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

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

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

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

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

100th District Convention - 4/30/2017

Submitted by: Peter Larson, District Governor

I hope you are thinking about how you are going to make it to Watertown and have a great time making me write out checks for the winners of the challenges listed below.



Watertown, SD is the host city for our 100th Minnesota Dakotas District Convention. Please visit their website to learn more about the exciting opportunities you and your family can enjoy while attending our convention: <http://visitwatertownsd.com/>

Special events I, as Governor, am sponsoring at the convention:

1. **A display of club banners** - Can 100 clubs bring their banners to the convention? It would make a terrific display. If I see 100 banners at the convention I will make a Century Club contribution to the Minnesota Dakotas Kiwanis Educational Foundation in honor of one of the clubs who brought their banner.
2. **A display of District and International Convention memorabilia from the past 100 years.** Does your club have something that you could share with others attending the convention? Again, I will make a Century Club contribution to the Minnesota Dakotas Kiwanis Educational Foundation in honor of the club that brings the most interesting item of District Convention memorabilia (my choice!).
3. Winning clubs will be acknowledged during my speech at the convention.
4. As a **special incentive to our current club President Elects**, I am sponsoring a drawing in which I will pay the district convention registration fee for one President Elect who has completed, since Oct. 1, 2016 and before July 10th, 2017, their Club Leadership Education (CLE) and have registered for the District Convention by July 10th. Additional details have been sent to each President Elect. All eligible President Elects will be recognized during my speech as will the winner.

I hope you have made plans to attend this special celebration of Kiwanis in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Registration details will be coming out very soon so make your plans now to spend August 11th to 13th in Watertown, SD with all your Kiwanis friends!

May Update - 4/29/2017

Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

Call to Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Convention, August

11-13. 2017. 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 the registration/delegate certification form and other information. You can also access and download the same District Convention Forms and Information on our district website at

<http://mndak.portalbuzz.com/Page/1010> Online registration will open the first week in May. Online registration requires credit card payment. Look for the “Sign-Up” button at the above link. District Convention registrations are due by July 15. Registrations after July 15 will incur an additional late fee.



2017-2018 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 online election report is ready to go, so you can submit any time. 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.

International Convention in Paris: As of this date we have 15 Kiwanians and 3 guests from the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District registered for the Kiwanis International Convention. Total convention registration as of this date is now at 1589. There is still time to register for the International Convention. You can register online no later than May 15, 2017. After that date you could still register on-site in Paris. You can find all of the necessary forms and information on the Kiwanis International website <http://www2.kiwanis.org/convention/2017>

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David Harms Announces Candidacy for Governor Elect - 4/29/2017

Submitted by: David Harms, Candidate for Governor Elect

(David Harms, Member of the Lake City Kiwanis Club and Past Lt. Governor for Division 7 has announced his candidacy for 2017-2018 Governor Elect. The election will take place at the House of Delegates Session at the District Convention in Watertown on August 12, 2017. Following is background information provided by David.)

I was born in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota and grew up on a farm about 6 miles N. E. of Audubon, I attended both elementary and high school in Audubon, Minnesota.

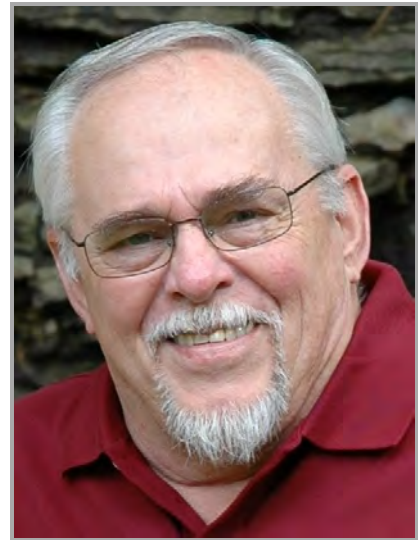
After High School, I enlisted in the United States Navy, and went to Recruit Training in San Diego, California. From there I went to the USS Springfield a light Guided Missile Cruiser, home ported in Villa France. Villa is located on the French Riviera between Nice and Monte Carlo. After 14 months aboard the ship I volunteered for, was accepted, and ordered to Submarine School in Groton, Connecticut. I graduated from Submarine School in May of 1963 and during my Leave I came home and married my high school sweetheart, Kay. We moved to Key West, Florida. While in the Navy, we lived in Maryland, New London, Connecticut, Macon, Georgia, and Great Lakes, Illinois. On June 1, we will celebrate our 54th Anniversary. We have 5 children, 11 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren.

