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Leading to Serve ... Planning to Lead

by Bill Lardy, District Governor

With two-thirds of the year left there is still much time to get your club on track to lead the District, and your community, in service. Here are just a few suggestions that, if implemented, will help.



>**Membership Growth:** Schedule a Growth Summit now. Arrange with District Membership Chair Stewart Ross for a Growth Summit and invite clubs from your community and surrounding area. More hands means greater service! Contact Stewart at stewart.ross@mnsu.edu.

>**Club Leadership Education:** Club success is most likely to happen if the president-elect and secretary attend CLE. Sessions in each region will be scheduled soon by District Education Chair Larry Rittgarn. Notice of dates, times and locations will be sent to each club and published on the District web site. Encourage your president-elect and secretary to attend.

>**Kiwanis One Day:** Schedule a service project for April 4, 2009, that involves all the K Family clubs in your community. Imagine the world-wide impact when over 600,000 people work that day to improve the world!

>**Key Leader Camp:** Send your Key Club president-elect to Key Leader Camp with a scholarship, October 2-4, 2009, at Clitherall, MN. She/He will learn valuable leadership skills and get a running start on the year ahead. Registration is now open at www.keyleader.org

>**Celebrate Diversity:** February is Black History Month. Commemorate Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday.

>**Lt. Governor Elect:** Encourage a past club president to be a candidate for Lt. Governor Elect. It is a rewarding position and an opportunity to raise one's level of service up one notch.

>**Contribute to District and Kiwanis International Foundations:** Funds support District Scholarships and Kiwanis International Projects.

These are just a few ideas. There are many more in every club throughout the District. Accept the challenge to be the service leader in your community!

Update from the District Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

Lt. Governor Elect Candidates: We are still in need of Lt. Governor Elect Candidates in some regions. Contact your current Lt. Governor if interested. The Lt. Governor Education program will take place May 1-3, 2009 in Fergus Falls.



Governor Elect Candidates: If you are interested in running for Governor Elect for 2009-2010, 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, 2009. Your information must be received by that date to be published in the March MINNEKOTAN. Candidates can announce their intention to run at a later date, but will 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 in Watertown next August. A complete list of rules and regulations for District Office Campaigns can be obtained from the District Office.

One more reminder about Kiwanis Clubs & IRS filing requirements:

All organizations, including Kiwanis clubs must file the appropriate annual IRS tax form. The form used depends on your annual gross receipts. Go to the following link on our district website to view "Frequently Asked Questions"

http://mndak.kiwanisone.org/Public_District/pub_Content.aspx?Page=99

Tri-K District Board Meeting: Kiwanis, Circle K, and Key Club District Boards met in Fergus Falls, MN on Friday, January 16 and Saturday, January 17, 2009. Minutes of the Kiwanis District Board meeting will be posted on the district website and in the March MINNEKOTAN.

Club Election Report: It is not too soon to begin thinking about election of club officers. Just a reminder that your club election report will be due June 1st.

Remember to mark your calendar: Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention, Watertown, SD, July 31, August 1 & 2, 2009. All clubs should be represented!

Kiwanis International Convention in Nashville, June 25-28, 2009: All clubs should be represented at the International Convention. Kiwanis Clubs in good standing are allowed to designate two representatives to the House of Delegates. Of course, you do not need to be a delegate to attend, everyone is welcome! Information and online registration forms can be found on the Kiwanis International convention website. <http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/>

District Annual Audit: The Annual Audit of the Minnesota-Dakotas District Financial Accounts for the Kiwanis year 2007-2008 was recently completed by Westberg Eischens, PLLP, Certified Public Accountants of Willmar, Minnesota. The report is on file at Kiwanis International and the District Office.

KAZOO FOR STEW!

Submitted by: Coralyn Dahl, Campaign Chair

The campaign committee to elect Stewart Ross as Kiwanis International trustee is going "full steam ahead." We have met, emailed and agreed on shirts, colors, slogan, brochure, buttons and bags. In the months ahead you will all be hearing a lot concerning this campaign, but the important thing to do right now is to make sure that your club has at least one delegate coming to the International Convention in Nashville, TN and that each person registers early for the convention.



