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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

Message from the District Governor - 9/1/2016
Submitted by: Kent Hochgraber, District Governor

This is the last article I will be writing in the Minnekotan as your Governor. I first of all would like to thank all of you in Minn-Dak that have made this such a GREAT experience. I thank you for your support and your friendship and the opportunity to serve as your Governor. You are doing the projects that support your clubs, your members, your community and Kiwanis International.



We had a great district convention in Fergus Falls the first of August. If you missed it, you missed a lot of information about the I-Plan and many other great things Kiwanis is doing. We had close to 200 people attend and they had a wonderful time visiting with old friends and meeting new ones. We had 24 first timers attend the convention and I believe they were impressed. Special thanks to Judie Rosendahl and her committee for putting on an excellent convention.

Our entertainment was excellent. If you have never heard Kiwanians sing to karaoke, that was worth the price of the convention alone. Our new International Trustee Counselor, Peter Mancuso and his wife Karen from New York were on hand to give us direction and insight to the goals of Kiwanis International. They fit right in with all of us Midwesterners. They were well received by the Minn-Dak Kiwanis Members and had a great time in Fergus Falls.

So, keep on with your good work. Remember to ask your friends and neighbors and fellow co-workers to join you and may God Bless Kiwanis.

September Update - 8/31/2016
Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

Kiwanis International and District Dues for the 2016-2017

Kiwanis year are as follows: (same as 2015-2016)

Kiwanis International Dues - \$52

Member liability insurance - \$13

Directors and Officers Liability - \$4

Magazine - \$8

MNDAK District dues- \$30



The **2016 District Kiwanis Convention** was a great success. Fergus Falls and the Bigwood Center was an excellent location. We hope to see all of you at the 2017 District Convention in Watertown, August 11-13. In addition to the educational portions of the convention we also had two district board meeting and of course the District House of Delegates business session. The minutes of those meetings will be posted to our district website within the next few weeks.

Thanks again to Club Secretaries for submitting the **Annual Club Election Reports** for 2016-2017. The reports were due June 1, so if you have not submitted your information online, please do so ASAP! We are still waiting for some club election reports! Please include email addresses whenever possible. It is very important that Kiwanis International and the District Office both receive this information in a timely manner so that directories and mailing lists can be compiled. When filed online the report automatically goes to both Kiwanis International and the District Office.

Club Secretaries: Be sure that you have submitted all of your monthly online club reports for the 15-16 year. Remember that the September report (last report of the year) is due by October 10th, 2016. With the monthly online reporting system you will not be asked to submit a separate annual report.

Club Secretaries be sure to update your online membership roster before October 10th:

Club Secretaries should go to their “Club Secretary Dashboard” at KiwanisOne.org/login and check to be sure all non-returning members are deleted by October 10. If you have members on your roster that you know will not be returning... you don't need to wait...do it now. After October 10 Kiwanis International will bill you according to whoever is still on your roster after October 10th.

We appreciate your assistance maintaining accurate membership records and reporting your membership changes on time. If you need assistance with your membership records, contact the Kiwanis helpline at 1-800-KIWANIS or 1-317-875-8755 extension 411 or email memberservices@kiwanis.org.

Special Thanks and Congratulations: The 2015-2016 Kiwanis year is not over until the end of September, but I would like to take this opportunity to give special thanks to Governor Kent Hochgraber for his hard work and dedication to Kiwanis this past year. Also, special thanks to all who served in a Lt. Governor, District Director or District Committee position. They all worked very hard to support Kiwanis on the Club and District level. Congratulations to Governor Designate Peter Larson who will lead our district beginning October 1. And last, but not least congratulations to Dan Leikvold who will serve as Governor Elect during 2016-2017.

Annual IRS Tax Reporting: Remember that all clubs must file the appropriate IRS 990 Tax form each year. Nearly all Kiwanis Clubs are on an Oct 1 to Sept 30 fiscal year, so that means your next tax return is due no later than February 15, 2017. Failure to do so will result in fines and loss of nonprofit status.

