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Time to Grow

by: Bruce Klair, District Governor, 2009-2010

Happy New Year! The start of a new Kiwanis year always brings new enthusiasm, fresh ideas and a chance to rededicate ourselves to Kiwanis service. I want to wish everyone enjoyment and success as we start this new Kiwanis year.

Congratulations and best wishes to those of you who are embarking in a new position within the Kiwanis family this year, whether it is at the Club, Regional, District or International level. Thank you for stepping up and showing a willingness to serve this great organization.

For those of you that are completing your term in office, thank you so much for your service. Although your term may be over, you are still a leader. Your club, your Region and the District needs you. You have gained some valuable experience and knowledge, and now is the time to share what you have learned. Mentor your successors, and be willing to move into another position of responsibility when the opportunity presents itself.

Many clubs are recognizing their past officers with a plaque or a certificate. Another great way for a club to recognize their past officers along with this plaque is with a gift of a Vantine Life Fellow from our District Educational Foundation.

For a contribution of \$100 this person will receive a Vantine Life Fellow Certificate, a wallet card and the satisfaction of knowing that their gift will produce interest-bearing income and provide scholarship funds year after year.

International president Paul Palazzolo has made this year's theme "**It's Time to Grow**". If we are to achieve our Kiwanis goal of one million members world wide by 2015, we must set our District's goals high. This year our District goal is to form at least one new Kiwanis Club in each of our 7 Regions. We have already identified communities in most of our Regions that are ready to host a Kiwanis Club. And we must strengthen our current clubs. I am asking all clubs in our District to increase their membership by 5 percent. This means if you are a club of 20 members, add one member. If you are a club of 60 members, add three. If every club would add 5 percent to their membership, we would have 300 more Kiwanians in our District to serve the needs of our communities.

We have a dedicated executive team ready to help. We have enthusiastic Lt. Governors ready to help. We have inspired sponsored programs ready to help. Together we can make this the greatest year ever. It's time to grow.



Who Was Your Kiwanis Sponsor?

Submitted by: Paul Palazzolo, International President

Can you name the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize last year? Who was the most valuable player in Super Bowl XLII? Who asked you to join your Kiwanis Club?

The reason the last question is easier to answer is simply because that person made a difference in your life. If I could meet your Kiwanis sponsor, I'd proudly shake their hand in gratitude. As a Kiwanian, when you help a child, it's almost as if your sponsor were involved. It's a legacy of service.



Strengthening your club's membership builds that legacy of Kiwanis service. During 2009-10, I'm asking you to help your club achieve its potential for service by achieving its potential for membership strength. Your club can achieve its potential by coordinating four membership efforts during the year:

- October: Walk the Talk – All Kiwanis Leaders sponsor at least one new member. It's not too late to generate the momentum for this effort right now!
- January: Stay Flexible by taking advantage of the new flexible membership initiatives like satellite clubs and corporate membership.
- May: Kiwanis Membership Month – Work with your club to plan now for a full-scale effort.
- September: Keep it in the Kiwanis Family by asking family and faculty of your sponsored clubs to join your club.

As a leader in Kiwanis, October is the time to set the pace for an entire year of membership growth. Please check out the details for each of these club membership initiatives on the Kiwanis website at: www.kiwanisone.org/reveal and plan now to grow for service.

The greatest gift of gratitude to your Kiwanis sponsor is to return the favor and sponsor another new Kiwanian into your club. Let's use the concepts in the "Reveal" initiative to build that legacy of Kiwanis service. Thanks for making time to make a difference.

Register now for the 2010 Kiwanis Convention

Need to register for the 95th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas? Looking for updates on workshops, sessions, speakers and ticketed events? Check out the 2010 Kiwanis International Convention microsite at www.KiwanisOne.org/convention for all this information and more! And don't miss out on early-bird registration. Register before January 31 and save US\$55.

