March 2020

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
Minnesota Dakotas Kiwanians are amazing individuals which translates into amazing clubs which results in communities that are shining stars. Kiwanians are committed, grateful, willing to take risks, humble, good listeners, pursue opportunities for growth, value others, are grateful, live fulfilling lives, expect the best from themselves, enjoy fellowship and friendship with one another, understand the value of compassion and are open to change when it is a benefit to those around us. I am grateful to be part of a team like this.

During our *TRI K meeting on January 31st, the leadership team, which includes *LTG’s. Chairpersons and administrators of *Circle K and *Key Clubs, the commitment to our mission was paramount. We reviewed our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, what we need to keep doing and what we need to change. We set goals that are specific, measurable, realistic, time bound and achievable. After hours and many pages of ideas, three specific goals for this year were set.

1. Discuss and explore the needs and rationale for a future district dues increase.
2. Succession planning at the district level through the Executive team and clubs through Lieutenant Governors.
3. Increase public relations, communications and upgrade our use of technology.

We have outstanding opportunities through Kiwanis and our *SLPs. Kiwanis is reaching out, providing leadership opportunities which contributes to personal growth and has a mission that communities need. Our focus on youth gives us hope for the future. We are on the ‘cutting edge’ of understanding generations and how each one thinks and works. We cannot change some things in life but we can change the average age of our clubs, willingness to reach out to different age groups, maximize the use of our digital age of technology with Facebook, web sites and more. We CAN celebrate one another and our successes more and we can involve the parents of our *SLPs, we can increase our opportunity to educate Kiwanis leaders and members through ‘Club Leader Education’, promote our ‘Achieving Club Excellence’ Program, and have more Division and area conferences that will provide fellowship, sharing of ideas, resources and provide leadership growth for members.

As we serve, remember the value of compassion as written by Saint Francis of Assisi who discovered the secret of happiness through his prayer:
O Diving Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

In friendship and service
Rachael Disrud

- Tri K = District Board, leadership team plus administrators of Circle K and Key Club
- LTG = Lieutenant Governors
- Circle K = College students
- Key Club = High School students
- SLP = Service Leadership Programs : Key Club, Circle K, Builders Clubs, etc

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**March and Final Update from Steve - 2/28/2020**
*Submitted by: Stephen K Handegaard*

**A personal thanks to all Kiwanis friends!!**

As many of you already know, I will be stepping down as Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer after 15 years at the end of this March. It has been my great pleasure and honor to know and work with all of you. Thank you for letting me have the opportunity. I really will be missing it and especially all of the interactions with such great friends and fellow Kiwanians. But, after 15 fantastic years and while I am still totally enjoying it, I thought it is a good time to pass the torch to someone else. I still plan to be involved with Kiwanis and hope to see many of you at other Kiwanis events. Bettye Hoff will be taking the position on April 1st and I wish her great success! She will be generating the next monthly April Newsletter, so you will hear more about her and her contact information then. Keep in touch!

**Lt. Governor Team Candidates:** We are still in need of Lt. Governor Team Candidates in some divisions. Contact your current Lt. Governor if interested. The Lt. Governor Education program will take place on April 24-25 in Fergus Falls, MN.
**Member contact information:** Remember that members can update their own contact information and other information that is on record with the Kiwanis International database. If your email address, regular mailing address changes, etc. you can go at any time and make those updates on your record. Just go to the following link. If you do not have a password you will be asked to create one. Give it a try. See if your information is up to date. Here is the link to the login page [www.kiwanis.org/login](http://www.kiwanis.org/login)

**District Kiwanis Convention:** Mark your calendars....the Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention will be held August 6-9, 2020 in St. Cloud. All clubs should be represented at this annual convention.

**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. These changes should entered online by the club secretary. Your club may miss out on important communications if we do not have the correct contact information.

**Club Elections:** Just another reminder that your club election report will be due June 1st. The annual election of club officers should be done at the club annual meeting as specified in the Standard Club Bylaws.

**Kiwanis International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 17-June 20, 2020:** Remember the price of registration increases after April 10th, so if you are planning to go, register now. Be sure to check the convention schedule so that you arrive in time for all of the important events and activities.

