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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>

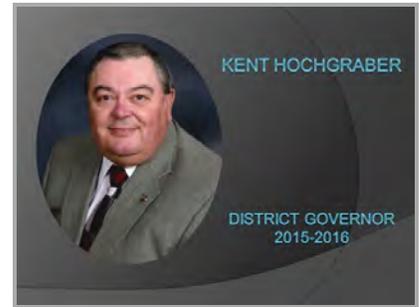
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Steve Handegaard
District Secretary/Treasurer
Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis International

Message from the Governor - 7/1/2016

Submitted by: Kent Hochgraber, District Governor

About 26 members and guests attended the International convention in Toronto, Canada. The Convention was GREAT. There were a number of great forums to attend and get educated on. I attend a number, but the one that touched me the most was the one on inclusiveness. We are a changing world, changing state and also a changing community. We must look beyond all the racial differences and nationalities in our communities and try to include all people in our clubs. This was a 2 hour town hall type meeting with a panel that directed the conversation. I learned a lot from discussions and points of view were very open and straight forward. They discussed everything, and of course there were many different points of view.



The amendments that of course got a lot of attention were the electronic voting and giving the Board the authority to raise the dues. These are brought up every year. Neither passed this year.

I want to remind all of you about our district convention coming in August. I know Judie and her committee have been working hard to put this convention together. I promise you some great forums for education that Peter has put together on the I-Plan and many other great educational opportunities. The on line registration is now available and you can go sign up today.

SEE YOU IN FERGUS FALLS IN AUGUST!!!

July Update - 6/30/2016

Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

Don't forget to register for the Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention!! Registration is \$160 until July 15. After July 15 registration is \$185. The preferred method of registering to is to do it online and pay with your credit card. If you are not able to register online let me know and I will email you a registration form that can be printed and returned by US Mail with a check. Also if you are attending as a voting delegate be sure your club secretary submitted the Club Delegate Certification form. More convention information can be found on our district website at: <http://mndak.portalbuzz.com/Page/1010>



District Kiwanis Convention House of Delegates: There were no Bylaw Amendments submitted by the deadline this year. However the House of Delegates does need to elect the Governor and Governor Elect. Peter Larson, Division 2, is moving up from the Governor Elect position. Also, Dan Leikvold, Division 4, is an unopposed candidate for Governor Elect.

Thank you once again to Club Secretaries for submitting your Club Election Reports for 2016-2017. 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 Fergus Falls.

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District Convention Registration - 6/30/2016

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CLE Offered at District Convention - 6/29/2016

Submitted by: Colleen Hyde

Club presidents and anyone who is interested is encouraged to attend the CLE session offered on Friday, August 5 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.



CLE (Club Leadership Education) is an opportunity to learn about the administrative side of Kiwanis. It is a short course on developing leadership skills, learning about conducting meetings and connecting to your division and district leaders. Networking with other club leaders, and learning about resources available will pave the way for a successful leadership experience.

If you will have a leadership role in your club for the 2016-17 year this is your chance to prepare yourself for success! If you have already attended CLE in your division in the last few months, that's great! If you have taken the course online, that's great! But if you have questions or concerns, or just want to meet some others in leadership roles, you are welcome to attend again.

THERE IS NO COST!!

Please fill out and submit a CLE registration form so we know how many to plan for. To download a copy of the registration form click here:

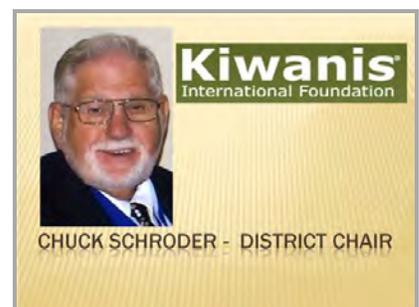
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Note: If you or your club's incoming President and/or secretary took the course online, we will have leadership guides available for you at the District Convention.

CAN YOUR CLUB USE A GRANT? - 6/29/2016

Submitted by: E.Chuck Schroder

The Children's Fund is the foundation's annual fund that is used to support grants to clubs, districts, district foundation and Kiwanis family programs like Key Club and Circle K. The Foundation wants to partner with clubs, Districts and district foundations and support local projects that will make an impact in the lives of children by providing grants to worthwhile projects.



Recently, the foundation reviewed a record number of grant applications. But with limited resources, the

foundation could only fund less than 27% of those requests. THE FOUNDATION NEEDS YOUR HELP. Please consider setting up a gift from your club or yourself so our foundation can extend your impact. When clubs and individuals make a gift to the Kiwanis Children's Fund, 5% of that gift goes directly back to the district as a grant. These grants to the district are used to support the district's donor recognition activities at one major conference and our district does it at the district convention and/or provide scholarships.

