Governor— Vernon E. Hektner, Wahpeton, ND

International President— Wes. H Bartlett, Algona, IO

District Convention -- St. Cloud, MN

International Convention- Atlantic City, NJ

International Theme- Unite for Progress
Major Emphasis—Operation Drug Alert

Clubs started in 1959 that are still in existence today: Moorhead
Vikingland and Winthrop in MN and Fargo Rough Riders in ND.

Clubs celebrate 50 years service and scouting

Four hundred forty Kiwanians from 28 clubs and four states helped Worthington Noon Kiwanis Club celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Special guests included International President Wes. H. Bartlett, Governor Vernon E. Hektner, Governor-designate Carl J. Adams, Governor-elect Stanley Sundet, seven Past Governors and several Past and current Lt. Governors.

Visiting club presidents received gold derbies and a gold covered booklet with individual pictures of the 105 members of the Worthington Club.

Lisbon celebrates 50 years

Lisbon, ND celebrated its 50th Anniversary and at the same time celebrated 50 years of continuous sponsorship of the Boy Scout Troop.

Scouts receive Eagle Award

Past President Dr. Robert Kading of Webster Kiwanis Club watched his four sons receive the Eagle Scout Award, the highest level a scout can reach. The Webster Club has sponsored Scouting for over 30 years.

Webster had the concessions at the Armory and netted about $6,000 to help support projects.

Dedication honors Hektner

ND State College of Science at Wahpeton, ND dedicated Hektner Hall in honor of Vernon E. Hektner. The hall houses dental and occupational therapy classes. Vernon started the health program on campus as Academic Dean.

Hektner serves his community

Governor Vernon E. Hektner served the Wahpeton community in multiple capacities: He acted as a trustee for six years in his church. Vernon served as a member of Wahpeton School Board, and as chairman. He was a member of the Library Board, a member of Directors of the Wahpeton National Bank, and a member of a number of professional and fraternal organizations.

Vernon served as Dean of Arts and Science at the North Dakota State School of Science. He and his wife, Leona have four children.
Kiwanians build athletic facilities, playgrounds, buy diabetes detector

Madison buys diabetic detector

Madison, MN Kiwanis club purchased a machine to detect diabetes. The detector cost $450. New advanced technology today provides a better machine for $10 to $15, and some machines with rebates cost nothing. MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) can cost about $1,000 today and new machines will bring the cost down to $80.

Kiwanians helped to test 330 people at the first diabetic clinic. Eighteen people were referred to their personal physician.

Cloquet builds better hockey

Cloquet Kiwanis Club presented a check for $425 to the Cloquet Hockey Association for plumbing fixtures in the hockey shelter. Individual members donated $5,000 to the fund.

Pipestone builds athletic complex

Pipestone Kiwanians supplied money and labor to build an Athletic Complex. President Earl Perkins

Kiwanis club installs playground equipment

Early Kiwanians die

First Governor of the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District, Albert P. Kimm died at the age of 92.

Harry A Young, the last living charter member of the first Kiwanis Club in Detroit, Michigan died at the age of 90.

President Earl Perkins hands Wayne White $1,000 check to help finance Athletic Complex
1972-73

Governor-- Carl J. Adams, Rochester, MN
International President-- Lorin J. Badskey, North Webster, IN
District Convention -- Aberdeen, SD
International Convention- Montreal, PQ
International Theme - Share Your Life
Major Emphasis - Operation Drug Alert & Project Environment

Clubs started in 1972-73 that are still in existence today: North Suburban Minneapolis and Twin Cities International Airport in MN, and Dickinson Rough Riders in ND.

Gov. sets District directions: ask, share

Key words for Governor Carl Jay Adams were: "Ask," and "Share." Adams pushed for growth, and urged members to ask five new people to join so that they could earn a ruby K pin.

"C Jay" almost didn't become Governor because a club didn't ask him to join. Carl was asked several times to speak to a club, but the club never asked him to join. When he moved to Rochester, the West Rochester Kiwanis Club asked him to join. He missed years of Kiwanis fun and service because he wasn't ASKED.

Adams wrote, "Every member is on the membership committee. When did you last ASK a prospect to become a member?"

International Emphasis was"Share Your Life." Carl said, "Membership in Kiwanis is an honor and, being unselfish, we should all want to SHARE that honor with our friends. Share your "K." Think membership development.... MAKE KIWANIS SERVICE GROW IN YOUR COMMUNITY. THINK GROWTH AND ALL WORK FOR IT."

