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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

**Public Relations: Let's get the word out on Kiwanis! - 10/31/2017**

*Submitted by: Dan Leikvold, District Governor*

Recently, the Minnesota Dakotas District bolstered its leadership team and its membership and recruitment efforts by creating a public relations coordinator position. We are fortunate to have that position filled by Katie Ryan-Anderson. Katie is the Marketing Manager for Jamestown Regional Medical Center and is a member of the Jamestown Kiwanis Club. Katie and I have had conversations to identify the essence of the job and to clarify how to utilize the position to help clubs in their public relations endeavors. I would like to share that information with you.



The role of the district public relations coordinator is to:

- Support the district's strategic plan, including membership and club opening, service and fundraising.
- Serve as the district's brand expert and brand ambassador, supporting district and club branding efforts and the Kiwanis brand overall.
- Serve as the district's lead PR counsel and expert for any PR-related matters (messaging, media relations, events, etc.).
- Provide training and counsel at the club level.
- Present at the district convention, fall rallies, educational summits and mid-winter meetings.

Each club is asked to appoint or elect a Publicity Chair. A background in communications, public relations, marketing, graphic design or journalism is preferred, however, not necessary. This person is responsible for:

- Getting the word out about Kiwanis projects and programs through various mediums including traditional and social media.
- Updating and maintaining the club's website and social media accounts.
- Ensuring all Kiwanis collateral and assets follow the Kiwanis International Brand Standards.
- Media and public relations.
- Working with the District PR Coordinator to generate consistent, united, strategic and timely messages.

There is \$2,000 in the Minnesota Dakotas District PR budget to assist with PR. The process for accessing that money is simple, send a written request to: [katherine.eileen.ryan@gmail.com](mailto:katherine.eileen.ryan@gmail.com)

All requests approved by Katie go on to me as District Governor for final approval. I then send all approved requests then to District Secretary/Treasurer Steve Handegaard for payments. Here is the criteria for receiving Kiwanis PR money:

- Collateral and/or asset must meet all Kiwanis brand standards.
- Collateral and/or asset should benefit multiple clubs.
- Paid advertising for Kiwanis in general meets the criteria, paid advertising for a specific club project does not.
- Items specific to an individual club do not meet the criteria, unless they are to be shared among several clubs. Club banners, tablecloths, song books, etc., likely do not meet the criteria; a general Kiwanis banner or flag that all clubs could share likely would qualify.

### “SPRING CLEANING” YOUR BRAND

Use this checklist to ensure that your Club’s media is in tip-top shape! Working on our image will help us do what the flowers do in the spring - grow!

Update your Club’s logo: If you are still using the oval “birdcage/globe,” change it out for the current Kiwanis logo.

Update your Club’s website: Is it up to date with information about when/where you meet? Contact information? Service projects? Besides updating information, do you need something fun and fresh to attract interest? To download ready-to-use Kids Need Kiwanis materials, go to [www.kiwanis.org/brand](http://www.kiwanis.org/brand)

Refresh your Club’s social media accounts: When was your last post? Is your contact information correct? Add some posts and pictures from your last service project. Use your social media channels to show how fun and active your clubs is. Use the videos (see Step 4) as an easy, eye-catching post opportunity. Don’t have a Facebook page? Now is the perfect time to make one! Make use of the ready-to-run Kids Need Kiwanis videos, ads and more! Visit [www.kiwanis.org/brand](http://www.kiwanis.org/brand) where you will find 30-second videos. Download the videos to play on your club’s website OR use them as fun posts on your club and personal social media. You can download them and play them directly in your Facebook or use the links you’ll find from the website. Download the ads as great images you can use on your website or post via social media. See if you can get a local billboard company, radio station or TV station to donate space to play the ads! Let Kiwanis International know if you need a special file for a billboard or TV spot (contact [pr@kiwanis.org](mailto:pr@kiwanis.org)).

Be ready to respond to inquiries from prospective members: When you step up your PR-game, the goal is to see an increase in awareness. When someone shows interest in your club, be ready to act. Invite them to a meeting and service project right away. Make them feel special and welcome.