Thank you all for helping the children of the world.

Minnesota Dakotas District Education Foundation: Where Shall We Go - 6/29/2016

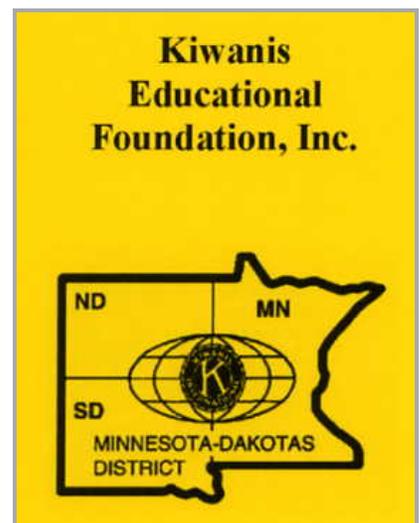
Submitted by: Bill Lardy, Foundation President

At the last foundation board meeting it was decided to undertake forming a strategic plan, just as the District Board has done for the District itself. The foundation board determined that the strategic planning committee will consist of the board itself plus District Secretary Steve Handegaard and three or four persons at large. As foundation president I will chair the committee.

The foundation board has no preconceived ideas as to the final plan but it did raise questions, among them: should the foundation mission be changed, should that door even be opened, what should be done to get Designated Scholarships reinvested in our program.

The Board welcomes all thoughts and comments from any and every Kiwanis member. Please share your thoughts and ideas with board members through email, phone calls or personal conversations. Your input will guide our discussions and decisions. The first planning session will be at the district convention in Fergus Falls.

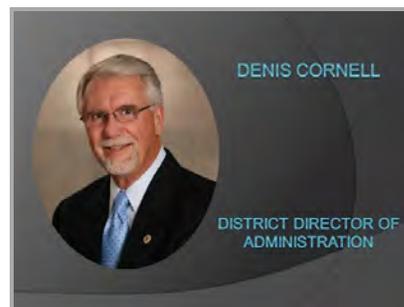
You may contact me personally at email address kiwi@bis.midvo.net or by phone at 701-391-4948. I look forward to hearing from you.



District Convention Memorial Service - 6/29/2016

Submitted by: Denis Cornell

Since 2012 we have held a Memorial Service at the Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention to honor those Kiwanians who have passed away since our last convention. This service is a way to recognize the tremendous Kiwanis service to the children of the world by those who have passed away. During the service, the names of those who have passed away are read and a carnation is placed in a vase in their honor. Following the service, the carnations may be taken back to your club or to loved ones of the deceased. This year the convention will be held in Fergus Falls and we will once again hold a Memorial Service on Sunday morning, August 7th. Please send the names of those from your club who have passed away during the last year to cornell.denis@gmail.com. I will need the names no later than Monday, July 25th.



Convention Corner - 6/29/2016

Submitted by: Judie Rosendahl, District Convention Director

MNDAK Kiwanis District Convention
Bigwood Event Center, Fergus Falls, MN
August 5-7, 2016



Only a little over a month before our 99th MNDAK Kiwanis Convention to be held at the Bigwood Event Center in Fergus Falls, Minnesota! To receive the lower room rate at the hotels in Fergus Falls, you will need to book your rooms by July 15. Also, be sure to register by July 15 online to receive the lower bargain rate for your registration to the convention. You may view the list of available hotels on the MNDAK website.

We will be having a special Governor-team meeting with everyone who is new to the convention this year. Also everyone who has never attended a MNDAK District Kiwanis Convention will be eligible for a drawing for a gift card. We are looking forward to seeing many new faces at the convention! Please make yours one of them!

Please remember to bring your diapers for our service project! Also, please remember to bring an item or basket from your club to our Silent Auction for Eliminate! Individuals can also bring something-the more the merrier and the funds will be used to help needy women and children around the world! One more item of interest-remember the used book sale. We always do well with that and those proceeds also go to Eliminate.

If you have not signed up for the Kiwanis Khorale, please do so soon. Director George French will be pleased to hear from you!

We have so many fun things planned for this convention and we want you to be a special part of it! Our forums will be different this year; focusing on the Kiwanis International and our District I-Plan! Come and learn more about that together at the Convention!

I want to thank the Fergus Falls clubs who have been so helpful! You will see many of them during our convention helping out in so many ways!