Adams and his board held the first winter District conference. He urged Kiwanians to "Share" Kiwanis. "C Jay" wrote, "When we live and work the Kiwanis theme, 'Share Your Life,' truly we will achieve our goal of the greatest year of our Minnesota- Dakota District."
Enstad wins International Trustee vote

Merald T. Enstad, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Fergus Falls, Minnesota was elected International Trustee at the 58th International Convention in Montreal.

Enstad was president of the insurance and real estate brokerage firm of Enstad-Larson-Mann, Inc. He was President of the Minnesota Association of Independent Insurance Agents in 1962 and served a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Society for Crippled Children and Adults which is now called Courage Center.

Merald was a 25 year member of Kiwanis and had a perfect attendance since becoming a member. He served on many district committees over the years.

He and Jeanette, his gracious wife, are long time residents of Fergus Falls where he has been active in many civic organizations: YMCA President, Junior Chamber of Commerce President, PTA President, Chamber of Commerce President, and he served actively in the Lutheran Church.

"Lincoln" visits Clubs

Bruce Hanks, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Columbia Heights-Fridley, visited many Kiwanis Clubs in the District and spoke to many public Schools.

Rev. Hanks, a descendent of Abraham Lincoln's mother, has an amazing resemblance to Abe Lincoln, and can therefore make his speeches on Lincoln and American history credible.

District provides over a quarter million dollars

Kiwanians, based on the 1971-72 achievement reports, gave an average of $35 per member to service projects. Internationally Kiwanians spent $50 per member on service projects. The Grand International total was $12,000,000. The following table tells how much each Division raised and how they did it:

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1973-74

Governor-- Dr. Stanley Sundet, Brookings, SD
International President-- William M. Eagles, MD, Richmond, VA
District Convention -- Winona, MN
International Convention- Denver, CO
International Theme - Give of Yourself
Major Emphasis- Give of Yourself by Enriching the Lives of the Aging

Clubs started in 19573-74 that are still in existence today: None.

"K"Men give themselves, enrich aging

Rochester, MN and Mankato, MN Kiwanis Clubs set up projects to share their lives with aging persons.

Rochester Kiwanians visited the Samaritan-Bethany Nursing Home each month to visit, play cards, bingo and games with the residents.

Kiwanians remembered the folks with birthday cards, anniversary cards, and poinsettia plants for Christmas. They took the most mobile to concerts, and sponsored a 60th anniversary party for one couple. Kiwanians carried out the International major emphasis "Give of Yourself" by enriching the lives of the aging.

Clubs fly and drive for unique inter-club meets

Five members of the Port of Duluth Kiwanis Club flew to Thunder Bay, Ontario for a four-club International Inter-Club Breakfast.
Webster SD Kiwanis Club completed 22 inter-clubs with a total of 76 members taking part. They traveled 2,320 miles

Federal Agents ousted Sioux Indians from Wounded Knee which was virtually burned down with $240,000 damages on May 8, 1973.

Kiwianians gather scrap

Westbrook Kiwanis Club went to the country to gather scrap iron from old farm machinery. They had to cut it into lengths of not over 30 inches.

The Club filled one railroad car with 76,000 pounds and a truck with 11,000 pounds of scrap iron. In addition to making a profit, they cleaned up the country side.
1974-75

Governor-- Garth White, St. Paul, Midway, MN
International President-- Roy W. Davis, Chicago, IL
District Convention -- Fargo, ND
International Convention-Atlanta, GA
International Theme - Show You Care

Major Emphasis The Younger Years- The Greater Years

Clubs started in 1974-75 that are still in existence today: Austin Early Risers, Fergus Falls Otter Risers and St. Cloud Sunrise Division from MN, and Aberdeen Sunrisers from SD.

Kiwanians care for elderly, young

Governor Garth White gave practical suggestions for caring Kiwanians. "Show you really care. Both the greater years and the younger years should receive all the benefits we can give them."

"The major emphasis program, Mission Fulfillment, expressed two programs: 1. the younger years on behalf of children with learning disabilities, and 2. the greater years for those in pre-retirement and retirement."

Sioux Falls gives large print Bibles to local retirement homes

The Kiwanis Club of Sioux Falls South, as a part of its Major Emphasis Program, purchased large-print Bibles, and distributed them to retirement homes in Sioux Falls.

The project was in keeping with the first Object of Kiwanis—"to give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life."

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There's one thing about baldness, it's NEAT!

He who rises from prayer a better man, his prayer is answered!

Mrs. Hedvig Alberty receives Kiwanis Bible
Fargo and Grafton entertain the disabled

Fargo Rough Riders Kiwanis Club and the Kiwanis Club of Grafton joined forces to entertain the residents of the Grafton State School for the mentally retarded. Three hundred residents were bused to Fargo to watch the King Bros. Circus performance.

