May 2019

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
Looking Ahead while Looking Back - 4/30/2019
Submitted by: Dave Harms

We are now at the end of April, a time of year we start preparing for our next season with our Leadership Training. Governor Elect Rachael and the 2019-2020 candidates were in Fergus Falls training and part of that experience is planning for the future of the MN/DAK Kiwanis District. What will be the issues and urgencies for the upcoming year?

It is time to reflect upon our roles in Kiwanis, both as leaders preparing to leave and leaders preparing to take office.

We need active and engaged Kiwanis members who are willing to step up into leadership roles. Our Lt Governor formal training occurred this weekend, but there are *still* openings and opportunities to step into a Lt Governor position and get the necessary training to confidently and competently take on the role.

For those preparing to leave their Lt Governor positions, THANK YOU for stepping up! Now you will have a less formal opportunity to help those clubs that are struggling with member issues and club building. I think about that a lot in my own circumstances and what role can I play...I know it will be important I don’t sit back and think I’ve done my part and now can let the world go by. In some meaningful way I must stay engaged, and one of the greatest needs right now is membership and growth. We have a lot of talents, and each member is encouraged to use those strengths to benefit our youth and our communities.

To the best of our abilities let’s all spring into action and together embody what Kiwanis is all about. Together, we can ensure the mission statement thrives successfully!

May Update and THANK YOU - 4/29/2019
Submitted by: Steve Handegaard

Thank You!! Thank You!!
As many of you know I had a stroke about 3 weeks ago. I had an emergency stroke angiogram procedure that fortunately cleared the blockage and resulted in no mobility problems. Occassionally I still need to find a few words that I want to use, but that is not a major problem and is improving. So Kiwanis work and fun is pretty much back to normal.
Thanks to all of you for your kind thanks and prayers! It is so great to have such Kiwanis friends!!

Call to Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Convention, August 9-11, 2019. The Official Call to Convention letter will be sent by U.S. Mail to all Kiwanis Club secretaries the first or second 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 or second 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.

2019-2020 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 Orlando:** As of this date we have 26 Kiwanians and 2 guests from the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District registered for the Kiwanis International Convention. Total convention registration as of this date is now at 2214. There is still time to register for the International Convention. You can register online no later than May 17, 2019. After that date you could still register on-site in Las Vegas. You can find all of the necessary forms and information on the Kiwanis International website.

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**Stepping Up In June - 4/28/2019**

*Submitted by: Sherry Scudder*

The weather has been a deterrent for many in getting out to recruit new members and inviting people to meetings or projects. We can do more inviting knowing that the sun is creeping through the clouds and we gain new energy.

With teamwork between your Lt. Governor team and your club members, you can do MEMBERSHIP recruiting easier than working alone. ASKING is the ART of one signal action and it works; however putting together an organized plan to seek out numerous potential members in one organized effort will be to the benefit of your club. Any club can do a mini blitz to obtain new members or open new clubs. The concept is the same for both.....RESEARCH, PLAN, INVITE AND ORGANIZE. The Kiwanis Website lays out the process step by step instruction. Please call me at 605-347-7718 if you need any help.

We have many new members as you can see below: Here is some of the progress made in our divisions.

**DIVISION 1.**
Harvey/ Imran Dean/ Sandy Teubner
Mandan/ Heather Hoerner/ Unknown sponsor

**DIVISION 2.**
Alexandria Golden K/ Steve Boerboom/ John Stone
Detroit Lakes/ Amy Jacobson/ Unknown sponsor

**DIVISION 4.**
Sturgis Golden K/ Denise Mckeown/ Bill Atyeo

**DIVISION 5.**
Sioux Falls/ Bruce Mair/ Arthur Hagg
Sioux Falls/ DR. Gregory Tuttle/ Nettie Myers
Circle K prepares for a great year! - 4/28/2019
Submitted by: Jessie Ernster

The Circle K district board had a great time formulating goals and ideas for Minndak at our District Officer Training Conference. The training was goal-oriented for both our position based duties and for our district as a whole. This year, we will devote our energies to empowering clubs through strong personal and digital communication and providing them with accessible and useful resources to succeed, as well as to convey that information to International. Moreover, we determined exact numbers for our district goals of membership, conference attendance, and interclub/K-family relations.