Please come prepared to lend your voices during Khoraoke on Saturday after the Convention is officially over! More fun with fellow Kiwanians!

Looking forward to seeing all of you in Fergus Falls August 5-7. 2016!

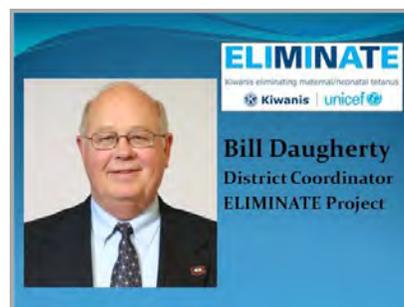
Judie Rosendahl

MNDAK District Convention Director

Eliminate Project - 6/29/2016

Submitted by: Bill Daugherty

Kiwanians from around the world just met in Toronto, CAN for the 101st International Convention. One of the major messages from the convention involves the importance of clubs honoring their pledges to Eliminate Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus in the world. We need to remember our pledges and complete our promise to the mothers and children of the world.



Please consider taking part in our Eliminate Silent Auction at the District Convention in Fergus Falls this August 5-7th. Clubs donating items will be credited with amount paid for the item. This be reported to Kiwanis International as a donation for The Eliminate Project.

There are some countries waiting to begin the process of Elimination but they need funds to get going.

Let's help them all out with our efforts to complete our pledges. Thank you and I'll see you in Fergus Falls.

101st Kiwanis International Convention - 6/29/2016

Submitted by: Courtney Taylor

Another year, another great convention. Kiwanians flooded Toronto during the last full week of June to celebrate 100 years of Kiwanis in Canada. We attended education sessions, celebrated successes, and made plans for the future. Workshop topics included membership, service leadership programs, and Kiwanis partnerships. We celebrated the elimination of maternal/neonatal tetanus in Niger and considered what needs to be done to fulfill the remainder of our pledges. We discussed the possibility of online voting, the value of separating the district secretary and treasurer positions, and a number of new concepts related to international dues.



The House of Delegates contained the usual amount of debating, yet the session ended only a few minutes later than scheduled. Refer to the list of amendments available on the Kiwanis convention website: amendments 1, 2, and 3 passed; all others failed or were withdrawn. The Trustees who were elected to the International Board included Fred Dietze, Bert West, and Peter Mancuso (who will serve as the Minn-Dak liaison in 2016-2017). The executive board for the coming year will be President Jane Erickson, President-Elect James Rochford, Vice-President Poly Lat, and Past President Sue Petrisin.

Some of the delegates from Minn-Dak rode to the top of the CN Tower, toured Casa Loma, and explored Niagara Falls. If that sounds fun to you, start planning your budget for the Eiffel Tower, the Palace of Versailles, and the Seine. See you next year in Paris, France!

Making it Happen - 6/29/2016

Submitted by: Al Vanderlaan, District Service Director

Kiwanians , You are making it happen in the MINDAK district!

I have heard from many clubs who are working on extraordinary projects. The SMIF, SCOLASTIC BOOKS, DIAPER PROGRAM, GIFT BOXES, and many local programs. You are helping the children know they are carried about by adults. You are helping feed them, giving them coats and winter boots, scholarships, and play ground equipment. You are proving what KIWANIS is all about. Immunizing mothers around the world against TETANUS in new born babies. You are giving leadership and service opportunities through Circle K , Key clubs , Builder clubs , and K Kids. You are helping leave this world a better place to live. You are teaching kids how to give to others unselfishly. You are passing the love of God on to the next generation. Teaching them to pray, honor our flag, and to communicate as well as work with all generations. You are givers. You will help leave the district and the world a better place to live for everyone. I, as your service director, am thankful for you, my fellow Kiwanians! I enjoy working with people who care about others more than just themselves!



As we get closer to the district convention in FERGUS FALLS remember to bring diapers to the convention again this year to give to the less fortunate children and families in the FERGUS FALLS area.

I would like to see us give again this year "Kiwani Gift Boxes" to reservations. We could give to a reservation in each State if we get enough clubs interested. Let me know if your club would like to participate. I suggest we deliver boxes in early October this year and stay away from snow and holidays.

Kiwanis + Rotary = Clean Camp - 6/28/2016

Club: Jamestown - Submitted by: Katie Ryan-Anderson

Jamestown, N.D.'s local Kiwanis and Rotary club partnered for an annual service project.

The two clubs together support Camp Rokiwan for children. The camp hosts camps for young people as well as family reunions and other events every summer.