After the Circus, the Grafton and Fargo Rough Rider Kiwanians entertained the residents at a picnic. Kiwanians presented a $1,000 check, to the North Dakota Association for Retarded Children.

Spring Valley Club buys Civic Center

The Kiwanis Club of Spring Valley purchased a business building in the downtown area for use as a Civic Center.

The basement of the building was used for a roller rink and a youth center. The building provided game rooms in the youth section plus rooms for group meetings and visiting.

Clubs establish member growth records

Hastings inducts 13 at one time

Hastings Kiwanis Club established a new membership record when they inducted 13 new members into their club at one time.

"She thought I was dumb, but I told her I had a . . .

LEARNING DISABILITY

Detroit Lakes grows to over 100

Detroit Lakes Kiwanis Club had 48 members on October 1, 1969. Five years later they had 90 - a 47% gain. By 1975 their membership had grown to over 100. The population of Detroit Lakes was 7,106.

Large Clubs can have members with a perfect attendance

Minneapolis Kiwanis Club, with a membership of 297 on October 1, 1974, had 147 members with a perfect attendance for the month. Fargo, with 147 members, had 41 members with a perfect attendance for the first quarter of 1974-75.
Governor-- Dr. Paul C. Sandal, Fargo, ND
International President-- Ted R. Osborn, Lexington, KY
District Convention -- Grand Rapids, MN
International Convention, San Diego, CA
International Theme -- Touch A Life
Major Emphasis The Younger Years - The Greater Years

Clubs started in 1975-76 that are still in existence today: Bicentennial Cloquet and Albert Lee Daybreakers in MN.

Sandal wins 1st Distinguished Gov. Award

Dr. Paul C. Sandal won the first District Distinguished Governor Award for his work in the Minnesota-Dakotas District. The award, started in 1970, recognizes District Governors who meet the International standards of growth and achievement.

Minnesota-Dakotas District under Sandal added 1,050 new members and had a net gain of 300 members. The District added eleven new clubs in the K-family including Kiwanis, K Clubs, Circle K, Keywanette and Builders Clubs.

Hundreds of new projects were added to meet an International Major Emphasis challenge "to Touch a Life." Ongoing projects also touched the "Younger Years and the Later Years."

Kiwanis Clubs served three major project areas this year: The Spirit of "76" to celebrate two hundred years of U.S. history, recognition of the needs of "Younger Years," and projects to meet the needs of "Later Years."

Carrington Plants red, white, blue U.S. "76" petunias

Carrington Kiwanis Club placed "76" flower boxes in front of downtown business places to celebrate 200 years of United States History.

The High School Vocational Agricultural Department built the boxes. Kiwanians furnished the petunias, the material for the boxes, and then they distributed them.

Kiwanians add clubs & members

International Kiwanis added 319 clubs; 73 were outside of Canada and the U.S. Kiwanis was now in 47 lands with 281,768 members in 6,620 clubs.

Six new clubs were organized in the Minn.-Daks. in 1974-75 bringing the total of clubs to 143 with a membership of 7,344 as of Sept. 30, 1975.
Kiwanians help the younger and the older

Rochester paints man's house

Fourteen Rochester-Sunrisers helped an elderly man in poor health repair his home. They joined together to scrape, paint, and reroof his house. The cost to the club was $1,290.

Sioux Falls presents film to local Association for Children

Five Kiwanis Clubs of Sioux Falls joined in a cooperative effort in presenting a film to the local Association of Children with Learning Disabilities.

The film entitled "Early Recognition of Learning Disabilities" was made available to all the service clubs in the area.

Fargo-Moorhead provides TV show on early learning problems

Five Kiwanis Clubs in Fargo, ND and Moorhead, MN sponsored a half hour public broadcast show entitled "The Younger Years--Early Recognition of Learning Disabilities."

"The Younger Years --Later Years" was the International Major Emphasis Program for 1974-75 and for 1975-76

Mankato Club sponsors pre-retirement seminar

Mankato Hill-Top Kiwanis Club sponsored a pre-retirement seminar for over 30 citizens. Hi Carlson chaired the committee with the theme: "The Later Years Can Be The Greater Years."

Subjects included: insurance, finance, medicine, law, hobbies, and many others. This was the second seminar that the Club planned.

Subjects included:
- "Some people have nothing to do and still manage to make a mess of it.
- "A friend is a present you give yourself."
- "Don't insist on your rites; drive carefully."
- "If all goes well, Americans will go into their bicentennial year with human error completely computerized."