We also began planning for arguably our most fun event of the year, the Fall Leadership Training Conference. Hosted at Camp Patterson in October, we brainstormed engaging and new ideas for workshops and activities that will provide team bonding and leadership skills for our attendees at this event. It is sure to be a blast!

For a district project, we chose Students Teaming Up Fighting Hunger, a nonprofit devoted to helping feed the hungry while at the same time raising awareness among college students about hunger in their local communities. Because Minndak Circle K clubs each have their own struggles within their communities in regards to hunger, this decision allows the opportunity for clubs to contribute in many various ways to this cause that would be most effective and meaningful to their community.

We are very excited to implement a new district website that will encompass all the resources needed for Minndak Circle K clubs including a newsletter archive, online registration for our Fall Leadership Training Conference and District Convention, and club award information. This tool will help us, and future boards, to provide accessible and helpful information to Minndak clubs.
**Kiwanis Children's Fund**

We help make remarkable things happen for kids and communities around the world.

Kids need Kiwanis, and the Kiwanis Children's Fund helps you reach them—amplifying your impact in communities around the world. We are a trusted partner, staffed by experts. We know how to turn money into something much more meaningful.

We provide grants for disaster relief, Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs, club and district service projects, and the elimination of maternal and neonatal tetanus as well as iodine deficiency disorders.

**Service Leadership Programs**

We're helping build a stronger generation of leaders and service volunteers.

You know that the Kiwanis family includes Kiwanis clubs. But it also includes members of every age and ability — from elementary school students to adults with disabilities. These members are part of Service Leadership Programs. We support the strategic plans and initiatives of Kiwanis' Service Leadership Programs.

**Club and district service projects**

We help clubs and districts fulfill the unmet needs of children in their communities.

Many communities struggle to meet all the needs of children. We provide grants for Kiwanis-led service projects that focus on health, education and youth leadership development.

**Disaster Relief**

We make sure that when disaster strikes, the Kiwanis family can respond.

Our simple application process makes it easy for clubs or districts to get disaster relief funding promptly. While others are forced to wait for funding and aid, Kiwanis clubs and districts can hit the ground running. They are often part of the community that has been struck — and better able to assess the most urgent needs of children and families affected.

**The Eliminate Project**

We are eliminating a painful, preventable disease that kills mothers and babies around the world.

In 2010, we teamed up with UNICEF to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT) from the face of the Earth. Once we eliminate MNT in the remaining countries, where thousands of babies still die each year, we will sustain our efforts so that it never returns.

**Iodine Deficiency Disorders**

We saw a mental health problem that could be prevented, so we did it.

Kiwanis teamed up with UNICEF in 1994 to address the leading preventable cause of mental disabilities — iodine deficiency. To date we’ve helped raise more than US$100 million to give millions of children the chance to live healthy, happy and productive lives. We continue to sustain these efforts worldwide today.

**UNICEF**

UNICEF, the only organization of the United Nations dedicated exclusively to children, works with other United Nations bodies, governments and non-governmental organizations to assist in children’s needs through community-based services in primary health care, basic education, and safe water and sanitation in more than 150 developing countries.

UNICEF shares the Kiwanis family's global commitment to children and has provided its extensive resources and leadership to assist in the Global Campaign for Children, The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus. UNICEF and
Kiwanis previously worked together for the Worldwide Service Project to virtually eliminate Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD) from the globe.

Kiwanis One Day by Division 7 North Group - 4/28/2019  
*Division: Division 7 - Submitted by: Kathy Welle*

Bridging, Inc. improves lives by providing quality furniture and household goods to people as they transition out of homelessness and poverty. The non-profit serves over 240 people each week by partnering with corporate teams, civic clubs, schools and other groups to sponsor ready-to-assemble furniture, which delivers to individuals and families a sense of dignity as they rebuild their lives.

