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
It's Convention Time - 6/30/2019  
Submitted by: Dave Harms

We have already enjoyed the first day of summer (June 21) and now the International Kiwanis Convention has completed in Orlando, Florida. That is a sure sign that again it is time to prepare for our District Convention in Fargo, North Dakota. Our summer town celebrations are an excellent opportunity for your individual clubs to show off their accomplishments and or/ask others to join your community building efforts. Many of our members participate in many activities of their community efforts.

The Promotion of Kiwanis can be as simple as wearing a Kiwanis shirt while working at an event that benefits the community. I worked a job for a man one summer who had a favorite saying “Work Smart - Not Hard”. He was the Editor of the Minnesota Fisherman. We can all use that philosophy to increase our membership in Kiwanis. Show your own communities what you have done for the community through the fun and fund raising efforts of Kiwanis, and then most importantly don’t be afraid to ask them to join your efforts.

It is also important to attend the District Convention in Fargo, North Dakota on August 9 -11 2019. Shara and the Convention Committee have been working very hard to make this convention a fun and educational experience. Lastly, thank you all for the efforts you have made to improve the lives of the children and communities that you serve. I will look forward to seeing you all in Fargo, North Dakota in August.

July Update - 6/29/2019  
Submitted by: Steve Handegaard

Don’t forget to register for the Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention to be held August 9-11, 2019 in Fargo, North Dakota! Registration is $175 until July 15. After July 15 registration is $200. You can also register for a Friday or Saturday only option. The preferred method of registering 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. If you are a voting delegate be sure that your club secretary has submitted your name on 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. Rachael Disrud, Division 2, is moving up from the Governor Elect position. Also, David Odette, Division 2, is an unopposed candidate for Governor Elect.

Thank you once again to Club Secretaries for submitting your Club Election Reports for 2019-2020. 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 Fargo.

Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Office Contact Information:  
Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Office
MNDAK District Convention - 6/29/2019
Submitted by: Shara Fischer

As the band Europe would say...IT’S THE FINAL COUNTDOWN! Can you believe it is almost time for District Convention? I am excited to welcome everyone to the Fargo-Moorhead area!

We kick off Friday morning with a new event - a round table discussion moderated by Jess Almlie. In the first half of this session, we will work together to create a short, but impactful way to tell the Kiwanis story to others. In the second half of the morning, we will share ideas of what is working in a number of clubs to keep taking care of business across the district. You will leave this session with more Kiwanis connections, a way to tell the Kiwanis story, and practical ideas to help your club keep moving.

Our keynote speaker is Danielle Teigen, deputy editor at The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead. She is the author of “Hidden History of Fargo” and will amuse us with historical stories including tales of our very own Minnesota Dakotas Kiwanis District.

After the Governor’s Banquet on Saturday night, The Dave Ferreira Trio will get our toes tapping as they serenade us at the Post Convention Party.

A few reminders as you prepare for convention:

**Used Book Sale** - Bring your used books to the registration table when you arrive at convention. The books will be set up and sold to convention attendees and guests.

**Silent Auction** - All clubs are encouraged to bring a silent auction item, with proceeds going to support the Eliminate Project.

**Diaper Drive** - We are collecting all sizes of diapers to be donated to Churches United for the Homeless and the YWCA Women’s Shelter in Fargo.

**Khorale** - If you would like to join the Kiwanis Khorale, please send me a note (sharamfischer@gmail.com) to join the group!

Please be sure to register for District Convention (Fargo, ND - Holiday Inn - August 9-11, 2019) at [https://mndak.portalbuzz.com/Page/1010](https://mndak.portalbuzz.com/Page/1010). Can’t wait to see you there!

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BRING ON THE FIREWORKS WITH A BLAST OF MEMBERSHIP - 6/28/2019
Submitted by: Sherry Scudder

Start off your July with a fireworks explosion in MEMBERSHIP for the month of July. We can already celebrate with the new club of BLOOMINGTON being approved. CONGRATULATIONS to the Bloomington Club and a big shout out to all the new charter members. A special thank you to Gail Heyda and Steve Forseth for finalizing all the necessary paperwork. Lt. Governor Todd, the
members of Bloomington and coaches should be proud of getting this club off the ground and organizing to help the children in your community.