There is much to do and much support is needed from the entire district, so I hope that you are planning to come, help and support this campaign. We have a great time planned and the campaign will be the most fun ever.

In previous months we have told you of Stewart's qualifications and most of you know them as he was out governor just a few years ago. We will go over those qualifications again in the next publication, but for now we just want to stress the importance of attendance at the convention and the great fun each of us will have. Our slogan? "KAZOO FOR STEW." We need you in the Kazoo band!

Service & Young Children:Priority One

Submitted by: Coralyn Dahl, District Service Director

This month, I am combining Service and YCPO to remind all of us that Kiwanis' continuing service emphasis is called, "Young Children: Priority One." Some of you may say, "Well, we know that," but our new members may not know of our work with these very young children. So just to remind you all, and quoting from the YCPO newsletter, let me tell you about it:



"In 1994, Kiwanis launched its first Worldwide Service Project, \$75 million campaign in partnership with UNICEF to eliminate iodine deficiency disorders by the year 2000. Iodine deficiency is rare in areas where iodized salt is used, but in other parts of the world, IDD is the leading cause of preventable mental and physical retardation. As many as 1.5 billion people are at risk, especially young children."

As you may know YCPO focuses on the special needs of children from prenatal development to age five. The IDD campaign saved so many children and helped them to escape from the mental and physical effects of iodine deficiency. We did a good job, but there is much more we can do to help with children of this age. What I am challenging each club to do is to submit your special project and send the information to me at clbdahl@aol.com I am eager to hear of your projects and will include them in the newsletter each month!

Circle K is the Kiwanis Life Line

Submitted by: Ann Backes Dodge, Circle K District Administrator

Circle K members are the life line to the Kiwanis organization. They have proven they are dedicated, they have shown they have leadership skills and we know they are EXCELLENT prospective Kiwanis members. Below are some facts from ten years ago, unfortunately there has not been much change.



- 43% of sponsoring Kiwanis clubs does not have a committee on Circle K. A Kiwanis advisor and Faculty advisor alone do not constitute a committee.
- 52% of sponsoring Kiwanis clubs are not involved at all in the decision making process of their sponsored Circle K clubs.
- 77% of sponsoring Kiwanis clubs does not provide a program of education regarding Circle K for the Circle K club or the Kiwanis club.

If our sponsoring Kiwanis clubs do not take an active part in their Circle K club, how do we lead by example? How do other Kiwanians in the club learn about Circle K, especially new Kiwanis members? How do non-sponsoring Kiwanis clubs and their members learn about Circle K?

When asked what Circle K members hoped to gain through their Circle K experience, 52% reported a strengthened appreciation for community service work; 42% reported leadership and life skills. How do they achieve this if we don't take an active part in the organization?

So, here is a chance to participate with the Circle K organization. February 27- March 1, 2009, is the Minnesota-Dakotas Circle K District Convention in Sioux Falls, SD at the Sheraton Inn. Saturday, February 28, is the 4th Annual K-Family Extravaganza and we invite you to participate in dinner, dancing and our silent auction. All the information on this "Red Carpet" event is posted on the Circle K and Kiwanis District websites, registration deadline is February 13th. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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Kiwanis International Dues Task Force Recommendations

Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, Dist Sec/Treas

The Kiwanis International Dues Task Force was asked to examine all revenue sources and recommend how the organization could best adjust and simplify our dues and fees structure to support the growth and service objectives of the organization. Some of the changes will be considered as bylaw amendments at the Kiwanis International Convention in Nashville.