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**November Update - 10/31/2017**

*Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas*

**Directory of Club Presidents and Secretaries:** I emailed all club secretaries a directory of all club presidents and secretaries 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 for Kiwanis related purposes. The best place to find meeting times and locations is on the Kiwanis International Club Locator <http://locator.kiwanis.org/FindAClub>



**Minnesota-Dakotas District Leadership Directory- 2017-2018:** Just a reminder that you can find a Minnesota-Dakotas District Leadership Directory on our District website.

<http://mndak.portalbuzz.com/Page/1018>

**Kiwanis International Club Recognition Program for 2017-2018:** You can find the details and criteria on our district website [https://portalbuzzuserfiles.s3.amazonaws.com/ou-87/userfiles/files/2017-18-disting-criteria\(1\).pdf](https://portalbuzzuserfiles.s3.amazonaws.com/ou-87/userfiles/files/2017-18-disting-criteria(1).pdf)

**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 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.

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.

**Dues:** I often get asked how the Kiwanis International and District dues break down on a yearly basis. They remain the same again this year: International dues = \$52.00 Liability Insurance = \$13.00 Club Directors and Officers Liability Insurance= \$4.00  
KI Magazine = \$8.00 District dues = \$30.00

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

Have a great Kiwanis year!

To view current and past MINNEKOTAN newsletters go to [www.mndak-kiwanis.org](http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org) and click on "News".

#### **Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Office Contact Information:**

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#### **Convention Corner - 10/30/2017**

*Submitted by: Judie Rosendahl, District Convention Director*

I want to thank each of you who attended the 100th Minnesota Dakotas Convention and Leadership Conference in Watertown. We had a great time with a great crowd. I extend my sincere appreciation to the Watertown Kiwanis Club for all of their hard work as well as Jeff Anderson who spent many hours putting the convention together with us. I also want to thank all of the forum presenters. We truly did have a great array of forums this year and each one was so well done.



We are now looking to our next convention which will be held in Willmar, Minnesota August 10-12,

2018. Please put that on your calendar now and plan to be there! It is such a pleasure to see old friends and meet new ones. We will do our best to provide a convention and leadership conference that is well-worth your time and energy to attend. Please let all Kiwanians in your club know the dates so we can have a great turnout.

With excitement, Judie Rosendahl

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### **Formula Team in Motion - 10/30/2017**

*Submitted by: Sherry Scudder*

I want to thank the Formula team for their hard work in trying to save, stenghten and encourage clubs in their divisions. A big thanks to Dave Odette and Loreena Luetgers. Your leadership is so greatly appreciated. If you hear any concerns about clubs that closing or are losing members, please contact Dave or Loreena so they can assist to help these clubs.



I want to thank Theresa Looby who is helping with the new inquiries that we get from International. She contacts the person inquiring and matches them to a club or if there are multiple clubs she may involve the Lt. Governor in that district to contact them and sometimes she does both.

A Special thanks to Cindy Braseth for holding a meeting to open a club in Bemidji, MN along with Peter Larson and Calvin Saari.....A Formula Team in Action.

Thanks Randy Schmidt for your outstanding leadership with your Formula Team of Dave Harms, Gail Heyda, yourself and Governor Dan in trying to open some new clubs in your area and including membership as a part of your Governor's Visit.

I have a lot more to say but I am in Pittsburgh. I just want to say that Membership is everyboydy's business as we have to know our ABC's very well. ASK, SIGN THEM UP, AND KEEP ASKING.

WE NEED MORE FORMULA TEAM MEMBERS, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED CALL ME AT 605-347-7718.

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## Seeking new Partnership Coordinator - 10/30/2017

*Submitted by: Sherry Scudder*

Hi All Kiwanis Members,

I have been working with the Formula Team and am the Partnership Coordinator for the District and it is really too much for me. I would like to know if anyone is interested in this position. If so, please let Governor Dan know. The Partnership Coordinator is responsible for connecting clubs with Kiwanis International and official partners as well as supporting clubs in developing and maintaining signature projects in their communities.



Consider helping Kiwanis in this manner, it is fun, exciting and helpful to your clubs to match up the resources that are available to all clubs through Partnerships.

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## Service - 10/29/2017

*Submitted by: Al Vanderlaan*

We are flying into the new Kiwanis year 2017–2018 .