Update from the Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary-Treasurer

Submitted by: Steve Handegaard

October is the start of another Kiwanis year. Welcome to our new Governor, Bruce Klair and the great team of Lt. Governors and other district leaders. They will be working hard to promote and support Kiwanis in your area. They are there to help local clubs at any time. Just give them a call. A directory of all of the new District Officers and Lt. Governors can be found on our district website. http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/public_district/pub_Content.aspx?Page=79



- **DISTRICT WEBSITE and MINNEKOTAN !!!** If you have club “news” that would be of interest to other clubs around the district, please submit them to our website....things like new service projects or fundraising ideas that your club has tried. You can also share a photo. Your story will also appear in the monthly MINNEKOTAN. The news submission form is located on the “News” menu of the new website. http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/public_district/Pub_News_Submission_Form.aspx

- **Important upcoming dates to remember:** You will be able to view a list of 2009-2010 events and dates on the new district website. Look for “Events” on the menu. http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/public_district/ViewEventListing.aspx

- **Monthly Club Reporting:** Just a reminder to club secretaries and presidents that if you have submitted all of your 08-09 monthly club reports online, you will not need to do a separate Annual Report. All of the necessary information will already have been submitted via your monthly reports. Complete your September report by no later than October 10th.

- **“Distinguished Club Award” for 2008-2009:** If your club will meet the criteria for 2008-2009 Distinguished Club, be sure that all of your 2008-2009 monthly club reports have been submitted online by October 10. Most of the data to support the award will be gathered from the monthly online reports.

- **Club meeting times and locations:** Just a reminder to keep your club meeting time and location up to date on the Kiwanis International website. Anyone visiting the Kiwanis International website can now search for clubs anywhere in the world. The “Find a Club” is found in the upper left corner of the Kiwanis International website <http://www.kiwanis.org/> Give it a try. See if your club information is current. Your club secretary can update your club meeting location online at anytime through the same portal that is used for monthly club reporting. Many prospective members use this online search method to find a club.

If I can be of any assistance, please give me a call.

Have a great Kiwanis year!

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Kiwanis International Foundation

Submitted by: Chuck Schroder, District Chair, KI Foundation

I first want to thank all Kiwanians in the Minnesota Dakota's district for your contributions to the foundation this past year. Because of you, we have reached an all time high for our district and we have been able to reach out and help the children of the world. We have raised over \$24,000.00 and hoping to reach \$25,000.00 before the end of the September. This can be done if the clubs that have not given yet would step up and help.



We have had a banner year in our district. We had a Robert P. Connelly winner Ryan Jorgensen who got to go before the International convention in Nashville. There's nothing nobler than risking your life to save others. That's what's behind the Kiwanis International Foundation's Robert P. Connelly Medal of Heroism, awarded to those who put the well-being of others above their own. To date, more than 600 people have been so honored. At the convention this past summer another name was added and it was Ryan's. Once again our congratulations go out to Ryan and his family. If your club knows of people who risked their lives to save another, nominate them for the Connelly award. We had two clubs receive grants from the foundation. They are: Rapid City for their shoe program and Sioux Falls, Daybreak for its program with the Spinosa Bears. Then what can I say, what an honor for our district to have Stewart Ross elected to a three term as an International Trustee. Way to go Stewart.

We now have to start thinking ahead for next year and how we can continue. If any of you wish to donate to the raffle next year, please let me know. Again a real big **THANK YOU** for all the you have given the foundation.

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Keys to Kiwanis growth

More than 12,000 people have joined Kiwanis since the beginning of the 1-2-3 You Hold the Key program because members did a simple thing. They invited someone to join.

The 1-2-3 You Hold the Key program is simple—and fun. Here's how it works:

- Recruit one new member and you'll receive a bronze key lapel pin.
- Recruit two new members and you'll receive a silver key lapel pin.
- Recruit three new members and you'll receive a gold key lapel pin.