Further information can be found on the Kiwanis International website

<http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanisone/lead/club-leaders/treasurer/irs-forms#.VeUDYpdRTRE>

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Convention Corner - 8/30/2016

Submitted by: Judie Rosendahl

I want to thank each of you who attended the District Convention in Fergus Falls! We had a wonderful time and enjoyed being with all the Kiwanians. The ventriloquist on Friday night was well received by everyone in attendance. People commented that it was the best entertainment ever. I am so pleased that you enjoyed it! We had very good forums with good attendance in them. Our keynote speaker was enjoyed as she shared about how she learned to read after graduating from college and her experiences as a teacher for many years. The entire convention was a fun-filled, educational experience with much fellowship thrown in for good measure. Now we will be looking forward to Watertown, South Dakota next year! They have much to offer us and we are thrilled to be celebrating our 100th District Convention! Please plan now to attend. The date for the 2017 convention is August 11-13.



Kiwanis Education Foundation News Items - 8/30/2016

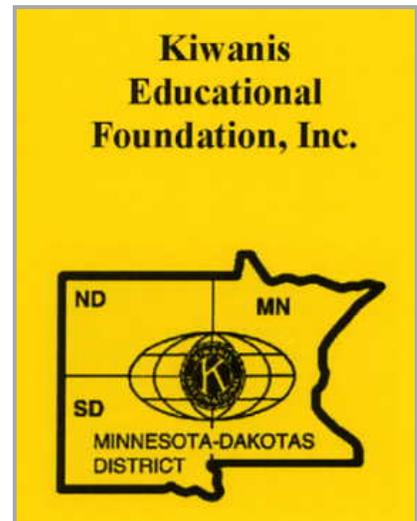
Submitted by: Jack Zierdt, Foundation Secretary/Treasurer

September brings us to the end of the 2015-2016 Kiwanis year. With this being said, your club still has time to send in the Century Club donation for the Kiwanis Educational Foundation that helps to support the scholarship program. We still have a number of clubs that have not contributed to this part of the Foundation Funds for the present year.

With the coming of September and a new school year, we will began making our payments to the colleges/universities for our 2016-2017 scholarship recipients. The scholarship payments of \$865.00 per recipient will be paid out to 52 winners over the course of the first semester and beginning of the second semester of this upcoming school year.

As the 2015-2016 Kiwanis year winds down, we start planning for the new scholarship application process for high school seniors during this 2016-2017 school year. The new application materials will be put together during the month of October for mailing out to club secretaries during the first part of November. The application process will take place from the first part of November through the middle of January 2017. The judging of the applications will be done during the months of February and March with award winning recipients, schools and clubs with winners being notified during April 2017. We will be awarding 52 scholarships again during the 2016-2017 scholarship application process.

With scholarships being the focus of the Kiwanis Educational Foundation, we would remind you that your foundation continues to need a constant flow of new dollars into the funds to help our investments grow. Remember your Foundation by your club contributing to the Century Club each year; awarding deserving individuals with a Vantine Life Fellowship; or a Messer Fellowship donation. As these individual tax exempt donations are made remember that we are only able to use the earned interest from our investments for awarding scholarships.



Kiwanis Service - 8/28/2016
Submitted by: Al Vanderlaan

Fellow KIWANIANs, Thank you for all the service you are doing in the MNDAK district. One great project that is getting legs in our district is the scholastic book OASIS. The MNDAK district is now the lead district in all of Kiwanis placing Oasis in local grade schools. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK !! We are also the first district to put an Oasis on a Native American reservation. There is another going in soon at the HEDOG elementary school in TODD county, South



Dakota. We are all proud to be Kiwanians! Your service is greatly appreciated.

The MNDAK district is soon to kick off a SHOE collection money raising program to help our district keep our dues down, provide money for future conventions, help pay for our districts ELIMINATE program, and provide dollars for the education foundation as well as other things deemed needed by the district leadership. I am looking for all clubs to ask their members to collect used shoes, sneakers, and saddles. These need to be sent to drop off locations in each town and then taken to a central location in each division. The non profit company we are working with will pick them up at these central points at no cost to us. Much more information to follow. Just have a heads up on saving foot wear. I would like to get this started soon.

Reasons to Visit Paris: Cuisine - 8/28/2016

Submitted by: Courtney Taylor, On To International Convention Chair

“To hungry men and women, its richness can overwhelm the senses.”

- John Baxter in *Five Nights in Paris*

Food

What would be left of French cuisine without bread? From your cost-effective *tartine* (toast) to the *croque monsieur* (a “mister’s munch”), not to mention the beloved *baguette*, bread is a staple. It relates to a person’s fortune, it is political, and it is in every kitchen.



