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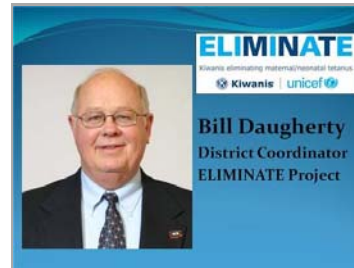
November 2015

The Eliminate Project

10/29/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Bill Daugherty

The Project is close to reaching our \$110 million pledge. We only have \$8 million to go to help UNICEF in eliminating MNT from the planet.

Here in Minn-Dak we have gained \$12,000 in cash donations this past month. We are responding to the call for help. There is still time to make a \$1500 donation for a Centennial donation for KI's 100 year celebration. This award is available until Dec. 21st. A great way to recognize an outstanding member, a past president, or District officer.



Some clubs are very close to becoming a bronze club. This recognizes a club for having donations equal to \$350 per member. If your club is close, please consider this donation level for the club. Also, we are still looking for more Model Clubs. Remember, if a club pledges to be a model club they will receive a 20% match to assist in attaining model club status. The club would then have FIVE years in which to complete the pledge. Won't you add your club to the group we have in Minn-Dak?

Thanks for your consideration!!

November Update

10/30/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas



Directory of Club Presidents and Club

Secretaries: A few days ago I emailed all club secretaries a directory of all clubs in the district. If you would like a copy contact your club secretary, or send me an email and I will email it to you. The club directory is not posted on the district website, but is available upon request.

Minnesota-Dakotas District Leadership Directory- 2015-2016: Just a reminder that you can find a Minnesota-Dakotas District Leadership Directory on our District website. [Click here](#)

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. 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 will be automatically generated from the online monthly reports. Club secretaries can still modify any of the 2014-2015 monthly

reports until November 30, 2015 if needed.

New Club Monthly Report- According to Kiwanis International a new monthly club report will be rolled out soon! See separate article in this newsletter by Denis Cornell, District Administrator for more information.

Application for 2014-2015 Distinguished Club recognition: Submissions for 2014-15 Distinguished Club recognition are now being accepted. Kiwanis International sent an email to club secretaries with the following information. Submissions must be filed by December 1, 2015, in order to qualify and must meet a minimum of six criteria. Kiwanis International will verify the following: Increase in membership; Sponsorship of new Kiwanis clubs and/or Service Leadership Program; and club's donations to The Eliminate Project/Kiwanis International Foundation

Complete the application form today on the International website [Click here](#)

Should you have questions or need further assistance, please contact Kiwanis International Member Services staff by emailing memberservices@kiwanis.org or calling 800.549.2647, extension 411.

Dues: I often get asked how the Kiwanis International and District dues break down on a yearly basis-

International dues = \$52.00

Liability Insurance = \$13.00

Club Directors and Officers Liability Insurance= \$4.00

KI Magazine = \$8.00

District dues = \$30.00

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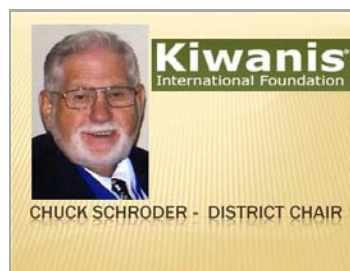
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WHAT IS YOUR CLUB GOING TO DO

10/29/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: E. Chuck Schroder

What is your club going to do this year to help the children of the world? Have you thought of applying for a grant from the Kiwanis International Foundation to help with that special project? If not, WHY NOT? Has your club thought about doing a "Reading Oasis" ?

Kiwanis international has partnered with SCHOLASTIC BOOKS worldwide and this project qualifies for applying for a grant to help your club put one in a school in your community or help in some other part of the world to have one. The applications can be found on line on the Kiwanis web site. If you can't find it or would rather have me send you an application, please let me know. I can be reached at ecschroder@alliancecom.net or (605) 359-6088. There are many other projects that qualify for grants as well, so please apply.



Please look at your clubs budget, to make sure that you have a line item for the annual gift program. We had a great year last year, but we can't live in the past. This is a new year and there are still a lot of children that need our help. Our goal is to reach the \$10.00 pr member mark. Until next time 'THANK YOU ALL FOR YOU ARE DOING FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD'.

ICON: Touring Toronto

10/27/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Courtney Taylor





Now that we've checked out both sides of Lake Ontario, it's time to venture into the city of Toronto.