Twenty or so members worked together to clean kitchens, cabins, dining halls, etc. in June.

"This project is about more than house keeping," said Jamestown Kiwanis President Katie Ryan-Anderson. "It's about what we can do when we work together."

Kiwanis Club of North Hennepin and City of Robbinsdale Little League 2016 - 6/28/2016

Submitted by: Gail Heyda, Secretary

The City of Robbinsdale Little League team, the Blue Jays, had a great game schedule playing 11 regular season games. The team of 8 and 9 year olds had a fun and fulfilling season-playing each game to its fullest. By the final game of the season on Tuesday, June 21 at the Robbinsdale Middle School field, the team showed their sportsmanship and fun at playing the game. Courtney and I and the Kiwanis club of North Hennepin had a great season as team sponsors and the team and parents were very welcoming to us. The coaches were good examples of fair play and teaching the team the best way to play-have fun! This was our first year as sponsors and look forward to continuing after seeing the benefits of teamwork all players showed during the season. Great event!



Bentz receives Kiwanis Division Star Award - 6/27/2016

Division: Division 1 - Submitted by: Katie Ryan-Anderson

Don Bentz was speechless when he received the Kiwanis Division Star Award Monday at the Jamestown Kiwanis Club meeting. The award is a top honor for a member within the 11-club district including Jamestown.



Bentz's lack of a quick joke surprised Krysten Perkins, a member of the club who nominated Bentz for

the honor.

“He’s known for his jokes,” she said. “He’s an easy-going, loving life-type of guy.”

Bentz did joke that the round of applause he received after the award was presented was “irrational exuberance” on the part of club members.

Perkins said Bentz is known for much more than keeping meetings light and fun.

“Once you hear all he’s done in his life and for Kiwanis, it was an easy pick,” she said.

Along with Perkins, Kiwanis member Janna Bergstedt nominated Bentz for the award.

“He is the primary reason Kids Against Hunger came to this community,” Bergstedt said. “He insisted we do it and then co-chaired the events.”

Kids Against Hunger prepares prepackaged meals of nonperishable food. Over five events, the Jamestown Kiwanis Club and volunteers have prepared 832,000 meals for distribution to hungry children around the world. Bentz has also been active in the First Church of the Nazarene and the Salvation Army where he volunteers about 800 hours per year, according to Lt. Gov. Wilfred Volesky, an officer within Division 1 of the Kiwanis in North Dakota who presented the award.

“These are amazing and selfless people who have had 70 foster children in their home over the years,” Volesky said.

Volesky credited the foster care work of Don and Joyce Bentz as an important factor in earning the award.

Bentz has been a Kiwanis member since 1976 and has nearly 30 years of perfect attendance at club meetings. He has served in a variety of positions within the club including president.

For Bentz, his service and volunteer work were just part of his daily life.

“I just go about doing my everyday things,” he said. “God put us on earth for a purpose. I don’t want to just take up space.”

Challenge Coin - 6/27/2016

Club: Sturgis Golden K - Submitted by: Deb Looby

Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., President of Black Hills State University, is shown presenting a challenge coin to all Veteran's of the Sturgis Golden K Kiwanis Club.



Thank you, Veterans!

Donations - 6/27/2016

Club: Sturgis Golden K - Submitted by: Deb Looby

Sturgis Golden K Kiwanis recently presented checks to several Non-Profit Organizations which work with children within the community.



Kiwanis Club of Minot sponsors stage in Music Director's memory - 6/21/2016

Club: Minot - Submitted by: Carla Dolan

The Festival in the Parks is making its way back to Minot, and the Kiwanis Club of Minot wants to make sure a past member who was key in making this event happen year after year, is recognized. Hardy Lieberg had been the Kiwanis Club of Minot band leader for many years and a band leader for the Festival in the Parks as well. As a matter of fact, he founded and chaired the festival for 20 years. Hardy passed away May 8, 2011. But his memory lives on. This summer the July 4 Festival in the Parks event will be back after a few years away and the stage will be named after Hardy thanks to a donation by the Kiwanis Club of Minot. While we celebrate our country's independence, we also recognize a key player in our community and our club. The beat goes on Hardy!



Minot Golden K Donates Ticket Booth - 6/21/2016

Club: Minot, Golden K - Submitted by: Gary Ochsner

Minot Golden K as one of their service projects provides gate security and ticket selling services for Magic City Youth Baseball games at Corbett Field in Minot. Golden K began this service 26 years ago as the result of a conversation between a Golden K member and the Minot American Legion Baseball Coach. The baseball team had difficulty getting volunteers within their program to sell tickets and watch the gates. Often there were times no one was available to be at the booth or gates.



