January 2020

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
Dear Kiwanis friends,

With this comes a wish for a very happy and blessed 2020 to you. Thank you for all you are doing for your communities and children throughout the world because of our connections with Kiwanians! We are so blessed to be a part of an organization that is working to positively impact the lives of children who need Kiwanians.

Please find the following: 1. a poem: The Dash - you who have chosen to make the dash in your life meaningful. 2. Where MNDAK has been the first quarter (October, November and December) of our Kiwanis year. 3. What to prepare for during the following quarter (January, February and March of 2020).

The Dash
by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on her tombstone
From the beginning to the end.
He noted that first came the date of her birth
And spoke the date with tears.
But he said what mattered most of all
Was the dash between those years.
For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth.
And now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth.
For it matters not how much we own; the cars, the house, the cash,
What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.
So, think about this long and hard.
Are there things you’d like to change?
For you never know how much time is left,
That can still be rearranged.
If we could just slow down enough to consider what’s true and real
And always try to understand the way other people feel,
And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives like we have never loved before.
If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile,  

Remembering that this special dash might only last a little while,  

So, when your eulogy is being read with your life’s actions to rehash,  

Would you be proud of the things they say  

About how you spent your dash?  

(www.thedashpoem.com)

Thank you, dear Kiwanians for the quality of the DASH in your lives. May 2020 bring you a great deal of satisfaction as you measure the impact of your life and dedication to our mission through Kiwanis.

Thank you for all you have accomplished this first quarter. We are ¼ of the way through our Kiwanis year and entering a new quarter from January - March of 2020. Where has time gone? You have been busy with clubs, Educational and Children’s Foundations, service projects, service leaders programs with youth of all ages, nominating committees, membership growth, division conferences, club visits, public relations including developing brochures, facebook and web pages, fellowship, educational and leadership events, fundraising for a purpose and reaching out to our communities. Our world needs Kiwanis members who impact children’s lives in ways that will affect them positively and into perpetuity! Our Lieutenant Governor (LTG) teams have held Division conferences as well as conference calls that have identified how we can serve our children and communities better.

We are now preparing for convention in St Cloud August 7-9th, The LTG teams will meet in Fergus Falls on April 24-25th to prepare for 2020-2021. Our District Board (Executive Team and LTG’s) as well as Leadership, Administration, and Convention chairs will meet in January to prepare for the remainder of our year as well as plan for 2020-21. International Convention will be in Indianapolis June 17-20th which is close enough for MNDAK members to travel to! In January, I have an opportunity to meet with our International President Daniel Vigneron and Regional Director Brad Boyd to strategize towards building our communities with strong leadership for MNDAK, plus we have a bonus to prepare for! Our International President Daniel Vigneron from Belgium plans to come to MNDAK, Fargo on April 27th and 28th. He wishes to meet YOU! President Daniel’s wish is to come to a location that allows reasonable time for travel for members. We will prepare for this visit by sharing the excitement of International Convention to be held in Minneapolis during June of 2023! This is an opportunity for all of us to connect with the bigger picture of who we are and what we are accomplishing for the children of the world. Please start preparing your Kiwanis communities including SLP’s, to spend April 27th and 28th in Fargo with this amazing international president with whom we have an opportunity to serve. We will glean from his leadership, his experiences and his kindness. During the planning time, we will ask each Division to assist. Please think of ways you can help make this visit of our President Daniel Vigneron a memorable time for all our members!
Thank you for being members and leaders in Kiwanis. Spread the wealth of the connections we have. Share your Kiwanis International magazines with your speakers and guests. We will enhance our lives through “Play with a Purpose” – which is the theme for Convention in Indianapolis. Our theme for 2019-2020 in MNDAK is ‘Minnesota Dakotas Kiwanis: Called to Action’! We are following President Daniel’s theme of ‘Action, Not Only Words’!

A happy, healthy, successful and blessed 2020 to you! I can hardly wait to see you at these events!

Rachael Disrud
Your MNDAK Governor for 2019-20

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**January Update - 12/30/2019**
*Submitted by: Steve Handegaard*

Happy New Year and Best Wishes for 2020!