I am a retired Police Officer, with 32 Years of Law Enforcement. I was elected as County Commissioner in Wabasha County, where I served 12 years. I have been a member of the Twin Cities Joint Military Retiree Board, since I finished a career as a Reservist in the United States Coast Guard. I am also a life member in the Submarine Veterans Association, and a member of the Lake City VFW. I am a member of the First Lutheran Church in Lake City Minnesota. While doing these other things in the early 1980's we owned and managed a campground.

I joined Kiwanis on March 25, 2002, as a result of a lunch invitation by one of the Lake City Kiwanis Club Members who happened to be a retired State Patrol Officer. As I reflect on that invitation, the fact that we had similar careers likely influenced my decision to go with him.

Since that date I have been the Club President (presently serving a 2nd term as President) and have been a Lt Governor in 2013. I presently am a member of Bruce Klair's Formula team in Division 7 and have worked closely with him in starting a Club in Plainview, Elgin Millville, Minnesota.

With the struggles that young people face in the world, it is a great privilege to work with such a fine group of men and women called Kiwanis its goal to change the world one Child and one Community at a time.



Support your Foundations - 4/28/2017

Submitted by: Peter Larson

Has your club supported the Kiwanis Children's Fund, our Minnesota Dakota's Kiwanis Educational Foundation, and the Outreach Fund? Why would you support these funds? Why I support them is as follows:

The **Kiwanis Children's Fund** helps children in many places, in many ways by sustaining the work of the Kiwanis family - often in ways that would remain beyond the resources of Kiwanis clubs and districts.

The **Minnesota Dakotas Kiwanis District Educational Foundation** provides scholarships to high school seniors attending post secondary educational opportunities within the Minnesota Dakotas Kiwanis District.

The **Outreach Fund** provides a base for our Minnesota Dakota's Key Club and Circle K District organizations to support their education efforts and conventions. These efforts are always intended to be self supporting but sometimes some additional funding is needed.

Encourage your club to make a contribution and consider making a personal contribution.

Key Club District Leadership Conference - 4/28/2017

Submitted by: Peter Larson

On April 7th to 9th, I had the honor of attending the Minnesota-Dakotas District of Key Club International District Leadership Conference. While there I participated as the vote counter for their District Officer election, congratulated the retiring 2016/2017 board and installed the new 2017/2018 Key Club District Board. My wife Mon and I also enjoyed looking in on several additional events such as club leader education, Key Club Divisions holding a caucus on which candidates to support, service project demonstrations and just



being around all the great Key Club members and Advisors that participate in this annual event.

It was inspiring to see what our Key Club District Board does each year with a new group of officers selected from their peers. This is their organization that they run, with some help from Mary Beth Townsend and her staff. That staff provides resources for the Key Club Board to get together to make their decisions and some continuity since most of each board graduates after completing their year on the board. However, it is the Key Club District Board that makes those decisions that are important for making Key Club more than just another school leadership program but a local, District and International organization run by High School Students!

Partnership with Landscape Structures Inc - 4/27/2017

Submitted by: Sherry Scudder, MN-DAK Partnership Coordinator

May brings us flowers, Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Keeping the vision of beautiful, colorful and green scenery is why I chose to feature our Kiwanis Partners, Landscape Structures.

Since 1971, Landscape Structures Inc. has been the leading commercial playground equipment manufacturer in the world.

Landscape Structures encourages outdoor play that develops healthy kids and a sustainable world by creating innovative products that are environmentally responsible. The company's mission from day one has been to enhance children's lives by fostering and creating inspiring play experiences while honoring the environment.

Landscape Structures is a Vision Partner that brings play and playgrounds to communities across the globe. Our Kiwanis clubs are helping enrich communities by working on the planning, fundraising and installation of playgrounds as service projects. Our partnership and the physical work of Kiwanis members will benefit many children and families while providing generations of fun.

