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Leading to Serve ... Making the Next Five Months Count!

by: Bill Lardy, District Governor

With 5 months remaining in the Kiwanis year can we make them the best 5 months of the year? Yes, we can! I know we can!

International President Don Canaday has declared May as Membership Month. Let's show him what the Minnesota Dakotas District can do by each club recruiting no less than 3 new members! That is a high bar, but doable! Last week I had the pleasure of helping at the Bismarck Kiwanis Track meet, working the high jump. The young men competing worked hard to the very end to exceed their previous jump. I ask each club to copy that effort: Exert every ounce of strength this month to find 3 quality community members to join your efforts to help the children in your community. They will be pleased to be asked, and willing to help!



These next 5 months give us time to complete requirements for Distinguished Club and Distinguished member. This is a link to Kiwanis International website listing criteria to qualify as a Distinguished member and club. You may need to copy and paste into your web browser.

<http://community.kiwanisone.org/media/p/9579.aspx>

A word about CLE: It is critical for clubs to have their president-elect and secretary attend Club Leader Education. Please encourage them to attend. It will pay rewards during the entire new year.

Registration materials for the District Convention will soon be sent to club secretaries. I ask each club to be represented at the convention. Watertown is a great town and the convention will provide stimulating forums. Convention information is on the District's website.

It's not too late to register for the International Convention. If you haven't yet, do it now! It will be exciting to support and vote for Past Governor Stewart Ross to be International Trustee.

Lowell Disrud Announces Candidacy for Governor Elect 2009-2010

Submitted by: Lowell Disrud, Candidate for Governor Elect

In March of 2000, a long time good friend, Don Peterson, invited me to join Fargo Rough Riders Kiwanis. Since then I have enjoyed the friends and fellowship of Kiwanis as well as the many opportunities to join in providing service to our community, especially the children. I have had the opportunity to serve as president of Fargo Rough Riders and for the past 4 years have had the privilege of serving as a member of the Region 2 Lieutenant Governor team. Through these experiences I have learned that people who belong to Kiwanis are very special people who have many unique and special gifts but have one thing in common and that is to share their time, talents, and resources to make life better for others.



Now it seems that the doors are being opened and the timing is right for me to become a candidate for Governor Elect of the Minnesota-Dakotas District. If chosen for this position I look forward to using my past experiences and training, both in Kiwanis and as a professor at North Dakota State University, to help you as officers and members of Kiwanis to serve even more effectively and enjoy more fully the rewards of being a member of this great organization.

I have had many opportunities to serve in various leadership positions in addition to Kiwanis including several positions in Boy Scouts, Chairman of the Board of Directors of a Credit Union, District Chairman of a political party, Governor's appointee on the North Dakota State Soil Conservation Committee, NDSU Faculty Senate, and Chairman of NDSU Academic Affairs Committee. Currently I am completing a two year program in leadership training called Rural Leadership North Dakota. These opportunities have helped me to realize that a good leader has certain gifts that must be applied but his/her real job is to help every member of the organization realize, develop, and use their unique gifts and abilities. If I am given the opportunity to serve as Governor of the Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis I envision that as one of my most important tasks.

Who am I?

Family:

Rachael, wife of 46 years (friend, advocate, critiquer, a true leader)
Dan (son) and Janelle, Brendon and Connor, Champlin, MN
Dave (son) widowed, Phillip and Heather, Fargo, ND
Doug (son) and Tiffany, Carter and Cameron, Washington DC
Stephen (son), Fargo, ND

Education:

BS Agricultural Engineering NDSU
MS Agricultural Engineering Kansas State University
additional graduate work KSU and University of Minnesota

Career:

Engineer, US Dept of Interior, BLM, Malta, MT 1963-1966
Research Engineer, USDA-ARS, KSU, Manhattan, KS 1966-1976
Professor Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, NDSU 1976-2006
Professor Emeritus NDSU 2006-Present

I ask for your support and vote at the District Convention at Watertown in August and if elected will be very honored to work with you in the Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis.

Lowell Disrud, Candidate for Governor Elect

Update from the District Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Steve Handegaard

Following are some important reminders and updates:

Call to Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Convention, July 30-Aug. 2 in Watertown, SD. The Official Call to Convention letter will be sent by U.S. Mail to all Kiwanis Club secretaries the first week in May. The mailing contains registration forms and also your club's delegate certification form. Early bird convention registrations are due before July 1st. Register early! Also, remember that your Club Delegate Certification form needs to be returned by July 15. You can also access and print the District Convention Registration form and information on our district website home page at: <http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/> (Click on "Events" on the main menu.)



2009-2010 Club Election Report Online: Club secretaries should submit the results of club elections through the online reporting system as soon as elections are completed. Due date for the club election report is June 1st.

The Standard Club Bylaws state that clubs should hold their election of officers for the upcoming year between the first meeting in April and the second meeting in May. The club election report must be filed by June 1st. It is very important that this information is received in a timely manner so that directories and mailing lists can be compiled by Kiwanis International and the District Office.

