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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

Minn-Dak is great! We Must Work Hard to Keep It That Way! - 9/29/2017

Submitted by: Dan Leikvold

With the onset of fall and the turning of the leaves, we begin the start of a new Kiwanis calendar year. On October 1, 2017, Jim Rochford will become President of Kiwanis International, and I will have the good fortune of starting my year as the Governor of the Minnesota-Dakotas District.



I would like to thank my immediate predecessor, Peter Larson of the Moorhead Club, for his service as Governor during the 2016-2017 year. Peter has a passion for our organization and over the course of his term, he has lived out the motto that "Kids Need Kiwanis." I know he will continue to support our mission and will be a great help to me in the coming months. Please join me in thanking Peter for his service.

By way of introduction, I am married to Tracy, have two children, Taylor and Braeden, and am an educator by trade. I live in the northern Black Hills of South Dakota and have been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Lead for thirteen years.

I can truly say that I believe Kiwanis is a great organization with a tremendously important mission and I am proud to have the opportunity to be a part of it. The reason that Kiwanis is such an excellent organization is clear—it is because of the dedication and commitment of so many quality individuals in so many of our clubs. It brings me great joy to see all of the goodness and kindness that the folks in our clubs show to the children and the families in our communities every day. During my time in Kiwanis, I have repeatedly seen the generosity of our members. It is just so amazing to see how so many can give so much to so many they don't know and with whom they may have little or nothing in common.

Like all of you, I believe strongly in the value of putting public service over personal ambition and the need to place a large emphasis on helping our children and families. Like all of you, I believe Kiwanis is a great vehicle for addressing many of the challenges in our communities and for "serving the children of the world." My promise to you is that I will do my best and I will work very hard to help make our clubs and our organization even better.

With all of the greatness of our organization, we do know we still have work to do to provide even more to our kids and families. It's no secret, we need to strengthen our membership. Over the course of the past several years, both our overall number of members, as well as the number of clubs in the District, have declined. In order to deliver on our goal of "serving the children of the world," we need

to have a renewed focus on growing our membership.

It won't be easy, but we have a plan to do so. Working together, we can strengthen our existing clubs that need it while at the same time focusing on building new clubs where possible. Our Mn-Dak Formula Growth Team, led by Sherry Scudder, Dave Odette, and Loreena Luetgers, have the expertise and the drive to get us moving back in the right direction.

In addition, we need to always look for new ways to conduct service to help children and communities, and can never lose sight of the fact that "Kids Need Kiwanis." We need to look for new and relevant opportunities for service and we need to support and collaborate with our partners in the Kiwanis sponsored Service Leadership Programs such as Key Club, Circle K, Builders Club, K-Kids, and Aktion Club.

We know that not everyone can participate actively in all of our service projects, but we do know there are other ways to help, including by giving to the Minnesota-Dakotas Education Foundation, the Kiwanis Children's Fund and to the Mn-Dak Outreach Fund. Please make giving to these entities a priority.

Lastly, I would like to take a moment to thank all of you, the members and the clubs in the Minnesota-Dakotas District, for all of the great work you have done, are doing, and will do, to help make the lives and the futures of the children and the families in our communities so much better. I believe that through enhanced communication and the power of positive relationships, so much is possible. I look forward to visiting your division and your clubs and meeting many of you throughout the course of the next year. I look forward to working with you as we extend the great legacy and tradition of Kiwanis in the Minnesota-Dakotas District. Thank you.

Formula Team, Are You Ready? - 9/29/2017

Submitted by: Sharon Scudder

Wow, I Love it, I will Share it and I will Live it. I have big shoes to fill. Bruce Klair has done a wonderful job with the Formula Team but due to health reasons, he decided to step away from the Chairmanship of the Formula Team. Now I mentioned I in my opening comments but this Chairmanship is not about I, it is about

us. Together, we need to make a difference.

We have quite the challenge ahead of us this year with Governor Dan's proposed new Clubs to be opened. I cannot do it alone. I will need the help from every Lt. Governor and their team as well as the Club Presidents and members.



