where families can stop by for a hot meal, relax and pick up energy packs" says Cathy. "our sponsored service leadership program clubs will entertain children with crafts and games." Remaining meals and energy-to-go packs will be delivered throughout the community to those who could not attend the event.

UNFORTUNATELY DISASTER RELIEF IS NEEDED YEAR-ROUND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. YOUR GIFT TODAY CAN HELP OTHER KIWANIS CLUBS IMPACT THEIR COMMUNITIES WHEN EMERGENCY RELIEF IS NEEDED. MAKE YOUR GIFT---IT'S A SIMPLE WAY TO MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.YOU CAN GIVE ONLINE OR TEXT"AID" TO 50155.

Sturgis Golden K Kiwanis Hobo Stew - 11/27/2016
Club: Sturgis Golden K - Submitted by: Deb Looby

Sturgis Golden K Kiwanis held a very successful Hobo Stew Feed for their annual Fall Fund Raiser. Shown here are members of the Sturgis Golden K Club along with members of the Aktion Club.

Governor Visit District 4 - 11/27/2016
Division: Division 4 - Submitted by: Deb Looby

MinDak District 4 enjoyed a day of learning and laughter with the visit from Governor Peter Larson for his Governor's Educational Conference on October 29th.

Pictured are Lt Governors Past Present and Future pictured with Governor Peter Larson accepting books for the Sturgis Golden K Kiwanis Scholastic Book Program.

Sturgis Golden K Collects for Local Veterans - 11/27/2016
Club: Sturgis Golden K - Submitted by: Deb Looby

Cheryl Rieniets, VA Voluntary Services Specialist and Sturgis Golden K Kiwanis Ft Meade Volunteer Marilyn Krogen are shown with shorts, socks and T shirts collected for Ft Meade V.A. Hospital for Veterans. Boxes for collection were placed by the Kiwanians around Sturgis. Items collected were valued at $3000.00.

Bismarck Kiwanis Bids For Kids Fundraiser - 11/26/2016
Club: Bismarck - Submitted by: Paul Schadewald

On Friday, December 2, 2016 the Bismarck Kiwanis Club will broadcast the annual Bids For Kids Auction on KXMB-TV. Members have collected auction items from over 100 businesses and are organizing for the auction. The item list will be published in the Bismarck Tribune prior to the event and the auction will start at 10:35 PM. Items with a retail value of over $17,000 have been collected. The Club hopes to net about $10,000 that will be used to support children's programs. Bismarck High and Legacy High Key Club members will help us make this another successful fundraiser.

On November 19 our members also started ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at two locations every Saturday. There are 10 two hour shifts each day and members sign up each week.

Note-photo shows Bismarck Kiwanis and Key Club members at the phones in 2015.

Key Club Week Review - 11/23/2016
Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Mary Bowen

It's Key Club Week! Meaning showing everyone our SERVICE! At Fridley High School in Minnesota we wanted to share with you our Key Club Week. We did many exciting activities at our school this week and can't wait for next year!

Click the following link to see more
https://portalbuzzuserfiles.s3.amazonaws.com/ou-87/userfiles/files/fridley%20key%20club%20week%20review%20article%202016.pdf

Fill The Dome project - 11/23/2016
Club: Fargo South Point - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn

The annual Fill the Dome project took place on November 22 at the Fargodome and a total of 198,027 pounds of groceries and canned goods were collected by all of the various schools in the Fargo Moorhead area.

Fargo South Point Kiwanis members team up with the students at Madison School, and the members of the club donate several hundred dollars of groceries to the school, so they can continue to participate in the program.

This is the 10th year for the program and 1.7 million pounds of food has been collected and donated during that period of time. The food is all distributed to the Great Plains Food Bank, and from them to needy families in the FM area,

Members from the South Point Kiwanis club are shown with students and staff at Madison School as they prepare to have their donated food delivered to the Fargo Dome.

Fargo South Point 2016-17 President - 11/23/2016
Club: Fargo South Point - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn

On October 1, 2016, Kathleen Nesvig became the 16th president of the Fargo South Point Kiwanis Club. Kathleen has been a member of the club for several years, and has been an excellent volunteer on many of the club's service and fund raising projects. She attended the district convention in Fergus Falls this past summer and is shown here being pinned by Division 2 Lt. Governor Rachael Disrud.

Not Too Late to Save a Life - 11/15/2016
Club: Fargo - Submitted by: Kiwanis Club of Fargo

The Kiwanis Club of Fargo is excited to continue pursuing its pledge for The Eliminate Project as we race toward the end of 2016. We challenge other clubs to attack their pledges with the same enthusiasm! Utilize end-of-year giving campaigns from your community's companies. Invite members to honor a loved one over the holidays with a Zeller fellowship. Redirect your emotions about the election, whether good or bad, toward a cause that we can all agree helps make our world a better place.