Pre-retirement class poses with Hi Carlson Kiwanis seminar leader

Kiwanis Club plants shade trees

The Northeast Minneapolis Kiwanis Club participated in a project, "Save Our Shade." The project planted thousands of trees in Northeast Minneapolis.
1976-77

Governor-- Dr. Werner E. Brand, Moorhead, MN
International President-- Stanley E. Schneider, Crestline, OH
District Convention -- Sioux Falls, SD
International Convention- Dallas, TX
International Theme - Lead the Way—
Major Emphasis - Safeguard Against Crime

Clubs started in 1976-77 that are still in existence today:
Thief River Falls, MN

Brand Leads the way to Dallas, distinction

Governor Werner E. Brand led the way to Dallas, to membership growth, to change, and finally, to distinction when he was named a Distinguished Governor by International Kiwanis.

Merald Enstad

Brand led the way in promoting the International Convention and the election of Merald Enstad as Vice President of Kiwanis International. Minn.-Daks. District sent 243 Kiwanians and their wives to Dallas to campaign for his successful election.

The human race has one really effective weapon, and that is laughter.

Minot Kiwanians aid Police Department

Minot Kiwanians made known the difference between youthful fun and crime to 700 to 800 eighth grade students when they distributed booklets on You and the Law.

The local police distributed the books when they conducted a class which dealt with the law, history of law and practical application of everyday principles. The school administration endorsed the project with enthusiasm.

Clubs meet needs of children and youth

Small club builds a big project

North Mpls. Kiwanis Club had only 20 members, but they raised $6,566 to pay for materials, contributed 1,518 man hours and drove 12,140 miles in the process of building a cabin for Hospitality House campers at Upsala, MN.

The Club used the money from peanut and popcorn sales for two years in order to pay for the cabin. They made Kiwanis motto "WE BUILD" a reality.

A plaque on the cabin bears the International insignia and the inscription, "Built for the Hospitality House Camp by the North Minneapolis Kiwanis Club--1977."

Mitchell — Ice Proud Kiwanians

Mitchell, SD Kiwanis Club entered a horse-drawn "ice wagon" float in the Homecoming Parade at Dakota Wesleyan University with the slogan: "Ice Proud to be a Kiwanian."

"Built for Hospitality House Camp by North Minneapolis Kiwanis Club 1977"

Club sends blind scout to camp

Moorhead Kiwanis Club gave $375 to send a near-blind Eagle Scout, Randy Gebhard, to the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge, PA.

Sioux Falls clubs sponsor rodeo

Kiwanis Clubs of Sioux Falls, Daybreak, East and West sponsored their 4th annual Kiwanis Benefit Rodeo with an estimated attendance of 12,500 people. A performing buffalo act and country western music added to the entertainment.

All handicapped and needy children were admitted free of charge. A portion of the funds was used to establish a County Drug Pushers Bounty Fund for the arrest and conviction of drug pushers. Members of the four clubs generated a great fellowship.

Board selects Floyd Christianson Secretary-Treas.

Governor-elect Ronald R. Bubel announced the selection of Floyd K. Christianson as Secretary-Treasurer designate following the recommendation of the Search Committee composed of the past and current District Officers.

Christianson served as Secretary-Treasurer of his Grand Forks Club for 30 years. He began serving the District October 1, 1977 following the retirement of Craigen Thom.

Floyd took an early retirement from Standard Oil as a Territory Manager. He was very active in his church, was president of Lake Agassiz Council of Boy Scouts, received the Silver Beaver Award in Scouting and the Lamb Award from his church for service to Boyhood.
Governor-- Ronald R. Bubel, DC; Wessington Springs, SD
International President-- Maurice Gladman, Santa Ana, CA
District Convention -- Sioux Falls, SD
International Convention- Miami Beach, FL
International Theme- Reach Out
Major Emphasis- Safeguard Against Crime, Phase II

Clubs started in 1977-78 that are still in existence today: Fairmont Early Risers and Red Wing Dawn Breakers in MN; Grand Forks Golden K and Minot Golden K in ND.

**Common goal, project bring unity, awards**

The common goal of electing Merald Enstad as International Treasurer and a common project, to build a camp cabin for disabled youth, united the Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanians to new growth and led to a "Distinguished Governor Award" for Ronald R. Bubel.

Members in all three states gave a hand and reached out to serve in greater ways. The leaders who united themselves behind Kiwanis causes under Bubel’s Governorship were destined to guide District Kiwanis activities for years and years to come.

Governors distinguish themselves when they lead a District that makes substantial achievement in membership growth, administrative techniques, program development and the execution of community service.

