

MINNEKOTAN

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Time to Share

by: Bruce Klair, District Governor

It's hard to believe that one month of this new Kiwanis year is past and we are already into November. The month of October brought some rather disturbing news to our MNDK District. Our membership is down 217 members from where we were a year ago. This means that there are 217 less Kiwanis members in our District to meet the needs of our communities, just when the economic conditions of our country need help the most.



Now is a great time to replace those members we lost this last year. School is back in session, vacations are over, our lawns and gardens are put away for the winter, golf courses are closed, and people are looking for a diversion to sustain them through the winter. What a great time to approach that neighbor, that fellow worker, the people we see at church every week, or that old classmate we run into at the grocery store. Invite them to attend a club meeting with you, or tell them you need help with a service project your club is conducting. You will be surprised how many people are just waiting to be asked.

Every club should be able to find several service projects to help those less fortunate during the coming holiday season. Now is the time to clean out your closet and have a clothing drive. Put an extra turkey or canned good in your shopping cart and drop it off at the food shelf. Remember our young men and women serving in the armed forces overseas.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on our blessings and look forward to new beginnings. I am especially humbled and thankful to you, my fellow Kiwanians, who continue to give of your precious time and money to reach out to all in our communities who need us as we go about our commitment of changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

Partners Breakfast Books Presented

Submitted by: Bill Lardy, Immediate Past Governor

Theodore Jamerson Elementary School (TJES) is located on the campus of United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) in Bismarck, ND. TJES offers educational services for Native American Students grades K-8 from the surrounding area with preference given to children of UTTC students. UTTC is an NCA accredited institution offering certified and degree programs to American Indians.



For several years the Bismarck Kiwanis Club has read to TJES students as part of its Reading is Fundamental service project. At the conclusion of each reading session students may choose a book for their very own. Kiwanis members enjoy reading to the students and they, in turn, appreciate receiving the books.

2008-2009 First Lady Dixie Lardy asked those attending the Partners Breakfast during the District Convention in Watertown to bring a book suitable for an elementary student to be given to the TJES Library. More than 40 books were brought to the breakfast for the library.

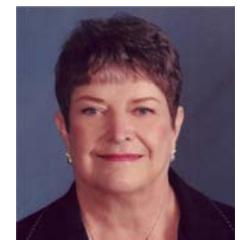
In late August after school opened First Lady Dixie and 2008-2009 Governor Bill Lardy presented the books to the students and staff of TJES. An article and photo of the presentation appeared in the October issue of United Tribes News. This link will take you to a copy of the Theodore Jamerson Elementary TIDBITS page of the newsletter. [Click here](https://www.kiwanisone.org/Files/Districts/79/Documents/scan0015.pdf)
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Dixie said, "I am grateful to those who brought books for the library. The children were so pleased with them and anxious to check them out of the library. It was a pleasure to present them on behalf of the Minnesota Dakotas District."

Service Hits Home

Submitted by: Coralyn Dahl, District Director of Service

This month I am going to talk about service a bit more personally. Many of you know that I have been going through a personal illness recently and through that illness I have witnessed a great flood of service inside and out of our Kiwanis Community. Within a few hours it seemed, cards were sent, messages delivered, meals organized, rides offered, flowers appeared, best wishes and hopes given.



Who were the majority of the people involved in this outpouring? – our Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanians, of course; from a Key Club to Regional clubs, to best wishes of those who themselves are suffering to those who have moved across the nation. But then, we knew who those special people would be, didn't we?

Kiwanians know about service – it comes naturally to us as Kiwanians who have hearts that beat in tune to the service we perform.

WHAT SERVICE WILL YOU PERFORM THIS MONTH?

2009 Key Leader Event

Submitted by: Clover Ellingson, District Key Leader Chair

The Minnesota-Dakotas Key Leader event had 43 participants this year and 15 adults. Many Kiwanis clubs sponsored or offered to sponsor students to attend. Notable attendance and probably the farthest distance away was by Ely Key Club who sent 5 students to the event. Henry-Sibley Key Club sent 6 students and Fargo North sent 14 students plus another 2 adults, not including myself and Sam-Larson-Frobig(site coordinator). There were many new schools that attended which included Watertown, SD. Although there were many schools represented, there were a lot of schools who could not make the event due to Homecoming. This weekend overwhelmingly was picked for Homecoming in MN. That being said, the event was still successful according to the students that attended who gained self-awareness and education about service leadership.