It is recommended that clubs recognize members for their growth efforts. Clubs can order keys free of charge by calling 800-KIWANIS, ext. 411 (U.S. and Canada) or 317-875-8755, ext. 411, or by e-mailing memberservices@kiwanis.org.

The program runs on the Kiwanis administrative year, beginning October 1. Gold key recipients will be recognized at the 2010 Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas.

More information is available at www.kiwanisone.org/123.

2009-2010 Interclub Award Criteria

.....Please note the timeline change beginning 2009-1010.....

To qualify for an interclub award banner patch, a club must:

1. Have a minimum 2 club members attend each visit.
2. Club must have a minimum of 8 different clubs visited. More that 8 may be reported, but there must be 8 unique clubs visited to qualify.
3. Visit must be to a regular club meeting or club board of directors meeting. (note: conventions, fund raisers, service projects, Lt. Gov. or district Governor's visit DO NOT qualify as a club visit)
4. The visited club may be any K-Family club. (that includes sponsored Key Clubs, Circle K, K-Kids, Aktion and Builders Clubs)
5. The club visited may be in any Min-Dak region or any Kiwanis district. (no location requirement)
6. **Note change:** Beginning with the 2009-2010 Kiwanis year, the interclub visit timeline will change to coincide with the Kiwanis year – October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010. Award patches will be distributed to qualifying clubs at a later date.
7. **The visit must be reported on the club online monthly report.** It may also be reported via e-mail or via regular mail the to the district interclub chairperson- Joe Hesch.

See what's new on Center Stage

Check out Kiwanis International's new storytelling site, Center Stage, where your best projects become Kiwanis' best stories.

The Web site, www.kiwanis.org/centerstage , launched early in 2009. If you have a project you think should be featured on Center Stage, please e-mail the public relations team at Kiwanis International today at centerstage@kiwanis.org.

Distinguished Award Criteria for 2009-2010

Distinguished Member

To qualify, a club member must:

- Sponsor two (2) new members.
- Attend either a midyear conference, International convention, or district convention. Equivalent meeting may be Kiwanis University, Zone or Regional Conference, or other district event.
- Participate in six (6) Kiwanis service efforts.
- Financially support the Kiwanis International Foundation.

The club president will verify those Kiwanians qualifying for Distinguished Member recognition. Distinguished Members will receive a lapel pin and recognition at the 2010 Kiwanis International Convention (for 2008-09 recipients) and at the 2011 Kiwanis International Convention (for 2009-10 recipients).

Distinguished Club

To qualify, a club must excel in service, leadership education, and growth.

Service:

- The Kiwanis club fulfills its responsibilities to Service Leadership Program club(s) (K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K, Aktion Club, or Kiwanis Junior), which includes providing club leadership education to club officers - 10 points
- The Kiwanis club builds and charters a new Service Leadership Program club (K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K, Aktion Club, or Kiwanis Junior) - 5 points maximum
- The Kiwanis club participates in a Kiwanis-branded service project, such as Young Children: Priority One, Read Around the World, Bring Up Grades, Terrific Kids, Key Leader - 10 points
- The Kiwanis club financially supports the Kiwanis International Foundation - 10 points

Leadership Education:

- The Kiwanis club president and secretary participate in the Club Leadership Education (CLE) training session (or equivalent) prior to assuming office - 20 points (10 points per officer)
- The Kiwanis Club ensures that all new members receive the Kiwanis International new member orientation - 10 points
- The Kiwanis club is represented at two of the following three educational opportunities: the district midyear conference (or equivalent of Kiwanis University, zone conference, regional conference), the Kiwanis International convention or the Kiwanis district convention - 10 points

Growth:

- The Kiwanis club has a net membership gain by the end of the administrative year.