We had some wonderful training and shared ideas at the Kiwanis International Convention in June. Some of the ideas that hit home were: “Life is people doing meaningful things with people you care about and love” and membership is a great opportunity and invitation to get involved in caring and sharing in your communities.

Sparking up new members is vital to sustaining our clubs to continue our work for the children in our communities. What would our communities and children do without us? Below are some sponsors of new members to strengthen their club’s existence:

DIVISION CLUB / NEW MEMBER / SPONSOR

Division 1
Detroit Lakes/ Melissa Hoffman/ Sara Skadsem
Jamestown/ Heather Marsh/ Timothy Curtis
Jamestown/ Jamie Lee Cunningham/ Heather Marsh
Jamestown/ Jessica Balak/ Joyce Bentz
Jamestown/ Rachel Holsten/ Les Nordgaard

Division 2
Fargo Rough Riders/ Randal Keller/Walter S Meidinger
Lake Agassiz Fargo/ Rachel Voller/ Carol Beaton

Division 4
Sturgis 321/ Myrna Brennick/ Rebecca’s J M Walker

Division 6
Granite Falls/ Jessica Gorman/ Patrick Moore
Litchfield/ Bob Blomberg/ Unknown
Litchfield/ Christopher Olson/ Unknown
Litchfield/ Eric Johnson/ Unknown
Willmar/ Troy Honzay/ Kenneth Behm
Worthington/ Drake T Hagen/ William Wetering

Division 7
North Suburban Saint Paul/ Garry Lowenthal/ Shannon M Schuweiler
Rochester Golden K/ Teresa Carlson/ Rita McCoy

CONGRATULATIONS to Jamestown and Litchfield for securing multiple members last month. I see Heather Marsh, a new member sponsoring a new member the day after she joined—It is as easy—Just ASK.

DON’T FORGET THE CHALLENGE: A $50 VISA GIFT CARD WILL BE AWARDED TO THE 1ST MEMBER WHO SIGNS UP AND SPONSORS 5 NEW MEMBERS FROM JULY 1 – AUGUST 5TH

You DON’T WANT to miss the DISTRICT CONVENTION IN FARGO IN AUGUST. There will be some great MEMBERSHIP tips on how to build and strengthen clubs.

ALWAYS REMEMBER: “How will the lives of others be helped because you walked on this planet !!!
Welcome to Workshops at the Minnesota Dakotas Convention

August 9, 10, 11th, 2019 we will have the opportunity to hear from a newly elected trustee from Kiwanis International, Gunnsteinn Bjornsson from Iceland. He will present 3 workshops titled "Membership and Growth: Inspired by Iceland". Gunnsteinn will present one on Friday and two on Saturday. We also have Brad Boyd, area director from Kiwanis International, who will present Friday and Saturday on success in our clubs. Other workshops will cover Leadership development, public relations, membership and diversity, service leadership programs, a panel on Kiwanis, Minnesota Dakotas Web Site, Risk Management and Youth Protection, and a panel on memberships/growth/partnerships. Friday morning please come to Club Leader Education or the Round Tables before joining together for a buffet lunch. First Time attendees are invited to have lunch together while we talk about how to take advantage of all convention has to offer. We look forward to seeing you there!

Kiwanis International Convention - 6/28/2019
Submitted by: Rachael Disrud

The 104th Kiwanis International Convention was held at the Coronado Springs Disney Resort in Orlando Florida with over 2000 attendees. Our International President, Poly Lat from the Philippines greeted us and Jim Collins, author of "Good to Great" challenged us to consistently work toward our goals. In addition, Dillon Kalkhurst, a Kiwanis member and author of "Intergenerational Engagement" presented on how we can work together. Another highlight was Alex Sheen, a young entrepreneur who has developed a focus on keeping promises.

Workshops included: presentations on membership, Club Leader Education, Communities Assessments, Service Leadership Programs, Signature Projects, Communications, Children’s Fund, Iodine Deficiency Disorders, Eliminating Tetanus, Multi-Generations in Clubs, Partnerships, how to run a good meeting and strengthening your club, developing Web Sites and Social Media, Running a Foundation, Getting Grants, Public Relations, Marketing and Media, New Clubs and Service, Understanding Volunteers, Brain Development, Photography, Young Professionals, Circle K, K-Kids, Action and Key Clubs.

Our District had 30 attendees including our District Secretary - Treasurer Steve (and Laura) Handegaard and our Governor, David Harms and his wife Kay. Well worth our time!