Division 7 Kiwanis Clubs with 130 volunteers met March 23, 2019 at Bridging, Inc. in Roseville to assemble the dresser kits. Bremer’s contribution to the project included cosponsoring the cost of 82 dresser kits at $85.00 each. This is the 8th annual dresser building project by Kiwanis, Key Club (High School) and Circle K (College) members.

Changes to District By-Laws - 4/28/2019  
*Submitted by: Denis Cornell, District Director of Administration*

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

Division Star Awards - 4/28/2019  
*Submitted by: Denis Cornell, district director of Adminstration*

The annual Division Star Award is an excellent vehicle for clubs to recognize the exemplary service of members for recognition during the district convention. One club nominee is selected from each division as the Division Star. By this time each club should have submitted nominations for the division Star Award to their Lt. Governor and each Lt. Governor should have submitted the division winner to District Secretary/Treasurer, Steve Handegaard. The deadline for clubs to submit a nomination to their Lt. Governor was April 1st and the deadline for Lt. Governors to submit the Division Star Award selectee to the District Secretary-Treasurer was May 1st. It is critical that these deadlines be met to allow for plaques to be acquired and for the Division Star Award program to be printed. If you have not yet submitted a nomination for the Division Star Award, please do so as soon as possible.
The division recipient should be notified and encouraged to attend the district convention. The recipient’s club is encouraged to pay the expenses of the award recipient to attend the district convention.

The Division Star Award Criteria and the Nomination Form are available on the MN-DAK web site, http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/, click on Menu and scroll down to Awards.

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K-Kids Are Special Kids! - 4/28/2019
Submitted by: Theresa Looby

The Kiwanis academic year of 2018 - 2019 for our K-Kids Clubs sees the children completing their projects and celebrating a year of positive experiences. Now, as they are preparing to elect officers for the 2019 - 2020 academic year, new Clubs are laying the foundations and preparing for fall beginnings.

During this year we recognized the organization of two Clubs - Oakdale and Roseville, Minnesota. Each Club participated in several activities while learning their roles as Kiwanians in their communities and schools.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Todd Levig, Lt Gov of Division Seven for his help in the organization of these Clubs. Todd and his team were the area support that was needed for success.

Division Four will have two new K-Kids Clubs ready for fall. Parents and students of Creekside Elementary in Spearfish and Hot Springs Elementary School along with teachers are organizing their Clubs for a fall meeting.

A big thank you to Kay Cox of the Spearfish Club for her leadership in working with the Creekside Administrations to make this Club possible. Thank you to the Spearfish Club for their support. Thank you to the two teachers who will be working with the children.

Hot Springs will have a K-Kids Club ready for fall meetings as a result of the work of Effie Rome, President of the Hot Springs Club, and an Elementary teacher willing to work with the children. Thank you, Effie for making this Club a reality.

Each Lt Governor is important in developing our Service Leadership Programs (SLPs). We are the leaders of our Division and need to encourage our Clubs to think about sponsoring a K-Kids. Every Elementary School should have a K-Kids. It is these young Kiwanians that ensures the future of Kiwanis. I am here to help you in your Division to generate enthusiasm in bringing the experience of a Service Leadership Program (SLPs) to the children. I look forward to your asking for help in order to provide these experiences for our children.

Remember - Kids need Kiwanis and Kiwanis needs Kids!

Theresa Looby
District Administrator
K-Kids

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MNDAK District Convention - 4/28/2019  
Submitted by: Shara Fischer

MNDAK KIWANIS DISTRICT CONVENTION  
August 9-11 2019  
Holiday Inn, Fargo, ND

Only three months until our district convention in beautiful Fargo! Registration for the 
convention will go live the beginning of May. Club leaders, CLE training will be held on Friday morning, followed by ACE 
(Achieving Club Excellence) in the afternoon. We are planning a robust round table discussion for members not taking part in CLE 
on Friday morning. Please take time to review the registration, and let me know if you have any questions. The deadline for 
registration and reserving rooms is July 15th.

