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## Leading to Serve ... Minnesota Dakotas District Shines!

by: Bill Lardy, District Governor

What a great International Convention it was for the Minnesota Dakotas District! Delegates to the 2009 Kiwanis International Convention elected Past Governor Stewart Ross to the International Board of Trustees! The delegates recognized, as our district did almost 4 years ago, that Stewart has great capability and capacity for leadership. I predict that in 4 years he will be elected International President! Congratulations, Stewart, we are proud of you. You have our very best wishes. Thank you for your willingness to serve.



In addition to Stewart's election we were privileged to have Ryan Jorgensen of Minnehaha County, SD, whom our District Convention honored last year; awarded the Kiwanis International Foundation Robert P. Connelly Award of Heroism. This is an award given to " ... those who risk death or physical harm when 'they might just as well have passed along the way.'" Congratulations, Ryan, for a well-deserved recognition. Thank you for exemplifying all that is best about citizens of Minnesota, North and South Dakota. We are proud of you! Best wishes for a successful future.

The leadership examples set by Stewart and Ryan give us incentive to offer our District's young people the opportunity to experience first hand how to acquire and hone leadership skills by attending Key Leader Camp. This year's Camp will be held at Camp Inspiration near Clitherall, MN, October 2-4, 2009. Please support any high school student who wants to attend, especially those in grades 9-11. This link [www.key-leader.org](http://www.key-leader.org) will take you to the Key Leader web site for more information and to access the registration pages. Our aim is to nurture youthful leaders. Key Leader Camp is a perfect way for young people to gain leadership experience.

In four weeks our District Convention will convene in Watertown SD. I hope all clubs will send delegates. It will be inspirational and motivating to all who attend.

Finally, we need to make a final push to erase the membership loss we are experiencing year to date. I ask every Kiwanian to commit to recruiting one new member before September 30. Let's make it happen!

# Stewart wins & Averts Tragedy!

Submitted by: Coralyn Dahl, Campaign Chair

What excitement and what a win! The delegation from Minnesota-Dakotas erupted with shouts, whistles and "kazzoing" as Stewart Ross's name was posted on the screen as a new trustee of Kiwanis International. And they were not alone-so many of our friends across the nation showed their excitement over his election with thunderous applause.

The many, many people who helped in this campaign made a huge difference. At the caucus on Thursday morning, excitement was in the air as nearly all the attendees rushed to pick up their shirts, bags, kazoos, newspapers and brochures to hand out Friday morning. And early Friday they were ready. I hope we will all get a chance to see pictures of those green shirts with "Kazoo for Stew" as so many spent many hours in the hot sun, playing their kazoos and greeting those boarding shuttles at the hotels and arriving at the Convention Center. Stewart was so proud of all those who helped. At a special party on Saturday night he thanked them all and we sang our theme song to him while others tooted on the kazoo - "He's a Grand Old Man." And all of us are so proud to have Stew represent us on the International Board.

Some of you may not know, however, what happened to Stew and Liz on the way home. Twenty miles out of Mankato at 3:30 in the morning, a deer crossed in front of them, smashing their car! We are all so grateful that neither Stewart nor Liz were injured. The "Magic of Kiwanis" prevailed with a lot of help from God.



# Update from the District Secretary/Treasurer

7/3/2009 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard

**Congratulations to Stewart Ross on his election to the position of Kiwanis International Trustee.** It has been many years since we have had someone from our district on the International Board of Trustees. Special thanks and congratulations to all of the committees and individuals that helped with the very fun, exciting and well run campaign.



A total of **107 Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanians and 29 guests represented our district at the Kiwanis International Convention in Nashville, TN June 24-27.** If you were not able to join us at the International Convention, you can see, hear, and read about all the action on the Kiwanis International Convention's Web pages at [www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org)

**Next year's Kiwanis International Convention will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, June 24-27, 2010.** Think about attending next year! Jay Leno has been confirmed as part of the special entertainment.

Don't forget to register for the **Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention!!** You can still register! You can access and print a copy of the District Convention Registration form and related information on our district website at:

[http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/public\\_district/pub\\_Content.aspx?Page=70](http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/public_district/pub_Content.aspx?Page=70)

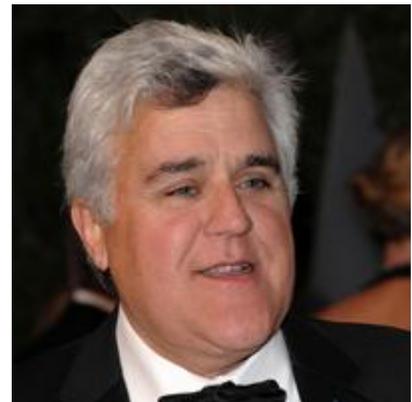
Thank you once again to Club Secretaries for submitting your **Club Election Reports for 2009-2010.** The reports were due **June 1**, so if you have not entered your information **online**, please do so ASAP! Please include email addresses whenever possible. It is very important that we receive this information in a timely manner so that directories and mailing lists can be compiled.

