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
Summer - 5/31/2019  
Submitted by: Dave Harms

I am looking forward to our summer events, the International Convention in Orlando, the end of June, and the District Convention August 9-11 in beautiful Fargo, North Dakota. Have you all made reservations? Shara, our Convention Coordinator, has been working hard to make the convention educational, fun, and memorable and we would like to fill the hotel with Kiwanians for the week-end. However, if time doesn't permit you to spend the whole week-end, there are provisions to register for one day. So please, if you are able, come and join us.

We still have a Need for Lt Governors in some Divisions and especially in Division 5, and the northern part of Division 6. If anyone is interested in stepping up to fill one of those essential positions, please contact Loreena Luetgers, our District Educator, Rachael Disrud, our Governor Elect, or myself.

I have visited a few club meetings and know that there are many untold stories about the great things being done in the communities across the district, and the time members are devoting to projects that will benefit our youth and our communities that we can all be proud of. Thank you. We need your leadership in the District. Kiwanis needs your membership and your mentorship. Please join in honoring our Veterans and Fallen Heros this Memorial Day Week-end.

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June Update - 5/30/2019  
Submitted by: Steve Handegaard

Club Election Reports for 2019-2020: 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 26 members and 2 guests attending the Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Orlando. You can check out some of the convention happenings at [https://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2019](https://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2019)

The District Kiwanis Convention in Fargo, North Dakota, August 9-11, 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](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. A brochure was sent hard copy to all clubs, but if you would like a copy of the brochure let me know and I can email you one.

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 or myself at secretary@mndak-kiwanis.org
Interclub Award: Just a reminder that the club visit timeline for Interclub Award coincides with the Kiwanis year – October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019. 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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It Really is June - 5/29/2019
Submitted by: Sherry Scudder

Last month I submitted my June article for May, information was correct for May soooooo, does age play a part? NO, I JUST tried to write my article early and submitted it instead of my May message soooooo, here we go. CONFUSED, YES. IS IT WINTER OR SUMMER? ALL I KNOW IS….WITH THE SUN SHINNING WE NEED TO GET BUSY.

CONFIDENCE is about being positive concerning What you CAN DO and NOT WHAT YOU CAN’T DO. I would encourage each member to bring a friend to a meeting and sign them up. YOU CAN DO IT. FEAR DOES NOT GO AWAY……..SO DO IT AFRAID. It only takes a moment to ASK and INVITE someone to a project or meeting. Share the LOVE in helping the children in your community. Express to your INVITEE that VOLUNTEERING is more than showing up, it’a discovering what is needed and just doing it. The following new members were invited by sponsoring members and now—they are KIWANIANS.

DIVISION 1. MINOT. AMIE VERNON. *TARRYLL SHOMENTO

DIVISION 2.
FARGO ROUGH RIDERS. DANIEL BERG. *RACHAEL DISRUD
DETROIT LAKES. JENNIFER JENSON. *BETH PRIDDAY
DETROIT LAKES. MICHELLE KULASINGHAM. *UNKNOWN
DETROIT LAKES. JENNIFER BRISTLIN. *BETH PRIDDAY

DIVISION 4.
LEAD. SUSAN HOLLOWAY. *DIANA MATHISRUD

DIVISION 6.
AUSTIN. STANLEY RASMUSSEN. *DAVID RUZEK
DAY BREAKERS ALBERT LEA. JANELLE KOEPKE. *CATHERINE BUBOLTZ
SLAYTON. FIXEN CHIROPRACTIC. *UNKNOWN

DIVISION 7.
COLUMBIA HEIGHTS- FRIDLEY. GARY HOHNEKE. *VERONICA JOHNSON
COLUMBIA HEIGHTS-FRIDLEY. COLLEEN WATSON. *MALCOLM WATSON
August is the District Convention in Fargo, North Dakota so let's increase the MEMBERSHIP.
I am offering a $50 VISA GIFT CARD for the 1st member who signs up and sponsors Five (5) New Members from July 1, 2019 – August 5, 2019. GET your ASK out of the way and ASK often.
KIDS NEED KIWANIS

Administration Update - 5/29/2019
Submitted by: Denis Cornell

DIVISION STAR AWARDS
The annual Division Star Award is an excellent vehicle for clubs to recognize the exemplary service of members for recognition during the district convention. One club nominee is selected from each division as the Division Star.
By this time each club should have submitted nominations for the Division Star Award to their Lt. Governor and each Lt. Governor should have submitted the division winner to the District Secretary/Treasurer. The deadline for clubs to submit a nomination to their Lt. Governor was April 1st and the deadline for Lt. Governors to submit the Division Star Award selectee to the District Secretary-Treasurer was May 1st. It is critical that these deadlines be met to allow for plaques to be acquired and for the Division Star Award program to be printed.