Division 4 is working a 3-2-1 Club in Sturgis, and Cindy and her team are working faithfully on opening a new club in Bemidji. We are keeping our fingers and toes crossed that they start our year off to a good start. We plan to visit some Clubs in Division 7 in November with the help of Lt. Governor Randy and his team. What a sharp fellow Randy is and I know he and his team will be successful.

I ask all the clubs to make sure that your membership is up-to-date so we have a good chance of getting the true picture of the membership so we can make a plan to obtain new members and open new clubs. I do not want to forget that we have a wonderful Co-Chair team of David Odette and Loreena Luetgers who are working hard to retain and strengthen your clubs. They are excellent in what they do so please give them a shout to help or aid you in anyway to keep those valuable members.

I am excited, scared and happy all at the same time. Excited for the challenge, Scared because Bruce did a great job and I have so much to learn and happy because I know you all will help me help our Kiwanis MN-DAK District. Don't be surprise if I call on you to help. Have a great October and beginning of our New Kiwanis Year.

October Update - 9/29/2017

Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

October is the start of another Kiwanis year. Welcome to our new Governor, Dan Leikvold 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 or send them an email.



2017-2018 Directory of District Kiwanis Officers: A directory of all of the new District Officers and Lt.

Governors can be found on our district website.

<https://portalbuzzuserfiles.s3.amazonaws.com/ou-87/userfiles/files/district%20leadership%20directory%202017-2018.pdf>

Important information for processing your club's membership for the 2017-2018 billing period:

Club Secretaries received this message earlier from Kiwanis International, but just a reminder!

You have until October 10 to delete non-returning members. These updates will be reflected in your 2016/2017 certified membership count. Kiwanis will use this updated information to invoice clubs in October 2017.

We appreciate your assistance in maintaining accurate membership records and reporting your membership changes on time!

Kiwanis International Club Recognition Award: Kiwanis International President Jim Rochford has announced a "new" Distinguished Club recognition program for 2017-2018. Click here for more details. <https://portalbuzzuserfiles.s3.amazonaws.com/ou-87/userfiles/files/2017-18-disting-criteria.pdf>

District Board Minutes: You can review the minutes of our District Board Meetings and the 2017 House of Delegates at the following link: [http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/\(S\(asnltu45eowqhv45clzqum5\)\)/Page/1021](http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/(S(asnltu45eowqhv45clzqum5))/Page/1021)

DISTRICT WEBSITE and MINNEKOTAN !!! Thanks to all the clubs that have submitted articles! 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_Content.aspx?PageID=109

Club Election Reports: We are still missing some club election reports. If your club has not submitted your 2017-2018 club election report, please do so right away. The easiest and preferred way to submit the election report is for the club secretary to do it online. Even if you have the same officers as last year we need to know or we will not have the necessary information to communicate with your club. Also a reminder that if any of your reported officers change during the year, the club secretary can edit the club election report online at any time.

Monthly Club Reporting: Just a reminder to club secretaries and presidents that if you have submitted all of your 2016-2017 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. If your club has a new secretary, be sure that they get registered for the online reporting program. If you have questions about that, let me know.

Club Incorporation Reminder: All Kiwanis Clubs are or should be incorporated with their respective Secretary of State. Non-Profit Corporations such as Kiwanis Clubs are also required to file an annual renewal each year. The renewals are quite easy to do, but sometimes they slip through the cracks when officers change. Each state has a slightly different procedure so see the website for your respective Secretary of State for details. You can also check the status of you club renewals online. Here are links:

- Minnesota- <http://mblsportal.sos.state.mn.us/>
- North Dakotas- <https://apps.nd.gov/sc/busnsrch/busnSearch.htm?formyear=2007>
- South Dakota- <https://sos.sd.gov/business/search.aspx>