Consider investing in the Toronto CityPASS to save time and money. This pass includes tickets to CN Tower, Casa Loma, Ontario Science Centre, Royal Ontario Museum, and the Toronto Zoo. Tour the CN Tower* with a meal at 360, a photo-op on the LookOut Level and Sky Terrace, or a stroll along the Edgewalk, located 116 stories above ground. Casa Loma is a majestic castle of European elegance, complete with towers, stables, and secret passageways. The Ontario Science Centre addresses science, technology, and societal issues at the local, national, and global levels. The Royal Ontario Museum is more than 100 years old and displays art, world culture, and natural history. The Toronto Zoo has more than 5,000 animals from the African rainforests to Malayan woods and beyond.

If sports are your thing, visit the Rogers Centre*, home to the Toronto Blue Jays and the Toronto Argonauts. You can also check out the Hockey Hall of Fame. Go to Canada's Wonderland just north of town for roller coasters, water rides, and animatronic dinosaurs. With young children, plan a day of rides and attractions at the Centreville Amusement Park.

Wander along Canada's Walk of Fame* when you get a break between Kiwanis festivities. Jellyfish, stingrays, and sea turtles are just some of the wildlife you'll discover at Ripley's Aquarium of Canada*. The Bata Shoe Museum celebrates the style and function of footwear from 4,500 years of history. Other local museums include the Power Plant Contemporary Art*, the Museum of Inuit Art* and the Art Gallery of Ontario.

Visit <http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2016/> for convention updates. Already you can read about some of the candidates of next year's election.

*These are located near the Metro Toronto Convention Center, the site of our event.

New Kiwanis International Monthly Club Report

10/29/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Denis Cornell, Director of Administration

The monthly report, completed online by club secretaries each month, fulfills your club's requirement to Kiwanis International to provide data that will improve our programs and track signature club projects and partnerships. Kiwanis has revised the monthly report to be more user-friendly and align and support the I-Plan, Kiwanis' new strategic plan. The new October report in English will be available around November 1st.



The new online monthly report will feature five sections that correspond with the strategic plan:

1. Club information (for review only)
2. Inspiration (membership and engagement data)
3. Impact (meaningful service data)
4. Image (Kiwanis branding and PR data)
5. Investment (financial viability data)

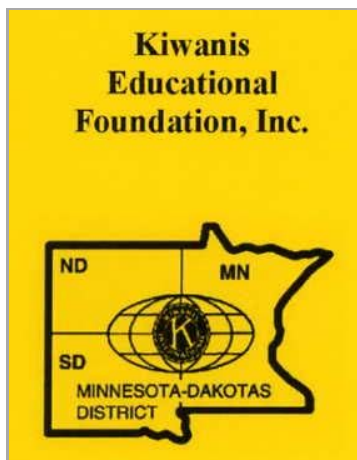
The steps to begin a new monthly report or review a past report will remain similar to past reports, with a few upgrades. The monthly report itself is completely new. The club secretary can stop and re-start, finishing a report at a later time and completing sections in any order he or she wishes. Additionally, expanded "help" features are available from any screen.

Some features carry over from the previous report structure, such as meeting attendance and interclub data, an on-screen preview and the export-to-PDF option. Monthly reports will continue to open the first of each month and will be due by the 10th of each month. When all 12 months of the monthly report are completed online, data is automatically rolled into an annual report for you.

If you have any questions, contact Member Services by emailing memberservices@kiwanis.org.

College costs continue to rise.

10/24/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn



As we continue to read about the rising costs of attending college, and the enormous debts that graduating students have, we wish more could be done to help ease this situation. Our district educational scholarship program has created some help, but there are still scholarships that are not being applied for!

One thing we can all do to help with this process is to follow up with the schools your club is providing applications to, and make sure they are all being filled out and sent in for consideration. It is sad to see that some scholarships are not being used.

Costs are rising, money is short and we can make a difference in the life of a college student. Let's make sure that we get all of our available scholarships in the hands of students. Talk to the school officials and make

sure they understand the procedure and the need for their help. The other more important part of this is that your dollars are needed to keep the scholarship fund as large as possible. Does your club have a District foundation line item in their budget?

Let's make this Kiwanis year the best ever, let's send more students to college with a Mn-Dak Kiwanis scholarship.