DISTRICT BYLAW AMENDMENTS
Any club, by a majority vote of its active members, may submit a proposed by-law change to be considered at any convention of the district. Any proposed change must be submitted to the District Secretary-Treasurer not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the convention. The 2019 Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention will be held August 8-11, 2019 in Fargo, ND. Any proposed by-law change must be submitted to Steve Handegaard, MN-DAK District, Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 735, Dalton, MN 56324-0735, no later than June 9, 2019.

Club Leadership Education - 5/29/2019
Submitted by: Loreena Luetgers

“Now is the Time”… Time for club elections and Club Leadership Education (CLE). All Club presidents for 2019-2020 are required to take the CLE module on the Kiwanis International website or in a classroom setting. Kiwanis has designed a self-paced online experience that gives you, the President, a chance to learn at your convenience. If you can’t complete it in one sitting, you can complete it at a later time.

Maybe you have been president before. Maybe you haven’t and have only learned from your past club presidents. This all helps, however, Kiwanis always has new information for the club leaders to learn.

Why is this education important? The Club President:
Leads the club in projects, service and membership;
Helps to develop leaders;
Needs to understand the basics of running a club;
Learn to be an informed leader;
Informed about the Kiwanis programs and procedures; and
Communication skills for good leaders.

I would encourage you to download and save the Leadership Guide from the KI website. This is your manual to follow with monthly to-do lists, references and so much more that you will need for your position.

There will be a Club Leadership Education (CLE) session held at the District Convention on Friday morning, August 9th. Plan to attend for great discussion and learning experience.

If you have any questions about the module, etc., please contact me at 507.329.2652 or luetgersloreena@gmail.com I am here to help you.

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**Children's Fund** - 5/29/2019
*Submitted by: Kathy Welle*

May 25, 2019
Greetings and Happy Summer!! (This is the unofficial start of Summer) Many cool and rainy days so far.

There are updated Kiwanis Children's Fund Giving reports as of April 30, 2019, available
A quick comparison where our District stands from the 2017-2018 year:
2017-2018 = $32,116  Grant 15% = $4817
2018-2019 = $22,818  Grant 15% = $3423

As of April 30, 2019 our District is behind $9,298.00

There is still time to meet the "President's Challenge" of $24,408.00 and 50% Club participation
Currently we are at 40% participation - Club Giving is at $17,170.18 (included in the $22,818 is Individual giving)
Division clubs participation range is from lowest at 18% to highest at 64%.

Lt Gov. teams - please remind clubs to submit their annual contribution to KI soon. Meeting the President’s challenge means a higher rebate for the District. (It would be nice to get the same amount as the 2017-2018 of $4817.00 or more.)

Again - This a good time to consider recognizing your Club's Leadership and other members with awards or certificates from Kiwanis with a contribution to the Children's Fund. Review your options on the KI website under recognition and awards.

**Note:** Presidents and Secretaries confirm that all club members get the monthly District Newsletter via email. If not, please share with members who don't have access by email.
So, moving forward, the Mn-Dak District Convention in August will be here in a “blink of the eye.” Hoping everyone is making plans to attend in Fargo, ND.

**Also, please consider bringing an item for the Children's Fund raffle table.** We will have raffle tickets for sale for all to win a chance on the items. Proceeds go to the Children's Fund.

**Also please bring the total of all the “K DOLLARS”** you have been collecting through out this 2018-2019 year. Your club will receive credit for the dollars you bring.