Distinguished Kiwanis Club Status: Just a reminder that your club secretary can now access an online summary from their "Monthly Report Launch Page" that will show you the points your club has currently accumulated towards the Distinguished Club Award. How is your club doing? You need 80 points to qualify. You have until September 30 to add to your points.

District Kiwanis Foundation and Past Governors Meeting: The District Kiwanis Foundation Board and Past Governors Meeting will be held on May 15-16 in Fergus Falls.

International Convention in Nashville- 2009: As of the end of April we have 77 Kiwanians and 22 guests from the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District registered for the Kiwanis International Convention in Nashville. The total registration count is at 2917. There is still time to register for the International Convention. All club secretaries should have received information in the mail. You can also get all of the necessary forms and information on the Kiwanis International website <http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/>

Spiritual Aims - Ten more ideas

Submitted by: Rodger Wetzel, Chair, District Spiritual Aims

Below are examples of 10 additional potential spiritual aims projects for consideration by your club's Human and Spiritual Aims Committee. Choose one or two to implement this year or next club year. The original 10 were listed in the January 2009 issue of the *Minnekotan* newsletter.

1. Pray at club meetings specifically for current ill members.
2. Send cards, signed at club meetings, to hospitalized or ill members
3. Assign a club member as an official club visitor to hospitalized members
4. Attend funerals for club members as a group.
5. Sponsor a Lenten or Advent Breakfast series, with a variety of pastors as speakers.
6. Sponsor seasonal prayer sessions at local facilities for elderly or disabled persons.
7. Sponsor a Pastor Appreciation breakfast or luncheon.
8. Provide a service project for current hospice patients.
9. Provide books of common prayers or spiritual reflections for waiting rooms.
10. Offer to ring Salvation Army bells as a club, or another service project.

For other ideas, see this website:

http://community.kiwanisone.org/blogs/leadership_matters/archive/2007/09/28/give-primacy-to-the-spiritual.aspx

"Kazoo for Stew" Don't Miss the Deadline!

Submitted by: Coralyn Dahl

Have you registered for the Kiwnais International Convention yet? Don't miss out on this historic convention. We have a top notch candidate for International Trustee, Former Governor Stewart Ross - and we need everyone possible from the Minnesota-Dakotas District to be there.

You might say, "Someone else from my club is the delegate," but does that mean Stewart doesn't need you? Absolutely not! Stewart and our district needs everyone: delegates, visitors, spouses, children (well, that's up to the parents), but everyone to hand out brochures, buttons, and most of all Kazoos for Stew!

We will all meet at the MN-DAK convention hotel (Marriott Courtyard Downtown Nashville) on Thursday morning for our caucus and assignments (it's early, guys - 7:00 a.m). It will be fun! It will be exciting! and you know what - Stewart is giving a party on Saturday night (win or lose) for everyone from the district. This is a win-win situation - a great time in a great town, entertainment and excitement.



Please come and register soon. You have to pay more for registration after May 1, so make sure you are in on the best time ever! See you there! (for "Kazoo for Stew" T-shirts - \$5.00 each" - write to me at clbdahl@aol.com or call 320-529-1282.

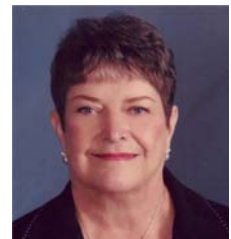
Coralyn Dahl
PAC chair

Joy Ranch is this year's District Service Project

Submitted by: Coralyn Dahl, District Service Director

This month I am presenting a new service project for all of us - and we don't have to have it completed until the end of July - at the district convention to be exact!

Our district convention will be in Watertown, SD this year and seven miles out of Watertown is an area that will be soon completed as "Joy Ranch." This ranch is being planned as a camp for everyone: children of all ages, adults, but most particularly children with physical disabilities. The Ranch is going to be like an old cowboy town, but with very new facilities and all of these facilities and the activities, too, will be handicap accessible, even the horseback riding!



So what can we do as a district? I have given out wish lists to several regions at their conferences, but many of the things on the list are expensive and big, like desks, computers, etc. So what I am proposing is that each club contribute games that can be played all year around like board games, volleyballs, basketballs, lawn games, plastic hockey sticks, fishing poles and tackle, binoculars or even beanbag chairs. If you club wishes to contribute money instead, that's okay, too!

Let's make these children's ranch a ranch of "Joy" indeed!

READY TO RUN

Submitted by: Jodi Isert, Kiwanis International

Ready, set, recruit!

May has been deemed membership month for Kiwanis and it's time for us all to do our part.

Every one of us know people who have Kiwanis hearts-who have time, talent and treasure to share to help make a better world for children. Every one of us know men and women whose work with children-as teachers, as church leaders, as educators, as counselors and mentors-make them great candidates to be become Kiwanians. Every one of us knows someone-several someones, I bet-that would help us help more children.