We are excited to announce that we will be spending Friday night of the convention off-site exploring the Red River Zoo. It will be 
a fun way to meet and mingle with club members from all over the district and their families.

Happy Spring MNDAK!

Shara Fischer  
MNDAK District Convention Chair  
sharamfischer@gmail.com

Scholarships Awarded - 4/28/2019  
Submitted by: Jack Zierdt

Congratulations are in ordered for 60 very deserving graduating seniors in the Minnesota-
Dakotas Kiwanis District on being selected as scholarship recipients for the 2019-2020 school 
year. Scholarship winners have been selected and notified of their scholarship award for the 
upcoming academic year. The high schools that the students will be graduating from and the 
Kiwanis Clubs that supplied the application materials have also been notified that they are 
sponsoring a winning scholarship recipient. The majority of the awards are worth $715.00. A number of the Kiwanis Clubs have 
already sent a check to the Kiwanis Educational Foundation to make the scholarship a $1,000.00 award. If your club has not done 
this, and would like to make the award for the recipient worth $1,000, you have until August 15th to submit your check to the 
Kiwanis Educational Foundation at 914 Southern Pine Ln SW Rochester, MN 55902.

The foundation can only use the interest earned each year for determining the scholarship award amount. It is necessary for us to 
continue to support the foundation through donations from individuals and/or clubs annually to continue to grow our principal 
in our portfolio. Donations can be made to the foundation by awarding someone a Vantine Life Fellowship ($100) or a Messer 
Fellowship ($500) or purchasing one of the fellowships for yourself. Memorials given to the Foundation are a good way to honor a 
friend or family member (does not need to be a Kiwanis member) and help add to the principal in the portfolio. We need to have 
our clubs annually add to the principal of our funds through the Century Club donation ($100 or whatever the club can afford) so 
that the principal in our portfolio continues to grow and will ultimately generate more interest on an annual basis so that we can 
offer larger scholarship awards each year to our deserving youth.
On behalf of the Kiwanis Educational Foundation Board of Directors we would like to take this opportunity to, again, congratulate the scholarship recipients, their high schools and the Kiwanis Clubs that supplied the materials. If you have any questions regarding the scholarship program of the Kiwanis Educational Foundation, or any other concerns about the foundation please feel free to contact Jack Zierdt, Secretary/Treasurer of the Foundation at jackz39@icloud.com.

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Youth Protection Guidelines: Transportation - 4/28/2019
Submitted by: Peter Larson

When transporting youth, the best practice is having three people in the car at all times with documented approval from the parent or guardian for the transportation arrangements. When both of these conditions cannot be met, one of them should be. All transportation decisions should be made in accordance with local laws and school policies.

Tips to remember:
Before you plan a trip, do your research -- see if any local laws affect your trip and ask the school about its policies.
When transporting youth, a second adult should be present.
In a hardship case, use the "rule of threes" -- make sure three people are in the vehicle at all times. Never leave one adult alone with one child. This practice is to protect both youth and you. If you are alone in a vehicle with a youth member, there is nobody to support your claim in the instance that you are falsely accused of acting inappropriately. Such a claim has legal consequences, even if charges are dropped or cleared in the end, the consequences of such an accusation can follow you for the rest of your life.
If you have any questions please contact me at 701-261-7012 or at phlarson@midco.net.

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Children's Fund - 4/28/2019
Submitted by: Kathy Welle

Welcome to Spring!! (I think) Tulips are starting to show green leaves. Good sign for MnDak.