Kiwanis Clubs in good standing are allowed to designate two representatives to the House of Delegates. Of course, you do not need to be a delegate to attend, everyone is welcome! Information and online registration forms can be found on the Kiwanis International Convention website. [https://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2020](https://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2020)

**International Convention Delegate Certification:** Besides registering, be sure to report your club’s two International Convention delegates and two alternates to the International Office by April 30. For the first time this year clubs can submit their Delegate Certification form online. Club secretaries, assistant secretaries and club presidents can now login to www.kiwanis.org/login , access their dashboards and report their voting delegates online.

**Lt. Governor Education:** The Lt. Governor Education Conference for the 2020-2021 Lt. Governor Teams will be held April 24-25 in Fergus Falls.

**January District Board Minutes:** You can view the minutes of our Minnesota-Dakotas District Board
January meeting at the following link: https://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/Page/1021

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Please Share With Your Club - 2/28/2020
Submitted by: Rachael Disrud

You are invited to share time together with our Kiwanis International President Daniel Vigneron of Belgium who is arriving Sunday afternoon April 26th and leaves on Wednesday morning, April 29th. We will celebrate his arrival on Sunday evening with a welcoming party which will include our SLPs and share Kiwanis time with him on Monday with meetings and a banquet celebrating 100 years of Kiwanis. The banquet will be at an historic church restored into an event center and hosted by the Fargo Club. On Tuesday there will be more fellowship and Kiwanis time together during a noon meeting and we will finish the day with presentations and time to dialogue with him. We will keep him busy the entire time he is here as he wishes to connect with Kiwanians. Our hosts will be Kiwanians. We take him to the airport Wednesday morning.

President Daniel has begun a Kiwanis club in Nepal and is now in Africa where he has started 3 clubs. He has been President of the European Federation of Kiwanis. You will be delighted to enjoy this rare opportunity to be in the midst of his knowledge and dedication to our mission. You will be glad you came.

Daniel Vigneron of Howald, Luxembourg, was elected to a one-year term as president of Kiwanis International in June 2019 at the 104th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Orlando, Florida, USA.
Daniel has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Vielsalm for 33 years and has served as club president twice. He served as Kiwanis International-European Federation president and is a former Kiwanis International trustee. He has also served as governor of the Belgium-Luxembourg District. He is a George F. Hixon Fellow and a Walter Zeller Fellow. Daniel is a technical manager for a real estate company. He holds a master’s degree in economics from the University of Liege.

Daniel’s wife, Faby Gregoire, is a member of the D Kiwanis Club of Bastogne. They have three children and four grandchildren.

We celebrate that he has chosen to be with us in Minnesota-Dakotas!
Rachael Disrud

March Partnership highlights - 2/28/2020  
Submitted by: Denis Cornell, Partnership Coordinator

AVIS BUDGET GROUP: Avis Budget Group is one of the world’s best-known car rental brands, operating Avis Car Rental, Budget Car Rental, Budget Truck Rental, Zipcar and Payless Car Rental. Avis and Budget have more than 11,000 locations in 180 countries with 620,000 vehicles. The Avis brand has a long history of innovation in the car rental industry and is one of the world’s top brands for customer loyalty.

Members will receive up to 25 percent off Avis and Budget base rates and other varying coupon offers, including free upgrade, free weekend day and additional discounted weekly rentals. Avis Budget will also have occasional limited time offers and other promotional support. Members will receive a minimum 5 percent discount off the lowest available discountable rate when using the assigned discount number in Canada and a maximum 20 percent discount in Europe and other international locations.

Avis offers a variety of services to increase value, including outside-airport locations, counter by-pass, e-Toll, e-Receipt, long-term rentals, GPS and the industry-leading Avis mobile application, which allows customers to control every detail of their rental.
HILTON: Clubs and districts can look forward to preferred rates and amenities from various Hilton properties across the country. Kiwanis members also receive special member incentives for becoming a Hilton Honors rewards member.

READING IS FUNDAMENTAL (RIF): is a national children’s literacy nonprofit organization committed to a literate America. RIF works in communities across the country to inspire a passion for reading among all children through our partnership with Kiwanis. By providing literacy tools, best practices and support materials, RIF empowers Kiwanians to build a culture of literacy in their own backyards.