A complete report of their recommendations can be found on our district website

www.mndak-kiwanis.org/public_district/pub_Content.aspx?Page=175

First Kiwanis Club Satellite Formed

Submitted by: Art Gracheck, Public Relations Chair, St. Cloud Kiwanis

A Kiwanis club satellite was formed on January 7 with the induction of 13 members into the Crow River club satellite. The St. Cloud Kiwanis Club is the host club for the new satellite that is located in the Albertville-St. Michael, MN area. Coralyn Dahl, a past Minnesota-Dakotas District Governor and a member of the St. Cloud Kiwanis, presided at the induction ceremony.

Club satellites are created to provide an opportunity for Kiwanis clubs to expand into locations where and when circumstances do not support the formation of a charter strength club. Officially, the members of the club satellite are members of the host club and are governed by the host club's board of directors. The Crow River satellite, however, will hold their meetings and service activities at a location that is separate from the host club. A club satellite operates as a committee of the host club and may choose to select a chairperson to preside over meetings. Chairperson of the Crow River satellite is Richard (Brownie) Brown.

According to Brown, the goal of the Crow River satellite is to grow the satellite to 25 members and then to petition Kiwanis International to be recognized as a separately chartered Kiwanis club. Brown also said, "The satellite is excited about its formation and is planning service projects to demonstrate how Kiwanis can help to serve the needs of children and youth in the Albertville-St. Michael area." The satellite secretary is Calvin Mosby. Individuals interested in joining the Crow River satellite should contact Mosby by email at calvinms@yahoo.com

Dahl and her husband Orin, also a member of the St. Cloud Kiwanis, have provided guidance in forming the Crow River satellite. Dahl indicated the St. Cloud Kiwanis would help in providing proper orientation, support and continued education for the Crow River satellite. Members of the satellite will be encouraged to participate in host club and district activities and to develop a membership retention and growth plan. Rose Blesener, St. Cloud Kiwanis president, and Don Kussman, a member of the St. Cloud club, also attended the induction ceremony.

Kiwanis International is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. Kiwanis clubs select projects that help shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, mentor the disadvantaged, and care for the sick. They develop youth as leaders, build playgrounds, and raise funds for pediatric research, and much more. There are about 8,000 clubs in 96 countries with more than 260,000 members.

The St. Cloud Kiwanis club, chartered in 1921, provides scholarships for area high school students, raises funds for Kids Against Hunger and the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and supports a K-Kids program at St. Cloud's Lincoln elementary school among its service activities. For more information about the St. Cloud Kiwanis, go to www.stcloudkiwanis.org

Photo Caption: Members of the Crow River Kiwanis club satellite pose for a photo during their induction ceremony on January 7. Coralyn Dahl, past governor of the Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis inducted thirteen members into the



satellite. Pictured from left to right in the front row are Coralyn Dahl, Jim Hannay, Richard "Brownie" Brown (chair of the satellite), Kim Walden, Tom Heuer, and Orin Dahl. In the second row are Calvin Mosby (secretary), Brian Friede, Sandy Greniger (treasurer), and Chris Brown. The Dahl's are members of the St. Cloud Kiwanis Club. Not pictured are Renea Walden, Laura Brown, Scott Graham, Sara Gavin and Linda Hannay.

Region 7 Growth Summit

Submitted by: Denis Cornell, Lt. Gov. Elect

The first of two Growth Summits in Region 7 was held on January 10, 2009 in Inver Grove Heights, MN with 21 Kiwanians in attendance. This interactive session was led by Stewart Ross, District Director of New Club Building and Membership Growth. The session is designed to assist clubs to "kick it up a notch" in club recruitment and member retention. What a great way to spend a few hours on a winter Saturday. There was a wonderful exchange of ideas and information which will lead to a more meaningful Kiwanis experience for all. There will be an additional opportunity in Region 7 to participate in a Growth Summit on Saturday, February 7, 2009 at the Senior Center, 121 N Broadway, Rochester, MN. The Growth Summit will begin at 9:30 am and end at 2:00 pm.



Kiwanis Clubs Working Together

Submitted by: Marwin Bogue, Lt. Governor, Region 3

Hello fellow Kiwanians. I would like to visit with all of you about Kiwanis clubs working with each other. One of the personal satisfactions in Kiwanis that I have is when I am working on a service project not only with my own club but when my club is sharing the service project with another club.