I hope everyone is starting a successful new year. If you need any help or have questions with service programs I am ready to help you with ideas.



Please let me know what you are doing new in your clubs. I will be happy to include them in next month's notes or you can submit an article and photo yourself by going to the District website/News Submission.

I can tell you what several clubs in Division 5 just completed. Several clubs including Sioux Falls South, Sioux Falls Daybreaker, Sioux Falls Downtown, Mitchell, Chamberlin, and Watertown put gift boxes together along with blankets and used childrens books. Jeff Anderson and I took them to the Rosebud Reservation school in Pomerlee, SD on October 11th. The grade school children there were very thankful as were their teachers and administration. I would encourage each one of you to consider doing the same in your state . Several clubs in your area may want to go together. We placed two Scholastic Book Oasis in this school, also .

Helping children outside your community and providing a helping hand to the less fortunate is a wonderful project to put together . If you need advice on how all this can be completed please contact me .

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### **Key Club Holds Fall Rally - 10/29/2017**

*Submitted by: Mary Beth Townsend*

The Minnesota Dakotas Key Club annual Fall Leadership Rally was held at the YMCA Camp Ihduhapi in Loretto, Minnesota October 13-15th. Students and adults participated in leadership building workshops, completed service projects, challenged themselves on a high ropes course, and even completed an "escape room" challenge!



More information is available on the Key Club District website: [minndakkeyclub.org](http://minndakkeyclub.org)

Kiwanis members are welcome to join Key Club at any of our events. Our next event is our district convention and leadership training weekend (DCON) which will be held April 13-15th in Willmar, Minnesota. Look for more information, including registration forms on the website.

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### **ICON: Knowing our Hosts - 10/29/2017**

*Submitted by: Courtney Taylor, OTIC Chair*

The 2018 Kiwanis International Convention will be held in the California-Nevada-Hawaii District (also called Cal-Nev-Ha or CNH). CNH is comprised of three states and forty divisions. They have 3,200 Circle K members, 44,700 Key Club members, and 800 Aktion Club members. They also have more than 100 K-Kids Clubs and 135 Builders Clubs. Unique to CNH is a group of high schoolers called KIWINs. Originally called the Keyettes and later the Keywanettes, this branch of Kiwanis was formed for high school girls in the '70s when Key Club was still limited to boys only. The organization



remains today but without its original gender designation.

One of their best-known projects is the float they decorate each year for the Rose Parade as part of the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena. Kiwanians, Circle Kers, and Key Clubbers volunteer throughout the month of December to decorate the float for the event on the first day of the new year.

Although our convention will be half a year later and in a neighboring state, we are sure to have an amazing time centered around our convention. Remember to link up with us on facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/minndaktoicon/> - and watch for convention updates on the Kiwanis International website.

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**This a New Year** - 10/29/2017

*Submitted by: E Chuck Schroder*

I have been asked by your district Chair to write this article for her this month since she has been tied up with past Lt. Governor's duties.

I would like to introduce your new Children's Fund chair. She is Kathleen Welle from Fridley, Min. She has been past club president for the Columbia Heights-Fridley Kiwanis Club and served as a Lt.

Governor for division seven. Kathy has a very good understanding of Kiwanis and the Children's Fund and will do an outstanding job. I'm looking forward to working with her from the international side of things. Give her all your support as you did for me when I was chairman.



Most of your club budgets have been put into place and I would hope that there are two (2) line items in it. As I have asked in the passed, there needs to be line items in your club budgets both for the International Children's Fund for at least \$10.00 pr member and \$100 line item for the District Educational Foundation. So if these aren't in there, amend your budget and put them in, it's not too late.

The New Club Grant Program is now in place and on the web site and that site is [childrensfund@kiwanis.org](mailto:childrensfund@kiwanis.org). This past week, information was sent out to all district leaders and clubs on this. On October 1 the Kiwanis Children's Fund unveiled a new and improved Club Grant Program. The changes are designed to help support the Kiwanis Strategic plan--and they were made with

Kiwanis members in mind.

A club grant addresses an unmet need affecting children in a club's community--or elsewhere--by helping fund projects that provide long-term benefits sustained by the club members' hands-on service.