Did you know that *les fromageries* (the cheese shops) may contain more than two hundred types of cheese? Croissants are less often consumed for breakfast and more often enjoyed at around 4 pm or during the weekend. Restaurants tend to be open 12-2 pm and 7:30-10:30 pm with peak dining around 1pm and 9 pm. Most restaurants are closed on Sundays, and it doesn’t hurt to make reservations for dinner. Remember to make an effort to speak French, at least when you arrive, and be sure to ask your server for advice as a way to warm up the interaction.

If you favor a salad to get you through a long afternoon of house of delegates, go for a *salade composée*, which will come piled high with a few greens, vegetables, protein. Most dressings lean more toward vinaigrettes instead of creamy concoctions likely to wilt your meal. Garlic and onion are a rarity, so you won’t have to worry about breathing around your fellow delegates.

Drinks

For your morning beverage, Paris has plenty of coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Ice may be hard to find, but asking for a jug of tap water during your meal is acceptable. Wine is so popular that house wine often costs less than bottled water! France has dozens of wine-producing regions, but for something a little different, try a natural wine with little to no sulphites and thus a more distinct personality. Happy hour tends to take place around 5-9 pm, and most cafes and bars close at 2 am. Be mindful of your limitations: the locals tend to frown upon those who go drunk-wild.

Bon appétit!

WE CAN DO IT - 8/28/2016

Submitted by: E. Chuck Schroder

I would like to THANK all those who helped support the Kiwanis International foundation and the District Foundation raffle this year at the convention. We had the best year ever by raising \$1,800.00. And a special THANKS to John and Mary for all their help.



The latest report shows that we are still about \$10,000.00 short of our goal at the end of July. This does not count what has come in in August. There are many of our clubs that still have not sent in their \$10.00 pr member. I know that the Lt. Governor's are going to be contacting these clubs and asking them to send in their contributions.

What a privilege it was for me to be able to present a Founders Circle Eagle to two wonderful friends Bill and Arlyce Daugherty. Thank you for your support. Then I had the honor of giving 6 Presidents Challenge Crystals to individuals in the district with the help of Past International Foundation President and our Trustee Peter J. Mancuso.

In closing, I would love to be able to make those presentations again next year. To do that, we have to make our goal and help the Lt. Governors make theirs. To do that we have to have our clubs contribute to the the Children's Fund as well as individuals giving gifts such as getting a Hixson, Leadership Society, Tablet of Honor. We can do this and I'm willing to help where ever I can. LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN.

The Eliminate Project- District Convention Silent Auction Results - 8/28/2016

Submitted by: Bill Daugherty

Silent Auction for Eliminate Project 2016

Bismarck K01055 \$27

Mandan K03920 \$25

Fargo K00342 \$20

Fargo Rough Riders K06958 \$25

Fargo South Point K15854 \$165

Fergus Falls K00523 \$100

Viking Land Moorhead K06990 \$55

Thief River Falls K05881 \$110

Rapid City K02823 \$52

Mitchell K00449 \$70

South Sioux Falls K04172 \$75

Watertown K00330 \$50

Albert Lea Day Breakers K08378 \$56

Fairmont Early Risers K09258 \$30

Worthington Early Risers K06434 \$40

Madison , MN K01846 \$100

Mankato K00418 \$55

Willmar K00932 \$143

Columbia Heights/Fridley K05176 \$50

North Hennepin of MPLS K05504 \$15

So Suburban Twin Cities K18668 \$15

Red Wing Golden K K11320 \$60

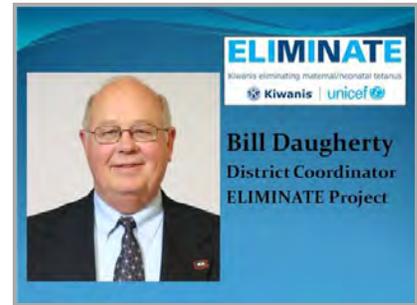
Saint Anthony K05562 \$30

Spring Valley K02329 \$117

Donation \$5

Winnipeg Canada \$35

TOTAL \$1525



The above information shows the amount each club will be credited with for the silent auction items they brought to the District Convention.