**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 Club Secretary Dashboard 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 also access and change their own profile information by logging into the following Kiwanis website [https://members.kiwanis.org/SignIn/](https://members.kiwanis.org/SignIn/)

**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](http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanisone/lead/club-leaders/treasurer/irs-forms)

**2019-2020 Club Insurance Resource Guide:** Your club secretary should have received the 2019-2020 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 2020-2021, 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, 2020 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, Division 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 Information:** Need help promoting the Kiwanis International Convention in your club bulletins and newsletters? This year the Minnesota-Dakotas District the assigned hotel for lodging is the Hyatt Regency. Check out the convention Web site at https://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2020

**Online Monthly Club Reporting:** Since our online reporting is so very important, I would like to once again review the process for the 19-20 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 17 and Saturday, January 18, 2020.

**Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Office Contact Information:**
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NEW YEAR BRINGS NEW BEGINNINGS - 12/30/2019  
Submitted by: Sherry Scudder

Happy New Year to all our Kiwanis Members and their families. Now it is time to get to work. A quarter has already passed in our Kiwanis Year. Many of you have done your part in asking new members to join our Kiwanis family but many of you are still seeking someone to ask or to bring a guest to your meetings or special projects. Today is a New Beginning–ASK NOW AND BRING A GUEST. Your meeting or special projects will benefit by introducing this guest to Kiwanis.

Have you thought about new clubs in your area? Building clubs and strengthening clubs are the two main components to keeping Kiwanis ALIVE to help the children of the world and our communities.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the sponsors of new members listed below: I am proud to say that every DIVISION in the District is represented below and Division 5 is on FIRE!!!!

DIVISION 1:  
JAMESTOWN  
SHAUNA VANDE-HOVEN by KATY RYAN ANDERSON

DIVISION 2:  
CROOKSTON  
HUNTER PLANTE by UNKNOWN

DIVISION 3:  
BAXER LAKES AREA & FRUENDS  
JEFFERY CUFFAN by WILLIAM FORTUNE III  
Little FALLS  
CARMEN VOIGHT BY JON RADERMACHER
DIVISION 4:
STURGIS 321
JODI AGA BY HEATHER SILVESTRE
KATHY ROFF BY HEATHER SILVESTRE
STURGIS GOLDEN K
THOMAS MAGDANZ BY GORDON KOTAB

DIVISION 5:
CLEAR LAKE
JOY PREHN BY DARLA TOBEN
DEUEL SCHOOL CHAD SCHIERNECK BY UNKNOWN
H D ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE BY MATTHEW HOTZLER
PIERRE-FT PIERRE
KASSIDY PETERS BY ROBERT GILL
JEROMY PANKRATZ BY RUTH SMITH
WEBSTER
DANIEL DE BOER BY KENNETH ROERING

DIVISION 6:
DAY BREAKERS ALBERT LEA
JATHY WOODSIDE BY CATHERINE BUBOLTZ
MADISON
KIRSTEN GLOEGE BY UNKNOWN

DIVISION 7:
COON RAPIDS
RAY ZELLMANN BY UNKNOWN
ROCHESTER DAY MAKERS
LINDA ROUHOFF BY UNKNOWN

May your NEW YEAR be full of health and happiness. SHARE YOUR LOVE AND SHARE KIWANIS. ASK and you will be surprised by the new members you will find. MAKE IT YOUR NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION.

Eliminate Update - 12/29/2019
Submitted by: Bill Daugherty
Happy New Year 2020. It’s hard to believe that 20 years have passed since the Y2K computer scare. Time flies and the Eliminate Project is already entering its 10th year. Our Minnesota Dakota District has been blessed with 90% Club participation.

The latest report from Kiwanis International, as of November 30, 2019, gifts and payments totaling $1,492,506.09, has been sent in through the generosity of our Minnesota Dakota members/clubs, thus protecting and saving 878,600 lives.

Now we are determined to finish what we started. We have $88,974.00 left to reach our Minnesota Dakotas District pledged goal. Thank you for your continued support for the Eliminate Project.

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**Donations to the MN-DAK Educational Foundation - 12/29/2019**
*Submitted by: Denis Cornell, President, MN-DAK Educational Foundation*

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.

Each club should ensure that the Century Club Donation to the Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Educational Foundation is included as a line item in the club budget. Only the interest on the foundation assets is used toward scholarship awards. Last year the Minnesota-Dakotas Education Foundation awarded 65 scholarships.

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

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 them 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.

A memorial gift to the Foundation can be given in any amount in memory of any person and is 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 acknowledgment 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.