For your enjoyment:
Children's Fund Success stories:


• 80 years of serving kids and helping clubs: [https://www2.kiwanis.org/childrensfund/news/foundation/2019/03/21/80-years-of-serving-kids-and-helping-clubs?fbclid=IwAR3roho0KOVtxwQdfjXuXijhoNyJvodrHmC9RoPlISsEwstTsRcFrm12178#.XKJtZhKiUk](https://www2.kiwanis.org/childrensfund/news/foundation/2019/03/21/80-years-of-serving-kids-and-helping-clubs?fbclid=IwAR3roho0KOVtxwQdfjXuXijhoNyJvodrHmC9RoPlISsEwstTsRcFrm12178#.XKJtZhKiUk)
And a word about Eliminate Project progress:

I wanted to share some exciting news about The Eliminate Project. Today, Kiwanis and UNICEF will announce that Chad has eliminated maternal and neonatal tetanus! Chad will be the 26th country to eliminate MNT since The Eliminate Project began in 2010. Additionally, a new study shows that the number of babies dying from neonatal tetanus has been cut almost in half since the start of The Eliminate Project!

Thanks for all you do to support the Children’s Fund and The Eliminate Project!
By: Angie Monger KI Children’s Fund Development Officer

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You are Kiwanis - 4/28/2019
Submitted by: Al Vanderlaan

I hear from Scholastic books that several clubs are building book Oasis’s in elementary schools in their cities. Keep up the good work.

We as a District need to work on educating school children and their parents about all kinds of human trafficking including sex TRAFFICKING. Look for good educators in your city to help. If any of your clubs have contacts that could help our district let me know. I have a good source in Watertown, SD that will help in a wide area of several states. Let me know how I can help.

Our next district convention will be here in no time. Be ready for it.

Thank you for your service. Al Vanderlaan, District Service Director.

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Division 4 News - 4/27/2019
Division: Division 4 - Submitted by: Theresa Looby

Division Four has been busy this year getting to know one another. To accomplish this goal we began Division Meetings once a month. These have been very productive in forming new friendships, working together on projects and developing partnerships with community members. As a result Clubs are assisting and supporting the projects of neighboring Clubs and worked together to help with the AAW wrestling tournament held on the campus of Black Hills State University.

Membership continues to grow in each Club and our two new Clubs - one just a year old and the other less than a year - are growing and planning great projects.

Service Leadership Programs (SLPs) have not been forgotten. In addition to the existing Clubs, a Builders Club and two K-Kids are ready for next school year. We are in the process of rescuing an Orphan Key Club and laying the foundation for a new Key Club.
These are a few of the exciting events in Division Four. We have many more planned for this Kiwanis year. I honestly believe that our success is due to the fact as the Leadership Team, we visited each Club to learn their concerns as well as sharing our dreams for the Division. Listening to the concerns, ideas and thoughts of the members and combining that information with our dreams resulted in success!

Theresa Looby
Lt Governor- Division Four

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**Pass, Dribble, Shoot Competition - 4/27/2019**

*Club: Marshall Area - Submitted by: Renee Suby*

Volunteers make it happen! Kiwanis Club of Marshall Area hosted a Pass, Dribble, Shoot competition in conjunction with Healthy Kids Day at the Marshall Area YMCA on April 27th, 2019. Kiwanis Club members who helped plan and run this event were Tom Bolin (YMCA), Jeff Nuese (Bremer Bank), Andrew Suby (State Farm Insurance - Andrew Suby), Renee Suby (Club President), and Gabe Pieper (Club Secretary) for the planning and hosting of this event. Guest volunteers included Southwest MN State University Girls Basketball coach Tom Webb, and six girls from the SMSU Girls Basketball team.

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**Officer Michael Bloom and CHARISM named as Community Champion for Kids Award Winners at 61st Annual Fargo Kiwanis Pancake Karnival - 4/27/2019**

*Club: Fargo - Submitted by: Rachel Hoffman*

On Saturday, February 9, 2019, the Kiwanis Club of Fargo held the 61st annual Pancake Karnival. This event served up pancakes for nearly 9,000 community members raising over $55,000 that will be used to support our mission to improve the lives of children one community at a time.

During the Karnival, Fargo Kiwanis announced the 7th annual Community Champion for Kids Award. This award honors individuals and organizations who have significantly enhanced the lives of children and families in the area.