Kiwanis Park Hosts Variety of Activities - 8/24/2016

Club: Bismarck - Submitted by: Paul Schadewald

Construction is nearly complete on a brand new accessible playground at Bismarck's Kiwanis Park. The Bismarck Park Board and Bismarck Kiwanis are cost sharing on this project. On the attached photo you can see the new playground equipment behind member, Keith Lauer. Keith is shown serving summer meals at noon in the park. Our club served meals every Wednesday and Thursday this summer in cooperation with the Great Plains Food Bank. Another August activity was our annual potluck club picnic also located at Kiwanis Park. For the first time this year, Kiwanis Park is the site for BisMarket - a food and craft fair held on Saturdays. The development of a brand new baseball facility adjacent to the park promises to help make Kiwanis Park an important activity center for our community.



Mandan Golfs! - 8/24/2016

Club: Mandan - Submitted by: Diane Lillis

The Mandan Kiwanis club just completed their 24th annual Kiwanis Golf Tournament on August 22nd at Prairie West Golf Course in Mandan.

As always it is a well run, fun event. Club members were able to secure 20 foursomes and 35 hole sponsors to raise nearly \$12,000.



We started this tournament as a way to give back to the Park Board for allowing us to run our "Mandan Kiwanis Classic Cross Country Meet" on the course in September.

Not only is this a great fund raiser it is an opportunity to showcase our club and members (several of whom golf in the tournament). We also serve a fabulous steak dinner for all the golfers, volunteers and club house staff before prizes and winners are announced!

The winning team pictured is STARION FINANCIAL, team members are Jordan Hatzenbuhler, Mike Schaaf, Scott Bergan & Stan Scott (past club member and continued supporter).

WILLMAR KIWANIS INITIATES PEANUT DAY DRIVE - 8/24/2016

Club: Willmar - Submitted by: Dennis Hier, Past Lt. Gov., Div.6

Willmar Kiwanis is in the midst of their 9th consecutive Peanut Day fundraiser. All of the proceeds go to assist organizations in our community who work with children. Beginning with the Shelter House in 2008, or what is now known as Safe Avenues, and continuing to the present day, Willmar Kiwanis has raised over \$100,000 to assist these organizations in their work. Each year Willmar Kiwanis sends out numerous applications to the various organizations in our community, inviting them to share their need and apply to be our Peanut Partner. Our Peanut Partner this year is WCER, Willmar Community Education and Recreation. They are starting a scholarship program to help pay the cost of fees for activities and classes for children whose families are unable to pay the full cost.

Hats off to the many businesses in our community whose kindness and generosity have made possible the great success of this project. For their gift of \$100 to support the project, they receive a box of 100 packages of peanuts as our thank you to them for their wonderful generosity.

Crookston Kiwanis in annual parade - 8/24/2016

Club: Crookston Pioneer 100 - Submitted by: Susan Sylvestor

Crookston Kiwanis have did something pretty cool this year. We were in our town 's annual parade for the 1st time.

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If you are not able to view photos at above link go to District News Page <http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/Page/1012>

School supplies from Fargo South Point Kiwanis Club - 8/21/2016

Club: Fargo South Point - Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn

The Fargo South Point Kiwanis Club makes delivery of nearly \$500 worth of school supplies, including a large sum of back packs to students at Madison Elementary School in Fargo. Madison School is the adopt a school connection with Fargo South Point club members and each year for the past 13 years, the members have budgeted funds plus digging into their pockets to make this happen.



The Madison School area is one where there is need for some help each year, and this allows the students to pick up their supplies at the school, and saves the parents many dollars as well as the pressure of getting all of the needed items for their children. School supplies are provided for the year, so during the year if items are needed they can simply go to the office and request what they need.

One of the Fargo South Point members passed away this past year but as in years gone by, he left his check prior to his death to purchase 40-50 back packs as usual.

South Sioux Falls Kiwanian Melvin Lewis celebrates 100th Birthday - 8/19/2016

Club: South Sioux Falls - Submitted by: John Lewis

My dad, who celebrated his 100th birthday on June 28th of this year, has been a South Sioux Falls Kiwanis member for 54 years. For approximately 40 years he maintained perfect attendance. For 15 years as club secretary, he typed all documentation on his old fashioned typewriter. He received a “Hixson Fellow” award for his service as club secretary.