Ron Bubel met 100% of all the criteria necessary to become a Distinguished Governor. He was one of only two who were so recognized in the Kiwanis year of 1977-78. Four new clubs that started in 1977-78, still serve their communities.

**District unites, builds cabin, serves youth**

**Devils Lake sponsors Bike Day**

Kiwanis Club of Devils Lake sponsors a Bicycle Day every year. A parade was held with the Fire Department and the Police Department taking part.

A bicycle Rodeo was held at the end of the parade and riders were judged in various events. Bicycles were decorated and prizes were given for the best decorated bike.

*District builds Kiwanis Cabin*

W.B. "Bill" Hopkins began coordinating the District efforts to raise $30,000 to build a Kiwanis cabin for Camp Courage North, east of Lake Itasca at Lake George.

The camp provides basic leadership training, experiences in money management and the assumption of responsibility and management for youth who are profoundly deaf.

The District board for 1977-78 adopted the project and the 1978-79 board reconfirmed the project. Clubs contributed over $16,000 by September of 1977.

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**A Kiwanis First**

Clubs reach out to health needs, Philippines

Kiwanians reached out to their communities with health care, and they reached out to the Philippines with encouragement.

Sisseton tests blood

Kiwanis Club of Sisseton, SD sponsored a free blood pressure testing clinic staffed by nurses from the Sisseton Hospital.

The Club handed out pamphlets on the meaning of blood pressure. Over 250 people had their blood pressure tested and many were advised to see their doctor.

Kiwanis Club gives defibrillator

West St. Paul Kiwanis Club donated $1,900 toward the purchase of a Life-Pac Defibrillator to be used in Intensive Coronary Care at Divine Redeemer Hospital.

Kiwanians sell peanuts, spaghetti, cakes to raise funds

Clubs don't just raise "peanuts"

Kiwanians from 11 Minneapolis Clubs dressed in reflective orange ponchos and collected almost $25,000 in gifts and sales from peanuts.

Kiwanians present Defibrillator to Hospital

Club sponsors overseas Club

The Twin cities International Airport Kiwanis Club was informed that they were an associate sponsor of the Kiwanis Club of Manuka, Philippines.

The purpose of the sponsorship was to encourage communications between the two clubs.

Spaghetti raises funds for home

Harvey, ND Kiwanis Club fed 80 pounds of spaghetti to 350 people to help raise $1,000 toward building a group home in Harvey.

Odell Krohn testified that tears of joy ran down Paul Miller's face as he cut onions for the spaghetti because he was so thrilled with being able to help.

Sisseton feeds cakes to 521

For the 8th annual Antique Car Day and Parade the Sisseton SD Kiwanis Club fed the crowds pancakes.

Members mixed the batter, turned the cakes and fed 521 people.
District Kiwanians reach out to delegates to elect Merald Enstad as Int. Treasurer

Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanians reached out to International Convention delegates in Miami like an efficiently executing football team to elect Merald Enstad as the new International Treasurer.

"Coach," Governor Ron Bubel laid out the plays and set Kiwanis "cheerleaders" singing when he introduced the song: Merald Enstad at district Division meetings.

Gov. Bubel was the general coordinator of the entire campaign. His job was to see that all of the committees functioned well, but they executed with so much enthusiasm that not much help was needed.

For the first time in District history women "cheerleaders" were asked to help in the election. Winnie Sandal coached the "cheerleaders." At 6:30 A.M. each day, the women boarded the bus taking them to the convention center where they met every bus coming in, gave out brochures on Merald Enstad for treasurer, and urged them to vote for Merald.

The "cheerleaders" on Tuesday gave coins with "Enstad for Treasurer" to everyone as they left the bus. On Wednesday they gave a pen, that looked like a large match, to all delegates to make an "X" by Merald's name for International Treasurer.

"Offensive line coaches:" Secretary Floyd Christianson, Lt. Gov. Charles Schroder, Lt. Gov. Larry Rittgarn, and Richard "Dick" Enstad, Merald's son, met at a nearby cafe at 5:30 AM each morning to plan strategy and check out equipment. They loaded all materials necessary for the day and then distributed them to the proper places. Each check point was kept well supplied.

"Wide End Coach" Jim Dalglis head up the efforts of the youth who distributed brochures to hotels. No hotel was left without brochures in the lobby.

Brochures that cheerleaders handed to delegates gave a resume of Merald's business, family, and Kiwanis experiences. Merald had 30 years of Kiwanis service which included: Member of Int. Committee on Circle K, Chairman Int. Committee on Support of Churches in their Spiritual Aims, and Chairman of International Committee on Achievements.