January 2020 Partnership Highlight - 12/29/2019
Submitted by: Denis Cornell, District Partnership Coordinator

WHAT IS THE UNITED STATES ARMY?
The U.S. Army is the largest branch of the United States' Armed Forces. It was formed in 1775 to fight the American Revolutionary War before the United States was even established as a country. The U.S. Army is fully vested in the communities in which members live and serve and it provides many resources to help communities become healthier, safer and more productive. WHY IS THE U.S. ARMY PARTNERING WITH KIWANIS?
Despite its more than 200-year legacy of service, the Army and all that it does for our citizens and communities isn’t familiar to everyone. Partnering with Kiwanis International provides ways for local Army officers to showcase our shared values of service, leadership and education. The Army strives to strengthen local communities through service and to build character and leadership among youth such as Key Club members. Through the Kiwanis Speakers Bureau, U.S. Army personnel can connect with Kiwanis-family clubs at club meetings, raising awareness of what today’s Army can provide and offering access to local Army support and resources. The Army also gives exceptional opportunities in higher education that can help young people throughout their lives.

WHY IS KIWANIS PARTNERING WITH THE U.S. ARMY?
We all know that our nation’s youth (and especially Key Club members!) are our future. The Army provides resources and tools to ensure students have what they need to succeed in school. Higher education can be pricey, but the Army can make the process easier on the wallet. On the education web platform goarmy.com/armyedspace, there’s an educator toolkit with information about scholarships, ROTC, tuition assistance and more that students can consult with club advisors and guidance counselors. There’s also March2Success, a free online program that offers study materials for students interested in improving their scores on standardized tests such as the SAT and ACT, military entrance exams as well as resources to help create and sustain a healthy lifestyle through the Army’s Performance Triad. In addition, March2Success now offers MCAT, DAT and nursing school practice tests for Circle K students or anyone interested in the medical field.

**HOW CAN YOUR CLUB CONNECT WITH THE U.S. ARMY?**

Each community has a local Army battalion that can participate in your club’s activities. Don’t miss out! Visit www.goarmy.com to find your local contact and to learn how your club could get support for a service project, invite service members to attend your club meeting and extend an invitation to join your club to the battalion.

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**Club Service Ideas - 12/29/2019**

*Submitted by: John Loken*

Every Thursday morning for the more than 15 years I have been a member of Alexandria (MN) Golden K, club members have been at the local high school to greet students and staff as they arrived at school. A really easy service task, just one hour, simply saying “hello, have a great day” and shaking their hand and catching their gaze with your eyes. Teachers report that discipline and classroom decorum is always the best on Thursday and often add, “it is often the first positive word some students hear on Thursday”. At the end of each year students are surveyed on various features and offerings of the school; year after year Golden K greeting ranks number one and on the occasional year it does not, it ranks number 2. This service effort is enthusiastically endorsed by Administration, staff, and students.

Our club has another effort of long standing in our community school system, Terrific Kids. It reaches 350 students in 15 elementary classrooms in four communities that includes two church operated schools. The program did not initially include all these classrooms, the list grew as administrators,
teachers and parents requested Kiwanis to expand the offering. Terrific Kids is a Kiwanis sponsored program that encourages volunteerism and random acts of kindness, we offer it to 5th graders and on occasion 6th graders. It too, is an easy service effort requiring only a couple hours of coordinator time per classroom per year and then 4 or 5 K members to award recognition certificates and small prizes twice during the school year, when parents are invited to attend. Simple, easy with a long reach into the future.

These are two examples of club service efforts that are within the capability of any size club and have proven to have life changing capability. I would love to hear your service stories. Email me at jcloken59@gmail.com. Have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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Possibilities - 12/28/2019  
Submitted by: Nancy Cornell District Builders Club Administrator

Builders Clubs do a lot for their schools and communities; From reading to younger students, creating thinking of you and holiday cards for our troops and nursing homes, to collecting new socks, toothbrushes and toothpaste for those in need, doing ditch cleanup, collecting food for area food shelves, buying Christmas gifts for Head Start and other families who need a helping hand and the list goes on. These are only a few of the many projects that Builders Club kids enjoy doing.

Wouldn’t your community benefit from some or maybe all of these projects? Plan to sponsor a Builders Club in 2020 and give youth a positive outlet for their energy and creativity and help your schools and communities in the process.