INDIVIDUAL AWARD: The 2019 Individual Fargo Kiwanis Community Champion for Kids Award recipient is Fargo Police Community Trust Officer Michael Bloom. Growing up in Modesto, California, Michael moved to this area in 2008. He received his criminal justice degree from Rasmussen College in 2011. He then joined the staff of the Cass County Jail, where he learned to “talk to people, problem solves and show empathy for individuals struggling with addiction.” Michael joined the Fargo police force in 2014, now serving as a Community Trust Officer. In this role, Michael collaborates with businesses and organizations in the community to improve relationships between law enforcement and youth. He visits detention and treatment facilities for youth and also does school visits, helping youth that are having behavior issues. Over the past three years, the trust officers have hosted six community park events where law enforcement and the community gather together for food, fellowship, and games. In 2018 the CTO group collaborated with the Fargo Public Schools in hosting seven school assemblies throughout the community, impacting close to 7,500 students. Recently, CTO Bloom collaborated with billboard artist DPB and CREW to create a video that demonstrates a basic tenet of the Fargo Police CTO program: “Unity is the only way for a community to stand strong, and by coming together we can fully address any challenge.” The video can be viewed on the Fargo Police Community Trust Officer
ORGANIZATION AWARD: The 2019 Fargo Kiwanis Community Champion for Kids Organization Award recipient is CHARISM – a neighborhood-based non-profit organization, offering relationship-based, skill-building programs for low-income and New American children and their families. CHARISM addresses poverty in the community by providing youth enrichment programming, including afterschool mentoring and tutoring programs for elementary school children, in-school programs at the middle and high schools, and summer day camps, as well as community outreach, including a supplemental food program and community-building events.

CHARISM partners with over 50 other organizations and businesses to bring quality programs to the youth and families they work with, including the Fargo Public Schools, Fargo Park District, Fargo Police Department, Great Plains Food Bank, local colleges and universities, and many others. They address the barrier of transportation by offering their programs inside the neighborhoods that need them most, creating lasting connections for long-term change.

Greetings From The New MinnDak Key Club Governor! - 4/27/2019
Submitted by: Ranjani Hariharan

Hello Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanians!

My name is Ranjani (I also go by Jeni) Hariharan, and I am honored to announce that I am the new Minnesota-Dakotas Key Club District Governor! I am currently a junior at Woodbury High School, and have been a member of the Woodbury Key Club for three years and a member of the District Board for the past two. As District Governor, I have chosen my Governor's Project (our yearly district-wide fundraiser) to be Thirst Project, a youth-led organization dedicated to building wells across the continent of Africa in countries where safe drinking water is not easily accessible. They have made a bold commitment to provide access to safe, clean drinking water to all people in the country of Swaziland by 2022, and us Key Clubbers in MinnDak are determined to continue to support this cause (for the second year in a row) and raise funds to build a well in Swaziland.

This year, one of my goals is to increase interaction between our Key Clubs and Kiwanis clubs. The main component of this goal includes facilitating more joint service projects between Key Clubbers and Kiwanians. This way, we can build a more unified district, and Key Clubbers will get a chance to understand their parent organization better. Let us work together to make this happen.

I am very excited to serve this district in the capacity of District Governor, and I am looking forward to a great year filled with service, friendship, and inspiration ahead!

Terrific Kid Program celebration 5th grade - 4/23/2019
Club: Crookston Pioneer 100 - Submitted by: Susan Sylvester

Photo:
5th Grade Students, Treasurer Cindy Braseth, Immediate Past President Shirley Iverson, President Rae French, Secretary Susan Sylvester …
and Teachers, Dave Emanuel, Mrs. Uttermark, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Garmen, Mrs. Brantner,

Crookston Kiwanis, Celebrate Terrific Kids in 5th Grade
Monthly during the school year.
Host a Breakfast and celebration program for four 5th Graders, Teachers, Parents & Families.

Each student works with their Teacher to achieve preset goals, on the basis of grades, citizenship and a positive attitude toward schoolwork and other students.