Some dates you need to remember: For June funding decisions submit LOI (Letter of Inquiry) anytime before February 1 and if approved, submit full application by April 1. For October funding decisions, submit LOI anytime before June 1, if approved, submit full applications by August 1. For January 1 Funding decisions, submit LOI any time before September 1, if approved submit full applications by November 1. Again all the information you need for your club to apply for a grant is on the web site.

Thank you all for what you are doing for the children of the world.

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### **Kiwanis One Day - 10/29/2017**

*Club: Fargo - Submitted by: Rachael Disrud*

Kiwanis One Day was celebrated on Saturday, October 29 at Charism, a center for families in Community Homes. The event was led by the Fargo Kiwanis Club who invited all Fargo Moorhead Clubs to join in. Key Clubs from Oak Grove and Fargo High Schools participated through providing face painting for the children and making decorations for families to enjoy. Other contributions included changing light bulbs, updating smoke alarms, dancing, music, Halloween treats and other projects as needed. Even though the first winter storm interrupted the event, many Kiwanians shared in the service project which has the potential to become an annual event.



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### **An Opportunity to Develop Future Service Leaders - 10/29/2017**

*Submitted by: Lowell Disrud*

The function of the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis Educational Foundation is to provide scholarship funds to graduating High School seniors from the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District. Therefore, the Kiwanis Educational Foundation offers an on-going youth service project for every club.



Each Kiwanis Club in the District is asked to give at least a \$100.00 donation annually to the scholarship fund through the Century Club donation process. This annual donation can be taken from Youth Activities funds, Project Profit funds or Administrative funds whichever is most convenient.

Thank you to the many clubs that have faithfully made their annual contribution to the Foundation and make it a line item in their annual budget. If your club has not yet made its contribution for the 2017-2018 year now would be a great time to do so.

A meaningful way to honor your outgoing president or other dedicated member is to present them with a Vantine Life Fellowship by donating \$100.00 to the foundation in their name.

Your contribution can be sent to:

**Educational Foundation Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District**  
**914 Southern Pine Ln SW**  
**Rochester, Minnesota 55902**  
**Attention: Jack Zierdt, Secretary**

Please include a note identifying your club or member receiving the Vantine Fellowship.

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**Year Starts With Multiple Projects For Bismarck Club - 10/28/2017**  
*Club: Bismarck - Submitted by: Paul Schadewald*

The Bismarck Kiwanis Club hosted the MN-DAK District Division 1 Governor's Conference on October 14 in Bismarck. Governor Dan Leikvold and Joe Kalvoda, Principal of South Central High School headed the agenda. We had a very nice and informative event.

Bismarck member, Brett Mealio was presented our Club's Kiwanian of the Year Award. Brett is a key organizer/worker for both our Bids

For Kids and Pancake Day fund raisers as well as our Board. The Bids For Kids TV auction will be held on Friday, December 1 on KXMB-TV. It is our largest fundraising event. Local businesses donate items that are auctioned via TV. Our members, along with our three Key Clubs will staff the auction. We now have Key Clubs at Bismarck High, Legacy High and Shiloh High. Their help is greatly appreciated.

Preparations are being made to have our members help with Salvation Army bell ringing starting November 18. We just had a Reading Is Fundamental book distribution at Theodore Jamerson Elementary School. Our club provides two \$1400 grants each year to provide books at two schools.



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#### **A Salute - 10/28/2017**

*Club: Rapid City - Submitted by: Vern Hagedorn*

Our club's signature project has been "The Shoe Project." With the help of the Stearn Foundation, along with club funds, we purchase new shoes and five pairs of stocking for needy K-12 students. The students are recommended by their school guidance counselor. For eleven years club member Lonnie Tutsch has been the coordinator of the project. During that eleven year period of time, 4096 youth in 25 Rapid City area schools have received a new pair of shoes and 21,494 pairs of stockings were also distributed. In the last 133 months of this project a total of \$99,558.97 was donated through this project. At the conclusion of our next shoe purchase in October that total donation will well exceed \$100,000. A salute to Lonnie Tutsch for a tremendous job of coordinating this project!



