

# MINNEKOTAN

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## Leading to Serve ... Aware of the Past, Concentrating on the Future

by Bill Lardy, District Governor

February is transition month: The weather is cold one day, warm the next. Spring seems just around the corner but winter won't let go. That seems to be the case for our District, too. The District Office received a letter of termination from the New Rockford, ND club. It is disappointing news. But even so, we must celebrate all the good work the club did for the community for the past 85+ years. Thank you to all members who served faithfully during the club's existence. We need to take this as a warning: Recruitment, reinvigoration, revitalization is a must for every club. Our communities depend on us. Let's meet the challenge.



An amazing and encouraging event occurred in Fargo on February 14. The Fargo club made pancakes for over 16,500 people! Last year's record for pancakes made still stands, but no doubt next year it will be broken! Congratulations, and thanks, to the club for this huge effort!

Looking ahead:

- >Kiwanis One day is April 4; still plenty of time to plan your club's project. Let's do it!
- >Region 5 Conference is March 28 in Brainerd. Region 4 held its conference February 21 in Sturgis.
- >For the first time in several years we will join the Nebraska-Iowa District for a joint dinner on June 25 at the International Convention in Nashville. It will be a dinner cruise, a great way to meet fellow Kiwanians and experience Nashville. Read an article in this issue.

"Kiwanis works to develop future generations of leaders through programs that build character development and personal leadership skills." Let each of us do our part to make it happen.

# Immediate Past Governor Bill Daugherty Announces 2007-2008 Distinguished Clubs



We are proud to announce that the following clubs met the necessary Kiwanis International criteria to qualify for the 2007-2008 Distinguished Club Award.

## Region 2

Fargo South Point

## Region 3

Brainerd

Grand Rapids

## Region 5

Sioux Falls

## Region 6

Albert Lea

Early Risers, Worthington

Jackson

## Region 7

Columbia Heights-Fridley

Red Wing Golden K

Rochester Day Makers

Spring Valley

Each qualifying club receives a club certificate, club patch, President pin and Secretary pin. Clubs will also be recognized at the District Convention this summer.

The award criteria for this current year can be found on our website at the following link

<http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/Files/Districts/79/Documents/2008-09%20Distingusihed%20Criteria.pdf>

Just a reminder that your secretary can follow your club's progress towards the award through the online reporting system.

Once again CONGRATULATIONS!

# Update from the District Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

Just a reminder that **your club can submit articles** to appear on the District Website and the Monthly MINNEKOTAN. We are especially looking for unique and successful hands on service projects. You can also submit one photo with each article. To submit an article go to "News" on the district webpage and click on "News Story Submission".



I receive many questions about **where and when specific Kiwanis clubs meet**. Currently the best way to find that information is to use the "Club Locator" located on the Kiwanis International Website. You can find the "Club Locator" button on the top selection bar of the Kiwanis International website or you can use the following link <http://www.kiwanis.org/clubloc/> You can search for any Kiwanis club in the world. If you need a need a contact person for a specific club(s), just send me an email and I can forward that information to you.

Club secretaries should be sure to **keep your club's meeting time and location current**. Club secretaries can add or change your club meeting location at any time using the KiwanisONE Online Club Secretary Reporting system. Many prospective members are using the "Club Locator" to find a club, so again be sure your information is current.

**Club Officer Changes:** If for some reason there is a change in your club president or secretary at any time during the year, be sure that your club promptly informs Kiwanis International and the District Office. Your club may miss out on important communications if we do not have the correct contact information.