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 on the Kiwanis International website <http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanis/clubs-for-every-age/find-a-kiwanis-club#.Ukm7CZMo7IU> Give it a try. See if your club information is current. Your club secretary can update your club meeting location online at any time 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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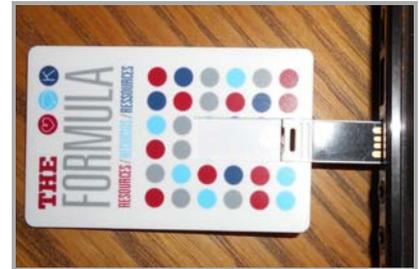
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Kiwanis Resource - 9/28/2017
Submitted by: Loreena Luetgers

Kiwanis Club Officer:

We are coming to the end of another Kiwanis year and will soon begin a new year. Each year brings new challenges and adventures with serving our children and communities throughout the world.



Membership may be one of those challenges for your club as with many clubs. The Formula, a Kiwanis program for building new clubs and strengthening existing clubs, has many tools for clubs to build their membership.

Kiwanis International has developed a new tool, a credit card style Flash Drive that has information on to help clubs. Also, the directions illustrating how the rectangle section flips out and can be inserted into the USB port of your computer is included with this information. Every club will have one of these distributed to them by the end of September. If your club secretary or president-elect hasn't received one, please contact us.

The flashcard has many ideas for membership as well as a complete copy of the Club Membership Chairs Guide. There are three very good videos that we suggest be used for a Kiwanis Education Club program and discussion. We encourage you to review all the Club Strengthening tools on the card and implement some of the items that will work for your Club. There is a template for a club brochure that can be completed with your club information. This is a tool for membership recruitment as the brochure can be given to speakers, visitors to the club and when inviting a new member.

We are here to help you with strengthening your club and its membership. Please contact us with any questions and we will be more than willing to help.

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Up With People - 9/28/2017
Submitted by: Sharon Scudder

Happy Halloween, yes this month is a time for fun. I am featuring our Kiwanis International Partner: UP WITH PEOPLE (UWP). Since 2014, Up with People and Kiwanis International members have teamed up to serve our communities, inspiring youth and expanding our impact in the world...Up with People programs open a door to service and intercultural understanding—whether it's through a local show, leadership, and cultural workshops or providing service and travel experiences for young adults. Both organizations strive to “serve the children of the world and empower youth to take action through our partnership.



Up with People aims to impact communities and youth around the world with a message of hope, optimism and faith in our common humanity. They use music and social action to empower young people to be positive agents of change and build a more hopeful trusting, and peaceful world. The touring cast acts as global citizens to inspire people and communities to embrace their ability to celebrate diversity and forge connections with different cultures. The Up with People touring cast volunteers more than 1,000 hours of community service every week of their tour. They take an active and visible role in driving awareness of each organization's brand, mission and the opportunities each organization provides. The opportunity to give back through community action projects serving many different causes is their key to help strengthen the cities they visit.

Find out more about UP With People at upwithpeople.org. Some of our Minnesota Key Clubbers have an event with UP With People so hopefully they will report a story on their successes.

Just a side note, I will be the Formula Chair for the next term and will be pretty busy with membership and club invitations so I was hoping someone will step up to the Partnership Coordinator Position for the District. Let me or Governor Dan know if you are interested. Have a Safe and Fun Halloween.

Support the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District Educational Foundation - 9/26/2017

Submitted by: Dan Leikvold

As your club starts the new Kiwanis year and you finalize plans for the coming year, make sure you include the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District Educational Foundation in your budget. The only function of the Kiwanis Educational Foundation is to provide scholarship funds to graduating high school seniors from the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District.



This past year, the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District Educational Foundation has awarded 57 total scholarships, 53 of which were \$865, 3 that were \$1,000, and one of \$250. The total money that will be given out is \$48,995. Some of the \$865 scholarships will be awarded as \$1,000 when the check is written in the fall as some clubs have sent an extra \$135 to the Educational Foundation to make their winners scholarship an even \$1,000. Other clubs award a \$135 check directly to the winning student (s) to make it a \$1,000 scholarship.