It's time to take a look at our clubs, our meetings, our members. Are our meetings fun? Are they informative, interesting? Do they feature interesting speakers talking about relevant topics to members, children and the community?

Are members involved, engaged? Do new members have the chance to get involved early and to stay involved? Are your projects and programs relevant? Do they benefit children and give members a chance to see their smiles.

These are all important. These are what provide the Kiwanis experience and let members experience the very personal and very special moments of being a Kiwanians, of seeing and feeling the difference they can make in a child's life.

Great Kiwanians live in every city in every country of the world. They just haven't been invited yet to be a Kiwanian, to join the "family."

Membership is important every month, but in May, every Kiwanis club is encouraged to schedule a membership event during May - special guest day, membership roundup, etc. Invite a friend, a neighbor, someone from your church or workplace to attend a meeting to learn more about Kiwanis, to experience what it means to be part of a club that enjoys the fun and fellowship as friends, but also of an organization that makes profound and life-changing differences everywhere in the world.

All it takes is a simple, "Hi, I am (insert you name here). I would like to invite you to join me at my next Kiwanis meeting. I believe you would enjoy the fun and fellowship we share, and I believe that we would benefit from your passion and commitment to children and to our community."

It's really that simple. And that important for the children who so badly need Kiwanis help.

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New District Shirt Selected

Submitted by: Bill Lardy

Pictured wearing the prototype of the new Minnesota Dakotas District shirts are Governor Bill Lardy (wearing men's large) and Past Governor Jean Collins (wearing ladies' medium). The shirts will have the Minnesota Dakotas logo on them.

It has been a few years since we have had District shirts available for sale. These bright blue shirts will allow us uniformity at International and District Conventions. These sport shirts are Port Authority Dry Zone Ottoman.

You may order them for \$27 + \$2 postage from District Secretary Stephen Handegaard. *(To order mail your name, mailing address, phone number & email, quantity of shirts, your men or ladies shirt size and check to the Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Office, P.O Box 735, Dalton, MN 56324. Make your check payable to Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District.)* When 75 have been ordered we will place the order. Order early to have your shirt by International Convention. (If you would like to pick up your shirt at the District Convention, please let us know that, so we can save some postage and handling.)

Available sizes:

Ladies: XS--XXL, Plus 1X, Plus 2X

Men: XS--6XL

Sizes above 1XL add \$1.50.



Start Registering Key Leader Participants Now

Submitted by: Clover Ellingson, District Key Leader Chair

Register students for the Minnesota-Dakotas District Key Leader event the first weekend in October at Inspiration Point. Click here to go to Key Leader website:

www.key-leader.org

Consider sponsoring a few graduating 8th graders this spring and hand them out at their ceremonies. It is a great way to introduce students to Kiwanis and community service. Key Leader is open to all youth 14-18 years of age.

Check out the website. It has many downloads for parents, educators, members and students.

Please download and share this special invitation letter with your local school personnel. Click on the following link: http://mndak.kiwanisone.org/Public_District/pub_Content.aspx?Page=239

For questions and/or help contact Clover Ellingson at cloverjean@cablone.net.



Citizenship Award

Submitted by: Joe Hesch, Past District Officers Association President

To All Kiwanis Clubs in the Minnesota-Dakotas District:

Each year the Past District Officers Association (PDOA) selects a person or person(s) from within the Minnesota-Dakotas District to receive the "Citizenship Award." Nominees are submitted by Kiwanis Clubs of the Minnesota-Dakotas District. The award recipient(s) will be recognized at the banquet at our annual Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention in Watertown July 31 - August 2, 2009 on Saturday evening.

There is not a formal application. If your club wishes to submit a nomination, please:

1. Submit a nomination of a person or person(s) who have been a part of a heroic deed this past year (between July 2008 and June 2009).
2. Include a short description of the circumstances of the heroic deed, and any news clippings or other supporting information.
3. Include the name of your Kiwanis Club and President, a contact person with the contact information (preferably e-mail address) and the name of your Lieutenant Governor and Region Number.

The PDOA will inform the nominating Club if their nominee was chosen for the award. The nominating Kiwanis Club is responsible for the travel and lodging expenses for the recipient to attend the banquet at the District Convention. The PDOA will pay for the recipient's meal at the banquet.

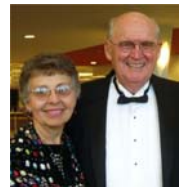
The information must be submitted by June 30th, 2009 to:
Joe Hesch, PDOA President
3854 East Superior St.
Duluth, MN 55804

Jhesch@AOL.com

AKTION IS IN ACTION!

Submitted by: Carole & Dwain Petersen, Aktion Club Co-Administrators

Kiwanis International can be most pleased with their innovative plan for AKtion clubs. The MNDK district is catching the fever and finding the sponsored AKtion clubs are now enhancing the motto of WE BUILD. In talking with club members at the Region 6 conference in Hutchinson, we heard comments and questions regarding the opportunities of sponsoring AKtion Clubs. Through creative discussions of possibilities in each community, there are fantastic resources available.