Kiwanis International is teaming up with Kiwanis partner Landscape Structures to give one Kiwanis club \$25,000 of playground equipment. **The Legacy of Play Contest** celebrates our shared beliefs that investing in our community through legacy signature projects are important to the success of a Kiwanis Club. Plus, Landscape Structures' emphasis on inclusive play is also important to Kiwanis because it highlights our goal to bring play to all children.



It is easy to enter. Between April 13 and May 14, simply submit your clubs playground proposal on the **Legacy of Play Contest tab** on Kiwanis International's Facebook page.

Ask for support via online voting starting May 16. The 10 submissions with the highest number of votes by noon EDT on May 31 will become finalists.

A panel of judges will select the winning club, which will receive \$25,000 in playground equipment to be installed in conjunction with the club's 2018 Kiwanis One Day plans. **Read the official contest rules.**

Playgrounds make a big difference in the lives of children. Playgrounds help kids of all abilities develop their bodies and minds; the lessons they learn on the playground will be with them for the rest of their lives.

Still Time to Register for ICON - 4/27/2017

Submitted by: Courtney Taylor, OTIC Chair

Did you miss the early registration discount? Don't worry! You still have until May 15 to register for the 2017 Kiwanis International Convention. After that, you'll have to wait to register on site.

Imagine walking along the Seine with your spouse, experiencing a wine tasting with your fellow club members, or sitting down to a fine French meal with the rest of the Minn-Dak delegates. Which art museum would you like to see first? Are you going to linger at the second floor of the Eiffel Tower or ride all the way to the top? Have you reviewed the Kiwanis day tours to Versailles or Normandy?

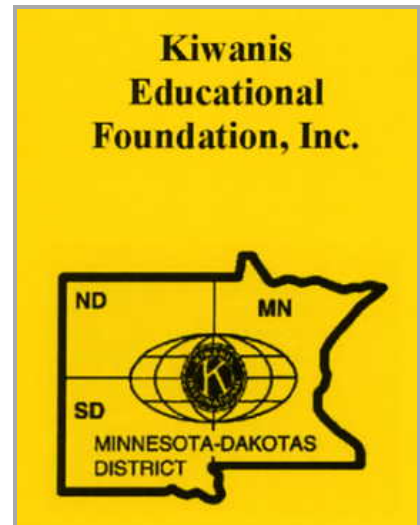
Do all this and more by visiting <http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2017>. A bientôt!



Educational Foundation Scholarship Recipients Have Been Notified - 4/27/2017

Submitted by: JACK ZIERDT

The 54 recipients of the \$865.00 Kiwanis Educational Foundation Scholarships have been notified of their award by letter. The Kiwanis Club President of winning recipients was also sent a copy of the letter that was sent to the student. Please consider recognizing the student(s) at one of your upcoming club meetings. The High School that the student is attending has also been notified of the winning student(s) name(s) and award. Some of the High Schools may contact your club to have a Kiwanis representative attend an awards ceremony to help recognize the winning student(s).



Some of the clubs have already sent a check to the Foundation office in the amount of \$135.00 in the student's honor to make the scholarship payment \$1,000.00, when the award checks are sent out. If your club would like to make your recipient's scholarship worth \$1,000.00, your treasurer has until August 15th to send the necessary \$135.00 per scholarship, in to the Foundation. This is over and above the annual Century Club donation.

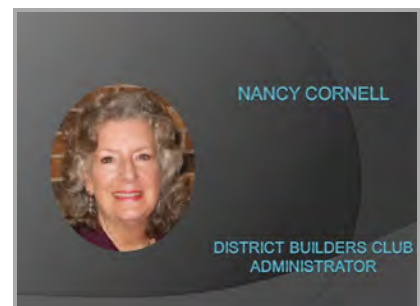
The award checks will be sent out once the student has enrolled and started to attend classes in the fall, beginning right after Labor Day. The checks are issued once the student has the college/university that they are attending send a verification letter to the Kiwanis Educational Foundation Office. Checks are made payable to the student and the institution of higher learning that they are attending.