Changes Coming Soon to District Website and MINNEKOTAN Newsletter

11/01/2015 - District: Minnesota-Dakotas - Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

District Website and MINNEKOTAN Newsletter changes coming soon:

I just want to give you a "heads-up" that there will be some changes coming to our district website and the MINNEKOTAN newsletter in the next month. We will be moving our district website to a new and redesigned platform. It is a gradual process of migrating the old information to the new site, so not exactly sure when the new website will be online. Our district newsletter is also a function of the website so there will be some changes there also. The content of the website will remain primarily the same, but it will have a different look and things may work a bit differently.



We have been using our current website platform for about 5 years. That is a long time in the world of technology and computers. The change will provide a new, modern, more mobile ready design. Mobile is pretty important these days with people accessing the internet and websites from smart phones and other mobile devices. The technology behind the new website will allow more flexibility for these kind of things.

Club News

Builders Club has new start

10/30/2015 - Club: Moorhead - Submitted by: Peter Larson

The Moorhead Horizon Middle School Builders club is off

to a fast start this year. After two years in limbo a new advisor has ignited a new interest in Builder's Club. They have already scheduled their first service event, Trick or Treat for UNICEF. They have also scheduled a fundraiser for the Eliminate Project. Guess the number of objects in a jar and win one of three gift cards. Guesses cost \$.50 each. They are meeting weekly in the morning before school and I have been fortunate enough to be able to attend three of their meetings.



Jamestown Kiwanis needs 400 volunteers to feed the hungry

10/26/2015 - Club: Jamestown - Submitted by: Katie Ryan-Anderson



A woman assembled a cake out of mud, flour and butter. It was comprised of the only ingredients available to assemble a meal. "That's what people eat just because there isn't anything," said Katie Ryan-Anderson, president of the Kiwanis Club in Jamestown. "It's not that those don't want to work, it's not that they don't want to be self sufficient, there just isn't anything for them."

Jamestown Kiwanis raised \$50,000 for Kids Against Hunger, a worldwide program that provides meals to malnourished and starving children in North Dakota and across the globe. This year, the club, with the help of 400 volunteers, will package 218,000 meals. Kiwanis reached this goal after an anonymous donor provided a third of the cost in donations. Other major donations came from Wal-Mart, Valley Sales and Newman Signs.

Meals consist of 21 vitamins and minerals, rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and chicken flavoring. Each pack of food feeds six people and is ready to eat after boiling water is added. One pack of food costs \$1.38, including food and packaging.

Jamestown Kiwanis seeks 400 volunteers to help package food on Saturday, Nov. 14, at Stutsman Harley-Davidson, 2501 3rd Ave. SW, in Jamestown. Two shifts are available: 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Volunteers don't need to bring anything with them and can sign up by calling the Buffalo Mall at 251-2237 or emailing jamestownkiwanis@gmail.com. Food is distributed through the Great Plains Food Bank in Jamestown and will benefit people in the Midwest region in the U.S. and children in Africa.

"We are so fortunate in our country and in our community that we have food banks and food stamps," said Janna Bergstedt, board member and co-chair event planner for Kiwanis. "We want to end starvation and feed those little tummies." Kiwanis adopted the Kids Against Hunger program in 2011 after long-time Kiwanis members DeLette Winkelman and Don Bentz attended a convention and learned about the program. This is the biggest event the club puts on all year, according to Bergstedt. "It's really amazing when you see 400, well actually it's about 200 people (per shift), in one room helping this one cause. It's amazing to be apart of," Bergstedt said.

Those interested in donating can mail donations to: First Community Credit Union, Attn: Janna Bergstedt, P.O. Box 2180, Jamestown, ND 58401, or email jamestownkiwanis@gmail.com. Checks can be made out to the Kiwanis Club. Donations are also accepted by debit/credit card at www.GoFundMe.com/KAHJamestown.

Jamestown Kiwanis donates 100+ hats, gloves

10/26/2015 - Club: Jamestown - Submitted by: Katie Ryan-Anderson

In celebration of Kiwanis International's 100th birthday, Jamestown Kiwanis collected 100+ winter apparel



items. The items benefit families in need via the Jamestown Salvation Army.



