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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 New Year - 12/30/2016

Submitted by: Peter Larson, District Governor

Wishing all of you a happy and joyful New Year. I picked the picture of the Chartering of two new Key Clubs in Willmar, MN, to remind each of us the importance of developing new clubs. Dennis Hier and his wife Jan invited Mon and I to attend this celebration where we saw how wonderful it is to have others join our family of clubs serving the children of the world.



During 2017, our district is looking at forming 6 new Kiwanis clubs. Look around your area and see if there is an opportunity to form a new club near you.

Have you invited someone to attend your Kiwanis club meetings this month? Each of us needs to help our clubs find those people who can become members.

The I-Plan can help your club focus on serving the youth of your community and making sure your club has the membership to meet those needs.

Jane Erickson's goal completes this message: Energize the dream that every child is happy, healthy, safe and loved.

January Update - 12/30/2016

Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

Happy New Year and Best Wishes for 2017!

Email Addresses: Club Secretaries- Please check your club member information database and make sure that we have the current email addresses for all members in your club that have one. You can update your club members' information through your online KiwanisOne Secretary access. The Kiwanis International database is where we access email addresses for the District Minnekotan Newsletter and other important communications. Email addresses change often, so please keep them as current as possible. All members can access and change their own profile information by logging into the following Kiwanis Portalbuzz website <https://members.portalbuzz.com/Member/User/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fMember>



Reminder: All clubs are required to file the appropriate annual IRS tax form by February 15th. See more information on Kiwanis International website <http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanisone/lead/club-leaders/treasurer/irs-forms>

2016-2017 Club Insurance Resource Guide: Your club secretary should have received the 2016-2017 Insurance Resource Guide in a mailing from Kiwanis International. It contains answers and information to most questions about your liability coverage and risk management practices. If you have very specific liability insurance questions you can call Lisa Hendricks at Kiwanis International (1-800-KIWANIS ext 112) or you can also contact the insurance carrier directly. That contact information is listed in the guide. You can also view all of the material online <http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanisone/lead/risk-management>

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.

Leadership opportunities: If you are interested in being a future District Lt. Governor, Regional or District Chairperson, etc., please contact your Lt. Governor, other officer or myself. Each year the district is in need of interested and dedicated leaders. It can be a very interesting, rewarding and educational experience.

International Convention Materials: Need help promoting the Kiwanis International Convention in your club bulletins and newsletters? Check out the convention Web site at <http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanisone/events/>

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.

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.

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Kiwanis has a Partnership with the U.S. Army - 12/29/2016

Submitted by: Sherry Scudder, MN-DAK Partnership Coordinator

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas. It sounds like Kiwanians throughout the district were busy with their communities and serving the children. The Kiwanis' Partnership this month is featuring the U.S. Army. They are a Vision Partner, which is the highest level and year-round partnership.



Partnership with the U.S. Army is based on a foundation of shared values. The U.S. Army personnel engage in local opportunities and connect with Kiwanis family members by providing access to local battalion support and resources.

Contact your local battalion to speak at a club meeting, take part in a service project and always ASK them to become a member. It is funny to think that the U.S. Army is there for us and to be so personal as a partner to Kiwanis members is great!!

Let me know if you have someone or an organization that would like to partner with Kiwanis. We have a lot of local partners that we would love to recognize.

Happy New Year to you All!!!!!!

Planning for Paris - 12/28/2016

Submitted by: Courtney Taylor, OTIC Chair

The Kiwanis International website has a page just for convention information: <http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2017>. Here, you can register for the event (soon), connect to hotel deals, and book tours for before and after the conference. You can also review candidates who are running for office and study the amendments on which we will be voting.

If you're looking for a fun way to brush up on your French before traveling to Paris, visit <https://www.duolingo.com>. Registration is free, and you'll be quizzed on everything from "girl" and "boy" to complex verb conjugations.



It's never too soon to review your travel documents. Is your passport up to date? Will you need a travel visa for any of the countries you'll be visiting this July? Begin thinking about your budget, and keep an eye on your favorite airline for deals on flights to Europe.

LOOK WHERE WE ARE - 12/28/2016

Submitted by: E. Chuck Schroder

We in the Minnesota-Dakotas District are on the move. As of December 15th our district has contributed \$11,505.30 to the Children's Fund. Here are the Region Facts and Figures under the new program, with some specific region highlights:

1. Rocky Mountain District is #1 in the world for individual giving.
2. Minnesota-Dakota's District is 6th in the world for overall giving including clubs and individuals
3. Southwest District is 15th in the world for per member giving.