THIRST PROJECT: hopes to educate the next generation by arming students with information about how they can be a part of social change, make a difference and encourage others to join in the effort to solve the global water crisis.

2020 District Convention - Save the Date! - 2/28/2020
Submitted by: Shara Fischer

Greetings Kiwanians,

Happy (almost) spring!

In case we haven’t met before, I’m Shara Fischer, District Convention Coordinator for Minn-Dak. This is my second year in this role and I look forward to working with and getting to know all of you.

A friendly save the date:
2020 Minn-Dak District Convention, Thursday, Aug. 6 – Sunday, Aug. 9, 2020. Location will be Best Western Kelly Inn, St. Cloud, Minn.

In the meantime:
-check for updates in the MINNEKOTAN.
-share updates from www.facebook.com/KiwanisOfMinnDak with your club
-email forum topic ideas to me at sharamfischer@gmail.com
I am Stephen W. Forseth (Steve) from Stillwater Area Kiwanis Club. I would like to be considered for District Governor Elect at the upcoming August Minnesota-Dakotas District Election of 2020/2021. Kiwanis entered my life when I was a senior at Minneapolis Patrick Henry High School. I was recognized by the Minneapolis Kiwanis for leadership in my community back in 1963. This award connected me with a Kiwanian who hired me to work for his construction company while I went through college. The money I earned paid for a rusted 1953 Ford (it ran well) and 3/4 of my college education. After I graduated from college I became a teacher and coach. I learned first hand how important it is for young people to have opportunities to develop leadership and learn the importance of serving others. My focus was to provide a successful program with a positive atmosphere in my classroom and as a coach.

When I left teaching and entered the business world I continued that philosophy and built a successful business and college coaching career. When I retired in 2011 my wife noticed that a new Kiwanis club was being formed in Stillwater. I remembered the kind Kiwanians I met in high school and the wonderful job opportunity that paid for most of my college education. I thought it’s time to give back. I was president of this club for 4 years. During that time I have met some amazing Kiwanians that have had a strong impact in their communities.

I am presently Lt. Governor for Division 7 and working with wonderful people that have made a difference supporting programs that affect the lives of children. I want to serve the MNDAK District in a role that provides support to those who seek growth in the Kiwanis program which encourages kids to become better people.

I married Marilyn, my high school sweetheart in 1967. We have two wonderful children Amy and Erik and five awesome grandchildren, Charlie, George, Lorelei, Graham and Brynn.

I ask for your support and vote at the 2020 MNDAK District Convention for the office of Governor Elect 2020/2021. Thank you.
100 Year Celebration! - 2/27/2020  
*Club: Fargo - Submitted by: Shara Fischer*

Kiwanis International President Daniel Vigneron will be visiting MNDAK to commemorate 100 years of Kiwanis in Fargo. Please join us on Monday, April 27th at the Sanctuary Events Center in Fargo, ND from 5:30 pm to 9 pm for dinner and a program. All Kiwanians and guests are welcome!

Please RSVP at [http://fargokiwanis.eventbrite.com](http://fargokiwanis.eventbrite.com) by Friday, April 10th.

Contact Shara Fischer at sharamfischer@gmail.com or 701-781-4198 with any questions.

Hope you can join us!

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March is the month of asking - 2/27/2020  
*Submitted by: Sherry Scudder*

It’s never a waste of time to SHARE KIWANIS with someone who needs a purpose. Don’t procrastinate to ask someone to belong to Kiwanis. I did for a while because I was afraid and I couldn’t decide what, how and when to ask. This fear and decisiveness kept me from asking someone to belong and giving the opportunity for a new member to fill a void in their life by giving them excitement, self-worth, and a sense of helping those in need.