Visit www.buildersclub.org and send me an email at nancyc2@centurytel.net or call 507-346-2044. Best wishes for a New Year filled with hope and possibilities.
Nancy Cornell
Taking Action - 12/28/2019  
Submitted by: Nancy Cornell

The Kingsland Builders Club of Spring Valley, MN, collected sixty-four pairs of new socks for the needy. After learning about a need for socks from the area food shelf, the club of twenty-four got busy and made posters and decorated a collection box for the seventh through twelfth graders to use. Some of the socks were also included in gifts for needy families through the Christmas in Fillmore County program. Builders Club kids are eager to help when they know about a need. Just think about what a Builders Club could do to help your community. Sponsor a Builders Club in 2020.  
Nancy Cornell, Kingsland Builders Club Kiwanis Advisor

Annual Youth Protection Training - 12/27/2019  
Submitted by: Peter Larson

My wish is that each of you had a wonderful holiday season and are ready to enjoy a new year of possibilities. The most important Kiwanis Youth Protection Guideline is the first one that says there will be annual Youth Protection Training which includes each Kiwanis member receiving a copy of the Youth Protection Guidelines. The training is available online where it can be taken by each individual or as a group. I will provide training at the District Convention, and I am interested in doing club training sessions if we can work out a time that I can make it to your meeting. Please contact me at 701-261-7012 or by email at phlarson@midco.net.

The next item from the guidelines that I want to remind everyone about is the Criminal Background checks for all youth program advisers. https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/training/risk-management/background-checks is where Kiwanis explains about the background checks and where you can secure a valid background check. These checks are valid for two
years.

On January 18th and 19th, I am traveling to Atlanta, GA. for the 2020 Youth Protection Managers meeting where I will be reviewing with Kiwanis International records on how many clubs and advisers are completing their training and have gotten their background checks completed. I hope our district will be a leader in completing these important items.

Again, my wish is that each of you have a wonderful new year.

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**Amplify your impact through different abilities! - 12/23/2019**

*Submitted by: Amanda Thrift*

Happy New Year Kiwanians! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and provide my contact information. Governor Rachael has asked me to serve as the Aktion Club administrator for 2019/2020. I'm Amanda and I am a member of the Jamestown North Dakota Kiwanis Club and I am also the immediate past Lt. Governor of Division 1. I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to help the Jamestown club charter an Aktion Club in 2018 and have been in love with Aktion Club since then!

Right now MnDak has 19 active Aktion Clubs with more than 400 members which is absolutely amazing! I would like to challenge all of our clubs who do not have an Aktion Club to reflect on their communities and identify if there may be a missed opportunity to partner with community members and agencies to charter an Aktion Club. Many people view Aktion Club as a club for adults with disabilities and think they may not accomplish much. The reality is they can accomplish anything they put their minds to and we need to think of it as a club that has members with different abilities to bring to the table. Those different abilities can be leveraged by our Kiwanis clubs to help make an even bigger impact in our communities. If you have questions or want to talk through possibly chartering an Aktion Club I would love to hear from you and help you along the journey!

**My contact information:**

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Amanda.thrift@hotmail.com
Kids Need Kiwanis - 12/21/2019
Submitted by: Kathy Welle

Please share with family and friends - This could be a tool to recruit new members for your club.

Kiwanis helps kids around the world. Local clubs look out for our communities and the international organization takes on large-scale challenges, such as fighting disease and poverty.

We are generous with our time. We are creative with our ideas. We are passionate about making a difference. And, we have fun along the way.

The Mission
Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.

The Vision
Kiwanis will be a positive influence in communities worldwide – so that one day, all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide the support they need to thrive.

Kiwanis Service
Service is at the heart of every Kiwanis club, no matter where in the world it’s located. Members stage approximately 150,000 service projects and raise nearly $100 million every year for communities, families and projects. By working together, members achieve what one person cannot accomplish alone.

A Family of Servant Leaders
Kiwanis clubs focus on changing the world by serving children. To reach more people and have a greater service impact on their communities, many clubs sponsor a Kiwanis family club – K-Kids for primary school children; Builders Clubs for adolescents; Key Clubs for teens; Circle K clubs for university

students and Aktion Clubs for adults living with disabilities.