1 member - 10 points

2 members - 20 points

3 members - 30 points

More than 5 members - additional 10 points

- The Kiwanis club sponsors (or co-sponsors) a new Kiwanis club - 20 points

A Kiwanis club that accumulates at least 80 points and has properly submitted its monthly reports will qualify as distinguished and receive appropriate recognition acknowledging the achievement. The president of a distinguished club who also has received distinguished member recognition will receive a Distinguished President lapel pin. The Secretary of a distinguished club who also has received Distinguished Member recognition will receive a Distinguished Secretary lapel pin.

Volunteer Sioux Falls

Submitted by: Bill Daugherty

On Saturday, Sept. 26th the South Sioux Falls Kiwanis club volunteered at the Sioux Falls Visitation Center during an all city volunteer day sponsored by the Help Line Center. The Theme for the day was "One Day. One Community. Hundreds of Hands."

Our project involved collecting teddy bears for the children passing through the Center, painting a reception room, providing wall art for the room, as well as general clean up around the building. Over the course of the month over 900 teddy bears were collected, cleaned and then delivered on Sept. 26th. The club was assisted by members of Sioux Falls East Kiwanis Club as well as Circle K members from Augustana College.

The visitation Center provides a safe environment for the children who are being transferred between parents involved in pre or post divorce proceedings. As a part of the program each child is able to select a teddy bear or safty bear to be with during this change of custody. Once the visitation is completed, the teddy bear is returned to the center with the child. The bear then remains in the center until the next scheduled visitation.

Twenty-six Kiwanians met to paint and sort and place the teddy bears in the Bear Collection Room. There were two shifts during the day. At the end of the day all involved were thankful that they had had the opportunity to provide this service to a local agency helping young children and families through sometimes trying times.



New Service Leadership Programs chartering tools: Investing in lifelong servant leaders

Interested in chartering a new Key Club or Builders Club? How about Circle K or Aktion Club? Or, is your Kiwanis club interested in chartering a new youth club, but you just aren't sure which one? You're in luck. A new Service Leadership Programs sponsorship guide will make it easier than ever for your Kiwanis club to charter a new youth or adult program.

K-Kids, Bring Up Grades, Builders Club, Key Club, Key Leader, Circle K International and Aktion Club empower participants to make an impact on their communities and the world. By investing your time in these programs, you sow the seeds of service—and a lifelong commitment to caring.

The new Service Leadership Programs sponsorship guide outlines each of the eight clubs and programs. And the three easy steps to chartering—find, lead, serve—are explained in detail. Contact Member Services today at 317-875-8755, ext. 411 (worldwide) or 800-KIWANIS, ext. 411 (USA and Canada) to order the SLP sponsorship guide.

If you're ready to charter and just need to download the petition to charter and club bylaws, you can find resources at www.kiwanis.org/charter.

Note: The sponsorship guide and online tools are replacing the Club Building #1 and Club Building #2 kits for each of the Service Leadership Programs.

Kiwanis Magazine - Focus on family

Paul Palazzolo grew up in the Kiwanis family, so he knows firsthand Kiwanians can make a true difference in young people's lives. Now he's using the leadership training he received as a Springfield, Illinois, Key Club member to guide Kiwanis as its 2009–10 International President.

Read more about President Palazzolo in the October 2009 issue of KIWANIS magazine.

Plus:

Serve abroad. Learn the ABCs of international service.

Empower youth. Find what happens when you tap into young people's ideas; an interview former Key Clubber Laura Dover, who's been recognized as one of the United States' top college students.

Listen and learn. Go audio with Athens, Georgia, Kiwanians as they transform KIWANIS magazine text into CDs for members who have vision impairments.

Look for bonus content and quick links to resources at www.kiwanismagazine.org.

Past District Officers Association (PDOA)

Submitted by: Dale Carlson

Past Lieutenant Governors, Past Governors, and Past District Secretary-Treasurers of Kiwanis International in good standing in a Kiwanis Club of the Minnesota-Dakotas District are eligible for membership in the Past District Officers Association.