Throughout 2015, the Jamestown club collected 100 or more items to benefit local causes. Drives included:
 February: 100 canned goods for the food pantry
 March: 100 personal-hygiene items for Community Action
 May: 100 Pancake Day tickets to local law enforcement
 June: 100 ice cream bars for the Kiwanis/Rotary Camp Rokiwan
 July: 100 games & toys for Park & Rec
 August: 100 school supplies

The 100-item drives were the brainchild of past-president, Jan Barnes. "These drives were an easy way for our club to help our community. Indirectly, we helped Kiwanis too. We shared our projects - and Kiwanis' 100th birthday - on our Facebook page and in the newspaper almost every month of the year" Barnes said. The drives continue in December. Jamestown Kiwanis will collect books to give as Christmas gifts to children in need.

Rochester Sunrisers opens Reading Oasis Room at Harriet Bishop Elementary

10/26/2015 - Club: Rochester-Sunrisers - Submitted by: Randy Schmidt



Rochester Sunrisers Kiwanis has teamed with Scholastic Book Fairs and Harriet Bishop Elementary School to build a Reading Oasis room at the school. The oasis will be a dedicated space designed to spark students' interest in books and help strengthen their reading and comprehension skills.

Volunteers from Rochester Sunrisers Kiwanis raised funds, assembled new furniture and shelved books to create a warm and inviting reading environment at the school. Sponsors donated a total of \$5,000 to help outfit the new room, and Scholastic Book Fairs matched those funds with a donation to provide 1,200 new books, cozy furniture and rugs, and a listening library. Sponsors include the Southern MN Initiative Foundation, Harriet Bishop PTSA, People's Energy Cooperative Operation Roundup and Pharmaceutical Specialties Inc.

Volunteers from Rochester Sunrisers Kiwanis and Harriet Bishop PTSA are now utilizing the Reading Oasis to assist students with reading skills. Rochester Sunrisers Kiwanis members and Harriet Bishop Principal Kate Palmquist unveiled the room to students and the public during a special ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday 10/21/2015.

Willmar Kiwanis Reaches Eliminate Goal

10/23/2015 - Club: Willmar - Submitted by: Dennis Hier

The Eliminate Project is Kiwanis International's global campaign to help eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus from the face of the earth. The International goal is \$110 million. Willmar Kiwanis played a significant role in helping to reach that goal by electing to become a Model Club and raise \$26,250 for the project. That translates into the saving of the lives of 14,583 mothers and their babies from the horrible death of maternal neonatal tetanus. Teaming with UNICEF, the largest supplier of vaccinations in the world, Kiwanis has helped to reduce the number of nations who are tetanus free from 59 down to only 21 nations yet to be declared free of tetanus.



Willmar Kiwanis reached its goal through the loving generosity of all its members. Pictured above are those members who have received a Hixson Award (a gift of \$1,000

for Eliminate) or a Zeller Award (a gift of \$1,250 for Eliminate.) George F. Hixon was the first International President. Walter Zeller was the first donor to the Kiwanis International Foundation. An honorary Zeller was also given to Richard Hoglund two years ago at our 90th anniversary celebration in recognition of his outstanding commitment and service to Willmar Kiwanis.

Kiwanis International is celebrating its 100th birthday this year. Our own local club is 92 years old and has an outstanding record of service to our community. Our mission is "to serve the children of the world." In the last seven years through our Peanut Day Project we have raised over \$100,000, all of which has gone to local organizations in our community working with children. Kiwanis clubs sponsor a variety of Service Leadership Programs working with youth from elementary through college age.

Zombie/Glow Run

10/22/2015 - Club: Mitchell - Submitted by: Linda McEntee



Kiwanis of Mitchell, SD hosted a Zombie/Glow Run on October 10, 2015. 87 participants signed up to run or walk either a 1 mile fun course, 5K or 10K. Many runners were dressed for the occasion. Glowing Zombies, Smurfs and even M&Ms were running the streets of Mitchell.

The club had sponsorships that totaled \$5000 to help with the overhead cost of the race. It took many volunteers to make this a success. Many club members and their family members helped out. The club even recruited local high school students to make this a successful event.

Mitchell's club has pledged to be a Model Club for Eliminate. The funds raised at this inaugural run will be donated to Eliminate to help fulfill this pledge. The group had such a fun time and had great results. They will definitely be doing this again next year!

US Representative at Golden K

10/20/2015 - Club: Minot, Golden K - Submitted by: Richard Sabol, Sec.