The Mankato AKtion Theater Club is continually expanding with new members and exciting performances. The membership includes all ages, diverse abilities and talents but above all else the explosive enthusiasm continues to be contagious.

The Mankato Downtown Kiwanis Club is considering sponsoring a new club at Pathstone Living, a facility for Seniors offering all levels of care. The interested residents are already laying plans for Service Projects with Kids Against Hunger and a fund raiser of selling cookies that are made right at the home. They have ideas to involve children and youth in their programs such as, exchanging life stories, writing stories for a booklet, Bingo and as the group expands there will be many more goals and ideas. The Mankato Diversity Club may also cooperate with this new venture.

The Downtown Kiwanis club is fortunate to have Wilbur Neushwander-Frink as a member who has professional training and experience in this area. Look around your community and tap the expertise of individuals who could develop an AKtion club by inviting them to attend a meeting. You will NEVER regret your investment!

We encourage each club to seriously consider sponsoring an AKTION club. Contact the Kiwanis International Office to request materials--1-800-KIWANIS. You may also contact us: Dwain and Carole Petersen at 507-345-6707 or d2pete@aol.com.

My Kindergarten Book: a New Resource for a Service Project for Young Children: Priority One

Submitted by: Ann Backes Dodge

This past February I presented at the MnSACA Conference in St. Paul. This conference is for daycare providers, Head Start educators, and preschool teachers. I met Angele Sancho Passe, author of *My Kindergarten Book* at the conference when she attended my workshop. I received a copy of *My Kindergarten Book* and have had a retired First Grade teacher and fellow Kiwanian (my mom) look at it. She felt it was a very valuable learning tool for preschoolers going into kindergarten. It would be a great project for any Kiwanis club, plus it goes very well with our focus Young Children: Priority One.



After all going to kindergarten is an important step for families. *Literacy Press International* offers an interactive workbook for parents and children to get ready for kindergarten. It is available in English and in English/Spanish bilingual. The author is Angele Sancho Passe, an expert in early childhood and family education and president of the Minnesota Association for the Education of Young Children (MNAEYC).

This book is an excellent resource for a service project partnering with Head Start, childcare centers and elementary schools to support the transition to kindergarten for young children. The research on the transition to kindergarten shows that children adjust better to kindergarten when they have a chance to prepare for it, and parents become more involved in their child's education when they understand how to help their child. *My Kindergarten Book* is a simple and easy tool to do both. The book also makes a special keepsake to remember the first year of school!

For more information about *My Kindergarten Book*, go to www.literacypress.com. To order, call 1-800-908-0627 or email mykbook@earthlink.net.

This book has my endorsement for serving young children and families. If your club is looking for a new or a simple, easy service project, this service project would have a great impact on the young children in your community and their families.

In Spirit of Service & Young Children,
Ann Backes Dodge
Circle K District Administrator
Immediate Past Club President

RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY K-KIDS OBSERVE EARTH WEEK

Submitted by: Dawn Fairbrother, District K-Kids Administrator

Riverside Elementary K-Kids, sponsored by the Rochester Day Makers Kiwanis Club, observed Earth Week by cleaning up the planters at the front entrance of the school. They also picked up litter from the school ground and neighboring streets.



Earlier in April, they decorated grocery bags with ideas for conserving energy and reducing waste. These grocery bags were returned to HyVee North and Silver Lake Foods to be handed out on Earth Day reminding shoppers of good practices in waste and energy reduction.

The K-Kids Club also constructed a map of the United States using garbage collected from the school ground. The "Litter Map" is displayed at Riverside Elementary School and is generating lots of discussion. It is very likely the K-Kids members helped influence others regarding waste and energy.

Century Key Club members and the Rochester Day Makers Kiwanis Club have been a great help in the cleanup activities and other projects the K-Kids members have done. The Century Key Club students brought treats to observe both St. Patrick's Day and Earth Day. They have also adopted K-Kids for a letter exchange. The interactions between Key Club members and K-Kids members have been very positive parts of this year's program.

Scholarships Awarded

Submitted by: Jack Zierdt, Secretary/Treasurer District Educational Foundation

The judging has been completed for the 2009 Scholarships from the Kiwanis Educational Foundation. As of this date we have notified 53 scholarship winners for the 2009 - 2010 academic year. As this is being written half of the winners have sent back their acceptance form for their \$850.00 scholarship.

The Port of Duluth Kiwanis Club has named their Designated Scholarship winner from the Circle K Club of St. Scholastica for next year, as part of the Educational Foundation Scholarship Program.

We will also be matching two Circle K and two Key Club District Scholarships with the Kiwanis International Foundation. These scholarships will be \$1,000.00 scholarships for each winner with the Foundation matching each of these 4 scholarships of \$500.00 per scholarship.

