



**Kiwanis**

# MINNEKOTAN

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Welcome to the latest news from around our Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District. In addition to articles by some of district leaders you will also find many interesting articles and photos from Kiwanis Clubs in our district.

As always we encourage clubs to submit news articles about their activities, service projects or fundraisers. To submit an article go the District News on our website and find “News-News Story Submission” page <http://mndak.portalbuzz.com/Page/1013>

This document is a PDF summary of the latest news that can also be found on the district website. If you prefer you can also view all of our news articles directly on the district website. You can search by District, Division or Club and view or print each article individually or as a group. In addition the photos appear in a larger format on the website. Here is a link to the website <http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/Page/1012>

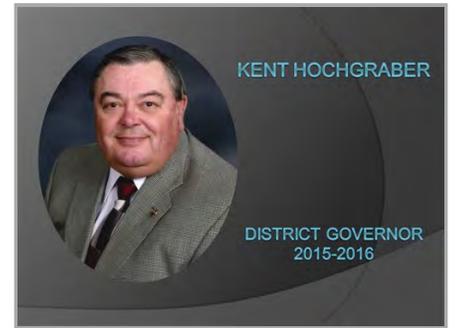
An archive of current and past MINNEKOTANS can be found on our district website <http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/Page/1014>

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

Message from the Governor - 5/31/2016

Submitted by: Kent Hochgraber, District Governor

Thanks to Cal Saari and his team for putting on a great visit in Hibbing. There were six clubs represented and Two Key Club members on hand. They have a very active Key Club in Hibbing and are doing a lot of great service projects. We spent some time on Membership and also the Oasis book project. Several clubs wanted to get more information and that is always a good sign.



A number of us are getting our bags packed for Toronto and International Convention. I have never been to Toronto and I am looking forward to the convention and the visit. We have good news from International that Kiwanis has reached their goal for the Eliminate Project. These next two years will be spent getting in all the Pledges and putting this VICTORY to bed. I commend all of you who spent time and money making this a successful project. It is amazing what some 200,000 people can do when they put their mind to it.

The District Convention is coming up in August and it won't be long before that is here. I know the plans are going well and it will be a great Convention. Do you have your reservation in yet???

We continue to work on Hawley and Plainview to get these two new clubs up and running. We have a commitment to Sue and Jane our International President and President-Elect to start two new clubs in the Minn-Dak Region this year. If you know of any other area that is interested in starting a Club, please let us know.

Remember, this is the year for (GETTING BACK TO THE BASICS). Working in our own clubs to help with membership and encouraging our other members to come and attend the meetings. We have a member in the Fargo Kiwanis Club who has sponsored 5 new members in the past year. I asked him how he does that, and his reply was, (I just ask them to come to a meeting and see what we do).

I do want to brag a little about my Fargo Kiwanis Club. We just had our Pancake Karnival wrap up and this year we cleared over \$53,000.00 after all the expenses. It is our best year yet. Just think of all the organizations we can help with this money and all the scholarships we can give out with this money. Hats off to the Fargo Kiwanis Club.

SEE YOU IN FERGUS FALLS IN AUGUST

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**Convention Corner - 5/31/2016**  
*Submitted by: Judie Rosendahl*

In just two short months we will be coming together for our MNDAK  
Kiwanis District Convention

August 5-7, 2016  
Bigwood Event Center, Fergus Falls, MN



In two short months we will be enjoying our 99th Minnesota Dakotas District Convention! Please register for the convention and make your hotel reservations by July 15. Remember to register for the MNDAK Khorale if you wish to be a part of that fun event. The rehearsal will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday evening before the convention starts.

Last month I announced that anyone who wishes to advertise in our Convention booklet is asked to send me the information and a \$35 check for a business card size advertisement. I would like to have that information by July 1st. These advertisements help defray the cost of our booklet and is a fun way to get your message out to many people. Your club, business, or personal message are all welcome!

Please remember to bring diapers which will be given to two organizations who help needy families in Fergus Falls. We will again hold a Silent Auction for Eliminate. I am eager to see what great items show up on the Silent Auction! Your used books are also needed for our used book sale. I look forward to replacing the books that I bring and the funds go to Eliminate again this year.