Have a great summer and hope to see many of you at the District Convention in Watertown.

## Kiwanis International Convention Update

Kiwanis ICON Update The convention in Nashville was a huge success! For details on new Kiwanis officers, trustees and amendments passed go to [www.kiwanisone.org](http://www.kiwanisone.org).

You'll also find under "Announcements" you can learn a little more about registration information for next year's convention in Las Vegas! Jay Leno is confirmed as a special guest.



## KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL PURSUING SECOND WORLDWIDE SERVICE PROJECT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (June 27, 2009) – Kiwanis International, in 1994, made a pledge to help protect children from the scourges of Iodine Deficiency Disorders in its first Worldwide Service Project. Now, with the majority of the world's children protected against IDD, Kiwanis is inviting organizations, institutions and individuals to propose a project to become the global service organization's second worldwide service initiative.

"We live today in a world of need," said Kiwanis International President Don Canaday, of Fishers, Ind. "People suffer debilitating and deadly diseases that need treatment or cure. Children live in poverty and go hungry, absent access to education, help and hope. "Today more than ever Kiwanis is needed to help ensure that families and children have food, clean water, a safe and secure shelter," said Canaday.

Solutions, Canaday added, will require many hands, many nations, many years, but small differences can set in motion a cascade of significant change. "One hand outstretched becomes two becomes four, becomes eight. Borders, boundaries and cultures are crossed and change becomes a cause, a commitment and, eventually, a cure," said Canaday.

In 1994, Kiwanis committed to help protect children against IDD, the leading preventable cause of lifelong mental and physical disabilities. Today, the organization, with its 8,000 clubs in 70 nations and geographic areas, is taking the next step in its journey to change the world for children and communities—Kiwanis is asking its members and others to propose its next Worldwide Service Project.

"Kiwanis has achieved its goal to virtually eradicate Iodine Deficiency Disorders," said Rob Parker, CEO of Kiwanis International. "Today, our partner in that effort, UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) estimates the number of households consuming iodized salt has jumped from 20 percent in 1990 to more than 70 percent today. "There remain a few pockets of need and we will remain vigilant to keep moving that needle upward, but it's time now to begin to identify the next Worldwide Service Project where the helping hands of Kiwanis can help improve the life of children and communities," said Parker.

Kiwanis' Worldwide Service Project is a directed program that engages all of its youth and adult members to make a positive difference in the world by helping children in need.

Proposals, due by Oct. 1, 2009, are invited from members, organizations, agencies and institutions. Project criteria include:

- Involve a child-focused issue or problem
- Be compelling and relevant
- Involve both a global and a local level of participation and impact
- Include hands-on service and fundraising
- Address a virtually solvable problem or issue
- Support Kiwanis membership growth
- Lead to life-changing experiences

Make recommendations via the Kiwanis International Web site at: [www.kiwanisone.org/wsp](http://www.kiwanisone.org/wsp). Please provide the following in your proposal:

- Describe your project and how it matches the criteria (500 words or less)
- How does the project align with Kiwanis' mission? (200 words or less)
- How can youth participate in the project? (200 words or less)
- What percentage of the project involves hands-on service? (100 words or less)
- What percentage of the project involves fundraising? (100 words or less)

Kiwanis will accept nominations until Oct. 1, 2009, and will announce its second Worldwide Service Project in June 2010 at the organization's 95<sup>th</sup> annual convention in Las Vegas.

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Manager, Public Relations, Kiwanis International

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## Service for the Children - District Service Project

Submitted by: Coralyn Dahl, District Service Chair

Several months ago, I told you of a service project for children at a new camp for children which caters particularly to those with disabilities. The camp is called Joy Ranch and is seven miles from Watertown, SD. We will not be able to have a "hands on" experience, but each of us in our clubs can gather items to be used at this new camp. I am listing items which would be easy to purchase and bring to the district convention. If you or someone from your club is unable to attend the district convention in Watertown, please ask another club to take the items you have collected.