The Foundation is pleased to be able to help 58 young individuals in our Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District further their education beyond high school. This is all due to the monetary contributions by individual Kiwanians and Kiwanis Clubs to the Educational Foundation.

The Joy of a Child

Submitted by: Chuck Schroder, District Chair Kiwanis International Foundation

Around the world, more than 1 billion children need shelter, food, healthcare, education, and **LOVE**. It would be difficult, if not impossible, to reach them all. But we are trying, and we have helped. Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs are leading the way-growing by leaps and bounds - and making immeasurable positive change in the world.

The Kiwanis International Foundation has and will continue to offer grants to our youth programs, including Youth Opportunities Fund grants to Qualifying Key Clubs and Tomorrow Fund grants to qualifying Circle K clubs. These grants allow the youngest Kiwanis-family members to continue their efforts **TO CHANGE THE WORLD, ONE CHILD AND ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME.**

The more we do to help our Kiwanis youth programs, the more service they provide to the children around the world. Through these programs, more children will find joy in everyday life. Simple joys, Like a warm meal, A bed to sleep in, A roof over their head. **The need, as always, is great.**

Here are just a few of the grants that were given to Key Clubs: **Reach for the Stars**, provides books for children; Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, Ind. **Be Safe In Every Way**, Safety education: Bridgeport High School, West Virginia, **Children's Ark Preschool refurbishing**, post-flood refurbishing; Brockton High School, Massachusetts, **Katrina Project: Building Futures**, Peak to Peak Key Club, Lafayette, Co. And here are some from Circle K: **Cultural Convergence International**, Duke University, **Children's Carnival for Children's Miracle Network**, Oklahoma University, **Bringing Education to Arriajan**, Panama, Pacific Lutheran University. These are just a few, there are many more a lot more from Kiwanis clubs Like our own Owatonna, Minnesota Kiwanis Club that provided over 300 blankets for the Noor Eye Clinic in Afghanistan. Kiwanis Clubs that sponsor a Key Club or Circle K Club, please let them know that they too can apply for a grant to help them with a project from the International Foundation. So when you go to your next meeting with these clubs, take this info with you and they can contact me if they want.

Now more than ever we have a need for your help. If your club has not yet participated in the Annual Club Campaign, PLEASE make every effort to send in your \$5.00 pr. member. If your club wants to honor someone in your club or in the community, why not get them a George F. Hixson Fellow for a \$1,000.00.

Thank you to those clubs that have helped and gave their contribution to the International Foundation. Remember: **TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN.**



6 Sioux Falls Kiwanis clubs unite with One Day project to accomplish food pack preparations

Submitted by: John Landegent, president of Sioux Falls Kiwanis East

To accomplish the annual Kiwanis One Day Project, 50 plus members from the six Sioux Falls Kiwanis Clubs met at the Community Food Banks to assemble food packs to be distributed to needy children in the Sioux Falls elementary schools. On Wednesday evening at 6 PM we formed a double assembly line to fill food packs with: 2 meals that would require heating, 2 fruit juice beverages; an apple and an orange; cereal bars; and other nutritious snacks. 2,450 food packs were prepared to be delivered to the elementary schools on Thursday. When the children would leave on Friday they would receive the food packs to take home to meet their nutritional needs over the weekend when the school could not provide breakfast and hot lunch meals.



The Kiwanians, young and old and some children, were efficient and joyful in preparing the food packs in two hours. Each time a hundred packs were completed there were shouts of jubilation as each person realized a sense of accomplishing a worthy task. Plans are developing to complete a food pack project in the Fall and Spring!

Persons in the picture: L to R Lyle Terveen, Amy Deberg Ferwerda and Jayde Schroder Photo by Steve Hoffman

Kids Against Hunger-Kiwanis One Day, Stewartville, MN

Submitted by: Denis Cornell, Lt. Gov. Elect, Region 7

Kiwanis One Day, April 4, 2009 found 315 volunteers at the Stewartville, MN Civic Center to support Kids Against Hunger and package 109,728 highly nutritious meals to be shipped world-wide in the battle against hunger and starvation. The record number of meals packaged eclipsed the previous record of 82,416 meals packaged in 2004, the first year of the event. This was the sixth annual Kids Against Hunger food packaging event held in Stewartville and is a service project of the Kiwanis Club of Stewartville. In the past six years a total of 475,584 meals have been packaged. Congratulations and a **huge** thank you to the Kiwanis Club of Stewartville and to club member Mary Brouillard, organizer of the event.



There were eight Kiwanis Clubs (Stewartville, Rochester Daymakers, Rochester Downtown, Rochester Golden K, Rochester West, Rochester Sunrisers, Spring Valley and Winona), two Key Clubs (Stewartville and Kingsland), the Stewartville Builders Club, the Circle K Club from Winona State University represented as well as many community organizations, church groups and individuals. Contributions to Kids Against Hunger were received from the many Kiwanis clubs, civic organizations, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Kohls Department Store, Sam's Club and individual donors.