Weather was cool and rainy at times but the students sat by fireplaces roasting marshmallows and shared conversations. Sessions were inspiring and many friends were made. This camp offered great cabins, rooms and great food. Check out the pictures when you can or email me, and I'll try to get you an electronic set. cloverjean@cableone.net

Pictures of the event are being downloaded as time permits to a Facebook site called Inspiration Point Key Leader 2009-10.

The four years that I spent on Key Leader for our district was worth all the time and effort. I found many new Kiwanis friends like Dick Adams (a wonderful wood carver), Lizzett from KI, Lola Honey Bunches, and Raquel, the Activity Leadership Council advisor. I want to thank the many district officers who I grew to know and care about including the last 5 governors, Lt. Governors and our beloved District Secretary Steve. I want to add that I appreciated the Key Club District Board's help these last years and their attendance at key leader these past years. I enjoyed seeing many students over the years enjoy the key leader experience and their growth throughout the weekend.

Thank you Kiwanis for your support and past commitment.

In service,
Clover Ellingson
District Chair



November 2009 Update

Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Secretary/Treasurer

Monthly Club Reporting: Special thanks to the club secretaries for their excellent monthly reporting this past year. The information submitted is very valuable. Monthly Reports are submitted online by the 10th of each following month. Remember that this is not just the Club Secretary's job. A club secretary needs information to report, so be sure to keep them informed of your committee activities, etc.



The reporting program allows the club secretary to automatically send a preview of the monthly club report by email to the president, board members and others before submission. I would highly encourage you to do this. You may catch things that are not getting reported. The reporting program also allows the secretary to email the final monthly report to anyone in your club. To find out how the online reporting works there is a special page with videos and other helps at <http://www.kiwanisone.org/Reporting>

New to the reporting website this year is a redesigned "*Club Secretary Dashboard*" (or launch page). It is designed to consolidate many of the most important club resources at the "finger tips" of the club secretary. I would recommend that all club officers take a look at the online demo to see how it works and what is available. Here is the link to the online demo

http://www.kiwanisone.org/ClubMgt/Education/Tutorials/Sec_Dashboard/Sec_Dashboard.html

Annual Club Report: Just a reminder, if your club completed all 12 of your monthly reports you do not need to complete a separate annual report. The Annual Report for each club is automatically generated from the monthly reports. Your club secretary can view and print this annual report summary. I would highly recommend that your club secretary make this report available to all of your members. It gives you a good summary of your impact and work during the past year. If interested, just ask your club secretary for the report.

Distinguished Member and Distinguished Club Criteria for 2009-2010: The criteria were included in the October MINNEKOTAN, but another reminder that the Kiwanis International Criteria for 2009-2010 are posted on the Kiwanis International Website at the following

link <http://community.kiwanisone.org/media/p/15540.aspx>

Be sure to review the criteria for Distinguished Club. Just a reminder that your club secretary can monitor you club's progress towards the award on the "Secretary Dashboard" mentioned above.

Dues: I often get asked how the Kiwanis International and District dues break down. They remain the same again this year: International dues = \$42.00 Liability Insurance = \$12.00 KI Magazine = \$8.00 District dues = \$30.00 New Member Fee = \$55.00

If I can be of any assistance, please let me know.

Have a great Kiwanis year!

Next World Wide Service Project

As you know, Kiwanis International issued a global request for proposals to solicit ideas for the next Worldwide Service Project. The deadline for submissions was October 1, 2009, and I am happy to report we received more than 200 proposals from all over the world. A special committee now has the difficult task of reviewing the proposals, selecting the finalists and making a recommendation to the Kiwanis International Board.



The special committee, selected by the Board's Executive Committee, represents the global Kiwanis Family. The 12 members of the Committee are:

- **Randy DeLay.** Texas-Oklahoma District. Chairman of the Kiwanis International Board Committee on One Voice
- **Arón Benzádon Cohen.** Andean and Central America District. Past Governor
- **Lee Kuan Yong.** Malaysia District. Past Governor
- **Bo Shafer.** Kentucky-Tennessee District. Past Kiwanis International President
- **Günter Gasser.** Austria District Past Kiwanis International Trustee
- **Marie-Jeanne Boutroy.** France-Monaco District. Past Governor
- **Christopher Zock.** Illinois-Eastern Iowa District. Past Circle K International President
- **Jack Harten.** New York District. Kiwanis International Foundation (KIF) President-Elect
- **Roy Bird.** Western Canada District. Past Kiwanis International Trustee
- **Lauren Kapsky.** Past Key Club International President
- **David Green.** Missouri-Arkansas District. Secretary
- **Vanessa McClary.** Indiana District. Builders Club and K-Kids Administrator

Staff support will be provided by **Stan Soderstrom**, Interim CEO; **Linda Brimmer**, KIF Executive Director; and **Carolyn Mosby-Williams**, Chief Marketing Officer.