CLUB UPDATES: Region 4 has a total of 36 Today Clubs already and Rocky Mountain is in the lead with 21.

TOP 5 CHALLENGE: All region 4 districts are in the top 26 in the world. 1. Rocky Mountain leads the region with the 2nd highest PMA in the world. 2. Minnesota/Dakota's are right on their tail with 3rd highest PMA in the world.

We can be proud of what we are doing, but we can't let up. Make sure your club sends in their gift now and find those who wish to have a HIXSON. Thank you all for what you are doing for the children of the world.

Minnesota Dakotas Foundation Scholarship Applications Due by January 27 - 12/22/2016

Submitted by: Bill Lardy, Foundation President

The new year of 2017 has just begun. For graduating high school seniors, it brings an exciting and challenging time as they contemplate their future. For 50 or so of them the Minnesota Dakotas Foundation takes away a little of the sting of the financial challenge in the form of a significant scholarship.



Applications are now available. Yet too often several are not awarded because they haven't been applied for. Clubs can help make seniors aware of the scholarship and encourage them to apply.

Each club should assign a member to work with high schools to make students aware of the scholarships. Everyone should tell seniors to apply.

This year's scholarship is worth \$865. Many clubs send \$135 to the Foundation to increase the amount to \$1000. The additional amount makes the scholarship more attractive. I have never heard that a student has too much money for college! For sure, most don't. It's too bad some scholarships are left on the table. We can help make sure that doesn't happen.

Some say if the scholarship was bigger there would be more applicants. But the Foundation can only award income from Foundation assets. One source of income is the annual \$100 Century Club that Kiwanis Clubs are asked to support. Most don't. If your club contributes to the Century Club, thank you. If not, make sure the Service Account has budgeted for it, and that it is sent in. A larger Foundation corpus generates more income, meaning larger scholarships! Let's work together to make sure that next year scholarships are \$1,000. We can do it!

Kiwanis Service - 12/19/2016

Submitted by: Al Vanderlaan, District Service Director

Kiwanians, your work is so important to the children you serve locally, in the district, nationally, and internationally. KIWANIANs serve to help America internationally and our communities where we are making each a better place to live. We want our children to be safe and well educated. Kiwanians need to help children and their parents become aware of their surroundings. Children every day get



caught up in sex trafficking. It's all around us. Many times we hear nothing about it. It is one of those silent crimes. We can do some things as Kiwanians to help stop this crime. We can make children feel valuable and give them service programs to participate in through Key and Builders clubs. Support and build them up in their community. Help them feel important and valuable. Listen to them.

Key and Builders Clubs can go into private and church related schools as well as the public schools. Look to them too. We have SCHOLASTIC BOOK OASIS PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO HELP GRADE SCHOOL CHILDREN READ. If you haven't already gotten involved with book related programs contact me for ideas. A couple of clubs may be able to go together to place an Oasis, even if they are in different communities. We need to work together more. Work with another service club to provide these programs if you believe you can't do it alone.

I am including information on sex trafficking indicators for your information. Click here <https://portalbuzzuserfiles.s3.amazonaws.com/ou-87/userfiles/files/traffick.pdf> If you want to send this information to your KEY CLUB AND BUILDERS CLUB advisors feel free to do so. Maybe your school superintendent and principals would like this information . If you want someone to speak about this subject to your club or schools let me know. I will pass it along to Jenna Mofatt and she will contact you. Everything Kiwanis does is interrelated and important for the next generation. I am so proud and happy about all your service. Let's keep thinking outside the box. Thank you.

Ring the Bells - 12/19/2016

Club: Watertown - Submitted by: Tim Oviatt

Like many Kiwanis chapters in the district and around the country, the Watertown, SD chapter has supported the Salvation Army's "Red Kettle" holiday fund raising efforts for decades. Kiwanian Tim Oviatt and his wife Mei joined other Watertown Kiwanians ringing the bells at the local Shopko during the week before Christmas.



Marshall Area Kiwanis Volunteers at Heart to Heart local non-profit - 12/15/2016

Club: Marshall Area - Submitted by: Renee Suby

Kiwanis of Marshall Area recently volunteered to help the local non-profit Heart to Heart help assemble food packages. Heart to Heart board members were guest speakers at the November 2 Kiwanis meeting to talk about this organization. Heart to Heart's distribution day was December 17, which gave the gift of food for the Christmas holiday to local families, and gifts to children in the household under the age of 18. Kiwanis was happy to bring volunteers to assist with this noble cause - to help local families in need during the holiday season!