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#### **Kids' Kitchen Signature Feature of New Boys & Girls Club - 10/24/2017**

*Club: Watertown - Submitted by: Tim Oviatt*

"Kids' Kitchen" will be a newly featured signature facility in the remodeled and expanded Boys & Girls Club of Watertown when it reopens ahead of the 2018-19 school year. "Watertown's Kiwanis Club

will partner with the club and furnish the designated “Kids’ Kitchen” area with \$25,000 worth of appliances, cookware supplies, utensils, cabinets, tables, chairs and audio-visual equipment,” announced Mat Nelson, Kiwanis president at this week’s club meeting.

“Learning how to prepare healthy meals and snacks is an important skill in life, and the earlier children start acquiring this valuable skill, the sooner they will gain an understanding of the importance of a healthy and balanced diet,” observed Louis Canfield, director of operations at the Boys & Girls Club. “Kids’ Kitchen will facilitate this learning experience in a fun and safe manner,” he added.

“Kids’ Kitchen will assist its young users to improve their overall well-being in many ways,” said Nelson. “Sensory skills of tasting, touching and smelling, motor skills in hand-eye coordination, mathematics as they follow measuring directions in recipes, the importance of safety when dealing with food, utensils and appliances and important social skills as the kids learn from one another and cooperate as they prepare recipes in the Kids’ Kitchen are just a few of the big pluses this new feature at the club will offer its members,” added Nelson.

Kids’ Kitchen will also serve to host community partnerships, particularly the current one with the Master Gardeners, where club members learn to plant and care for a garden. With Kids’ Kitchen, the garden’s produce can now be harvested and used in recipes and consumed by club members.

Kid’s Kitchen will be located near the commercial kitchen, which serves about 100,000 meals annually. It will be another key location within the Boys & Girls Club to host meetings and conduct training for the staff as well as serve snacks and full meals to the club’s members.

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### **Discovering the Past and Future at Kiwanis Camp Patterson - 10/23/2017**

*Club: Mankato - Submitted by: Sharon Taylor*

Kiwanis Camp Patterson is a youth-oriented facility created in 1927 by the Mankato Downtown Kiwanis Club for the express purpose of giving children an opportunity to enjoy a camping experience at low costs. Kiwanis Camp Patterson is nestled on the shores of Lake Washington in South Central Minnesota.



Recently, Pat Purcell, 94, a past youthful visitor of Kiwanis Camp

Patterson visited with current Mankato Downtown Kiwanis Club member Mary Hokanson. "Is that camp still there?" Pat Purcell asked Mary. "I thought that would be long gone by now", she said. She thinks she attended as a Campfire Girl, but at age 94, Pat's not sure what group brought her there, but she fondly remembers the feeling of excitement, contentment, challenge, and peace the camp carried in its buildings, staff, and grounds.

This past summer, she had a chance to walk the camp area again, softly whispering, "Oh, the beach! I remember the beach. What fun we had there." She strolled over the pine needles with help from her son visiting from Austria. He has heard the stories and now understands what a special place Kiwanis Camp Patterson is and has been for so many years.

Full of surprises and changes over the years, thousands of young people have had an opportunity to experience Mother Nature on land and in the waters of Lake Washington. Under the direction of the Downtown Mankato Kiwanis Club, it remains a viable treasure hosting 2,500 children annually during the four-month camping season.

Article by May Hokanson

Photo of building: The lodge building holds the dining area with kitchen on the main floor and indoor play and shelter-safety area in the lower level. (Photo by Mary Hokanson)

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**Fridley Key Club: Helping Others One Sock at a Time - 10/23/2017**  
*Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Emily Rice*

Students at Fridley High School serve for thousands of hours every year to improve the community. Between volunteering at the State Fair, building dressers with local Kiwanians, or teeter-tottering for days on end to end maternal/neonatal tetanus, the Fridley Key Club does a variety of things to make Fridley, and the world, a better place. However, with the introduction of Socktober this year, the FHS Key Club is making change with socks for the very first time.



Inspired by Kid President, from the youtube channel SoulPancake, Socktober uses the month of October to collect socks for those in need. Socks are the least donated and most requested item by homeless shelters. Socktober fights to crush the gap between demand and supply for socks. The

Fridley Key Club has joined this fight by hosting a variety of events throughout October.