The feeling you get when you sign up a new member knowing that 206 children are going to be served is exceedingly heartfelt. Let’s see how much MARCHING we can do this month to ASK people you know and don’t know to belong to Kiwanis. A good way to strengthen and build clubs is to ASK – just like the following members have done:

**DIVISION 1**  
HARVEY - Ashley Van Dolah by Mike Zwicker

**DIVISION 2**  
DETROIT LAKES - Denise Lund-Smith by Catharine Weisenburger  
THIEF RIVER FALLS – Dana Julin by David Lee  
THIEF RIVER FALLS - April Kraemer by Sherry Abbott
DIVISION 4
STURGIS GOLDEN K - Kenneth Skagg by Don Dubbe

DIVISION 5
SIoux FALLS - Dirk Poppen by Mark McClung
SIoux FALLS – Chelsea Cronin by John Quello

DIVISION 6
BENSON – Benson Public Schools by Dennis Laumeyer

DIVISION 7
N SUBURBAN GOLDEN K, ST PAUL – Roger Toogood by Robert Seybold
N SUBURBAN GOLDEN K, ST PAUL - John Robinson by Howard Rines
SPRING VALLEY - Christopher Hahn by Debbie Zimmer
STILLWATER - Danielle Dennison by Judith Isenberg
STILLWATER - Nancy Prince by Marilyn Forseth
STILLWATER – Cheryl Taylor by Timothy Taylor

CONGRATULATIONS to DIVISION 7 this month for Asking 6 new members to belong and giving the opportunity for others to serve the children of the world and their communities.

KEEP MARCHING AND KEEP SHARING KIWANIS

Youth Protection Guidelines Policy in Practice - 2/27/2020
Submitted by: Peter Larson

This month I am sending you one of the youth protection Policies in Practice scenarios from the Sept. 2019 training PowerPoint:

The Transportation of Youth best practices are:
--Three people in the car
--Student in the back seat/rows
--Approval from parents/guardian
--Follow local school/local law policy

How do you resolve the following scenario:
--You are a Key Club advisor.
--You and the club’s president and vice president are set to go on a 4-hour car trip across state to
attend a training session and Key Club meeting.
--The night before the drive, the club president gets sick and cancels.
--What do you?

**Scenario solution:**
--Find a 3rd person to keep in accordance with the rule of 3.
--If that is not possible, keep a log of a few key incidents/milestones or significant highlights of the trip.
(start and stop times, etc.)
--Call or email parents at various parts of the trip/day.

If you want to see the entire September 2019 PowerPoint it is available at the following website: [https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/training/risk-management/youth-protection](https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/training/risk-management/youth-protection)
There is very good information for you at this website in addition to the PowerPoint.

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**MnDak Education Foundation Scholarship Selection - 2/27/2020**
*Submitted by: Lowell Disrud*

High School students who will graduate this spring and plan to attend secondary education institutions in Minnesota or the Dakotas have submitted scholarship applications to our foundation. At this time teams of Kiwanians are reviewing and scoring the applications. There is a team of 3 volunteers in each of our 7 Divisions. Each team is asked to score applications from a Division other than their own. The three team members score the applications based on academics, school activities, community service, need, application letter, and letter of recommendation. The scores from the 3 reviewers are combined to give a composite score for each application. These scores are used to determine scholarship winners. The scholarships are awarded at graduation and applied toward the student’s tuition in the fall.

The opportunity to review the applications is very rewarding. To see what these students are doing and how they are excelling in all aspects of life is amazing. It gives us hope for the future leaders of our society. If you would like to have the opportunity to be a scholarship reviewer in the future please contact our district foundation office.
Youth, Opportunities and You - 2/27/2020
Submitted by: Nancy Cornell Builders Club District Administrator

The Kingsland Builders Club in Spring Valley, MN recently held a tip night at the local pizza place raising $270.00. Five Builders Club members kept the tables cleared and the customers happy. The fundraiser will pay for toothbrushes and toothpaste for the school weekend food backpack program.

This is just one example of what a Builders Club can accomplish. But this won't happen unless your club sponsors a Builders Club. Don't deprive the youth in your area from becoming servant leaders who improve the lives of others in their school and community.

Go to www.buildersclub.org to learn all about Builders Club and to kiwanis.org/charter to see chartering details. Please contact me with any questions and if you are working on chartering.

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Develop your “Inner” Leadership - 2/27/2020
Submitted by: Loreena Luetgers

Everyone is born with certain abilities and capabilities that sometimes we aren't even aware of. These become our strengths, basically, what we are better at doing and being the person we are.