Merald & Jeanette Enstad—Jeanette supported Merald all the way.

Cheerleading Coach Winnie Sandal
Coach Jim Dalglis

Line Coach Dick Enstad
Convention elects Enstad Int. Treasurer

Merald was an International Trustee for four years and served in various ways such as: Counselor and International Representative to four different Districts, Chairman of Committees: Key Clubs, Program Development, Leadership, Administration & Structure, and Chairman of the Board Committee on Publications and advertising.

In the business world Merald was President of Enstad-Mann, Inc. (Insurance and Real-Estate Co.), the President of Ulland Mortgage Company, a member of Minneapolis District Advisory Council and Small Business Administration, State President Minnesota Association of Independent Insurance Agents, 1962. He was also a member of National Association of insurance Agents and a member of the National Association of Real Estate Boards.

Born in Granite Falls, Minnesota, Merald has a Kiwanis family: His wife, Jeanette has been of invaluable help; his son Richard was a Past Governor of Circle K and his granddaughter Jenny later served as a Key Club officer. He served actively in the American Lutheran Church as a Leader-Teacher and Area Steward.

Merald's Community service included: President YMCA Board, Advisory Board, Fergus Falls Community College, President: Jaycees, PTA and Chamber of Commerce. He was Past Director Minn. Society for Crippled Children and Adults, and was Past Director of County Welfare Advisory Council. Merald was selected as one of the 10 most influential men of the city in 1977.

"Manager" Vernon Arneson acted as District coordinator to get votes for Merald. He made sure that every Kiwanian had brochures about Merald, and that they were properly explained to everyone that could be contacted.

Arneson "drafted" Merald into Kiwanis at Fergus Falls. He and Harold Drews, secretary of the Fergus Falls Club, and Harold "Hal" Burke urged Merald to run for Governor. After that no one could stop Merald Enstad from carrying the ball: first as International Trustee, then as Vice-President, Treasurer, President-elect, and finally as the President of Kiwanis International.

Past Governor, Harold "Hal" Burke coached Merald when Enstad served as Lt. Governor on his team. Therefore, "full back coach," Harold "Hal" Burke gave the nominating speech for each of Merald's elections.

"Linemen" who helped make "holes" for Merald included hundreds of Minnesota-Dakotas delegates. (Author Floyd Christianson apologized for not taking notes so that he could give all District Kiwanians the due credit they deserved.)

The significance of winning this election was that when one was elected to the office of International Treasurer, it was a virtual certainty that there would be no opposition to becoming International President.

The road to the International Presidency started with becoming a club president, and went through the following: Lt. Gov., Governor, International Committees, International Trustee, Vice-President, Treasurer, and then "President-elect."
Secretary introduces songs to Kiwanians

Secretary and "Line Coach" Floyd Christianson wrote and introduced new songs to the District. He sang the song, "Merald Enstad," at Governor Bubel's first division meeting. One member of the audience jumped up and put the song into action. After that, Governor Bubel used the song at all his other divisional meetings to create enthusiasm for Merald Enstad's International Treasurer campaign.

The song introduced a lot of fun and encouraged attendance at the International Convention in Miami where Merald was elected. (Please see copy on the next page.)

"Ron and Arlene" was sung at the Minneapolis District Convention to recognize the enthusiastic leadership that Ron gave for the year. Marian Christianson composed the song while traveling with Floyd to a division club meeting, and then she wrote down the words when they returned.

RON AND ARLENE
by Marian Christianson
Tune: Peggy O'Neil

A Kiwanian and His Kiwen
That's Ron and Arlene
If you see them on a bike*
That's Ron and Arlene
Not afraid to give of themselves
Keeping our District on the top
Great personality
Full of vitality
That's Ron and Arlene
*Ron rode a Harley Davidson.

Members from the Kiwanis Club of Grand Forks made a tape of each of all songs that were written for Conventions that year. They also provided copies and helped distribute the songs.

When Gladman Calls was sung at the Kiwanis International President Maurice Gladman's official visit to the District in Mitchell, SD.

When Gladman Calls
by Floyd Christianson
Tune: When Kiwanis Calls.

When Gladman calls,
When Gladman calls,
Let each one make this pledge:
Five hundred clubs,
Five hundred clubs,
Shall be our goal this year;
When we reach Miami beach,
We'll have our goals all made;
Five hundred clubs or more this year,
Will make Gladman glad.

"Line Coach" Floyd Christianson said, "Hats off to the entire district. Never before had any District so completely rallied around a candidate for office as this District did to get Merald elected as International Treasurer."

A prominent past International President said, "Anyone could have won if they had the District support that Merald Enstad had."