The Socktober, on October 6th, was the kick-off event for Fridley's Socktober month. A group of 52 Key Clubbers, 2 Circle K members, 4 Kiwanians, and a Key Club parent pledged socks and spent the night on the high school Football field in cardboard boxes to raise awareness and curiosity for Socktober. During the event, 399 socks were collected. An additional 154 were donated prior to the event as well.

Key Clubbers from Fridley are continuing to collect socks and approach their goal of 1000 socks. Donations can be brought to Fridley High School. Have a sock-tastic October!

Emily Rice

Socktober Committee Chair

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#### **Messer Award - 10/23/2017**

*Club: Fargo South Point - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn*

Joel Hektner, secretary of the Fargo South Point Kiwanis club was presented a Joseph Messer Fellowship plaque, by Larry Rittgarn. The Joseph Messer fellowship provides scholarship opportunities for graduating high school seniors. This Fellowship was presented to Joel in memory of his parents, Past Kiwanis Governor Vernon and Leona Hektner.



#### **2017 Kiwanis Holiday Lights - 10/23/2017**

*Club: Mankato - Submitted by: Mary Hokanson*

Circle K club members from across the MNDK district gathered on Saturday, October 14 to assist the Mankato Downtown Kiwanis Club in readying the holiday lights displays for the 2017 Kiwanis Holiday Lights event that takes place in Sibley Park in Mankato, MN. Many Circle K'ers added new lights to the reindeer while others rolled lights on the new plastic spools.



1,735 volunteers worked last year to make this event happen culminating in 11.6 tons of food being donated by the end of the event. The Kiwanis Holiday Lights takes place with an opening night parade on November 24 and runs through December 31. Visit their website at <http://kiwanisholidaylights.com/>

<https://youtu.be/DGtLVc3d3Wo> View video- Downtown Mankato Kiwanis Escaping Reindeer and Lights October 14, 2017 5:29 min.

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**Madison Kiwanis One Day Project - 10/21/2017**  
*Club: Madison - Submitted by: Jeanene Munsterman*

MADISON KIWANIS CLUB CLEANS GRAVESTONES  
FOR KIWANIS ONE DAY PROJECT

Each year Kiwanis members around the world join together for one day of community service. This year the Madison Kiwanis members chose to clean the gravestones at the Faith Lutheran Cemetery in Madison as their project. After many years of exposure to the elements gravestones become discolored and difficult to read. Kiwanis scrubbed numerous gravestones making them easier to read.



photo: Carlyle Larsen, a Madison Kiwanis member for 52 years, led the gravestone cleaning project

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**West Fargo Key Club - 10/19/2017**  
*Club: Fargo Rough Riders - Submitted by: Rachael Disrud*

In August, West Fargo Key Club raised money to help pay for Residents of the Veterans Home in Lisbon to travel to and attend a Red Hawks game in Fargo. The fellowship of Key Club and the Veterans were most rewarding. A good time was had by all!

## T-Shirt Wins District Level - 10/18/2017

*Club: Saint Anthony - Submitted by: Mary Dierbeck*

Aktion Club of St. Anthony is very excited about their T-Shirt AND their Scrapbook going on to International for judging. International sponsors a contest for Aktion Clubs for these items as an incentive to the Clubs. Our members worked together to comply with the requirements for this years theme of "Courage to Engage". Our 14 long time members faithfully attend our monthly meetings, rarely are we missing more that a couple. Currently we are completing a drive for "Trick or Treat" for Unicef and have pledged to donate \$250.00 to Eliminate. We also have 7 members helping with games at the St. Anthony Halloween Carnival on October 27th.



I can't tell you how heartwarming it is to work with this group of Adults with Disabilities. We just started year 5 with newly elected officers who will serve 2 years. We welcome visitors, contact me for information.

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## \$\$ Youth Golfers! - 10/18/2017

*Club: Mandan - Submitted by: Diane Lillis*

Mandan members held a putting contest for the Dakota Junior Golf Association "DJGA" in conjunction with their annual golf tournament in August. The putting contest raised \$550 and along with the club annual gift of \$250 a check was presented for \$800. Pictured are Mandan Prairie West Golf Course manager Brad Olson, Kiwanis member Barb Bakken, President of DJGA Tim Herman and Kiwanis member Rae Ann Kelsch. Barb and Rae Ann ran the VERY successful putting contest.