Are you a Leader? - 6/28/2019
Submitted by: Loreena Lueters

Maybe you don’t think of yourself as a leader even if you are an officer of your club. Even if you are an officer or you are a member, would you like to learn more about how to be a leader?

Some say you are born a leader. True or false? We will explore that statement and other questions during a form at the District
Convention in August. Questions such as: What hinders you from taking a leadership role? How can I develop leadership skills? So, who is a leader and what is leadership, is leadership defined as a person or the position you hold? There are many questions about leadership.

During the forum we will explore different aspects of leadership and hopefully equip you to become a leader.

Next month we will feature another forum. So, plan on attending the District Convention in Fargo and learn from many various forums offered to help you and your Kiwanis club.

Children's Fund - 6/28/2019
Submitted by: Kathleen Welle

Have you heard?
Kiwanians everywhere are going all in for kids! Help children around the world get nutrients and immunizations.

Give to the All in for Kids Challenge! Learn more or make your gift at kiwanis.org/challenge.

This year the President's Challenge for our District is $24,408.00. Currently we are at $17,370.18. Clubs who haven’t sent in your payment - Will you make your contribution during the next 3 months, so we can meet the CHALLENGE? Remember, the District gets back 15%. All Clubs have the opportunity to participate in giving scholarships to Key Club members to further their education. Rebate funds are used for Education Scholarships thru the District Education Foundation.

So getting ready for our District Convention in August, 2019 another way to contribute to the Children's Fund - Bring an item for the Children's Fund Raffle table to be given out to the winning ticket at the convention. Your club will get the credit for funds raised.

AND Bring all your K DOLLARS collected since September, 2018. A check for the amount is okay, instead of all the ONE Dollar bills.

Service - 6/28/2019
Submitted by: Al Vanderlaan

Fellow Kiwanians, Service is the whole story about Kiwanis. You each have important programs developed to help the children in your communities. Our future generation is more dependent on your example that your club provides than any of us will probably ever know. Keep up the good work!

If you need help with any service ideas let me know. I will try to help.

Darryl Meyer has done wonderful work heading up the book project in the south eastern part of Minnesota. Thank you Darryl for
all your hard work and involvement.

As a District we have and will continue to promote Scholastic Books in the grade schools throughout the District. We are number 1 in all of Scholastic putting reading Oasis's in grade schools for Kiwanis. If you haven't already done so consider using Books for Kids in your school district. These two programs help bring life into our communities.

TRAFFICKING is an important educational need throughout America. It is an educational program we need to promote through our Key clubs. Children and adults need to know how to protect themselves from potential trafficking.

July Partnership Highlights - 6/28/2019
Submitted by: Denis Cornell, District Partnership Coordinator

COLLETTE TOURS - TRAVEL FAR, TRAVEL OFTEN AND TRAVEL FOR LESS
Travel is one of the best ways to truly learn about a destination. It has the unique ability to teach us new information, broaden our horizons and stir our sense of curiosity. Whether you wish to savor new cuisines, immerse yourself in a culture completely unlike your own or see a historic landmark you’ve only read about in books, Kiwanis Travel: A partnership with Collette can help make your travel dreams a reality.

With 100 years of guided touring experience, more than 160 tours to all seven continents and full-time industry-leading tour managers, Collette makes sure you’re in good hands. Combined with more local cuisine, more inclusive activities and more flights out of any gateway, Collette takes care of all the details so you don’t have to.

Kiwanis members save US$50-100 per person on any tour. Plus, use offer code KIWANIS to learn about special savings of up to $500 per person. For reservations, call Collette toll-free at 1-855-212-1095, or contact your travel professional to learn more. Be sure to mention your Kiwanis member benefit and offer code KIWANIS when calling.

LANDSCAPE STRUCTURES
Landscape Structures (LSI) joined Kiwanis International in 2013 as a vision partner to bring play to communities across the globe. Kiwanis aligns with partners possessing a shared mission to preserve the trust of members and the communities, children and families served. LSI is proud to provide high-quality commercial playground equipment and planning consultation services that reflect the high degree of integrity that Kiwanis clubs expect. This toolkit will help Kiwanis clubs create amazing playgrounds that will bring their communities together to play.