Can the District Count on Your Club? - 4/27/2017

Submitted by: Nancy Cornell District Administrator for Builders Club

The new Kiwanis website now features an organized and easy to understand chartering page for Service Leadership Clubs (SLPs) www.kiwanis.org/charter

Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs are leadership building programs usually hosted in a school but can be hosted by a community agency, such as a church, and are usually sponsored by a Kiwanis club. SLPs include K-Kids (elementary age), Builders Club (middle/junior high age), Key Club (high school age), Circle K (College age) and Aktion Club (people over 18 living with disabilities). SLPs have existed since the first Key Club in 1925! Since then millions of students have been inspired



to lead lives of service and significance through programs for all ages. And we want millions more to have the same opportunity. Also visit www.kiwanis.org/slp for a great overview and access to all the service leadership websites.

Only about half of the MN/DAK Kiwanis clubs sponsor a service leadership club. So my request to clubs that do sponsor at least one SLP, is to please contact a Kiwanis club in your area that doesn't sponsor an SLP and tell them of the joys and advantages of sponsoring. Encourage them to go to www.kiwanis.org/slp and check out the variety of service leadership options. It only takes one interested Kiwanian to get the ball rolling.

Don't think that because this is the end of the school year that you have to wait until September to pursue sponsoring a service leadership club. Now and into the summer speak to the principal about the advantages of having a SLP: educational enrichment, promoting leadership skills and positive self-esteem, improvement projects in their school, increase in school visibility to the community and production of service leaders who have the heart for service, the call to lead and the courage to engage.

Does your club have the courage to engage young people? Consider sponsoring a service leadership club. You will be rewarded. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact me at nancyc2@centurytel.net or 507-346-2044. Let's be a district which puts an emphasis on our youth through service leadership clubs.

Bylaw Changes for Consideration at the 2017 District Convention - 4/27/2017

Submitted by: Denis Cornell, District Director of Administration

Any club, by a majority vote of its active members, may submit a proposed bylaw change to be considered at any convention of the district. Any proposed change must be submitted to the District Secretary Treasurer not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the convention. The 100th Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention will be held August 11-13, 2017 at Watertown, SD. Any proposed bylaw change to be considered at this year's convention must be submitted to Steve Handegaard, District Secretary/Treasurer, P.O. Box 735, Dalton, MN 56324-0735 no later than June 12, 2017.



Convention Corner - 4/27/2017

Submitted by: Judie Rosendahl

The 100th Minnesota Dakotas District Convention will be held in Watertown, South Dakota in just three short months! Please put August 11-13 on your calendars now as you will not want to miss this wonderful time together with fellow Kiwanians. There will be time to make new friends and time to visit with friends of years gone by. We are planning a great menu starting with heavy appetizers at the Terry Redlin Art Center on Friday evening. The Mascots will be there to entertain you for the evening. You may be asking "What are the Mascots?" You will be both surprised and pleased when you make their acquaintance! You won't want to miss this rare experience.



The forums this year will be wonderful! Much time has gone into getting just the right topics that will be useful to us as we head into another Kiwanis year.

Please remember to bring diapers again this year! Three organizations that provide diapers to needy families will receive our donations. Many families will benefit from our generosity!

The Convention Center has given its approval to hang our club banners at the convention this year. Please bring your club banner with you as we would like a visual of all the clubs attending.

I trust you are feeling my excitement about our time together at the 100th Convention of the MnDak Kiwanis District! Wonderful events are being planned and it should be both educational and fun! See you in Watertown, South Dakota from August 11-13!

In service to the children of the world,
Judie Rosendahl

FOR YOUR INFORMATION - 4/27/2017

Submitted by: E. Chuck Schroder

I have received several calls and e-mails asking "Why can't we find the grant applications on the foundation web site"? With the changes that are being made with the Children's Fund at the present time, the applications have been taken off until the Fall submission time. Applications for grants are submitted twice a year for approval and the deadline for the Spring applications has come and gone.

I do have some paper copies in file and will send you a copy if you request one. I have sent a couple out and will continue to do this. It will give you a head start on preparing data for submission. If you or your club have any questions on the grant process please feel free to give me a call and I will help where I can. My Number is (605) 359-6088 or you can e-mail me at ecschröder@alliancecom.net.



Our district is moving in the right direction as far as giving to the Children's Fund, but we still have a ways to go. Please, if your club has not sent in your \$10.00 pr member, please do it now. This also goes for individual's that wish to donate. NOW is the time to do so and to get your Hixson or Tablet of Honor or Leadership Society. Remember, your club and the district get credit for your contribution along with you and it is a tax deduction, because you are giving to a 501C3 organization.