So, these lead into leadership of different kinds. Let's call it our “inner” leadership qualities. For example, are your strengths in listening, coaching others, relational or strategic? These are different leadership qualities and we can develop them into becoming a leader in our clubs. As we think about what we are good at, maybe we have been doing things that don’t even interest us and are so hard for us to do. That’s probably not one of your inner qualities.

Let's look around at our members to know what club member’s qualities are, as most of the time we can pick them out. Who are the good listeners? Who can encourage others to work together? Who is strategically minded, such as being futuristic, has input, and analytical to lead? Let’s get to know our members to help our club grow.
“Now is the time” that we need to look at ourselves and ask how we can lead in our club...be a committee chair in the area we are stronger or most interested in; take on more responsibilities of service in the club; learning a new leadership role; more involved in our club’s youth programs, etc. The list is endless as to how we can serve in our clubs and become a leader.

Why is “now the time”? We need to start looking at potential club leaders for the next year. It’s not too early! Club Leadership Education is coming this summer in classroom form. This is a great time for future officers to bring along members to learn together what the leadership roles are in Kiwanis. So, let’s start looking at ourselves, as a challenge, to be a potential leader and help in our clubs in this capacity. It begins with me to be willing to step out to try something new. It is amazing what can happen.

Foundation News - 2/27/2020
Submitted by: Kathy Welle

Is everyone enjoying this pleasant month of February? Spring is three weeks away and Daylight Savings Time starts on March 8th. Better days ahead!! It helps to think SPRING and no snowbanks!! Even though the snow makes very scenic pictures – spring is good!!

Is the "Kids" dollar competition promoted and still ongoing with your club members? It will be fun to see what we will have accomplished by next August for the MN-Dak District Convention in St. Cloud, MN. How is your club challenge doing?

One of our members brought a $20 "K" dollar that she used for HAPPINESS $$ . All currency has a "K" somewhere. Other than the one Dollar, the K is part of the serial number. Each month we have a member who volunteers to match the "K" dollars collected as happy dollars during the month.

Try to set a goal for the match. It's a challenge to check the One Dollar bills to find the "K" and share your challenge goal with family and friends. It's amazing how addicting it can be to keep looking for the dollar bills with a “K.”

NOTE: Just a confirmation - The District application due by March 1st has been submitted for the 15% rebate for the year 2019-2020 of total funds contributed to the CHILDREN’S FUND. The last report as of
January 31st, all 7 Divisions have contributed already, however the club participation is at 22%. Rebate qualifies if 50% or more clubs participate but the President’s $ Challenge has a long way to go. Good news - The President’s Dollar Challenge changed for $34,250.00 to $25,386.00 for 2019-2020.

Pass it on:  #KidsNeedKiwanis

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**Welcome South Metro MN Kiwanis - 2/27/2020**  
*Submitted by: Dave Harms*

It was an honor Tuesday to attend the Charter Night of the New South Metro MN Kiwanis Club at the Unmapped Brewery in Minnetonka MN. 10 members were present along with Club members from other Kiwanis clubs. The club president is Stephanie Fetzer. Lt Governor Steve Forseth MC’d the event. There is still an opportunity to visit, thank, and congratulate them for their commitment to their communities by providing opportunities for youth. Thank you to all and to Governor Rachael for making their evening meaningful and memorable.

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**Pulling Above Your Weight - 2/27/2020**  
*Submitted by: John Loken*

This is about service in and for our communities and makes the assumption that Kiwanis clubs wish to have the greatest impact with the resources available. Resources are membership volunteer hours and fundraising ability.

Kiwanis clubs have an extraordinary track record of service projects, many of them carried over from year to year. As humans, we tend to do what we did last year. Hopefully as each new club leadership class prepares to step into office on October 1st, they will step back and consider an idea or two as individuals and then as a club to
increase the club impact in the community next year:

• **Make a brief community assessment**
  o What needs of children and youth in our community are not being met? Or are inadequately met?
  o What has changed in our community since the last assessment of needs of children and youth?
  o What, if anything, do we need to change in our service projects?

• **Consider involving other entities in the community to join in the assessment**
  o Social service agencies
  o United Way
  o Law enforcement
  o School administration
  o Others with interest in nurturing children and youth

• **Match the club capability (volunteer hours and fundraising) to the highest order needs of the community, thus maximizing the impact. Answer the questions, ‘What can we do?’ and also ‘What should we do?’**

• **Measuring impact:**
  o Service projects have an EFFECT
  o TIME can be stated in a range: moments to lifetimes.
  o EFFECT X TIME = TOTAL IMPACT

In 2020-21, may we all pull above our weight for children and youth, Kids Need Kiwanis!