HOW CAN YOUR CLUB CONTACT A LOCAL LSI SALES REPRESENTATIVE? It’s very easy to connect with LSI. Simply go to the Contact page and search for your local representative. Outside North America? Contact Landscape Structures by phone at 763-972-5200 or by email at info@playlsi.com.

Memorial Service at District Convention - 6/28/2019
Submitted by: Denis Cornell, District Director of Administration

We will once again hold a memorial service at the 102nd Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention in August 2019. Since 2012 we have held a Memorial Service at the 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.

The 102nd district convention will be held in Fargo, ND August 9-11, 2019 and the Memorial Service will be held on Sunday morning, August 11th.

Please send the names of those from your club who have passed away since our last convention to cornell.denis@gmail.com. I will need the names no later than Wednesday, August 1st.

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LIGHTS! ACTION! CAMERA! - 6/27/2019
*Club: Mankato - Submitted by: Wendy Kind, Membership Chair*

LIGHTS! ACTION! CAMERA! The Mankato Kiwanis Club rolled out the red carpet to celebrate our club and its members. The 103 member club was treated to a pictorial year in review on the "Silver Screen" during the pre-show luncheon, followed by renowned announcer Doug Faust to begin the festivities. The television award show themed program was hosted by quirky Kiwanis couple John and Wendy Kind (President Elect and Membership Chair) dressed in designer wear by TJMaxx and Kohls Clearance Rack. An opening musical number sung to the melody of "When Kiwanis Calls" set the tone for the fun to come. Jokes were plentiful and met with both laughter and groans. Voting results were certified as "not fishy" by Club Treasurer Alex Swanson, with the CPA firm of Kiwanis, Catch, & Release. "Nominees" were announced, glittery gold envelopes were opened, and "winners" walked the red carpet to movie tunes selected especially for them by pianist, Vonnie Elker. Photographer to the Stars, Laura Templin, captured photos and applause exploded as Legion of Honor recipients accepted their certificates. The Kiwanis Club of Mankato now boasts four 50+ year members: Sandy Schuster, Dwain Petersen, Joe Holland, and Fred Lutz. A special presentation was made by Lt. Governor Sharon Taylor to announce the selection of our very own "Leading Actor," Matt Norland, for the Division 6 Star Award. The Academy President (aka Club President Karen Rekstein) bestowed committee chair Clarissa Meissner with the coveted Above & Beyond trophy for her outstanding work with our SLPs. Our razzle dazzle award show received rave reviews. In all seriousness, however, it is every member, our committees, boards, directors, and the executive team working together that truly makes a difference for children in Mankato and around the world. APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE! Submitted by Wendy Kind, Membership Chair, Mankato Kiwanis Club

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*Lifetime Cleanup by Moore Lake - 6/26/2019*
*Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Mary Bowen*

The Fridley High School Key Club recently went to Lifetime Fitness to clean up around their facility and its surrounding lake. Seven Key Clubbers and two Advisors cleaned up many garbage bags of trash and made the environment a little nicer. The highlight of the event was free smoothies and pizzas offered by Lifetime for the good deeds performed by the Key Clubbers.
**Special Olympics Dance - 6/24/2019**  
*Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn*

Each year when Special Olympics athletes meet in Fargo for the summer games, the Fargo South Point Kiwanis club prepares for the annual dance for the athletes. Davies High School gym was the site of this year’s dance, and the decorating crew met prior to the dance to decorate the gym and during the evening, they also serve as the hosts. This event each year gives many of the athletes the chance to see each other as they come from across the state to participate.

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**Youth Protection Guidelines - Medications - 6/17/2019**  
*Submitted by: Peter Larson*

Medications: The possession of prescriptions and nonprescription (over-the-counter) medications by youth at a Kiwanis event should be permitted only with the written permission of the parent/guardian.

Additional information: An adult may not give a youth medication. This includes over-the-counter medications such as aspirin. If a youth anticipates needing over-the-counter medication, he or she must bring it with them—along with the parent/guardian’s written permission. A sample permission form is available at: [Kiwanis.org/youthprotection](http://Kiwanis.org/youthprotection).

Make sure youth members know this requirement—so they can be prepared if they anticipate the need for such medication at an event.