Secretary Floyd said that two "Line Coaches" deserve special recognition: E. Charles Schroder and F. Larry Rittgarn.

E Charles Schroder  F. Larry Rittgarn
Meadal Estad by Floyd K. Christianson

It's Medal Estad. The pride of every one that's

Come Minnesotans: join with Dakotans. It's Medal Estad now we

hail! Now is the time boys to make a big noise. No matter what the people say, For there is

naught to fear, we've got the best. So hail to Medal Estad.
1978-79

Governor-- E. P. "Pete" Balkema, North Minneapolis, MN
International President-- Hilmer L. "Bill" Solberg, Appleton, WI
District Convention -- Grand Forks, ND
International Convention-- Toronto, ON
International Theme - Light Up A Life
Major Emphasis Right Start, The formative Years

Clubs started in 1978-79 that are still in existence today: Grand Forks
Sunrisers in ND, Crookston Pioneer 100 and St. Peter in MN.

Governor- gives right start to "K" service

"Pete" Balkema's life kept him serving children and youth. He was
second Vice President and executive Assistant for Northwestern National
Life Insurance Company for nearly 40 years. Pete
served as an elder in the Presbyterian Church and
was Past Moderator of the Minneapolis Presbytery.

Balkema said, "Major Emphasis Programs zero in on a need that is acute—one that can be attacked
on a broad front." The theme for 1978-79 was
"Right start — the Formative Years." That year's
International motto was: 'Light up a Life.'

Pete's goal was to involve children in activities
designed to reinforce the family's vital role in society. Clubs throughout the District followed
Pete's leadership to give toys for tots, build a park,
contribute to Boy's Clubs, etc.

Balkema had unusual trouble driving through
the snow covered roads for Divisional meetings.
When the snow melted, many could not make it to
meetings because of flooicing.

Grand Forks Golden K gather, repair Toys for Tots

The first Golden K Club in the District,
Grand Forks, although only one year old, set a
good example by gathering up and repairing toys
to give to the Salvation Army for distribution to
Children at Christmas.

The Club placed notices in the newspaper and
shopping malls, and they gathered 762 toys ranging
from bicycles to dolls, some new and some needing
repairs.

Wives of the Club members helped clothe over
100 dolls. What a great way to "Light up a Life,"
and to light up a Christmas.

International Kiwanis Board notified clubs of a
policy change: Clubs should not "solicit" new
members through newspaper ads, general
mailings to the public or other such forms of
nonselective advertising.
Unusual fund raisers help children, youth

**Travelogue brings over $13,000**

Watertown Kiwanis Club raised over $13,000 in the last four years from travelogue series. Proceeds from the travelogue series have gone to help local youth through: The Watertown Hockey Association, Salvation Army, Boys and Girls Club, Watertown Swim Club, and others.

Watertown Kiwanis Club President Robert Cockle, right, presents checks totaling $3,183 to some of the nine organizations selected as beneficiaries of the club’s travelogue series.

**Snowmobile trip raises $5,600**

You may have heard of a walk-a-thon, a telethon, but what about a snowmobile-a-thon? Detroit Lakes Kiwanis Club raised over $5,600 from pledges taken on a snowmobile trip last winter by the club.

Funds were distributed to five different local groups. They presented $2,020 to Young Life, $1,531 to Detroit Lakes Boys’ club, $1008 to 4-H, $973.75 to Big Brothers and $84.90 to the American Field Service.

The club hosted the recipients of their fund raising effort at the Erie Jr. Restaurant with a luncheon.

**Pierre Kiwanis builds River Park**

The Pierre - Fort Pierre Kiwanis Club used a barbecue, pancake feeds, and passed the hat to raise about $7,500 that was used to build Steamboat Memorial Park along the Missouri River. The city was able to double the funds with matching funds from The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

The money was used for a large shelter, playground equipment, and other structures. City Fathers placed a bronze marker at the park to recognize the Kiwanis efforts.

Werner Brand, past Governor, reported that the District Clubs raised over $350,000 for benevolence. One Club raised over $15,000, and three reported over $10,000.