This awesome display of giving is made possible by the generous gifts and donations of the clubs and individuals in the Minnesota-Dakotas District. Each Kiwanis Club in the Minnesota-Dakotas District is asked to give at least a \$100.00 gift annually to the scholarship fund through the Century Club donation process.

To all of you who have donated to the Educational Foundation, I want to say thank you so much for your generosity and your support of our young people. I would like to encourage those of you who haven't yet given to do so. Your investment in the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District Educational Foundation is an investment in our students and in our communities. We need you to build our endowment, so our children can build their futures.

HOW TIME GOES BY - 9/24/2017

Submitted by: E. Chuck Schroder

As I sit here this evening writing this article, I think about all the wonderful things that have come about because we have participated in the Children's Fund. The help that we have been able to give to those who have suffered losses from disasters, the

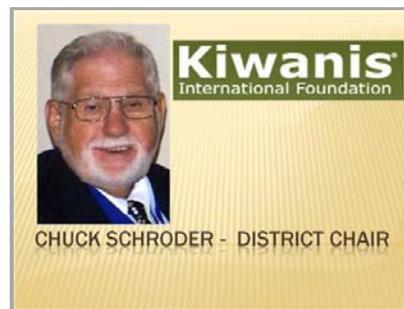
grants that have been received in our district, and the scholarships that have helped our young people go on to college. None of this would have happened if we had not given.

We have again met our goal for this year, but our job continues on every year, because of the need. Just look at the last two months.

Two Storms and soon to be a third one and the wild fires in the West. Many of our own Kiwanis members have lost their homes their lively hood, but Kiwanis has been there to give a little help where it is needed. This happens because of your giving to the Children's Fund. Our goal this year was \$35,334 and as of the 15th of September, we were at \$37,913.50 and climbing.

As your club is setting its budget for this next year, please put a line item in it for the \$10.00 pr member to the Children's Fund and a line for the districts Educational Foundation to be a century club for \$100.

Again thank you all for your support and all you do for the children of the world because Kiwanis needs children and children need Kiwanis.



SERVICE YOUR FELLOW MAN - 9/22/2017

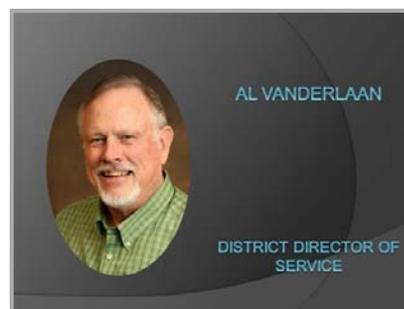
Submitted by: AL Vanderlaan

We will never go wrong if we do service for our fellow man.

Kiwanis is the fist line of service! If we don't do it who will?

As a District we have taken on books to children as a project. Scholastic and now Books for Kids are great programs. The list is growing. Angie Oshia is now our new MnDak Scholastic representative. She is stationed out of St Louis, Missouri. Her cell number is 314-502-6505. If you need help with Scholastic, call her. Ask for details on either one if you have questions.

Human trafficking has become an important issue today. We need to continue to do our best to educate our youth what to watch out for. Contact me if you want a speaker at your club.



Some Divisions have their own service programs so let me know if you have one.

Division 5 has a program to take " Gift Boxes " to the Rosebud Reservation.

Some other clubs outside Division 5 has help supplying Gift Boxes. Thank you!

On October 11th Division 5 will be going to the Rosebud for the third year. I will be picking up boxes in Sioux Falls, SD on October 5th. If you have any boxes you want to send let me know I will be taking them out.

Let's always keep our children first in our service. Let's show them how much we care!