Here is link to the [online registration](#) and other [District Convention information](#) **Click here**

Looking forward to seeing you in Fergus Falls!  
Judie Rosendahl  
MNDAK District Convention Director

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**What is Your Club's Signature Project? - 5/30/2016**  
*Submitted by: Bruce Klair*

When people ask you about your Kiwanis Club, how do you respond? What is the first thing you want to

tell them about your club? People join Kiwanis for the friends and fellowship. They stay in Kiwanis because of the service projects they support. Does your club have a "signature" project that you can easily explain to potential members, and is it something that people in your community are familiar with?



How do we define a signature project? It should be an activity your club does on a regular basis, at least once a year.

It should be brand enhancing. It should elevate Kiwanis recognition in your community with media mentions, public relations and opportunities for Kiwanis to attach their name to the project.

It should have high impact. The project should be able to demonstrate a positive impact on the community; this impact should be measurable in monies raised, children served, flags hung, playgrounds built, etc.

Finally, it should be membership focused. The project should support opportunities to strengthen membership and develop new partnerships.

A positive signature project is the best way to grow and strengthen your club and assure its success for many years to come.

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**Governor Elect Updates - 5/30/2016**

*Submitted by: Peter Larson, Governor Elect*

Minnesota Dakotas Kiwanis Foundation Scholarships not applied for

Each year the foundation has designated scholarships that are not applied for. This year there were two scholarships designated for Valley City High School students that no one applied for. One designated scholarship for a Brookings, SD High School was not applied for as well as one scholarship for a Winthrop High student. If you are unsure if your club has purchased a designated scholarship for your local high school please contact me and I will look up on my copy of the current designated scholarships. Please use my email address: [phlarson@midco.net](mailto:phlarson@midco.net)



## Image and Investment

Image - Our Kiwanis Image. Our goal is to enhance the Kiwanis Image worldwide.

Investment - Financial Viability. Our goal is to ensure financial viability and responsible stewardship.

If you want more information on how to use and display the Kiwanis Image and how the Investment part of the I-Plan affects your club, come to the Minnesota Dakotas District Convention on August 5th to 7th in Fergus Falls.

These are parts three and four of the Kiwanis International's strategic I-Plan to build Kiwanis membership and impact on our communities and the world. Image - Kiwanians are the most effective "advertisements" for Kiwanis so we need to display our brand in a manner in the most effective way possible. How we Invest our resources in service and the youth of our communities and worldwide is the final part of the I-Plan.

Come and celebrate Kiwanis with others at the District Convention in Fergus Falls. Your club secretary has the information on how to register although it is easy to do online now.

## Youth Protection Manager Needed

I have still not received any applicants for the District Youth Protection Manager. I had hoped to have several applicants to review and pick the best applicant for this important position. I cannot wait much longer before this decision needs to be made. Please consider the impact you can have on the youth of our district and contact me at [phlarson@midco.net](mailto:phlarson@midco.net) or on my cell phone: 701-261-7012.

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**June Update** - 5/30/2016

*Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas*

Club Election Reports for 2016-2017: Thank you once again to Club Secretaries for submitting your Club Election Reports. 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. The new Kiwanis year that starts in October is only 4 months away.



It is Kiwanis Convention time again! Both the District and International Conventions will provide some great learning and fun times this summer. To date Minnesota-Dakotas District has 21 members and 5

guests attending the Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Toronto, Canada . You can check out some of the convention happenings at <http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2016>

The District Kiwanis Convention in Fergus Falls, August 5-7, is going to be a great time. I hope to see all of you there. The Official Call to Convention letter was mailed to all Kiwanis Club secretaries the first week in May. The mailing contained registration forms and also your club's delegate certification form. The registration fee goes up after July 15. Register early! You can register online and find related information on our district website <http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/Page/1010>

Outreach Program: Has your club contributed to the Outreach Program this Kiwanis year? Our Circle K and Key Club District Boards are very busy covering the three states building our Sponsored Youth Programs. They need our financial support. Checks can be made payable to Kiwanis Outreach and mailed to me at the District Office.