Pictured: Dr. Rob Hennen (HealthSource Chiropractic), Tyler Bowen (Bremer Wealth Management), and Trista Link (New Horizons Crisis Center) stop for a quick picture as they assist with food package assembly. Not pictured: Renee Suby (private member) and Jana Reilly (Keller Williams Realty)

Oh What Fun! - 12/12/2016

Club: North Suburban, Saint Paul - Submitted by: Shannon Schuweiler

On December 12, 2016, the North Suburban Club of Saint Paul had their annual holiday party -- with a new twist!

In the past, the club has gathered together at a restaurant with a sit down meal, music, and fellowship. This year we added some other elements to take it up a notch and make it memorable night for all!

We started with good food including a nice menu of appetizers with cheese & crackers, meatballs and veggies, delicious baked goods; full dinner of chicken and potatoes; and ended with raspberry tortes.



Following dinner we had some fun! Everyone brought a wrapped white elephant gift. Guests were then able to have some fun by selecting the random gifts or "stealing" the ones that were already open. There were some great surprises in the gifts including: a dog purse, a Duck Dynasty beard face mask, ceramics of all shapes, and an old LP.

After the food and fun we got down to service. We made tie blankets for a local organization called MN Hands and Voices. This organization connects with families who have recently had a baby that is deaf or hard of hearing to help them navigate resources for their new baby. They will be distributed when

advocates meet with new families.

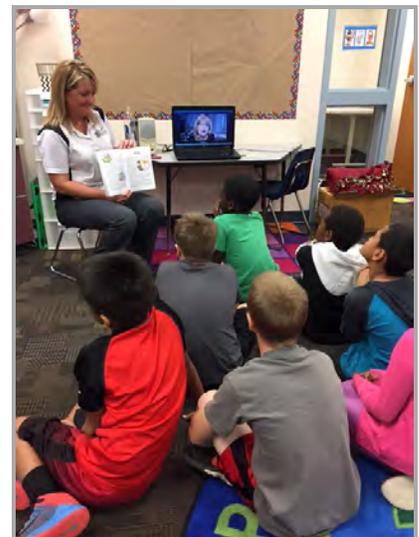
In addition to the food, fun, fellowship, and service we had an amazing turn out including: members of our club and their guests, former members with spouses, our two newest members – Jerry & Steve Moehnke, one prospective member (joining in February), members from 4 other Kiwanis Clubs in Region 7 (Columbia Heights/Fridley, Downtown Minneapolis, and North Suburban Golden K) and our Region 7 Lieutenant Governor Kathy Welle.

Oh What Fun! From our club to yours- wishing you a Merry and Bright Holiday Season!

Students Meet Authors - 12/11/2016

Club: Sioux Falls East - Submitted by: Kirk A. Zeeck

The Sioux Falls East Kiwanis Group sponsored books for all Tier II students at Anne Sullivan Elementary in Sioux Falls, SD on Thursday, November 3rd. Tier II students meet daily for 30-60 minutes with their Tier II teacher and behavior facilitator to work on social skills and following directions. Coleen Liebsch, of PS Publishing in Hayti, SD, was present to share positive messages through children's literature. Mrs. Liebsch also introduced other authors via YouTube and Skype. Students were split into three groups (kindergarten and 1st grade, second and third grade, and fourth and fifth grade) to listen to different authors who had written books for their level. Afterwards, each student received a book through the generosity of the Sioux Falls East Kiwanis Club. The students enjoyed interacting with the authors and were surprised when they each received a copy of the book that had just been read by the author. The students and staff of Anne Sullivan Elementary were grateful to have received this gift from Sioux Falls Kiwanis East and PS Publishing.



Lake Agassiz Kiwanis Volunteer for Salvation Army - 12/2/2016

Club: Lake Agassiz, Fargo - Submitted by: Kristi Engelstad

The Lake Agassiz Kiwanis was happy to volunteer for the Salvation Army this past December. Club members are proud that the money raised during this campaign goes right back to our community.



Kiwanis Park Donation! - 12/1/2016

Club: Grand Forks Kiwanis Club - Submitted by: Paul Fladland, Pres.

Pictured are representatives of Discovery Elementary School holding a donation of \$13,364 towards expanding playground equipment at Kiwanis Park South right by Grand Fork's newest school. We have invested over \$75,000 in Kiwanis Parks and dedicated the Ray Fischer Shelter in North Park last September!