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**MNDAK District Convention - 5/29/2019**

*Submitted by: Shara Fischer*

The District Convention is almost here! (Just a reminder, the convention will be held at the Holiday Inn in Fargo, ND on August 9-11, 2019) We have a weekend full of fun planned for everyone in Fabulous Fargo!

A reminder about a couple of great opportunities for the convention:

- We are accepting exhibitor registration for any group or organization who would like to have a display booth at convention. We have had representatives from book programs, health organizations, and playground manufacturers to name a few. We also welcome any non-profit organizations to set up a booth and get some wonderful exposure to the Kiwanis clubs from all around the district.
- Advertisements for the program booklet can also be purchased at this time. This is a great way to advertise your club's signature project, or celebrate the achievements of someone in your club. There was a great ad for $1 off a malt at the Kiwanis Malt Shop at the MN State Fair in the program last year - WHAT A GREAT IDEA! Deadline for submitting an ad is June 25th. Please send ad information to Linda McEntee at jefflindamac@gmail.com.

Vendor booth and program advertisement registration forms can be found online along with convention registration at [https://mndak.portalbuzz.com/Page/1010](https://mndak.portalbuzz.com/Page/1010)

Another exciting announcement is that we will be spending Friday night at the Red River Zoo. The Red River Zoo focuses on animals native to areas with similar climates such as northern Asia and northern North America. Our experience at the zoo will include sharing conversation and appetizers at the Nature Playland, located next to the Discovery Barn. We will also be able to roam the grounds with our families and Kiwanis friends trying to locate Sheffield the Red Panda and Milo the Two-Toed Sloth.

Registration information has been sent out to each club secretary and has also been emailed out to the membership (because EVERY member is welcome at convention), and can be found on the Minnesota-Dakotas website: [https://mndak.portalbuzz.com/](https://mndak.portalbuzz.com/).

Feel free to contact me with any questions about convention at sharamfischer@gmail.com or 701-781-4198.

Enjoy the start of summer. I look forward to seeing you in August!

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**Youth protection guidelines - Use of Alcohol - 5/28/2019**
Use of Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco, Marijuana and Other Substances
While attending any Kiwanis event that is produced primarily by or for the benefit of youth, adults are expected to refrain from using or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and/or marijuana products, even if prescribed for medicinal use. In addition, the use and/or possession of illegal drugs or the improper/illegal of legal drugs is prohibited.

Potential questions:
Q. Is there any appropriate place for an adult to smoke?
A. The event leadership can designate a space, but it must be separate from the event.
Q. What's an example of the improper use of legal drugs?
A. Using a prescription drug that is not prescribed to you or providing your prescription drug to someone else.

If you have any other questions, please contact me at 701-261-7012 or at phlarson@midco.net.

Annual Kite Event - 5/27/2019
Club: St Louis Park - Submitted by: St. Louis Park Kiwanis

Welcome to the 31st Annual Kites for Kids Event sponsored by St. Louis Park Kiwanis Club. 250 kites were given to kids who came to the Louisiana Oaks Park, in St. Louis Park, MN on Saturday, May 25th. By 2:00 pm all 250 kites were given out.

Pierre-Fort Pierre Kiwanis Club awards $8,800 in scholarships - 5/27/2019
Club: Pierre-Ft. Pierre - Submitted by: Jeff Mammenga

The Pierre-Fort Pierre, S.D., Kiwanis Club recently presented $8,800 in scholarships to 13 graduating seniors from Pierre Riggs and Stanley County high schools. Club President Becky Burke, left, stands with scholarship winners from Pierre.

Madison Elementary celebrates 18th year of the BUG program - 5/21/2019
Club: Fargo South Point - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn
18 years ago, Pat Rittgarn was the president of the Fargo South Point Kiwanis club when the BUG-program began at Madison Elementary school. This year was again a very good year as 38 students were honored at the breakfast held in their honor.

Parents as well as staff helped make it a very special morning. Students were recognized by their teachers and were presented special gifts for their efforts, as well as a certificate. In addition to receiving their certificate they also proudly wear a sticker on their shirt that identifies them as special students. All of the teachers are also honored and presented certificates for helping these students achieve good grades and also good classroom and playground behavior.