Each student receives, a Certificate stating why they were selected, a Terrific Kid Tee Shirt, & a Kiwanis Gift Bag with a Terrific Kid Magnet, Bookmark, & Pencils with a Kiwanis Pencil Flag.

Many group family pictures were taken and sent to our local paper and radio station website.
A well received program in Crookston from the Kiwanis.

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Harvey, ND Kiwanis hosts Peer to Peer Leadership Class - 4/15/2019
Club: Harvey - Submitted by: Pam Stewart

Harvey, ND Kiwanis hosted a group of amazing students and their instructor from the Harvey High School at our April 2019 Kiwanis meeting. This group is really involved in the Peer to Peer Leadership or Mentoring class led by Trista Zerr. Mrs. Zerr also is the special education teacher for K-12.

At the start of the 2018-2019 school year Harvey High School started offering the Peer to Peer Leadership class. Students in the class learn about a variety of disabilities and how to create and promote positive, lifelong friendships. A huge part of the class is discussing invisible disabilities, the ones that we might not see. “I am hopeful that this class will change how students are treating each other in school, and not just special education students, but all students.” commented Mrs. Zerr.

The students shared that they are assigned a mentee at the beginning of the year and that they need to share at least 15 hours of their time outside of school with them and also help support their mentees throughout the school day which can include taking notes, working on homework or hanging out at lunch or breakfast.

Peer to Peer Leadership or Mentoring is a process through which more experienced individuals encourage and assist less experienced individuals develop his or her potential within a shared area of interest. The resulting relationship is a reciprocal one in that both individuals in the partnership have an opportunity for growth and development. This program was originally started at Century High School in Bismarck and spread to area schools in Bismarck. Harvey is the first rural school to start the Peer to Peer Leadership Class.

The class focuses on all disability areas, in-school activities, out of school extracurricular activities, promoting socialization, friendships and independence and disability awareness to gain a better understanding of a variety of areas. It was designed for general education students interested in developing Leadership skills and learning about students with disabilities.
These students work together in an integrated, positive fashion, to promote socialization, independence, and strong friendship bonds that last throughout high school and beyond. It will give students the ability to expose students to new social opportunities, and expand their support networks.

This group has been very involved with both the school and community activities. Each month they have sponsored an activity within the school and/or community to help raise awareness. Some of the activities have been making a float for the homecoming parade, they were required to design something in the Harvey community that was accessible for all (ie. playground, swimming pool, etc.), carving pumpkins together, shoe project – take a walk in the shoes of someone who has a disability, made weighted lap blankets and fidgets, presented People First Language to the High School students to educate them on the proper ways to talk to and describe a person with a disability and they volunteered at the Night to Shine Event. These students also opened a new coffee shop at Harvey High School on March 12, 2019. The coffee shop will give students the opportunity for more life skills such as communication, working with others, inventory and following directions that make a final product. The funds from the coffee shop will be used for more inclusive activities.

“My hopes are that the Peer to Peer Leadership class makes changes to the school community as well as our community as a whole on how we treat others.” Mrs. Zerr shared. “I want to see students become more empathetic and understanding of the people around them and those who have a disability.

Being a special education teacher K-12 is a time commitment and she contemplated if she would have the time to put all the effort into this program that it would need in order to be successful. They are already seeing the benefits of the time that these students are utilizing as natural supports to Mrs. Zerr’s students with special needs and hope to only see that grow.

Kiwanis supports youth in our community.

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**Lake Agassiz Kiwanis Participate in Giving Hearts Day - 4/5/2019**

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

The Lake Agassiz Kiwanis proudly participated in Giving Hearts Day - the largest 24-hour giving event in North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota. Each year we rally around several non-profits in our community to make the biggest impact possible by donating on this day. The Lake Agassiz Kiwanis donated $500 to each of the organizations listed; we will make one additional large donation later in the fiscal year to an organization that our club chooses.

Did you or your club donate on Giving Hearts Day? If not - make it a goal to do so next year!