Following is a list of items:

Board games  
Card games  
Balls of all sorts  
Lawn games  
Plastic hockey sticks  
Fishing poles and tackle  
Binoculars  
Bean Bag chairs



Use your imagination and have fun in your clubs gathering items for this wonderful camp for children. I am sending an email to every club secretary about this, so ask him/her if this is not discussed at a club meeting. Please help the children!

Coralyn Dahl

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## Designated Scholarships

Submitted by: Jack Zierdt, Secretary/Treasurer Educational Foundation

The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District Educational Foundation took action at their annual meeting on Saturday, May 16, 2009, that new Designated Scholarships will no longer be accepted into the program. All of the present 40 Designated Scholarships will, however, continue to be honored and awarded annually.

This action was taken so as to try to free up more funds, as the interest becomes more plentiful, so that we can hopefully offer larger dollar amounts to all of our scholarship winners. We would also like to be able to offer more opportunities for more winners in each region if more funds become available from the interest on our investments.

If there is any club and/or individual that is in the process of raising the necessary \$20,000.00, at this time, with the idea that they were planning to have a Designated Scholarship, they will have until July 24, 2009 to notify Jack Zierdt, Secretary-Treasurer of this intent.

# Check list for this years 92nd annual Kiwanis convention

Submitted by: Pat and Larry Rittgarn, District Convention Co-Directors

## Check List for the 92nd annual Kiwanis District Convention

**Books - Hard covers and paper backs for the book sale**

**Western gear for Friday nights Family night**

**Golf clubs for the Thursday afternoon Golf Tournament**

**An open mind and the desire to have fun**

**Shopping list for the Kiwanis Store**



## Workshops and Forums at the 92nd Annual District Convention

**FORUMS and WORKSHOPS at this years annual convention will include:**

**Communication in the 21st Century (repeated)**  
**Guidelines for Working with Youth**  
**What is a Club Satellite, and how do I place it in Orbit**  
**What are the Kiwanis Foundations**  
**Lets look at our new District Web-site**  
**Panel Discussion on Sponsored Programs (repeated)**  
**Photography made easy**  
**District Administrator workshop**  
**Secretary workshop**  
**President workshop**  
**Membership Opportunities Part 1 & Part 2**  
**Service and Fund Raising**  
**Key Leader (repeated)**

**Come prepared to attend as many workshops as possible, so be sure your members decide when they arrive as to which ones they plan to attend.**

## 92nd District Kiwanis Convention Tours

**Tours, tours and more tours. Yes, the 92nd annual District Kiwanis Convention in Watertown, SD will again offer a great variety of tours for partners and Kiwanis members.**

Tours will include:

Friday afternoon - the tour will be to the MELLETTE HOUSE

The private home of South Dakota's first Governor, Mellette House was built by Arthur Calvin Mellette in the mid 1880's. Beautifully restored, the Italianate villa displays original Mellette pieces and includes a museum housing both Mellette and early SD Memorabilia.

AND.....

a tour of UP TOWN WATERTOWN, and Historic shopping district where you will find interesting and quaint shops...plus a visit to the cities forgotten treasurer-GOSS OPERA HOUSE.

Saturday morning - Tour of 9 local sites that inspired Terry Redlin's paintings, and the Bramble Park Zoo which included over 500 species plus a petting zoo and many educational programs.

Friday night Family night will also include a family tour to the Redlin Art Center, so everyone can enjoy a weekend of great tours.

Make your plans now to sign up for the tours as soon as you check in on Friday when you arrive.

## **Kiwanis District Convention Golf Tournament**

**PRAIRIE WINDS GOLF CLUB at 555 South Lake Drive, near Watertown, SD will be the location of the Kiwanis District Golf Tournament.**

**The Golf outing will take place on Thursday afternoon July 30, 2009.**

**Tee off will be 1:30 pm so plan to attend.**

**There will be a shotgun start, and we will be playing best ball, so get your foursome together and send in your reservations today.**

**\$28.00 will get you 9 holes of golf and a 1/2 of a cart for this tournament.**

**Send your entries for this tournament directly to:  
Jeff Dunn, Dunn Promotional Products  
1175 2nd St. NW  
Watertown, SD 57201  
Phone 1-605-868-1069**

**If you do not have a foursome just send in your registration for \$28.00 and you will be given a slot in the Tournament.**

**e-mail address is [Jeffdunn@dunnpromotionalproducts.com](mailto:Jeffdunn@dunnpromotionalproducts.com)**

**Remember the day Thursday, July 30 and the tee off time is 1:30 PM**

## Has your club participated in the annual Club campaign for the Kiwanis International Foundation

Submitted by: E. "Chuck" Schroder, District Chair KI Foundation

Has your club taken advantage of participating in the Kiwanis International Foundation Annual Club Gift program? If not, Why not?