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**Lake Agassiz Kiwanis Sponsor Boat Show - 2/27/2020**
*Club: Lake Agassiz, Fargo - Submitted by: Kristi Engelstad*

Have you ever attended the Fargo Boat Show or the Fargo Sportsmen’s Show? Did you know that those are the two main fundraisers for the Lake Agassiz Kiwanis? LAK members volunteer their time to help with tickets and doors; the money that the club earns at these shows is distributed to organizations that support kids throughout our community. The 2019 Boat Show was a great success - please help make the March 5-8, 2020 Sportsmen's Show a success too!
Building Playgrounds- Leave A Legacy - 2/26/2020
Club: Fergus Falls - Submitted by: Fergus Falls, MN Kiwanis Club

The Fergus Falls Noon Kiwanis Club is embarking on an exciting and ambitious playground effort for the community. See the March 2020 KIWANIS International Magazine for the complete article. See pages 37-41. If you do not have your hard copy magazine you can also see it online. Click the link below:


There’s a lot of excitement about the new NP Park playground, says Sarah Duffy, despite questioning her sanity after she proposed the Noon Kiwanis Club would raise US$500,000 to pay for the all-ability playground in Fergus Falls.

Thankfully her club is not shoudering the cost alone. As club president last year, Duffy formed a committee with another club member and four community representatives to raise awareness, support and money.

“The city is acting as the fiscal host, and we are all working together,” Duffy says. The Kiwanis club adopted the playground, a longtime feature of the city, about 20 years ago. When the city recently
announced a new library would be built across the street, Duffy realized this would be a great opportunity to rebuild the playground.

“We had been looking for a signature project, and we wanted to do something that would reach a larger group of youth in the community and allow for and provide some inclusivity,” she says. “We didn’t have any playground for those with disabilities.” This new playground will have “something for everyone,” Duffy says. She hopes to have financial commitments secured soon so construction can begin this spring. The club has raised $300,000 of $500,000 needed for the project. The first phase will be elevating the foundation of the playground.

Duffy says her Kiwanis club also took advantage of the Kiwanis/Landscape Structures partnership. “Their philosophy about play is one you can get behind,” Duffy says. “And we’ve had a lot of community support.”

The Noon Kiwanis Club will host a celebratory event sometime in 2020, but the club’s anniversary legacy is the playground. “We’re all working together, but the project originated with the Noon Kiwanis Club — we got the community engaged,” Duffy says.

Mitchell, SD Club pays it forward - 2/26/2020
Club: Mitchell - Submitted by: Linda McEntee

What does your club give as a 'thank you' to your speakers? We used to give them a Kiwanis pen, but then we decided to pay the good deed forward by donating a book in the speaker’s name! In our town, there are many “Little Free Libraries” and we even have one at our Kiwanis Woodlot Park. We purchase books from a variety of sources, limiting our cost to under $2 each. We put a Kiwanis sticker in the book and have the program speaker sign it. We then deliver it to one of the little libraries. We also donate a book in each member’s honor on their membership anniversary each year. We recognize members with anniversaries at each month’s board meeting.
Recruiting Members - 2/12/2020
Club: West Saint Paul - Submitted by: Cassandra Schueller

The Kiwanis Club of West St. Paul joined a local community event to host a booth to recruit new members. Held in South St. Paul, the Club spoke with many interested adults who will hopefully consider joining our organization in the future.

Mitchell, SD Club Hosts Half Marathon - 2/7/2020
Club: Mitchell - Submitted by: Linda McEntee

Kiwanis club of Mitchell, SD held their 2nd annual Palace City-Kiwanis Half Marathon on October 6th, 2019. This successful event raised nearly $10,000 for our youth projects. The event had almost 200 runners between the half marathon and 2-person relay. Local businesses and organizations, with their monetary and in-kind sponsorship of the event, help fund the administrative costs, so the funds received from the athletes’ registrations can go to their long list of projects for the community.