The following is taken directly from the first part of the Bylaws of the PDOA:

PURPOSE

The general purposes of the Past District Officers Association shall be:

- To utilize the training, skills and dedication of the Past District officers of the Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International to serve Kiwanis at all levels.
- To give direction, focus, unity, encouragement and emphasis to the service of Past District Officers of the Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International.
- To equip Past District Officers to serve in Kiwanis and to recognize and award them for the services they perform at all levels of Kiwanis.

The specific purpose of this organization shall be to encourage Past District Officers to participate in Kiwanis activities and to serve Kiwanis in the following ways:

- To provide leadership for the expansion of clubs throughout the regions and the District.
- To assist the District, regional and club membership committees to increase the membership in each club.
- To aid and assist in the retention of members.
- To promote District and regional projects in cooperation with both the District and various Regional Leadership Teams.
- To act as advisor and consultant to clubs in their region.
- To promote the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis Educational Foundation, Inc.
- To help Kiwanis Sponsored Youth organizations.
- To promote Regional Councils in every region.
- To provide an opportunity for fellowship among Past District Officers.
- To promote participation of Past District Officers in the activities of the regions and District.
- To assist Regional and District Leadership Teams in seeking out and encouraging qualified Kiwanians for election to regional and District positions.
- To promote attendance at District and International Conventions and other regional and District functions.
- To provide assistance to regional and District leadership teams and work to create harmony and unity in the regions at the Leadership Teams' request.
- To carry out all activities in concert with and under the direction of the District and Regional Leadership Teams.

To help with these purposes each region has an appointed Regional Representative. Any Kiwanian or Regional Leadership Team is encouraged to contact the Regional Representative if they would like PDOA help in any way or if they have ideas on how to make the PDOA a better and more effective organization.

Regional Representatives are:

Region 1. Jim Bekken
Region 2. Dan Neller
Region 3. Joe Hesch
Region 4. Don Workentine
Region 5. Vern Kahre
Region 6. Dwain Petersen
Region 7. Jack Zierdt

All past district officers are encouraged to be part of the PDOA. If you read this and are not currently receiving information from PDOA, you are encouraged to contact Treasurer Joe Rust at: 807 Southwest Third Ave., Grand Rapids, MN 55744 rust@paulbunyan.net

Annual dues are \$10.00 and should be sent to Joe Rust at the address above.

Small in numbers....not in determination

Submitted by: Jean Hafften. Buffalo Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of Buffalo, Minnesota may be one of the smallest clubs in the Mn-Dak District but don't let their small size fool you. With only ten members they find that determination, imagination and friendships overcome most obstacles they encounter.

Membership is the bane of every club and so it has been with Buffalo. Lately however, the Club has recruited new members and will be welcoming more new members in the next few months. This is great news for the club as it opens more doors of opportunity to provide service to the Buffalo community.

The Buffalo Club will be starting a "Reading Around the World" program at their local "Head Start" . Manpower has been an issue for service projects in the past and it was easier for the club to fund raise.....so that's what they did. Their two largest endeavors are a three day "Mothers' Day" plant sale and a food booth at the Buffalo Arts and Crafts Festival every August. They also sell Poinsettias at Christmas time and Spring plants for the Easter season. Manpower was a joint effort with Buffalo's Girl Scouts, Phoenix Learning Center students and members of another service group in Buffalo.

That is an example of the club's creativity....and cooperation....and friendships with other groups while still maintaining their Kiwanis identity. A portion of the proceeds is then donated to the "support" group for their help. It is a "win-win" for everyone, especially the children of the Buffalo area. The Buffalo Kiwanians plan to be more involved "serving the children of the world" as well as providing funding as they have in the past.

LOOK OUT WORLDHERE COMES THE KIWANIS CLUB OF BUFFALO

To view more news and current and past MINNEKOTAN newsletters go to www.mndak-kiwanis.org and click on "News".

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Be sure to select "MnDak Kiwanis Newsletter" from the list.

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