**Tri-K District Board Meeting Minutes:** Kiwanis, Circle K, and Key Club District Boards met in Fergus Falls, MN on Friday, January 16 and Saturday, January 17, 2009. Minutes of the Kiwanis District Board meeting can be downloaded by going to the following link:

[http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/public\\_district/pub\\_Content.aspx?Page=74](http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/public_district/pub_Content.aspx?Page=74)

**Club Elections:** Just a reminder that your club election report will be due June 1st.

**Kiwanis International Convention in Nashville, June 25-28, 2009:**

Registration for the convention is now live online at the following link:

<http://www.kiwanisone.org/memberresources/convention/convention09/index.html>

Besides registering, be sure to report your club's two International Convention delegates and two alternates to the International Office by April 30 on the Delegate Certification Form. All club secretaries should have received the necessary forms, but if you need another copy you can find it on the Kiwanis International Convention website.

# Kazoo for Stew

Submitted by: Coralyn Dahl

The committee to elect Stewart Ross as Kiwanis International Trustee has begun sending out brochures around the world. We hope that by the time you read this, each club president will have one to share with his/her club and that all the district leaders will also have one to share. We thank all who helped in getting this out - in fact the whole committee.

Stewart  
Ross  
for  
Trustee



If you want to see a fun and funny video, go to our campaign website at [www.StewForTrustee.com](http://www.StewForTrustee.com) which will feature the video our committee put together. Some of us are singing and some of us are "playing" the kazoo. Hope you will get a chuckle from it.

What do we need? We need each club to send people to the convention. We need people to hand out brochures and kazoos at the convention. And most of all we need your enthusiasm. This will be the most fun convention in recent times, if you all get involved. Please make sure that at least one person from your club is attending the convention and get those reservations made soon! This does send a message to the rest of the districts that we are serious and supportive of our candidate, Stewart Ross.

We have "Kazoo for Stew" tee-shirts available at \$5.00 a piece, so just let me know what you need and what size, so that we can have them ready for you at the convention. If you have any questions, send me an email at [clbdahl@aol.com](mailto:clbdahl@aol.com)



# District Dinner & Cruise at International Convention

Submitted by: Bill Lardy, District Governor

The Minnesota Dakotas District Board decided in January at the Tri-K Winter Meeting in Fergus Falls to accept an invitation from the Nebraska Iowa District for a joint dinner during the International Convention in Nashville. Subsequent discussions have culminated in a dinner cruise the night of June 25. The cruise will be on board the "General Jackson Showboat." It promises to be an entertaining, fun-filled evening.

If you attend the international convention I hope you will join us on the cruise. And please encourage the rest of your club's delegates and friends to join us as well. This event is a great opportunity for fellowship with Kiwanians and offer support for Past Governor Stewart Ross's campaign for International Trustee.

Please contact me if you have any question. My email address is [kiwi@bis.midco.net](mailto:kiwi@bis.midco.net). I look forward to seeing you in Nashville!



***For more details and a registration form please go to "Events" and "International Convention" on our district website:***

***[http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/public\\_district/pub\\_Content.aspx?Page=196](http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/public_district/pub_Content.aspx?Page=196)***

Warm regards,

Bill Lardy, Governor



## 2008-2009 Interclubbing

Submitted by: Joe Hesch, District Interclub Chair

It's nearly spring time already after a pretty cold winter as we all know. It's time to get out and enjoy the warm weather by visiting your Kiwanis friends or making new friends. One of the best ways of doing that as well as learning valuable tips and gaining experiences is through visiting other K Family club meetings.

Interclubbing still requires two of your club members to visit another K Family club of any type at one of their regular meetings. The club can be anywhere - not necessarily in your region.

Then be sure to include the visit on your monthly report and have an Interclub chair in your club who keeps track of the visits. When you have a minimum of 8 visits to 8 different clubs, you qualify to receive a banner patch at the Min-Dak District Convention.

To get your club's name on the list, please send me an e-mail listing the clubs visited and date, the name of the club visited and the number of your club members who visited the other club. I will also be checking the monthly report summary on the district WEB site for interclub information.

My e-mail address is [jhesch@aol.com](mailto:jhesch@aol.com). If you choose to send me a paper copy of your interclub list, my home address is 3854 E. Superior St. Duluth, MN 55804. Either way is acceptable. If you e-mail me, I will reply indicating I have received your report. I don't mail back a written letter otherwise though.