When I have visited with other clubs as a Lt. Governor I have spoke to them about the idea of them exploring a new or ongoing project with another club in their area. When we have the Governors visit to Region 3 on March 28, we will be doing just that with Kids Against Hunger being the Regional Service Project. This is a very well known and popular service project. I have asked all clubs in the Region to help raise \$3,000 for Kids Against Hunger by giving \$150.00 if they can. With this service project we also plan to package food at two different sites on Kiwanis One Day, April 4, inviting all clubs in the Region to participate. One site will be in Cloquet and another site in St. Cloud in order to get participation from as many Kiwanians as possible.

In actuality, this began for me when Steve Siemens began his candidacy with his slogan of "Together We Can" and it became fired up again when Rob Parker, Kiwanis International CEO, gave a presentation on leadership at the Orlando Convention. Rob points out that the leaders in our Districts and Clubs were chosen to lead and these leaders accepted the leadership position. It turns out that the children of the world need for us to lead a group of volunteers with out any authority. That was a reality statement. I have had the privilege of traveling to many clubs recently and see that all of our clubs have an amazing personality all of their own. I know that people join Kiwanis because they want to serve and that makes it much easier to lead without authority. Also in our clubs all members get the opportunity to lead a team that makes a difference.

I also want all Kiwanians in Region 3 know that I am inviting all Kiwanis members and prospective members to the Region 3 Governors visit being held in Brainerd at the Central Lakes College cafeteria on March 28, 2009. Registration time will start at 9:00 AM and the meeting beginning 9:30 AM, closing at 3:00 PM. This invitation also extends to other Regions

as well. Registration fees are \$25.00, \$10.00 for Key Club and Circle K and should be submitted by March 1, 2009. Registration at the door will be \$30.00. Registration includes drinks and pastries during registration and lunch.

Highlights for the meeting will include Governor Bill Lardy addressing the Region, Stewart Ross and Coralyn Dahl presenting Stewart's campaign for International Trustee and featured speaker Steve Siemens, past International President.

This is really a must attend event.

"Together We Can" is "leading to Serve".

Fargo's odds stacking up for pancake feed record

Submitted by: Arday Ardayfio

People will eat pancakes. A world record may fall. And one lucky couple may tie the knot – for batter or for worse.

Fargo's Kiwanis Club hopes that moving the 51st annual Pancake Karnival to the Fargodome on Feb. 14 will help break the world record of 34,818 pancakes served in an eight-hour period, set during last year's pancake feed at the Fargo Civic Center.



In a syrupy-sweet touch to the Valentine's Day event, if a couple agree to get married at the pancake feed, they'll receive a free tuxedo for the groom and free wedding bands, said event co-chairman Arday Ardayfio. So far, there are no takers. "We have some possibilities. There'll be a priest there already," he said, laughing. "I know, I know, it's kind of crazy, but it's going to be fun."

Fargo's Kiwanis Club served a world-record 34,818 pancakes in eight hours last February at the Fargo Civic Center.

The move to the Fargodome should alleviate the long lines that have plagued past pancake feeds, he said. "A lot of people didn't want to come to the event because of that," he said. The dome's 80,000-square-foot floor more than quadruples the Civic Center space. "So, that'll be more than enough for them to accomplish what they're trying to accomplish," dome General Manager Rob Sobolik said.

Last year, the Kiwanis Club and community set a Guinness World Record for the "World's Largest Pancake Feed." More than 300 volunteers served 34,818 pancakes to more than 10,000 people.

This year's attempt at the record will be from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The feed will last until 7 p.m. Ardayfio said that, in addition to the larger space, other changes will put last year's record at risk. The number of serving stations will be up from two to three, and seating capacity will jump from 700 to 1,800. Organizers bought two new round grills that cook up to 720 pancakes per hour. Games Galore will have inflatable games on hand for children.