Golden K members have diligently manned the ticket booth and gates since that time. Originally this project was for the Minot Vistas American Legion Baseball program but has expanded to include the Minot Metros Junior Legion program and Babe Ruth teams that play at Corbett Field.

During the 2011 flood in Minot the original ticket booth was destroyed. For the next four seasons the Golden K members sat at a picnic table at the gate selling tickets. This was out in the elements and also the ticket sellers had to be aware of foul balls coming their way.

In October 2015, Golden K member Boyd Hanson headed the project to provide a new ticket booth at Corbett Field. He felt this was something that Golden K could accomplish in serving the youth of Minot. Boyd coordinated the design and purchasing the material to construct the booth. He also made contact with the Burdick Job Corps Center carpentry courses to construct the booth. When the construction of the booth was completed he coordinated with the Minot Park District to have the booth delivered and located at the gate to Corbett Field.

Golden K members selling tickets are enjoying being out of the elements and not having to keep an eye out for foul balls.

Pictured at the new booth is Minot Golden K Kiwanis 2016-2017 President Richard Roen.

Harvey Kiwanis Scholarships - 6/15/2016

Club: Harvey - Submitted by: Sandy Teubner

Harvey Kiwanis awarded four scholarships to graduating seniors this past May. Winners of these scholarships were as follows:

Iona Tebilius & John J Tebilius Designated Scholarships -McKenzie Lutt and Corey McClintock

Harvey Kiwanis Designated Scholarship - Sarah Engelhart

Marvin Frey Scholarship - Haley Edinger (not pictured)

Harvey Kiwanis is happy to congratulate these students and wish them well in their future educational paths.



Over 90 Recognition - 6/14/2016

Club: Watertown - Submitted by: Tim Oviatt

Kiwanis' 37th annual Over 90 Recognition Luncheon for the area's most senior of citizens was held at Lunkers Restaurant on June 6 with 72 seniors and 41 of their guests in attendance. Kiwanians sitting with the special guests gave a report on each of the seniors including where they have lived, military service, occupations, children and grandchildren, advice to young people and favorite memories from growing up. Entertainment was provided by Mary Larson who sang music from the "Sound of Music". She was accompanied by Blair Titze. Also, 10 year old Jaida Wilson, the winner of the Boys & Girls Club talent show sang her award winning song. Several old favorite songs were sung and door prizes were presented to several winners.



Madison Kiwanis builds playground - 6/8/2016

Club: Madison - Submitted by: Jeanene Munsterman

The Madison, Minnesota Kiwanis club took advantage of Kiwanis International 100th anniversary playground promotion and worked with Landscape Structures to build a new playground. The Madison Kiwanis had built the original playground in 1984. That playground had outlived its usefulness. It was time to replace it. Kiwanis members, with guidance and assistance from Flagship Recreation, installed the equipment. The City of



Madison updated the park area where the playground is located with Kiwanis Members landscaping the playground area.

DL Kiwanis generates record sales at recent French Toast Feed - 6/1/2016

Club: Devils Lake - Submitted by: Suzie Kenner

Devils Lake, ND– May 20, 2016 – Concessions, French toast feed, bicycle safety course and holiday meals are among the many service projects the local Kiwanis club members have offered for many years serving the children of the world.



Pete Hager, Board Member of the Kiwanis Club of Devils Lake announced today that the club generated record sales during their recent annual French Toast Feed. “It’s truly an honor to be involved in an organization so well supported by our local community”, said Hager. “Most importantly, it’s an honor to serve alongside men and women who are dedicated to improving the lives of children, in their communities”.

The French Toast Feed has historically been a major source of funding for the DL Kiwanis Club. All funds raised during Kiwanis events allow the club to continue supporting local organizations, including, but not limited to, the Lake Region Public Library Children’s Reading Program, Newspapers in Education, Youth sports, local 4H clubs and Safe Alternatives for Abused Families.

Founded in 1921, the Kiwanis Club of Devils Lake joins a global organization of clubs and members dedicated to serving the children of the world. The Kiwanis International family comprises nearly 630,000 adult and youth members in ore than 80 countries and geographic areas.

The Kiwanis Club of Devils Lake meets every Tuesday at noon at the White House Café. Anyone interested in helping to improve the community and the world is invited to drop by for a visit or to contact the club President at kiwanisdln@yahoo.com AND 701-381-9695.