Club Secretaries: Remember to file your Monthly Club Reports online by the tenth of each month. If you have any problems filing your report, contact [kiwanisone@kiwanis.org](mailto:kiwanisone@kiwanis.org) or myself at [secretary@mndak-kiwanis.org](mailto:secretary@mndak-kiwanis.org)

Interclub Award: Just a reminder that the club visit timeline for Interclub Award coincides with the Kiwanis year – October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016. Award patches will be distributed to qualifying clubs after the September 30 deadline. A complete summary of Interclub Award Criteria can be found on our website <http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/Page/24951>

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**EVERY GIFT MATTERS** - 5/26/2016

*Submitted by: Chuck Schroder*

You can make a difference in your own hometown, and you can reach children in other parts of the world. Every gift matters. From individual gifts to club donations. From annual gifts to planned giving.

From the kindness of your heart to children near and far.

**OUR MISSION:**

To assist Kiwanis International in serving the children of the world.

**OUR MEMBERSHIP:**

Every Kiwanis Club member: 251,000+ in 80 nations and geographic areas are members of the foundation.

**ESTABLISHED:**

The Kiwanis International Foundation was established in 1939.

**MANAGEMENT:**

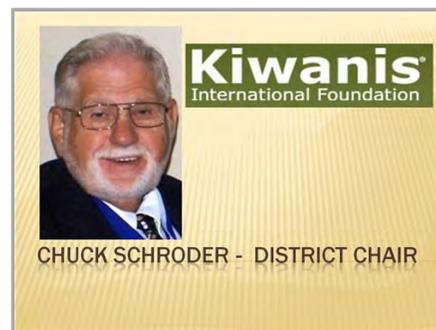
- a) Kiwanis International foundation Board of Trustees.
- b) Kiwanis International Foundation Executive Director.
- c) Kiwanis International Foundation Chief Operating Officer.

**LOCATION:**

The Kiwanis International Foundation is located at Kiwanis Headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana.

**WEBSITE:**

[Kiwanis.org/foundation](http://Kiwanis.org/foundation)



CHUCK SCHRODER - DISTRICT CHAIR

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**Kiwanis Service - 5/25/2016**

*Submitted by: Al Vanderlaan, District Service Director*

Kiwanian's, We are speeding toward the next District convention August 5-7. I hope you have been thinking about different ways to service children in your communities. Reevaluating old service programs each year is important. Are they continuing to do as you want them to? REJUVENATE you club by considering another program. Many times the club doesn't have extra funds to start a new program even if they wanted to. Consider other options other than raising the money with another pancake feed. Ask community benefactors if they would like to help serve children in the community. There may be a club member who would sponsor a book oasis if ask. Ask and it will



AL VANDERLAAN

DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF SERVICE

be given. Think of new ways outside the old box. Let me know what works. Enjoy your summer. See you in AUGUST!

[Click here](#) to see more information about the Scholastic book program.

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Bye-bye birdcage! - 5/11/2016

*Submitted by: Katie Ryan-Anderson, District PR Coordinator*

Good day Minn-Dak!

Kiwanis International has BIG, FUN, EXCITING plans for implementing the Image end of the I-plan. The first step: consistent branding. Let's make sure we're using the same, updated logo. That unifies our voice and makes it more powerful!



To start, phase out old logos. Brochures, agendas, banners and t-shirts with the birdcage logo — as you replace them, please remember to use the new logo. Want a logo unique to your club? Kiwanis can provide! <http://bit.ly/1YmnGv1>

Let me know what I can do to help in this, or any other, endeavor. [KatieA@nplains.com](mailto:KatieA@nplains.com), 701-251-8888

In alignment with Kiwanis' strategic plan, the I-Plan, and as Kiwanis International seeks to raise public awareness about its service to children, broaden its name recognition and provide information about leadership opportunities for youth, it has become important to add the role of District Public Relations Coordinator to the district level leadership roles. Kiwanis International trained these coordinators in April. Among their jobs are: Increase name recognition worldwide • Increase knowledge of our mission, both internally and externally • Unify all Kiwanis brands • Promote the Kiwanis vision and vivid description as supported by The Objects of Kiwanis • Promote signature projects

## Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Draws Large Audience - 5/29/2016

*Club: Mandan - Submitted by: Wilfred Volesky*

On Thursday, May 12, 2016 the Mandan Kiwanis hosted their annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast to the largest audience in many years. The prayer breakfast is the Club's way to meet the goal of "giving primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life". This event gives us the opportunity along with many community members to reflect on the health of the spiritual side of our lives. Each year the Mayor of Mandan speaks about the highlights the city of Mandan has experienced and a special speaker who presents a spiritual message to the participants.