Are you ready to help create communities that let all children thrive, prosper and grow? Join a club and make a donation to support the Kiwanis mission. The kids are counting on you.

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**Children's Holiday Party** - 12/17/2019  
*Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Akshay Rai*

This year’s NE Children's Kiwanis Holiday Party for special needs kids was once again a huge success. This party provides a unique opportunity for special needs kids from all around the Twin Cities area to have fun and to partake in the seasonal festivities of Christmastime. The party featured many different fun activities such as face painting, fun carnival games, an open dance floor and the Teddy Bear Band playing live. Over 300 people attended this event, which was run primarily by volunteers. High schoolers from the Fridley Key Club dedicated their time to run the face painting booths, which were a big hit with the kids. It was amazing to see how something as simple as making a kid a small tiger on their hand could bring them so much joy. The happiness that radiated from the children when they looked in the mirror and saw that they had been transformed into a cheetah or Spiderman or whatever character they had requested was almost palpable. Meanwhile a few select Fridley high schoolers donned zany costumes and went and danced and interacted with the kids. After completing these activities the Key clubbers went and served hot lunches to everyone in attendance. The festive atmosphere was amazing to behold. However the most magical part of the party was when Santa arrived to meet with the kids. All the children were elated to see Santa. They ran up to him to hug him and to meet him. One little kid even made a Christmas wish list to give to Santa. At the conclusion of the party all the kids who attended were given a large gift bag filled with stuffed animals, coloring books, bubbles, shirts, playing cards, toy cars and posters. This party was an enormous success and couldn’t have been done without the help of the Fridley Key Club members.

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**Kiwanis Club of West St. Paul Throw Christmas Party** - 12/17/2019
Club: West Saint Paul - Submitted by: Cassandra Schueller

The West St. Paul Kiwanis Club, Woodbury Club and North Suburban Club came together to celebrate the season! A delicious meal was enjoyed by all, as well as some tasty desserts. There was a short presentation of the year in review, and a festive white elephant dice game rounded out the evening with some competitive stealing from a few sneaky members! Everyone had a great time reminiscing about the year and enjoying fellowship. Thank you to all Kiwanians working to make our community a brighter place!

Adopting Families for Christmas - 12/11/2019
Club: West Saint Paul - Submitted by: Cassandra Schueller

The Kiwanis Club of West St. Paul adopted two families to buy gifts for Christmas this year through a neighborhood program. Families provide wish lists for each of the children and the sponsor can choose what to buy off the list. Our group wanted to bring cheer to families and children this holiday season and were thrilled to receive a total of 5 children across the two families. Merry Christmas to everyone reading this, and thank you for continuing to make a difference in our communities.

LAK Rings Bells for Salvation Army - 12/2/2019
Club: Lake Agassiz, Fargo - Submitted by: Kristi Engelstad

Several Lake Agassiz Kiwanis members rang the Salvation Army bell throughout November and December. The Lake Agassiz Kiwanis are a proud supporter of the Salvation Army!
Santa Breakfast - 12/1/2019  
*Club: West Saint Paul - Submitted by: Cassandra Schueller*

The Kiwanis Club of West St. Paul held their annual Santa Breakfast on Sunday, December 1st. This event is not only a pancake breakfast, but also an opportunity for the community to take a free photo with Santa. The event also hosts kids games, crafts, and new this year, a bake sale. Hundreds of people participated in this annual event, raising money for scholarships for local high school kids. Thank you to all who made it a successful event!

Turkey Shoot - 12/1/2019  
*Club: Northeast Minneapolis - Submitted by: Stan Sroga, Sec.*

On Monday, November 25th the Kiwanis Club of Northeast Mpls held it's annual "Turkey Shoot" A total of 114 people attended. 20 club members, plus 94 guests. A number of clubs from Division 7 held inter clubs. The North Suburban Club Golden K from Roseville had 19 members attending. Two members with their wives from Rochester, Mn attended. A delicious Turkey dinner with all the trimmings was prepared by the staff of Elsie's Café. 5 people actually shot their Turkey and received a frozen one as a prize. One attendee won a 22 pound Turkey with all the makings for a complete Thanksgiving dinner. 22 additional Turkeys were given away. Everyone went home with a gift. The gifts ranged from Wild Turkey to cool whip. Our own "Turkey" Walt Sentyrz emceed the event. Everyone had a great time and it's a good way to start the Holiday Season.