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Lake Agassiz Kiwanis Helmet Donation - 5/15/2019

*Club: Lake Agassiz, Fargo - Submitted by: Kristi Engelstad*

For the fifth year in a row, the Lake Agassiz Kiwanis Club partnered up with F-M Ambulance to provide over 70 helmets to kids at Lincoln Elementary. The helmets were given to children who otherwise couldn’t afford them. The Lake Agassiz Kiwanis Club is proud to help promote safety in our community!

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Let's Go Fly a Kite - 5/14/2019

*Club: Saint Anthony - Submitted by: Mary Dierbeck*

On May 7th the St. Anthony Village Aktion Club supported by the St. Anthony Kiwanis flew kites on a beautiful evening. This is the second May we have done this. We have a small but loyal group going on 6 years. The Advisors from the sponsoring club are myself, my husband John and Mike Hamann.

Other activities we do regularly are Smore's with the St. Anthony Health Center and Christmas Bingo. We make cards for the Veteran's Hospital at our November meeting. Our officers serve 2 year terms and we are electing new officers for 2019-2020.

I can’t tell you how much joy comes with working with Adults with disabilities. If you are interested in coming to a meeting, please contact me at 651-697-7843. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the St. Anthony Community Center.

Mary Dierbeck

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St. Cloud Kiwanis/Kids Fighting Hunger 2019 Golf Outing Fundraiser - 5/13/2019
The St. Cloud Kiwanis Club in partnership with Kids Fighting Hunger (KFH) announces the 8th annual Kiwanis/Kids Fighting Hunger Golf Outing fundraiser. The event will be held on Monday, August 5, 2019 at the St. Cloud Country Club with a noon start. Golfers of all abilities are welcome and the event is open to foursomes or individual golfers (see attached brochure for registration).

Last year the golf outing netted close to $20,000 with the Kiwanis club and KFH evenly splitting the proceeds to help fund their respective programs. Kids Fighting Hunger engages the community of Central Minnesota to provide temporary hunger relief or help where it is needed. The Kiwanis club funds organizations and projects focused on improving the lives of children. The St. Cloud Kiwanis has a long-term commitment to KFH, and in 2003 was instrumental in establishing the organization to St. Cloud. Current Kiwanis Club president, Cathy Wogen, also serves as the executive director of Kids Fighting Hunger of Central Minnesota. Since partnering with KFH seven years ago, the Golf Outing has raised more than $111,000.

The Golf Outing is a fun event offering 18 holes of golf at one of St. Cloud’s finest golf venues. The registration fee includes golf, dinner and prizes. In addition to dollars raised from golf registrations, money is raised through generous event and hole sponsorships. The Golf Outing also features two popular raffles. One is a raffle for a wheelbarrow full of a variety of beers; and the other, a “premium raffle” offers prizes that individually or grouped are valued at $200 to $300. A hole-in-one and a putting contest are part of the day’s event. All prizes are donated by area businesses and organizations and by Kiwanis Club members.

For questions about the Golf Outing, contact Kiwanis Golf Committee Chair, Jeff Voit at jeff.voit@rbc.com

Golf Outing Brochure/Registration Click here

On Sunday, April 28, ten Key Clubbers along with two advisors were greeted by the delicious smell of pancakes and syrup at the Minneapolis Armory. The Key Clubbers helped serve pancakes, sold sausages, bussed plates, set out silverware and placemats, and helped clean up afterwards. There was so much whipped cream and strawberry syrup, we knew that we wouldn’t have to make a trip to the grocery store anytime soon! Altogether, we helped serve over 600 people in the community! The best part of the whole event was being able to work as a team and help bring guests some of “The best pancakes in Minnesota!” There was also some great music playing in the background, from those golden oldies, to accordion and Polka music, there was never a dull moment! Between working on our designated jobs, creating a welcoming environment, and serving up pancakes with a smile, we sure did have a blast!

Devika Ramnarine, Co-Publicist
On April 13, 2019, the Kiwanis Club of Madison, Minnesota held a Red Carpet fundraiser to support the local FLY (Feed our Learning Youth) program, commonly known as the backpack program. Attendees enjoyed a four course French dinner and entertainment provided by Tanner Siegert, a former member of the Young Americans and who has sung backup for Barry Manilow. This event raised over $2,000 for the FLY program.