US Representative Kevin Cramer from North Dakota, spoke to the Minot Golden Kiwanis on October 4, 2015. Representative Cramer started by telling the members gathered about current programs in Washington. He then opened up his Town Hall Meeting. Questions by those present ranged from Agriculture, Energy, Trade with Cuba and Foreign Policy. Representative Cramer enjoyed his pie and coffee with members and those in attendance enjoyed hearing him speak. He then traveled to Bismarck for his return to Washington.



Club Officer Installation

10/12/2015 - Club: Watertown - Submitted by: Tim Oviatt



Watertown, SD club recently inducted new officers for the 2015-16 year, with District Lt. Governor Mark Nelson presiding over the ceremony.

Pictured from left to right are Jeff Anderson, new club president; Brent Keyes, past club president; Nancy Oviatt-Titze, president-elect; Karyl Somers, treasurer; District Lt. Governor Mark Nelson, and past District Lt. Governor Al Vanderlaan.

Kiwanis North Suburban Golden K of St. Paul Celebrates their new officers

10/12/2015 - Club: North Suburban Golden K, St. Paul - Submitted by: Ric Soderstrom, President Elect

Every year at this time there are a lot of changes – kids go back to school, the leaves turn color and, in our case, our Kiwanis club changes over to a new fiscal year. With that comes a new group of leaders to keep our club healthy, active and renewed. This year we had the installation of new officers presented by Dick Odell, the retiring lieutenant governor of Region 7 Minnesota-Dakota district.



It is our practice to have the outgoing president remain on the board of directors to assure a smooth transition for all initiatives, programs and volunteer projects. This year Steve Forshay, outgoing president, turned over the reigns of the club to Jim Hedeem for the upcoming year. Rounding out the officers joining Jim were, Ric Soderstrom, President elect, Brian Bergin, Vice President, Roger Williams, Secretary, Jerry Miller, Assistant Secretary, Joe Killpatrick, Treasurer, and Paul Lucas, Assistant Treasurer. We also added two new members to our board of directors, Gary Paulu and Vance Morey.

Also at this ceremony we recognized members for distinguished service. Howard Rines was awarded the Hugo Blomgren Kiwanian award for excellence and commitment. A distinguished service award went to Ron Panter for his eleven years as club secretary. Eldwood Caldwell was recognized for his perfect attendance to all meetings over the last nineteen years – that is a lot of meeting as we have one every week. Finally, the president's recognition award went to Steve Forshay, outgoing president. We are surely ready to move ahead in this new fiscal with the passion and commitment that has served our club well in our history. Although all clubs are facing the problem of an aging membership, we remain confident that our new slate of officers will help us gain new members and sustain our commitment to the children of our community and the world.

NOTE: The photo shows – left to right: Dick Odell, outgoing lieutenant governor of Division 7 – Minnesota-Dakota District, Jim Hedeem, president fiscal year 2015/2016 and Steve Forshay, outgoing president fiscal year 2014/2015.

Pumpkin Painting and More with the Turtle Mountain Kiwanis!

10/12/2015 - Club: The Turtle Mountains - Submitted by: Clint Reinoehl



The Turtle Mountain Kiwanis Club was at it again! The club teamed with the Bottineau Farmers Market to put on a pumpkin painting event for area children. In addition to the pumpkin painting fun, there was face painting and a drive for winter clothing to be provided to families in need. First Lutheran Church of Bottineau will distribute the much needed clothing items. The event was held in the Shopko parking lot in Bottineau from 8 a.m. to noon. Kids were busy for the entire 4 hours! Having some fun and serving the children!

Harlem Ambassadors visit Moorhead

10/01/2015 - Club: Moorhead - Submitted by: Peter Larson

The Moorhead Kiwanis Club teamed up with the Arc West Central to bring a family friendly basketball event to Moorhead on Sept. 29th. The Arc helped recruit our team (the "Red River Flood"), promote the event and



provide volunteers while the Moorhead Kiwanis helped with finding sponsors, ticket sales, organizing the promotion of the event and many other activities by both organizations. The "Red River Flood" team included local coaches, political figures, firefighters, sheriffs and other business figures including Kiwanians John Satrom and Austin Schaur. Over 250 people attended the event which was less than hoped for but everyone had a great time. It is felt this start can be built on to provide a family friendly entertainment activity and raise a few dollars for Moorhead Kiwanis and the Arc West Central in the coming years.