The Kids Against Hunger satellite facility in Stewart, MN supports this event and the volunteers give generously of their time and resources to travel many miles to bring the mobile packaging unit to Stewartville.

Thank you to all who participated in this packaging event and to those donating to Kids Against Hunger.

KEY CLUB INTERNATIONAL TAPES FRIDLEY KEY CLUB

Submitted by: Will Earley, Publicist & Sara Schuefftan, President

A Key Club International crew from Indianapolis taped the Fridley High School Key Club in action Thursday, April 16. They taped a 150 member Focus meeting conducted by Past President Kate Parrott and President Sara Schuefftan. They also interviewed Past President Kate Parrott, Minnesota-Dakota Key Club Governor Emmi Brytowski and Senior Representative Robert Kostick about their involvement in the Dodge for Darfur Dodgeball Tournament, the planning, execution and reasons for the huge success.

Others interviewed and taped were the members of the winning dodgeball teams, the Roosters and the Ninja Turtles. Key Clubber, Kiehlor Mack, representing the Second Place Ninja Turtles, wore his Ninja outfit and stressed the fact that his team wanted to win! The First Place Roosters team had won the tournament the previous two years, but the Ninjas wanted to “knock them off!”

Two Rooster players wore their outfits and were also interviewed. Each Rooster team member’s bright blue shirt had a letter on it. When standing in the correct order, the players spelled the word “Roosters.” Their clipboard toting coach dressed in a suit and tie. Impressive!

The final person interviewed was Kiwanis Advisor Crzy Mry Bowen. She wore one of her trademark boa hats and distributed tootsie pops at the meeting. The crew wanted to interview her to find out “What makes this lady tick?” They found her to be an interesting person. The Key Clubbers mentioned to them that she was a WOLT, World’s Oldest Living Teenager.

Principal Dr. Webb attended the meeting and was pulled from the side of the room to the front. He learned the “Brown Squirrel” cheer and led it with the help of others at the front of the room. He claimed this activity was way out of his comfort zone! He also learned the Mighty MN-Dak cheer, “Quack, Quack, Waddle, Waddle.”

The taping went very well. The members are proud of themselves and what they do to make the community and world a better place. They currently wonder what will be put on the final tape and what will end up on the editing room floor. They predict that the “Brown Squirrel” cheer with Principal Dr. Webb will be the lead-in to the final tape!

Note: You can view the actual video on the Key Club International Video Magazine at the following website. You can also view a video of the Chisholm Key Club.

<http://keyclub.watchourvideos.com/>



Club Bulletin/Newsletter and Club Brochure Contests

Submitted by: Colleen Hyde, District Administrative Director

CLUB BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER, 2009:

A club bulletin/newsletter is a periodical document that informs club members and others of news and happenings from within the club, region, district, and international organization that would be of interest to the reader. It will be judged in a number of areas, such as appearance, reports, programs, sponsored youth, service projects, activities, education, and entertainment to name a few.

Entries will be judged in the following categories:

White Category: 30 members or less

Blue Category: 31-45 members

Orange Category: 46-70 members

Silver Category: 71-100 members

Gold Category: 101 and over members

There will be one regional winner in each category in which there are any entries. Two copies of the winning entries will be sent on to the district for further judging.

One district winner will be awarded in each category. The district will choose one Best Overall Club Newsletter/Bulletin. Winners will be announced at the District Convention.

Entries must be sent to the Regional Administrative Director by June 1. Send two (2) copies of each of three (3) issues of your club bulletin/newsletter to the person listed below for your region. Include club name, club size, region, and name, address, phone, and e-mail of a contact person for your club.

CLUB BROCHURE CONTEST, 2009

A brochure is a document that is used to explain what a Kiwanis club is and does. It is used as an advertising and publicity tool, and contains general information about the club. It should be easy to read, attractive, and informative. Kiwanis International goals should be included along with club goals and a history of service activities. Information must be accurate and up-to-date. Only one winner will be selected from each region. The district winner will be selected from the regional winners, and will be announced at the District Convention.

Entries must be sent to the Regional Administrative Director by June 1. For the club brochure contest, send only one copy to the name listed below, and include club information (club name, region, and name, address, phone, and e-mail for a club contact person.)

Entries for both contests should be sent to the following people in each region:

Regional Administrative Directors:

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Region 3: Don Lilyquist, 1326 91 Ave. W., Duluth, MN 55808 thelilybett@aol.com

Region 4: Barry Furze, 1233 Deadwood St., Sturgis, SD 57785 bfurze@rushmore.com

Region 5: Randy Hohn, 5412 Deer Dreek Dr., Sious Falls, SDS 57106 radhohn@sio.midco.net

Region 6: Dawn Fairbrother, 620 13th St. NE, Qwatonna, MN 55060 muffins3@charter.net

Region 7: Mary Dierbeck, 20 Yorkton Ct., Little Canada, MN 55117 mdierbeck@marudas.com

District Convention 2009 will soon be here

Submitted by: Larry & Pat Rittgarn, Convention Co-Directors

The 92nd annual District Convention for the Mn-Dak District will be coming very soon, and you can now read all about in this issue of the Minnekotan.