Volunteering for Habitat for Humanity - 11/4/2016
Club: Marshall Area - Submitted by: Renee Suby

Kiwanis volunteers were at the Habitat for Humanity house in Marshall, MN on October 19th to help with cleaning before the house dedication on 10/22/16. Members who volunteered were: Jana Reilly (Keller Williams Realty), Erik Vogel (Southwest Minnesota State University Foundation), Trista Link (New Horizons Crisis Center) and Renee Suby.

WILLMAR KIWANIS CHARTERS TWO NEW KEY CLUBS - 11/3/2016
Club: Willmar - Submitted by: Maribeth Williamson

A good crowd of nearly one hundred persons gathered at the Willmar Conference Center on Monday night, October 24, to witness the chartering of two new Key Clubs by Willmar Kiwanis, the Dream Technical Academy and Willmar High School.

Key Club is the largest high school youth organization in the world, and provides its members with opportunities to serve their community and school, build character and develop leadership.

Willmar Kiwanis President, Rebecca Clayton, presided over the banquet, and she and Mayor Marv Calvin welcomed the many Kiwanians, Key Clubbers, and parents who attended. Pastor David Zylstra shared the Invocation.

Following dinner, Peter Larson, Governor of the Minnesota-Dakota District of Kiwanis International, was the guest speaker and shared his strong feelings on "The Importance of Key Club". He said that he himself became a Kiwanian through the involvement of his own son in Key Club.

Sixteen charter members joined the Dream Technical Academy Key Club, and forty charter members joined the Willmar High School Key Club. School advisors for the Dream Technical Academy are Diane Norby and Katie Pederson, while Debbie Kliedon will serve as the Kiwanis advisor. Linda Saunders and Sheri Pederson are the school advisors for the Willmar High School Key Club, while Fran Hussong and Griffin Leitch will serve as Kiwanis advisors.

Rev. Dennis Hier, a Lt. Gov. in Division 6, installed the officers for the two clubs. Amy Haney, as the newly elected President, will lead the Dream Technical Academy Key Club, and Gracee Krall will lead the Willmar High School Key Club. Other officers for the Academy are Ashton LaBelle, Caterina Orellana, Miranda Stueckrather, Nissa Johnson, and Carissa Harrison; and for the Willmar High School Key Club, Calley Titrud, Carly Hulstein, Riley Schneider, Adi Gunderson, and Annie Schaefbauer.

The inspiring evening closed with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Kiwanis and Key Club members.

PICTURE: Lt. Gov. Dennis Hier installing the officers for the two new Key Clubs, Dream Technical Academy and Willmar High School

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Winona Kiwanis Sunrisers Club reaches "Model Club" status - 11/2/2016
Club: Winona, Sunrisers - Submitted by: Neil Broadwater

The Winona Kiwanis Sunrisers Club on October 26 celebrated the completion of a nearly five year effort to reach its goal of locally raising $21,750 for Kiwanis International's ELIMINATE Project. In

partnership with UNICEF, Kiwanis International is committing to
eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus, a disease that kills one baby every nine minutes. The ELIMINATE project has been working in 29 countries in Africa, Asia and Europe, where there is little or no access to health care.
Kiwanis International has currently raised over $100 million of their $110 million goal to save the lives of 129 million mothers and their future babies thru immunization and other interventions that will boost maternal health and child survival among the poorest, most underserved women and children in the world.
Kiwanis International now considers the Winona Kiwanis Sunrisers Club a "Model Club" for reaching their goal. The club members reached their goal through local fund raising efforts and donations.
The Winona Kiwanis Sunrisers Club meets every Wednesday at 7:00am at the Winona Family Restaurant. Kiwanis is a global organization of over 600,000 members in 89 countries that come together in fellowship and service to the community, with projects emphasizing children. New members are always welcome.

Little Falls Kiwanis Club partner with the City to improve Play space - 11/1/2016
Club: Little Falls - Submitted by: Kristina Vonberge

The Little Falls Kiwanis Club has increased their membership by 7 new people in the year 2016. They are widening their reach and opening their doors to the community.

The new Kiwanis President Jon Rademacher is also the Little Falls City Administrator and with that connection between the club and the community the club will be working with the City of Little Falls to start improving Washington Playground. The playground has not had new updated equipment for over 20 years. The playground is centrally located in the residential Little Falls area and directly kitty corner the Carnegie Public Library.

The focus will be toddlers and a playground that reaches out to younger children, as that is not available to parents in the community today.

The group fundraises throughout the year and would like to work on the local improvements with the energy of the new members and the experienced members. Keeping Kiwanis alive in Little Falls is a great opportunity to lead the Community Service groups into recruiting new members and improving one park at time.

The group will have a draft design of a few ideas for this park and will work with a couple of local groups, like the Little Falls KEY Club to make this purchase and community build become reality in 2017.

Community awareness for the Kiwanis and the KEY club is very important for the future of all service organizations and engaging the young parents and business people in the community.