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**St. Cloud Kiwanis Club Awards Six Scholarships - 6/17/2019**  
*Club: Saint Cloud - Submitted by: Art Grachek*

The St. Cloud Kiwanis Club awarded six scholarships ($700 each) to graduating seniors attending St. Cloud area high schools. Kiwanis representatives at each student’s respective awards ceremony presented scholarships. The scholarship awards are part of the club’s “junior Kiwanian” program.

During the academic year, beginning in October through April, students are selected by their school each month to attend weekly Kiwanis meetings. Students are luncheon guests of Kiwanis and are asked to give a brief report on the happenings at their school. A school representative introduces the student at the first monthly meeting. Each school selects one of their participants to receive the Kiwanis scholarship.

High schools participating in the “junior Kiwanian” program and scholarship recipients for 2019 are as follows: St. Cloud Apollo, Zoe Knutson-Kolodzne; St. Cloud Cathedral, Gabrielle Heying; St. Cloud Tech, Abigail LaLonde; Sartell-St. Stephen, Cody Neitzke; Sauk Rapids-Rice, Michael Brambrink; and St. John’s Preparatory School, Elizabeth Kolb.

Funding for the scholarships and other club donations is generated through the club’s annual golf outing fundraiser in partnership with Kids Fighting Hunger and from an annual Holiday Gift Box fundraiser featuring Minnesota grown foods and beverages.
NE Kiwanians Having Fun - 6/10/2019
Club: Northeast Minneapolis - Submitted by: Mary Bowen

On Monday noon, June 3, 13 NE Kiwanis Members along with International Key Club President Emily Rice and guests, Dale and Crzy Mry Bowen made 250 chicken and cheese sandwiches for the Minneapolis Sandwich Company. These sandwiches were individually bagged and taken to one of six drop off sites in the metro area, St. Phillips Church in Fridley. This church freezes them until they are distributed to a shelter for people in need.

Throughout this project there was much candor and laughter! Some members had to hide from Project Chair Walt Sentyrz. They tried to sample the bread heels, stray meat and cheese goodies. They wanted to see how good the product was!

Minot Golden Kiwanis celebrates anniversary - 6/5/2019
Club: Minot, Golden K - Submitted by: Richard Sabol-Secretary

The Minot (ND) Golden "K" Kiwanis celebrated their 40th Anniversary on June 5, 2019, the club was chartered in June 1979. Members enjoyed cake and coffee, along with greetings from former Lt. Gov. Carol Nitschke. Names of charter officers and members were read. The club now meets weekly at the VIEW.

Scholarships Awarded - 6/5/2019
Club: Harvey - Submitted by: Pam Stewart

Kiwanis awarded four Harvey High School senior scholarships for $1,000 each during awards night at the high school. The three designated scholarships were funded from the Kiwanis Minnesota Dakotas Educational Foundation for $715.00 each. However, the Harvey Kiwanis club does fundraising in order to make up the difference to be able to award each student the full $1,000.
The three students who received the designated scholarships were Grace Schimke (Iona Tebelius Scholarship), Cassie Faul (Harvey Designated Scholarship) and Bethany Anderson (John Tebelius Scholarship). The fourth scholarship awarded was the Marvin Frey Scholarship which was awarded to McKenzie Alveshere.

Kiwanis empowers communities to improve the world by making lasting differences in the lives of children. We are glad to be able to help make a difference in the lives of our young people.

Pictured: Dave Voeller, Board Member, Grace Schimke, Cassie Faul, Bethany Anderson, McKenzie Alveshere and Sandy Teubner, Harvey Kiwanis President.

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**Kiwanis Service - 6/5/2019**  
*Club: Harvey - Submitted by: Pam Stewart*

The Harvey Kiwanis Club is proud to sponsor and be involved with many community services and fundraising activities. Each year the Kiwanis club completes ditch cleaning on Hwy 52 just outside of Harvey. This is the second year the 7th and 8th grade student council students have joined us with this project. What a great bunch of young people.

Pictured: Harvey 7th and 8th grade student council students help with Kiwanis ditch cleaning

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**Lake Agassiz Kiwanis Help Keep Community Clean - 6/1/2019**  
*Club: Lake Agassiz, Fargo - Submitted by: Kristi Engelstad*

Approximately 26 years ago, the Lake Agassiz Kiwanis adopted a section of 25th Street in Fargo - the club meets at least twice every year to keep that section of road clean. Does your club adopt a street, avenue or highway? If not, look into it - it's a great opportunity to give back to your community!