Each year, the Kiwanis International Foundation conducts its Annual Club Gift Campaign from October 1 through September 30, to provide the Foundation with an unrestricted source of income. Results totaled US \$7,000 when the program began in 1968. Proceeds now exceed US \$750,000 per year.

Contributions to the Annual Club Gift Campaign of US\$5.00 pr member help the Kiwanis International Foundation meet the needs of the Children of the World through grants, scholarships and disaster relief.

Your Kiwanis International Foundation to date has contributed more than US \$75 million to directly help children lead happy, healthy, and productive lives.

Several of our clubs in the Minnesota-Dakotas District have received matching grants to help fund their projects. If we don't contribute our dollars, we won't be able to help these young children. Your club's continuous support to the campaign allows the International Foundation to assist Circle K, Key Club, the Key Leader program and many others. The foundation gives matching scholarships to both Key Club and Circle K in the amount of \$500.00 for total of \$1,000. This year we were able to get 3 for each group, because last year we were able to raise more that \$3.00 pr member in the district. We are trying to get this to 4 for each group next year, but we are only at \$3.68 pr member right now and we need to be at \$4.00 pr member to get them. The District Foundation makes the match of 4 of the 6 scholarships, besides what they give out themselves.

The International Foundation was there to help the flood victims in North Dakota when they had their floods from the Red River and they were in California when the fires took the homes of so many people and in New Orleans when the hurricane was so devastating.

This is why we need all the clubs in our district to participate in the campaign. You can pass the hat at a couple of club meetings and you will meet the \$5.00 pr. member. For those clubs that participated, **THANK YOU** so much for your support. We will be having a fund raiser at the district convention again this year and I know you will want to take part. Remember "**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN**".

# Past Governors Lionel and Marion Muthiah Recognized

The Past District Governor's Association held their annual meeting in Fergus Falls on May 15 and 16. Special recognition was given to Past Governors Lionel and Marion Muthiah as they are moving out of the district. Lionel and Marion were presented with a Vantine Life Fellowship in their honor. Best wishes and thanks to the Muthiahs for their many years of dedicated service to Kiwanis. Lionel and Marion will continue their Kiwanis membership in Newburg, Oregon.



# Charter Night for Baxter Lakes Area & Friends

Submitted by: Marwin Bogue, Lt. Governor, Region 3 2008/09

The Kiwanis Club of Baxter Lakes Area & Friends held their charter dinner and program on Thursday June 18, 2009 at the Northland Arboretum in Baxter MN.

Twenty five members had joined the club at the time of the organizational meeting on May 12 with one additional member joining on the Charter Night which was Baxter Mayor, Darrel Olson. Officers of the club were elected on the May 12 organizational meeting and installed at the Charter meeting.

Attending the meeting were special guests: Governor Bill Lardy, Immediate Past Governor Bill Daugherty, Governor Elect Bruce Klair and Secretary Steve Handegaard with their wives, Dixie, Arlyce, Phyllis and Laura. Also attending were Past Governors Coralyn Dahl, Jean Collins and Stewart Ross.

The sponsoring club of Brainerd was present, including President Mike Lambert, President Elect Mike Dillon, secretary Andy Miles and eleven additional members of the Brainerd club.

The Baxter club was very thankful for the support of the District Officers and guests as they were welcomed into the Kiwanis family.

Speakers for the program included Baxter Mayor Darrel Olson with a welcome from the community, Stewart Ross and Bill Lardy who presented the charter to the club and gave a big welcome to the Baxter Club.

Baxter Lakes Area & Friends president Karl Samp gave an outstanding delivery in his acceptance of the charter and presented his vision and goals for the future of the club.



## Kid' Fishing Clinic

Club: Coon Rapids - Submitted by: Lance Raygor, Public Relations Chair

Close to the Coon Rapids Dam near the Mississippi River a man made lake was created. It serves as a picnic area but also an event that happens every year called Kids Fishing Clinic. Certain stations are created on the grounds and near the water and kids between the ages of 5 and 14 register and then proceed to about nine stations where they learn how to cast, learn knot tying, how to identify kinds of fish, water and boat safety, etc. This year was a record year as 1400 kids and their families were in attendance. At the stations were professional fishing guides and 19 Kiwanians from the Coon Rapids Kiwanis Club. Each kid was given a card and as he or she visited each station, they had their card punched and treated to a hot dog, pop, and chips.