Dad has especially enjoyed the Kiwanis Roast Beef Dinner fundraiser, which allowed his competitive spirit to emerge. It is not surprising that he became the top ticket seller for many years. His customers still ask, “When is the roast beef dinner? I don’t want to miss it!”

My father has always believed in community service. He enjoyed collecting “coats for kids” from yard sales to be distributed to needy children for the winter. Dad and mom were also involved in prison ministries. Dad was designated, by the prison warden, Herman Solem, as ”Honorary Inmate” for his 20

years of dedicated service. My dad spent 18 months as a foreman of a federal grand jury. My parents delivered “meals on wheels” for many years. This is just a small sampling of their involvement and dedication to the community.

Melvin H. Lewis, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather has always believed in and advocated for the Kiwanis mission. Coupled with his gift of superior salesmanship, he has been able to recruit many members for our club. Mel’s Kiwanis membership of more than five decades provides a legacy difficult to match.

John Lewis

MinnDak Key Club’s Fall Rally - 8/18/2016

Submitted by: Emily Rice

Hey, Kiwanians! It’s nearly fall, which means Key Clubbers are going back to school. With the season change comes one of the most exciting and entertaining Key Club events of the year: Fall Rally!

Fall Rally is an annual districtwide Key Club event where Key Clubbers come together to train club officers, work on service projects, and even experience and explore high ropes courses! Fall Rally will be held at Camp Ihduhapi on October 14th-16th. You can get more information by contacting any of the Key Club District Board members.

This event is a fun and amazing opportunity for the Key Clubs in your division. Please make sure to encourage and invite your Key Clubbers to come and enjoy Fall Rally! They won't want to miss it!

Annual Nickel-Jamboree - 8/17/2016

Submitted by: Daniel Aja

Recently the Fridley High School Key Club participated in helping run the annual Nickel-Jamboree. The Nickel-Jamboree is a small scale carnival that allows anyone in the community, who wishes, to play carnival games and win prizes at the cost of a couple nickels. The

students ran a variety of games ranging from the “Animal Toss” to the “Pool Pitch”. Overall this carnival was a great opportunity to grow relationships within our community while having fun!



K-Kids Donate to Eliminate - 8/15/2016

Club: Fargo - Submitted by: Kent Hochgraber

Local kids from Horace Mann–Roosevelt Elementary School K–Kids Club donate one thousand dollars to the Eliminate Project.

View television coverage www.kvrr.com/news/local-news/kkids-raise-1000-for-fargo-kiwanis-club/41127014

DL Kiwanis Club Hosts Art in the Park - 8/9/2016

Club: Devils Lake - Submitted by: Suzie Kenner

Members of the local DL Kiwanis Club host a number of events every year, including the annual Arts in the Park event. According to Stephanie Armstrong, a long- time member of the Kiwanis Club of Devils Lake, “Arts in the Park was first organized by people looking for ways to use the Roosevelt Park Band Shelter”. Currently, three service organizations are each assigned a month during the summer to reserve an act each Tuesday night during their month.



“Arts in the Park is a fun time and is enjoyed by young and old alike”, Armstrong said. The event is FREE and open to the public. Music starts at 7:00 pm . The DL Kiwanis Club has a terrific line-up scheduled in August, closing the season with “Karaoke” night on August 23rd.

Founded in 1921, the Kiwanis Club of Devils Lake joins a global organization of clubs and members dedicated to serving the children of the world. The Kiwanis International family comprises nearly 630,000 adult and youth members in ore than 80 countries and geographic areas.

The Kiwanis Club of Devils Lake meets every Tuesday at noon at the White House Café. Anyone

interested in helping to improve the community and the world is invited to drop by for a visit or to contact the club President at kiwanisdln@yahoo.com AND 701-381-9695.

WOW! The cost of going back to school!!! - 8/3/2016

Club: Watertown - Submitted by: Tim Oviatt

The First United Methodist Church of Watertown, SD sponsors an annual back-to-school supplies giveaway for Watertown area students in need in early August. The Kiwanis Club of Watertown has again donated to the church's most valiant program and members of the club assisted with the giveaway on Saturday morning, August 6. Jeff Anderson, Kiwanis Club of Watertown president, presented the church with a check for \$1,000 to support the purchase of school supplies for the event. Pictured left to right with Anderson are Jeanne Paulson, Sue Togel and Sandra Weidner, project representatives from the First United Methodist Church.