This year the spiritual presenter was Mark Unterseher, who was a Mandan High School graduate and currently teaches and coaches in the Bismarck School District. In the summer of 2014 Mr. Unterseher fell off a ladder while trimming trees and broke his back. He is now a paraplegic. He shared how difficult it was for him while in the hospital, then rehabilitation and finally realizing how different life would be for him since he may never walk again. He explained how valuable it was for him to be visited by former coaches and students during his rehabilitation. He said his faith in a higher power kept him moving forward during some very depressing times since his accident. Mr. Unterseher is now back teaching. He uses his personal health struggle as a way to motivate young adults to realize they can overcome whatever obstacles life may present.

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## Bismarck Kiwanis Presents Checks - 5/27/2016

*Club: Bismarck - Submitted by: Paul Schadewald*

On May 17 the Bismarck Kiwanis Club presented six scholarships to high school seniors. There were three Bismarck Kiwanis Club \$1000 scholarships and three \$865 Minnesota-Dakota Kiwanis District Education Foundation awards. Thank you Reva Kautz and your committee members for your work.



Our Club also presented a check for \$5000 to CHI St. Alexius Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. These are the proceeds from our April 3 annual pancake breakfast. It was an exceptional fund raising year for us, thanks to our many helpers: Boy Scouts, Aktion Club Members, Bismarck High School and Legacy High School Key Clubs, CHI St. Alexius NICU staff and Bismarck Kiwanis members and spouses. We are also grateful for the many Bismarck businesses that purchased tickets and donated items.

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## Minot area schools benefit from Kiwanis weekly programs - 5/25/2016

*Club: Minot - Submitted by: Carla Dolan*

Kiwanis Club of Minot members enjoy the weekly programs as they learn about the community, but they aren't the only ones to benefit. Minot grade schools do as well. That's because each week, the speaker signs a book purchased by Kiwanis. The dozen or so collected each quarter are given to an elementary school in Minot. The school can either add them to their library or give them to kids as a reward for good grades, deeds or whatever. Over the years, Kiwanis Club of Minot has given hundreds of books away. Just one more way Kiwanis is supporting kids in our community!



\* The picture is of Renae Rudolph,(R) Perkett Elementary Principal, accepting books from Kiwanis Club of Minot president Kelsey Fagerland. (L)

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## Kiwanis Scholarship Recipients Honored - 5/19/2016

*Club: Early Risers, Worthington - Submitted by: Loreena L. Luetgers*

Quinn Bents and Bryan Doeden were recognized by the Early Risers Kiwanis Club of Worthington on Thursday for receiving an \$865.00 scholarship from the Minnesota Dakotas Education Foundation.

Worthington School District No. 518 was awarded two scholarships this year; one was a designated scholarship that is given each year, from the former Golden K Kiwanis Club, because of a significant donation given years ago. The second scholarship was awarded to another Worthington student from throughout the Minnesota-Dakotas District from many senior's applications.



Quinn Bents has been active in music, sports and various other activities. She is currently employed at a clinic in Worthington. Quinn will be pursuing a veterinary medicine degree at Gustavus Adolphus College this fall. This has been a passion of hers since she was five years old.

Bryan Doeden is the grandson of the late John Olson, who was a very active member of the Golden K Kiwanis and was a contributor to the Scholarship Fund. One of Bryan's older brothers was a recipient a few years ago. Bryan acknowledged that his grandfather was influential in developing his character to who he is today. He has wonderful memories of his grandfather telling him about Kiwanis speakers, programs, happy bucks, etc. Bryan has been active in science club, knowledge bowl, music, sports, church, academics, 4-H, as well as receiving some college classes. This fall Bryan will be attending the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, for a Biomedical Engineering degree.

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## MARCH OF DIMES MONEY MADNESS - 5/16/2016

*Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Justin Brown*

On May 10 - 12 the Fridley High School Key Club sponsored a project called "March of Dimes Money Madness." Key Club has a long standing relationship with the March of Dimes Foundation, an organization which improves the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature births and infant mortality. The Foundation is a useful way to make high school students aware of the problems of premature births and get students involved with making a change.