The event started at 9 am and lasted till noon. Nick Cenaiko, the founder of the clinic, then treated all the Kiwanians to dinner at the VFW. It was a beautiful day and everybody had a good time.

## ST. CLOUD KIWANIS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Club: Saint Cloud - Submitted by: Art Grachek, St. Cloud Publicity Chair

The St. Cloud Kiwanis Club awarded scholarships to graduating seniors from six area high schools. Recipients of the \$600 scholarships are students who participated in the St. Cloud Kiwanis Club's Junior Kiwanian program and were selected by their respective schools based on their record of service to their peers and/or community. Each month during the school year, the six high schools select a student to attend the weekly meetings of the St. Cloud Kiwanis Club and report on their school's events and activities. The following students are the recipients of the 2008-09 Kiwanis Scholarships:

Natalie Unger, St. Cloud Cathedral High School, daughter of Tom and Susan Unger, will be attending Creighton University in Omaha as a Nursing major.

Emily Broman, St. Cloud Tech, daughter of Craig and Karen Broman, will be attending the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth.

Allyson DeMars, St. Cloud Apollo, daughter of Mark and Dana DeMars, will be attending the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

Tiffanie Walentiny, Sauk Rapids-Rice High School, daughter of Stephen and Lynnette Walentiny, will be attending the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

Julia Franz, St. John's Preparatory School, daughter of Neil Franz and Jean Didier, will be attending Smith College in Massachusetts.

Hannah Salk, Sartell-St. Stephen High School, daughter of Greg and Brenda Salk, will be attending the University of Minnesota-Rochester.

Kiwanis is an international service club that focuses on the needs of youth and children. For information about the St. Cloud Kiwanis Club, go to [www.stcloudkiwanis.org](http://www.stcloudkiwanis.org).

## K-KIDS HELP MAINTAIN KIWANIS GARDENS

Club: Saint Cloud - Submitted by: Art Grachek, St. Cloud Publicity Chair

Students from Lincoln Elementary School relax after helping maintain the Kiwanis Lake George flower gardens. The students are members of the K-Kids Club, a Kiwanis International program for children and sponsored by the St. Cloud Kiwanis. Nicole Borgstrom, Lincoln teacher, is the club advisor. K-Kids is a "student-led" community-service organization, which operates under school regulations and draws its members from the student body. The K-Kids' motto is "We Build," and among its objectives is providing opportunities for working together in service to school and community. The Kiwanis flower gardens are located on the Southeast side of Lake George. Kiwanian Jan Uberecken coordinates the garden project. To contact the St. Cloud Kiwanis go to [www.stcloudkiwanis.org](http://www.stcloudkiwanis.org).



## Outstanding Year for St. Anthony Village Key Club

Club: Saint Anthony - Submitted by: Barb McIntyre, St. Anthony Kiwanis Advisor



The St. Anthony Village High School Key Club has had a terrific 2008-2009 year taking part in a variety of service projects and fundraising efforts. Some of the projects include Huskies Paw Project, NE Kiwanis Christmas Party, raking leaves for the elderly, Villagefest, ECFE Halloween Carnival, Wilshire Park Fun Fest, and Feed My Starving Children. The kids also had three representatives attend Spring Convention in Alexandria. A major focus this year, however, was the trip to Corpus Christi, Texas to help build a house for the Habitat for Humanity organization (see photo). The kids planned the trip, raised funds and also pitched in half of the money themselves to get there. After a long trip down to Corpus Christi, they worked to help make a dream of owning a home come true for a single mom.

The kids knew this was an important trip, but didn't expect to receive the attention that they did. On the last day at the work site, two Corpus Christi news crews showed up to report on a group of high school kids (13 girls and 1 boy) from Minnesota that came all the way to Texas to help with this Habitat for Humanity project. The kids were surprised and excited to be interviewed and to see themselves on the news. Not only did they receive media attention in Texas, but they also were featured in a half hour telecast on CTV after arriving home. Clarence Ranallo interviewed Lucas Caretta, Sami Milliren and Gabby Basara along with Paul Redlinger and Barb McIntyre on the set of CTV. The show should air sometime in the end of June or July.

This has been an exciting and productive year for the kids. We should be very proud of how much they do for our community and beyond.

Here is link to the Habitat for Humanity television interview.

<http://www.kiiitv.com/news/local/42703697.html>

## Upcoming District and Regional Events

July 31-Aug. 2, 2009            Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention – Watertown, SD  
October 2-4, 2009            Key Leader Weekend, Clitherall, MN

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