We have so many fun things planned and the City of Watertown, SD is preparing to welcome you all to their city on July 31, August 1st & 2nd, 2009.

There will be many education forums, tours geared for everyone, as well as a wonderful reception and tour of the Redlin Art Museum.



On Thursday July 30 beginning at 1:30 pm you can join the Mi-Dak District board along with other Kiwanians and members of the Watertown Kiwanis club for a 9 hole best ball, shotgun start golf tournament.

If you are interested in singing with the Kiwanis Khorale, there will be an opportunity to sign up for that event as well.

Check this issue of the Minnekotan to read all about the 2009 District Convention. You will also find registration forms and other information on our district website under the "events" menu.

Your convention directors, Pat and Larry Rittgarn urge you to register early, and be a part of this year's 92nd annual district convention in Watertown, SD. Remember the dates, July 30-Golf Tournament, July 31, August 1-2 for the convention.

District Convention Saturday Key Note Speaker and Friday Entertainment Headliner

Submitted by: Pat & Larry Rittgarn, Convention Co-Directors

BILL ZUBKE, retired teacher, Motivational Speaker, and Fudge Maker Extraordinaire will be our featured Key Note speaker.

Bill was born in Webster, SD - lived and went to school in South Dakota, North Dakota, and Minnesota (isn't that convenient for our group?) - Graduated from Moorhead State in 19XX -Taught at Fargo North High for 1 year and Watertown Middle and High Schools for 33 years - Retired in 2005 and is now speaking "motivationally" for his encore career. In 1980 he was the SD Pork Cook-off King and placed nationally. In 1990 he was the SD Computer Teacher of the year. In 1997 he was a Christa McAuliffe fellow for SD. In 2000 he was the SD teacher of the year. In 2002 he was inducted into the SD Forensic Coaches Hall of Fame.

To Quote Bill -"Bill is married to his second fiance and first wife, Cathy, and have over 9000 children (all parented and raised by other people, but they were his when he had them in class and coaching)"

By the time you meet Bill, he and Cathy will have spent a little over 3 weeks in Australia and hiking in New Zealand, and right after you meet him, he is scheduled to work the PGA tournament in Minneapolis!

Bill says he is truly looking forward to meeting you all.

Be sure to be in the event center at 9:15am on Saturday August 1, 2009 to hear Bill Zubke.

GREG HANSON and the "BACKROADS" country western group will headline our Friday night Family event. Greg and his group are a Watertown, SD based group and have entertained in Nashville, TN, and Branson, MO as well as all over the midwest. This group will be at our convention center, for the dinner and dance, and will provide an evening of entertainment after our social and tour of the Redlin Art Center.

CLE (Club Leadership Education)

Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn

Club leaders, you are urged to get registered for the CLE (Club Leadership Education) sessions that are scheduled for your region in May and June.

Registration information was mailed to all club secretaries in early May and you must register and prepay for the session that you plan to attend, so check with your secretary to get this important information.



Club President elects, Secretaries, and any other future members that are considering an office in the future of your club, this is a good chance to see what its all about, and learn many good leadership skills from the certified Kiwanis instructors that will be leading these workshops.

All of the information and schedule are also in this issue of the Minnekotan so check it out today.

Region One Growth Summit and CLE – June 6th in Bismarck

Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn, Dist. Education Director

This is an opportunity of a life time for you and your Kiwanis club members.

On Saturday June 6th, 2009 you are all invited to attend a combined CLE (Club Leadership Education) program along with a Growth Summit session.

This total Education day will be led by Stewart Ross, certified instructor from Mankato, MN. The event will begin at 9:00 am at the Best Western Doubhewood Inn, located at 1400 Interchange ave, in Bismarck, ND.

The morning session will be devoted to Club leadership and is designed for all Club President Elects, Club Secretaries and Treasurers, plus any members that are interested in the leadership role of their club. The Growth Summit session will consist of many new ideas and for growth and developing membership in our communities and our Kiwanis clubs. This meeting may be the beginning of an entire new Kiwanis world, so plan now to attend this highly educational day.

Registration fees; Club president elects \$35, Club secretaries \$25. Treasurers and all other members \$15.00. Registration will include all materials for the day, coffee breaks, and your noon lunch.

Reservations and advance payment are necessary so fill out the registration card sent (previously to your club secretary) and mail it in the enclosed envelope with your club check.

Registration 9:00

Session times ; CLE 9:30am to 12:30 - Growth Summit 1:00-4:30 pm

Lunch: 12:30 pm.

COME early and spend the entire day with Stewart and Kiwanis members, learning leadership skills, as well as gaining ideas for the future of Kiwanis.