The Chair of this project, Justin Brown, asked teachers if they would dress up in crazy costumes for three days. Each participating teacher would have a money bucket at the "March of Dimes Money Madness" table in the cafeteria. The teacher with the most money donated during the week would be the winner, complete with a nominal prize. The total proceeds would go to the March of Dimes.

Four teachers jumped at the chance to volunteer! One popular teacher dressed up as a balogna sandwich and won most student votes on the first day. As the teachers began to compete for the best dressed, the costumes got better and better! Some of the costumes were cat lady, penguin, blue truck, Bernie Sanders, basketball head and Prince. Student and staff involvement of this project was incredible. Behind the scenes teachers were changing several times throughout the day because of professional meetings they had to attend.

This "March of Dimes Money Madness" project was a success. The Club raised \$366.94, a record for the eight years of the madness! On the last day the donations nearly doubled which showed how excited our school was for this project. It added spirit to the school as students voted on their favorite costumes. It was a fun way to channel the "squirreliness" of May students into a positive outcome. Key Club was the talk of the school and March of Dimes benefited.

Justin Brown, Project Chair  
Mary Bowen, Kiwanis Advisor  
Fridley High School Key Club



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## Harvey, ND Kiwanis & Harvey Junior High Partner for Kiwanis One Day Project - 5/11/2016

*Club: Harvey - Submitted by: Sandy Teubner*

Harvey Kiwanis Club and Harvey 7th & 8th Grade Students Come Together for a Day of United Service on Ditch Cleaning Efforts – May 5, 2016

Kiwanis One Day gives clubs around the world an opportunity to unite in service.

Harvey Kiwanis Club member Dave Voeller had a great idea this spring which was to involve the junior high students with "Kiwanis One Day" that was celebrated world wide by 700,000 fellow Kiwanis club members as a united day of service on April 2nd but we waited for better weather in May for our project.



"Kiwanis One Day gave service clubs around the world the opportunity to work together on one day, proving that our global service organization can make a difference in communities around the world," said Sandy Teubner, local club president. "Kiwanis estimated that nearly one million hours will be donated to service projects ranging from sprucing up playgrounds and parks to painting buildings to planting trees and flowers for Kiwanis One Day worldwide.

We selected this project because it brought the youth together with Kiwanis for a team effort. Kiwanis has been picking up garbage in the ditches spring and fall for several years from the Artos out to the cemetery west of town. The youth were surprised at the amount of garbage collected. "Hopefully this impresses on them the responsibility we all have to keep nature beautiful" said Teubner. They worked hard and saw the fruits of their efforts from the Artos to the Cobblestone Inn in less than two hours. A small section remains from the Cobblestone Inn to the cemetery for Kiwanis to finish up.

"Kids need Kiwanis, in our community, and in communities around the world," said Teubner. "This project helps kids by giving them a job to do, assisting them if need be, visiting with them as we worked side by side and is one way we can all contribute to making our community a great place for children to thrive and grow. It's also fun knowing that while we're making a difference in our community, Kiwanis clubs around the world also are making a difference in their communities."

"We are proud to join our fellow Kiwanis family members around the globe to participate in Kiwanis One Day," "The energy, commitment and camaraderie surrounding this single day make the experience of hands-on service even more gratifying for our members as they make an immediate, measurable impact on the Harvey community." Thank you to Mr. Ken Radke and Harvey School administration and students for making this effort possible as well as Dave Voeller, Kathy Muscha and Joann Hansen.

Information on Harvey Kiwanis Club, its service and meeting times is available from Sandy Teubner at 303-0235. New members are always welcome.

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Kiwanis Dolls delivered to Children's Miracle Network - 5/11/2016

*Club: Moorhead - Submitted by: Peter Larson*

Moorhead High Key Club members and Moorhead Kiwanis members delivered 70 Kiwanis Dolls to the Children's Miracle Network at Sanford hospital in Fargo. The dolls are given to young patients as a diversion because they can draw on the blank dolls and the caregivers can use the dolls to demonstrate what is going to happen to the child. Another use of the dolls has been to prepare a child to see their parent or other relative who is a patient at the hospital and may have dressings and tubes that could alarm them. This is our fourth year providing Kiwanis dolls.