Then, at the convention, be sure to check the table where I will have the banner patches and a checkoff list for you to acknowledge you have picked up your patch.

Have a GREAT TIME interclubbing and I'll see you at the convention.

Joe Hesch  
Min-Dak District Interclub Chair



# Kiwanis International Foundation

Submitted by: Chuck Schroder, KIF District Chair

Last year at the district convention held in Moorhead, MN, many of you got to see a first for our district. Ryan Jorgensen was at the convention to receive the District Past Officers Associations Citizenship Award. What Ryan didn't know was that he was also going to receive the Kiwanis International's Robert P. Connelly award. Ryan is the first to ever receive this award in our district. At the time, we thought this would be the end. But, this was not to be. Ryan has been selected to be the Connelly winner to go to the International convention in Nashville, and be presented his award on stage in front of the whole convention. What a great honor for this young man and our district. The Connelly award is presented through the International Foundation.



I would also like to report that our district's contributions to KIF are over \$17,000. If your club has not sent in their \$5.00 per member, please do so right away. With all of the demand and requests for funds, the need for our gifts is needed more that ever. So please do it now.

Would you like to honor someone special in your life or would your club like to recognize or honor someone? Then why not purchase a Hixson Fellow or a Tablet of Honor? The cost is \$1,000 and can be paid in many different methods or by a credit card. For further information, contact Chuck Schroder The districts KIF chairman at (605) 582-6363 or e-mail [ecschröder@alliancecom.net](mailto:ecschröder@alliancecom.net). Remember: TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN.

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## A "Vantine Life Fellowship" As a Recognition

Submitted by: Allen Herrboldt, Dist. Educational Foundation Trustee

When our clubs recognize a fellow Kiwanian for outstanding service, we tend to give a plaque to the recipient. The plaque is a visual representation of the recognition. What tends to happen with the plaques and trophies that are received from the workplace, athletic groups, Kiwanis Clubs, and other organizations we may be members of? Some are proudly displayed while others may be placed in a drawer or placed on an out of the way shelf.



As clubs, let's do something different. The next time a club wishes to recognize a past president, a long-term secretary or a Kiwanian of the year, consider giving a Vantine Life Fellowship to the recognized party. With the \$100 gift to the Kiwanis Educational Foundation, Inc. of the Minnesota-Dakotas District comes a life-time membership with a certificate, that may be framed, and a wallet card. The recipient will receive great satisfaction knowing that this gift will produce interest-income that provides scholarship funds year after year. Thus this recognition continues its giving. However, if the club wants to present a plaque, this can be done in conjunction with the Vantine Life Fellowship.

# The Value of an Interclub

Submitted by: Allen Herrboldt. Lt Governor Region 5

An interclub is the act of at least two members of a Kiwanis club visiting another K-Family club. This is an excellent way to build a relationship with other Kiwanis members and Kiwanis clubs. The interclub can serve as a source of rejuvenation of a club by the visitors observing how meetings are conducted at other clubs, learning about different service projects that are conducted and how fundraising is done by different clubs.

Clubs may also gather new ideas on membership recruitment, special programs, and fun activities that liven up meetings. All clubs, as members of the larger K-Family, can through interclubbing reinforce each other regarding the Kiwanis mission. A secondary but significant outcome of making eight interclub visits is the Interclub Award Banner Patch.

Is anyone up for an interclub?

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## Simplifying Dues

Despite a time of global economic difficulties, planning and stewardship have positioned Kiwanis International in a strong financial condition. To help ensure that continues, the Kiwanis International Board is proposing Bylaws amendments that aim to simplify the dues-collection process and sustain financial stability.