The Committee is working on a tight timeline, and during the selection process may choose to interview finalists. We also will provide an opportunity for our members worldwide to comment on the finalists. More information on how members can comment will be shared soon.

The announcement of the final selection is scheduled for the Opening Session of the 95th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, in June 2010.

As you may be aware, Kiwanis International's first Worldwide Service Project virtually eliminated iodine deficiency disorders worldwide. Working with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, the entire Kiwanis family joined together to raise nearly US\$100 million to fund this monumental effort.

As a result of the Kiwanis-family project, UNICEF has reported that 90 million babies are born every year without the threat of mental retardation and other disorders related to iodine deficiency.

If you have questions, please call our Member Services team at 800-KIWANIS, ext. 411 (United States and Canada), (317) 875-8755, ext. 411 (worldwide), or send us an [e-mail](mailto:memberservices@kiwanis.org) at memberservices@kiwanis.org

Yours in Kiwanis Service,

Paul G. Palazzolo
Kiwanis International President

FIRST GOVERNOR'S VISIT FOR 2009-2010

Submitted by: Darlene VanderVorst, Immediate Past Lt. Gov. – Region 1

Governor Bruce Klair and First Lady Phyllis made their first official visit within the Minnesota Dakotas District for the 2009/2010 year. The visit was made to Region One and was held on Saturday, October 17 at the Radisson Hotel in Bismarck. Susie Kapelovitz, Lt. Governor hosted the somewhat informal meeting which began with coffee and muffins and some very meaningful discussion prompted by Governor Bruce. Lunch was served at noon.



Prior to coming to Region 1 Bruce had asked that the group not give him any sort of gift but use any monies as a service project. Susie arranged a silent auction where the winning bids paid their dollars toward a local project. The group had a great time bidding against one another and enjoying some unusual gift items. It was decided that the total of all of the items be given to the elementary school located at United Tribes Technical Training Center in Bismarck.

Immediate Past Governor Bill Lardy, Immediate Past Lt. Governor Darlene VanderVorst, Lt. Governor Elect Sheri Haugen-Hoffert and Lt. Governor Susie Kapelovitz were in attendance along with many caring and dedicated Kiwanians from Region 1. The entire group was inspired by Governor Bruce and Phyllis and were honored to be at the first of many visits for the governor and first lady.

Past District Governor's Son Installed

Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn

Newly elected Joel Hektner of the Fargo South Point Kiwanis club was installed as the 2009-2010 President on Tuesday October 6th. Joel is the son of Past Governor Vern Hektner of Wahpeton, ND. Vern and First Lady Leona served as Governor of our District in 1971-72.

The members shown in the photo are from L to R Joe Thomas, President elect, Joel Hektner, President, Steve Rage Immediate Past President, and Pat Rittgarn Secretary.

Not pictured were Karin Roseland, Vice President, and Joyce Olson Treasurer.



MEDTRONIC ASKED, FRIDLEY KEY CLUB DELIVERED

Submitted by: Justine Beran

Medtronic, Inc. invited the Fridley High School Key Club to volunteer at the Mile 19 Medtronic Plaza Water Station of the October 4th Twin Cities Marathon held in Minneapolis-St. Paul. Led by Justine Beran, 82 Key Club Members and Advisors gathered at 5:15 am to prepare for the Marathon.

Dressed in blue Medtronic Marathon shirts, they mixed Powerade and filled cups with the mix or water. It was impressive to see the cups stacked four levels high on the nearly block long water station tables. Medtronic provided the workers with a continental breakfast of doughnuts, muffins, bagels, juices, coffee and hot cider.



Then the fun began. The first Twin Cities 10-mile Run runner began to pass at 7:15 am. The wheel chair Marathon contingent passed at 8:15 am. The Marathoners came at 9:30 am. Part of the Key Clubbers formed an energetic cheer team stationed on a near-by bridge. They provided plenty of encouragement with their cheering, clapping and high-fives.