Kiwanis Family in the Parade - 9/22/2017

Club: Fargo Rough Riders - Submitted by: Rachael Disrud

Rough Rider Kiwanis Club in Fargo has been teaming with teacher Lisa Mulvaney and the West Fargo Key Club to kick off fall events. A parade resulted in the Key Club, Circle K and Rough Riders driving two convertibles owned by Eithnea Killilea, driven by Eddie Johs and Lowell and Rachael Disrud in the West Fest Parade. Ages of walkers ranged from 12 years of age to 70. Thousands of pieces of candy were thrown to the many families who lined the streets. Both cars sported Kiwanis mottos and emblem, walkers held Kiwanis signs and a positive environment was enjoyed by all.



Fridley Key Club's State Fair Shifts - 9/20/2017

Club: Columbia Heights-Fridley - Submitted by: Daaegia Vang

On Thursday August 24th, the Fridley High School Key Club's annual shifts began at the Minnesota State Fair in St. Paul. Each year for the past 12 years, the FHS Key Club and NE Kiwanis Club have been volunteering at the State Fair. With these shifts, the Key Club fundraises money for future service projects, scholarships for conventions and various club fees. Throughout the twelve busy days of the fair, 13 Key Clubbers from the Fridley High School Key Club and Columbia Heights Key Club along with 5 NE Kiwanis members, sold hundreds of tickets in the Mighty Midway for the marvelous rides. At the end of the State fair, together, the Key Club and



NE Kiwanis fundraised a whopping \$3000! With a total of 36 different shifts and over 300 hours of hard work, it's safe to say that this year's ticket selling was an undoubtable success, all thanks to teamwork.

Crookston Kiwanis Sponsors Local Event - 9/10/2017
Club: Crookston Pioneer 100 - Submitted by: Nikk Caputo

Crookston Kiwanis donated and sponsored Crookston's 2nd annual Chalk It Up event. Chalk It Up is an amazing community driven event, where children and adults of all ages come together at our local Town Square and use only Chalk to draw fun pictures all around our Town Square. Pictured above Crookston Kiwanis President Shirley Iverson can be seen out shopping with our donation of \$100 in arts supplies that goes directly to our schools, so children can always participate in the Arts.



Albert Lea Daybreakers invests in local Youth For Christ technology - 9/6/2017
Club: Day-Breakers, Albert Lea - Submitted by: Catherine Buboltz

Albert Lea, MN Daybreakers Kiwanis recently donated \$5,000 to our local Youth For Christ organization. This is the first year of our planned three year donation schedule of \$5,000 a year totaling \$15,000. This year's donation will be used to update technology at The Rock which they said was greatly needed.



Kiwanians Assist With Youth Center Renovations - 9/1/2017

Club: Pierre-Ft. Pierre - Submitted by: Scott Carbonneau

Kiwanian Scott Jones recently presented a \$2,500 check to Pat Duffy, director of the Pat Duffy Community Center in Fort Pierre. The Pierre-Fort Pierre Kiwanis Club has pledged \$10,000 to assist with renovations at the facility. The Pat Duffy Community Center (formerly known as the Community Youth and Involved Center) has been serving the Pierre-Fort Pierre community for more than 30 years. In addition to providing a safe place for young people to play after school, the center prepares 30,000 meals annually to Pierre and Fort Pierre senior citizens, which Kiwanians help deliver. Kiwanis is a global organization, dedicated to serving the world one community and one child at a time. The group meets at noon each Monday in the back room of Perkins in Fort Pierre. The public is always welcome.



A busy yet productive Festival for Crookston Kiwanis - 9/1/2017

Club: Crookston Pioneer 100 - Submitted by: Nikk Caputo

This summer our Community of Crookston held its 28th annual Ox Cart Days. Crookston Kiwanis was heavily involved in the 5 day event, and could often be seen volunteering and throwing our own event, dressed in our Kiwanis Aprons. Our Club partnered with another service group and held our yearly Corn and Brat Feed, where we served over 500 people in the Community, then just two days later Kiwanis service members volunteered for Crookston's 1 year celebration of our towns Splash Park and served out another 500 hotdogs! Crookston Kiwanis is committed in spreading the word with our events, our service work, and always truly putting the youth first. #ItsAllAboutTheKids