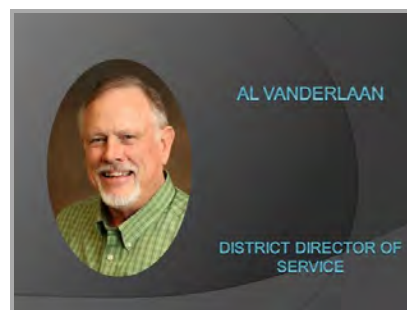
THANK YOU for helping the CHILDREN OF THE WORLD.

Kiwanis Service - 4/27/2017

Submitted by: Al Vanderlaan, District Service Director

Kiwanians, We are such a blessed people. You are making a difference in the children's lives that you come in contact with. Keep on doing your good work!

We have such an exciting and eventful MnDak District Convention being planned for August 11--13 in Watertown. Remember this is our 100th District Convention. Expect some exciting and informative events. Forums are being planned.



On May 11th the second Scholastic Reading Oasis will be dedicated on the Rosebud Reservation in Pamerlee, S.D. This will happen in the afternoon about 2:00 p.m. Dan Leikvold, our Governor Elect, Ginger Gilfoild with Scholastic books, many representatives from the Todd County schools, and I will

be present. You are all invited, too. Contact me for further information. Let's keep the momentum going. Try to build an Oasis in your area. We will talk about how to do this at our convention.

Thanks for all you do!!

Sturgis Golden K Annual Spring Fund Raiser - 4/26/2017

Club: Sturgis Golden K - Submitted by: Deb Looby

Sturgis Golden K Club along with the help of the Sturgis Golden K Kiwanis Aktion Club had another successful Spring Fund Raiser in April.



Member Induction - 4/26/2017

Club: Mandan - Submitted by: Wilfred Volesky

The Mandan Kiwanis Club recently inducted five new members at their weekly meeting on Monday, April 3. Three of the new members were regular members and two were corporate members. New members bring new ideas, are more hands to complete projects and hopefully step into club leadership positions.



Up all night to keep kids safe - 4/24/2017

Club: Minot - Submitted by: Carla Dolan

The Kiwanis Club of Minot is tired! But the group is happy to have given up some sleep, because we know it was all for a good cause.

The club took part in our largest service project of the year, the annual After Prom Party on April 1 for the Minot High School Juniors and Seniors. The evening is set aside for students to keep celebrating after prom, but in a safe environment. The kids remain in their dresses and tuxes and continue to dance, eat pizza, play games and of course win some great prizes!



250 students took part in the night. The effort requires advanced planning on the part of Kiwanis members and After Prom Chair, Emily Huettl of Ackerman-Estvold. The Moose Lodge in Minot is generous to allow us to use their facility that evening. When all is said and done, having dark circles under our eyes for a few days is well worth it! Kiwanis Club of Minot is happy to know prom-goers were able to celebrate well into the wee hours of the morning for a night to remember!

Donuts and Family Fun - 4/21/2017

Club: Marshall Area - Submitted by: Renee Suby

Marshall Area Kiwanis members had a great time volunteering at a West Side Elementary School on 4/18/17 for Donuts and Family Fun. Kiwanis members enjoyed speaking with families and keeping the juice cups full and donuts stocked that were free for all visitors to the school during their event. Andrew Suby (Andrew Suby State Farm) is pictured filling up cups of juice for kids and parents to enjoy. Other members who volunteered not pictured: Trista Link (New Horizons Crisis Center) and Renee Suby (Club Secretary).



Miss North Dakota 2016 Speaks At Minot Golden K Meeting - 4/20/2017

Club: Minot, Golden K - Submitted by: Gary Ochsner

Pictured is Miss North Dakota 2016, Macy Christianson and Minot Golden K President Richard Roen.

Miss North Dakota 2016, Macy Christianson, addressed the Minot Golden K members at their meeting on April 5, 2017. Her platform

for her reign is Driving Under the Influence(DUI).

She specifically targets underage DUI and the effect a decision will have on ones life. Macy shared with the members that one of her siblings made a decision to drink and drive and was underage at the time.



She told us about the effect that had not only on the individual but her entire family when that decision resulted in an accident. The accident did not result in loss of life and no other persons or vehicles were involved. However the physical and mental trauma that resulted has adversely affected the individual.