As runners passed by grabbing cups of refreshments, Key Clubbers worked hard filling additional cups and keeping the discarded cups off the running lane. Runners dressed in a wide variety of outfits, some with the layered look which they discarded one by one as they heated up. One runner wore a tuxedo; another a kilt.

It was a busy, busy time which kept the interest of all volunteers. Before they knew it, their shift was done. Fridley Key Club President Emmi Brytowski said, "I had a lot of fun! I told the Medtronic Supervisor to call us again for help next year. Too bad this is my last year in Key Club. I'd love to do it again!"

To view more photos of the event <http://picasaweb.google.com/districtk/FridleyKeyClub#>

Sioux Falls East Kiwanis Club Peanut Day

Submitted by: Chuck Schroder

On October 3rd Sioux Falls East Kiwanis Club held peanut day in Sioux Falls during the festival of bands. The Key Club members helped our club raise almost \$2,000 that will be used to help the children in our community. Kiwanians were able to meet the members of Key Club as well. Fun was had by all.



LAKE AGASSIZ KIWANIS – FARGO, ND. CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

Submitted by: Bob Monson/Norma Swanson

Lake Agassiz Kiwanis of Fargo celebrated its 50th Anniversary on September 15, 2009 with a banquet at the Fargo Country Club, Fargo, ND. Fifty-seven members, former members, and spouses attended the gala event.

A social hour preceded the dinner of prime rib or lemon chicken. The after dinner program, with Duane Ilvedson as master of ceremonies, included greetings from Gov. Bill Lardy, a sing-a-long, and a history of the club given by Harry Hayer.

Lake Agassiz meets Monday at noon at the Howard Johnson Inn in downtown Fargo. Our major fundraisers are the sponsorship of the annual Boat and Sportsman's shows held at the Fargodome.

Pictured are founding members Ralph Rudrud, Lowell Lundberg and Marlys Lundberg.



2009 Fairmont Early Riser Kiwanis - Kiwanian of the Year - Dave Olson

Submitted by: Gene Tonne

This past year Early Risers Kiwanis established a new form of recognition called the Kiwanian of the Year to honor a member who has committed much time, effort and dedication to the club and community.

Club members were offered the opportunity to nominate a member for exemplary service. Names of nominees were submitted to the board of directors and the final decision was made by the board. Dave Olson was the recipient of this year's award.



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Social networking

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Kiwanis International is now on [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/kiwanis?v=wall) (click here) <http://www.facebook.com/kiwanis?v=wall>

Become a “fan” of our page and we’ll use this as a tool to keep you abreast of important dates on the Kiwanis calendar, training opportunities and other important updates.

We also hope you’ll use this as an opportunity to keep in touch with other members as we work toward the goal of growing our membership and improving our world one child and one community at a time.

Kiwanis Family Month

Come together for Kiwanis Family Month

More than half a million adult and youth volunteers in the Kiwanis family come together during November to celebrate and participate in community service projects in honor of Kiwanis Family Month.

Adult and youth members of Kiwanis promote the ideals of voluntary service as a means to improve lives, with an emphasis on children, and to give something back to the community.

“When I was a Key Club member in the early 1980s, some very dedicated Kiwanians made time for me and the other members of my club,” says 2009-10 Kiwanis International President Paul Palazzolo. “They helped us learn the values of service and leadership, and they made a positive impact on our lives. I knew then that Key Club and Kiwanis had a relationship that would mean a lot for a very long time. I felt that sense of family almost immediately, and I still feel it today.”

Kiwanis members are asked to reach out to other Kiwanis-family members during Kiwanis Family Month as a time to renew their commitment to service.

“Reach out to our youth members,” Palazzolo urges, “and invite them to a service project. Work alongside them. Mentor them. Laugh with them. Learn from them. These memories you’re making will last a lifetime.”

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At the scheduled time and day, follow the link in the confirmation e-mail to join the presentation. You'll need speakers on your system to hear the presenter, and you'll be able to type in your questions.

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Convention

Download convention materials

Need help promoting the Kiwanis International Convention in your club bulletins and newsletters?

Check out the convention Web site at www.kiwanisone.org/convention, where you'll find information about the convention as well as helpful downloads such as logos and ads.

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