## 40th Annual Touch-A-Life Award - 10/10/2017

*Club: Willmar - Submitted by: Dennis Hier*

PHOTO: Newly elected president of the Willmar Kiwanis Club, Christina Boike, shown with Carol Myers, recipient of Willmar Kiwanis's 40th Annual "Touch-A-Life Award".



#### 40th Annual Willmar Kiwanis Club - Touch-A-Life Award

For 40 years, the Willmar Kiwanis Club has been presenting its Touch-A-Life Award to an outstanding citizen of the Willmar area showing extraordinary volunteer community service. This year's award was presented to Carol Myers at a Kiwanis banquet held on Oct. 5, 2017, in nearby Spicer, MN.

For 55 years Carol has lived and served the Willmar community in a variety of ways. For many years she worked as a Radiology Technician at both Rice Hospital and ACMC. The Touch-A-Life award was given to her by Willmar Kiwanis in recognition of her tireless volunteer work in the community. Among the highlights were:

- \*Rice Hospital Hospice Program Volunteer
- \*United Way Volunteer
- \*St. Mary's Catholic Church Volunteer
- \*Served on Independence Place Marketing Committee
- \*Active in Family Promise, a program providing aid to the homeless.
- \*Safe Avenues Volunteer, an organization providing help to victims of Domestic Violence
- \*Willmar School District Volunteer
- \*Served on Board of Directors of Wilmar Area Food Shelf
- \*Served on Willmar Park & Rec Board
- \*Past Member of Willmar Jaycees
- \*Willmar State Hospital Volunteer

For the above and many other reasons, Willmar Kiwanis was pleased to present its 40th consecutive award to Carol with much appreciation and thanksgiving for her service.

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**2017-2018 Officers and Board of Directors - 10/4/2017**  
*Club: Marshall Area - Submitted by: Renee Suby*

Kiwanis Club of Marshall Area started a new club year 10/1/17! Dee Emmerich, Kiwanis Division 6 Lt. Governor, completed officer and board member installation at the club's meeting on 10/4/17.



Pictured: Board Member: Andrew Suby (Andrew Suby State Farm); Vice President: Dr. Rob Hennen (HealthSource of Marshall); Kiwanis Division 6 Lt. Governor: Dee Emmerich; Treasurer: Trista Link (New Horizons Crisis Center); President: Renee Suby (private member); Board Member: Tom Bolin (Marshall Area YMCA). Not Pictured: Past President: Jana Reilly (Keller Williams Preferred Realty), Board Members: Erik Vogel (SMSU Foundation), and Paul Goode (Runchey, Louwagie & Wellman).

The Marshall Area Kiwanis Club is a dedicated group of men and women whose focus is improving the lives of Children in the Marshall area and around the world. Join Kiwanis from 12-1pm at the American Legion, Downtown Marshall, on the 1st Wednesday of each month, where guest speakers from the community educate members and guests about local organizations, and club business is discussed. Guests are welcome, and corporate sponsorships are available!

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### **64 Years of Baseball - 10/3/2017**

*Club: Mandan - Submitted by: Diane Lillis*

Mandan Kiwanis has sponsored Youth Baseball since 1953. The club presented a check to the Mandan Park District at their September board meeting for \$9000 for Youth Baseball. The club sells advertising to local businesses for the team shirts for the nearly 600 youth registered each year.



Pictured is member Diane Lillis Youth Services Chairman, member Cole Higlin Director of Mandan Park District, Dave Frueh Recreation Director with Mandan Park District, member Carol Nitschke Division 1 Lt. Governor, and Co-President Gene Kautzman.

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### **Mandan Does it Again! - 10/3/2017**

*Club: Mandan - Submitted by: Diane Lillis*

Members presented the balance of the club's commitment to the Universal Playground a multipurpose ADA accessible playground that includes bathrooms, equipment and floor surface constructed in 2014. Pictured are club members Diane Lillis Youth Services Chairman, Gene Kautzman Co-President, Cole Higlin Parks & Rec Director, and Division 1 Lt. Governor Carol Nitschke.