Macy makes presentations to mostly junior and senior high students and encourages them to become involved in Students Against Destructive Decisions(SADD). In these presentations she emphasizes how one decision will affect you for the remainder of your life and to understand the results not only affect you, but many others as well.

Kiwanis packing at Food4Kids - 4/19/2017

Club: Marshall Area - Submitted by: Renee Suby

Marshall Area Kiwanis volunteers spent time packing snack bags with Marshall Food4Kids on 4/19/17. Thank you to our members for making a difference! Erik Vogel (SMSU Foundation), Rob Hennen (Health Source Chiropractic), Andrew Suby (Andrew Suby State Farm) and Renee Suby (Club Secretary)



K-Kids Food Drive - 4/8/2017

Club: Early Risers, Worthington - Submitted by: Loreena Luetgers

Along with the help from Galen Benton (far right) of Early Risers Kiwanis, the students from Andy Weiss's fourth-grade class help box food donations. The K-Kids at Prairie Elementary collected 1,030 lbs. of food from the students and staff for the Manna Food Pantry. The students collect food for the pantry each spring.



Students shown from left are Bennett Oberloh, Cathy Diaz, Sahyra Talamantes and Avery Casanova.

Kiwanis Hospital Dolls - 4/8/2017

Club: Early Risers, Worthington - Submitted by: Loreena Luetgers

The Worthington Sanford Hospital was recently the recipient of 25 Kiwanis hospital dolls.

In the front row are club members that cut, sewed, stuffed and presented the dolls. Those present to accept the dolls were representatives from the hospital, the three ladies in the left back row. Also pictured second from the right in the back row is Troy Appel, Worthington Chief of Police, and beside him on the end is Kevin Flynn, Detective for the Police Department.



This was a project that the club has discussed for quite a while, but didn't do. Well, stay tuned to this. In the near future, there is another special project for the club that developed from this one for us to report to you.

Ukuleles and Kiwanis - 4/3/2017

Club: Fargo South Point - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn

Fargo South Point Kiwanis Club members continue to spread the Ukulele program in the Fargo Elementary schools.

This past month, the members of the club presented 5 student ukuleles and one instructor Ukulele to the music department at Jefferson Elementary school in Fargo.



This is the third school to receive this music gift from the Fargo South Point Club. The music teachers continue to tell the club that its a great way to get the students involved with music, and an easy teaching tool for them to use.

Kiwanis Food for Kidz Signature Project - 4/3/2017

Club: Stewartville - Submitted by: Randy Schmidt, Mary Brouillard

The 14th annual “Kiwanis Food for Kidz” Signature Project took place in Stewartville, Minnesota on April 1, 2017. This project was inspired by a presentation by the “Food for Kidz” organization www.foodforkidz.org at the Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention in August, 2002. The Stewartville Kiwanis club chose the project to respond to local and worldwide hunger by bringing easily prepared, nutritional meals to starving children. The thirteen member Stewartville Kiwanis club facilitates this event and engages local volunteers of all ages which include members of the region’s 8 Kiwanis Clubs, 6 Key Clubs, 2 Builders Clubs, 1 Action Club, and 1 Circle K Club. So far, this event has packaged 1.4 million meals by assembling protein, rice, vegetables, and seasonings into meal packets that are ready to prepare with minimal supplies. Our “Food for Kidz” partner then ships these meals to children and families in locations that include our local food shelf, Haiti, Mozambique, Uganda, and Honduras.



This year over 340 volunteers packed 142,776 meals at a cost of 15 cents per meal, after raising over \$22,000 for food and supplies. Seven years ago our region adopted this project as the region’s “Kiwanis One Day of Service” event resulting in even more Kiwanis involvement to staff the event and raise funds for the food and supplies. This event has become a favorite service project for the small Stewartville community and other area communities and is a great way to showcase the entire Kiwanis family at work serving children, complete with television, newspaper, and Facebook coverage of the event. In addition to the Boy Scouts and Army, we partner with local businesses including Kohl’s, Fareway Foods, Family Dollar, Casey’s General Store, Kwik Trip, Pizza Ranch and local schools, service organizations, and churches in the effort to raise funds and pack meals in this inspiring, multi-generational service project. In 2017 we were also joined by volunteers from Rotary to celebrate International Week of Service.