A special task force of Kiwanis members studied Kiwanis International's revenue sources for the past year with a goal to provide the necessary flexibility to address changing needs while maintaining accountability to clubs and members. The International Board considered the group's recommendations and will forward four suggestions as proposed Bylaws amendments to the House of Delegates at the 2009 International Convention in Nashville, June 25-28. A fifth recommendation does not require Bylaws changes. The proposals include:

1. Develop an online billing system for annual club fees and new-member enrollments integrated with Kiwanis International's member database. Members would be able to update their own information 24/7, and club secretaries can process rosters and pay fees online, all via secure methods, though they would still have the option to mail paper copies if preferred. This aspect is key to the proposals, but does not require a Bylaws change to implement.
2. Establish a common annual billing cycle of October 1 to September 30. This would simplify the process by eliminating the confusion of staggered payment dates based on when each club organized.
3. Replace the word "dues" with "annual club fee" when it relates to what clubs pay to Kiwanis International. Members owe "dues" only to their clubs, while clubs pay an "annual club fee" to Kiwanis International.

4. Replace the current flat “new-member add fee” with a “graduated enrollment fee” schedule that decreases each month from a starting point of \$62 (the same amount currently charged for membership dues, magazine subscription, and liability insurance combined) down to \$6 at the end of the year.
5. Eliminate individual magazine fee waivers for spouses. Even though Kiwanis credits clubs \$8 for each waiver, Kiwanis still pays \$5 for each magazine not mailed in fixed costs that cannot be waived (staffing, article purchases, etc.) Members who do not receive benefit of this waiver absorb the costs.

These recommendations are designed to streamline and modernize the dues and fees collection process, use technology more efficiently for members and staff, and simplify club reporting requirements, making the jobs of club secretary and treasurer easier.

Kiwanis International has prepared a brochure with more information, which is available via <http://community.kiwanisone.org/media/p/9157.aspx>. Presentations are also scheduled at many midyear conferences to allow members to ask questions. Members are also encouraged to e-mail their questions to [feedback@kiwanis.org](mailto:feedback@kiwanis.org).

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## ANNOUNCED CANDIDATES FOR INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

To be elected during 2008-09, for terms beginning 2009-10

(as of February 2, 2009)

**PRESIDENT**—one to be elected: Paul G. Palazzolo, Illinois-Eastern Iowa District

**PRESIDENT-ELECT**—one to be elected: Sylvester “Syl” Neal, Pacific Northwest District

**VICE-PRESIDENT**—one to be elected: Michael R. Anderson, Rocky Mountain District  
A. Alan Penn, Ohio District  
Stan L. Storey, Florida District

**TRUSTEES:** Five (5) Trustee offices will be filled as follows:

- **REGION I (United States)** - Three (3) three-year terms to be elected at the 2009 International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, USA, (June 25-28) by delegates from Region I only. Announced candidates from Region I are:

George Francis, California-Nevada-Hawaii District  
Mark Garman, Kentucky-Tennessee District  
Jerome E. Peuler, Jr., Capital District  
Stewart Ross, Minnesota-Dakotas District

- **REGION II (Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District and the Western Canada District)** - One (1) three-year term was filled by John Button, Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District, at its district convention in Niagara Falls, Ontario, (August 7-9, 2008) by delegates from Region II.

- **REGION III (Europe)** - One (1) three-year term to be elected at the 2009 European Federation Convention in Gent, Belgium (June 4-7, 2009) by delegates from Europe.

*REGION IV (Asia-Pacific) and REGION V (At-large) do not have guaranteed Trustee seats open for the 2009-10 administrative year.*

## Upcoming District and Regional Events

March 26-29, 2009	Key Club District Convention – Alexandria, MN
March 28, 2009	Region 3 Governor's Visit and Conference – Brainerd, MN
April 4, 2009	Kiwanis One Day
April 18, 2009	Region 6 Governor's Visit and Conference – Hutchinson, MN
May 1-3, 2009	Lt. Governor Education Conference - Fergus Falls, MN
May 15-16, 2009	District Past Governor's Meeting - Fergus Falls, MN
June 25-28, 2009	Kiwanis International Convention – Nashville, TN
July 31-Aug. 2, 2009	Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention – Watertown, SD

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