CLE for 2009-2010							
Kiwanis leaders for 2009-2010, This is your meeting, so make your plans now.							
The Minnesota Dakota district certified Instructors are ready and willing to help you have a great year as the leader of your Kiwanis Club.							
REGISTRATION FEES FOR THIS YEARS SESSIONS ARE:							
President Elect - \$35.00	NOTE: CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO - KIWANIS EDUCATION						
Secretary \$25.00							
Treasurer \$15.00							
Members \$15.00							
The registration fee includes:							
All meeting materials	NOTE: A YELLOW REGISTRATION CARD AND RETURN						
Coffee breaks	ENVELOPE WAS MAILED TO YOUR CLUB SECRETARY ON						
Lunch or dinner	MAY 3, 2009.						
All sessions will be conducted by Kiwanis Certified Instructors, so plan now to attend the one that fits your schedule and location the best.							
You must pre-register, so select the location from the sites noted, and fill out the registration card today for your club. One registration card per club, so be sure to include all of those that will be attending.							
Enclose your registration check and all information on the enclosed registration blank and use the enclosed envelope for returning it to be sure you have a reservation at your CLE session.							
* IN CASE YOU LOSE THE ENVELOPE, YOU WILL NOTE EACH ADDRESS IS SHOWN IN YOUR REGION SCHEDULE							
There meetings are geared toward helping you develop leadership skills, and become more acquainted with the job that you have been elected to do.							
INSTRUCTORS INCLUDE:							
Region 1 -for this year only (Stewart Ross)	Region 5 - Vickie Walters						
Region 2-Pat/Larry Rittgarn	Region 6 - Loreena Ennenga/Stewart Ross/Iris Tarvestad						
Region 3 - Coralyn Dahl/Joe Hesch	Region 7 - Bob Nowicki/Paul Redlinger						
Region 4-Janelle Jones/Kathleen Van Horn							
CLE Schedule for 2009							
Reg	Instructor	Name	Address	City	St	Date	Time
1	Ross	Doublewood Motel	1400 Interchange Ave.	Bismarck,	ND	6-Jun	
Region One please read enclosed letter							
*	*Cheryl Lane		21055 55th St. SE	Minot,	ND	58701	
2	Pat/Larry Rittgarn	Eide Bailly	4310 17th Ave. S	Fargo	ND	12-May	5:00-9:00
	Pat/Larry Rittgarn	Altru Hospital	1200 S. Columbia Rd	Gr Forks	ND	13-May	5:00-9:00
*	Cindy Baseth		106 Reeves Ct.	Grand Forks,	ND	58201	
3	Coralyn Dahl	Atonement Lutheran Church	1144 29th Ave N.	St. Cloud,	MN	14-May	5:00-9:00
			Corner of 12th st & 29th Ave				
	Joe Hesch	Sammy's Pizza	106 E. Howard	Hibbing,	MN	19-May	5:30-9:30
	Joe Hesch	Our Saviors Lutheran Church	615 12th St.	Cloquet	MN	27-May	5:00-9:00
*	Marwin Bogue		7802 Dettbarn Rd	Lake Shore,	MN	56468	
4	Janelle Jones	School of Mines	501 E Saint Joseph St.	Rpd City,	SD	19-May	5:00-9:00
	Kathleen Van Horn		Classroom Building				
*	Janelle Jones		835 W. Hill St. #205	Spearfish,	SD	57783	
5	Vickie Walters	University of Sioux Falls	Cleveland Center	Sioux Falls,	SD	14-May	5:00-9:00
			South Side of Campus, on 26th St.				
	Vickie Walters	Elks Club	600 West Kemp	Watertown,	SD	11-Jun	5:00-9:00
*	Vickie Walters		1310 Territorial Rd.	Madison,	SD	57042	
6	Iris Tarvestad	Salem Lutherean Church	115 N Washington	Albert Lea	MN	30-May	8:00am-3:00pm
	Loreena Ennenga	Royal Loon Restaurant	3124 Juniper Ave.	Slayton,	MN	12-May	5:00-9:30pm
	Stewart Ross	VFW	710 W 2nd St.	Madison,	MN	2-Jun	5:00-9:30pm
	Stewart Ross	UCC Church	150 Stadium Ct.	Mankato,	MN	10-Jun	4:30-9:00pm
*	Liz Lawrence Ross		720 Grand Ave.	N. Mankato	MN	56003	
7	Bob Nowicki	Rochester Senior Center	121 N Broadway	Rochester	MN	16-May	8:30-3:30
	Paul Redlinger	Culver's Restaurant	4004 Silver Lk Rd NE	St. Anthony Vlg.	MN	21-May	4:30-9:30
*	Paul Michels		2165 Granite Circle NW	Rochester	MN	55901	

Upcoming District and Regional Events

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
October 2-4, 2009	Key Leader Weekend, Clitherall, MN

(check CLE Schedule for numerous sessions.)

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