Since its inception, the Pancake Karnival has raised more than \$693,000 to benefit area youth groups, charitable organizations and community projects, Ardayfio said.

If you go... What: 51st annual Pancake KarnivalWhen: Feb. 14
Where: Fargodome Tickets: Can be purchased in advance for \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children 10 and under, or at the door for \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Parking will be free.

Online: www.fargokiwanis.org

By Mike Nowatzki, The Forum, Published Thursday, January 08, 2009

Homeless Sleepout Helps Build FCC Playground

By Kiehlor Mack, Fridley Key Club Publicist

A chilly but calm night played host last month to an outstanding show of hardiness and caring from 90 courageous Key Clubbers. They volunteered to spend the night on the Fridley football field under the watchful eyes of six generous adult chaperones and advisors. Together, from



pledges and donations collected and contributed by participants, **we raised \$ 1,170.** This money has gone to a noble cause. All told, with some aid from other Key Club projects we were able to purchase Calvin the Caterpillar and Harry the Hippo to help build-up the new Fridley Community Center playground



for Early Childhood Education. During the summer, a Key Club member, Robert Jacobson, helped with the initial construction of the playground area. Our contributions to the Playground Project are undoubtedly appreciated. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Homeless Sleepout and its set-up or clean up. Congratulations to those who went above and beyond and were recognized for collecting extra contributions! You all made a difference!

Operation Christmas Child

By Kiehlor Mack, Fridley Key Club Publicist



A group of Fridley Key Clubbers delivered over 300 shoeboxes filled with gifts from generous people and wrapped with care by skilled Key Clubbers to the KTIS Radio headquarters. This project truly makes a difference! Operation Christmas Child is EmmiBrytowski's (AKA: Minnesota-Dakotas Key Club District Governor) Governor's Project. She said of Fridley Key Club's performance, "They exceeded my expectations. They made solid progress toward my goal of 1,500 boxes for the whole year." Key Clubbers and community members filled boxes with items like mirrors,

toys and hygienic products. A group of Key Clubbers teamed up with Stevenson Elementary School students in Mrs. Barrett's class to pack boxes for the project. Boxes will be delivered to Russian children in need. **THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED!**



Watertown's Gene Doult Receiving Kiwanis Children's Fund Award

Submitted by: Karyl Somers, Watertown Club President

Gene Doult, a 38 year member of the Watertown, SD Kiwanis Club was recently presented a certificate of appreciation for his support of the Kiwanis Children's Fund for the 2008-2009 administrative year. Gene was recognized with the honor from Kiwanis International as a Kiwanis member who supports the Kiwanis Children Fund on an annual basis. Gene is a valued member of the Watertown club. He provides the piano for the weekly singing! Congratulations Gene, we are proud of you. Presenting the award to Gene is Karyl Somers, the Watertown Club President.



From the Archives

Welcome to Kiwanis: Minneapolis 1940

Downtown Minneapolis, Minnesota prepares to welcome the 24th annual convention of Kiwanis International, June 16-20, 1940. On January 21, 1940, Kiwanis marked its silver anniversary—25 years since the organization's beginning in 1915, in Detroit, Michigan.



UPCOMING DISTRICT AND REGIONAL EVENTS

February 27- March 1, 2009 Circle K District Convention – Sioux Falls, SD

February 28, 2009 4th Annual K-Family Extravaganza – Sioux Falls, SD

March 26-29, 2009 Key Club District Convention – Alexandria, MN

March 28, 2009 Region 3 Governor’s Visit and Conference – Brainerd, MN

April 4, 2009 Kiwanis One Day

April 18, 2009 Region 6 Governor’s Visit and Conference – Hutchinson, MN

May 1-3, 2009 Lt. Governor Education Conference - Fergus Falls, MN

May 15-16, 2009 District Past Governor’s Meeting - Fergus Falls, MN

June 25-28, 2009 Kiwanis International Convention – Nashville, TN

July 31-Aug. 2, 2009 Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention – Watertown, SD

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