From left to right: Shari Anderson and Scott Barntson, 4-H Paul Maltrud, Kiwanis President; Paul Ness, AFS; Jack Murray, Cochairman of the trip; Ruth Hartman, Big Brothers; Larry Mills, cochairman; Matt Casey, Boys’ Club and Fred Harker, Young Life—involved in Detroit Lakes K. benevolence Snowmobile Trip.
Golden Eighties— "The Greedy Years"

Past Governors and Past Lt. Governors wore golden jackets in the Golden Eighties. The District organized the Past Lieutenant Governors Association called Golden Buffalos. Thirty-nine Golden K Clubs that started in this decade still exist today. Ten other new clubs added to the "Gold" of the eighties growth. The District also introduced "GEAR," a Growth, Education, And Retention program, and the Kiwanis International Officer's Training program. The District promoted and helped to elect Merald Enstad as Kiwanis International President. Enstad's leadership determined the new location of Kiwanis headquarters in Indianapolis, IN. And the U.S. Hockey team won the Gold Medal with a 4-2 victory over Finland.

Some called this decade the "Greedy Years:" Ivan Boesky's inside stock trading cost him a fine of 100 million dollars. America shifted from manufacturing to service industries specializing in high tech services. Manufacturers moved to foreign countries for bigger profits. The Assemblies of God stripped Evangelist Jim Bakker of his ordination for sexual misconduct and the court sentenced him for misuse of funds. Media quickly judged, but who told them these things were wrong? During the same years the media showed Gays parading in the streets of Des Moines Iowa, and represented them with banner headlines of respect. Federal Agents dressed as Arabs (ABSCAM) offered bribes in exchange for favors, and as a result, agents arrested seven men in the house of representatives for taking bribes. American oil tycoons won $221 billion in profits when the U.S. cropped price controls. The need for ethical education led to the Kiwanis Terrific Kids program as sponsored by Worthington and other clubs. The American Institute for Character Education awarded Kiwanis International in 1985 for their support of character education in elementary schools.

The aftermath of the Vietnam Crisis brought an influx of Korean, Vietnamese and Asian immigrants to America. Four thousand Vietnamese children, fathered by American soldiers, resettled in the United States, and 808,000 immigrants arrived in the U.S. from Asian countries in 1980. This ethnic group grew by the millions in the decade and made up one half of all legal immigrants. Anoka Kiwanians gave $2,650 for Cambodian Relief. President Reagan promoted Chinese trade with new agreements. Trading grew to $5.5 billion in 1981. Division 17 Kiwanis Clubs gathered and shipped four and a half tons of books to China. Communists took over Ethiopia, cut off the people in Northern Ethiopia and caused a famine. (All famines are man made.) Huron Kiwanis Club raised $3,335.16 for hungry Ethiopians.

Service men came home from the Vietnam War with new sexual diseases. Doctors identified a new disease, AIDS, in 1981 that caused a number of deaths within the homosexual community and among Haitian immigrants to the United States. AIDS or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome spreads with the exchange of bodily fluids through sexual contact. AIDS also spread with needles used by drug users. The biggest health problems of the decade turned into "Major Emphasis Projects" for Kiwanians. Kiwanians promoted "Just say, No" billboards picturing Nancy Reagan. They also promoted a "Know to say, No" drug awareness program in schools. "Share Good Health" became an often used Major Emphasis.

The greatest technical advance in the decade came from lasers. Schawlow received a Nobel Prize, in 1981, for his development of laser spectroscopy. Laser "atomic traps" were developed in the late 1980's to slow down and study living organisms. A laser beam can be used to seal capillaries in a shallow surface layer without damaging deeper tissues. Noninvasive surgery of the retina (laser light enters through the eye lens) and cauterization of stomach ulcers (light enters via an endoscopic fiber) are important applications. Lasers have also been used to clear cholesterol blockages in arteries. Bell Telephone system, A 144-fiber cable, can carry 40,000 simultaneous telephone conversations. These technical advances made it possible for Willmar to give a fonator to assist training speech impaired students, for the Golden Buffalos to donate a phonic ear, and for Kiwanis Clubs to equip Trauma Centers at Children's Hospitals. We learned in this decade that if a disease breaks out in Africa it can soon spread to America. Kiwanians learned that their community stretches around the world and that technical advances cannot substitute for character education. In a greedy economic period Kiwanians gave their service and money to help the needy. The District started MORE new clubs in this decade than in any other decade in its history.
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1979-80

Governor— F. Larry Rittgarn, Fargo Rough Riders, ND
International President — Mark A. Smith, Jr., North Dekalb, GA
District Convention— Duluth, MN
International Convention— Anaheim, CA
International Theme - Build Together
Major Emphasis - Right Start, Hand in Hand with Youth

Clubs started in 1979-80 that are still in existence today: Duluth Gitchee Gumee in MN and Sioux Falls Golden K in SD.

Kiwanians build clubs, cabins, tables,

Under the leadership of F. Larry Rittgarn the District "built together" to elect Merald Enstad International Kiwanis President designate to take office in October; to finish the Camp Courage Cabin project; to build park picnic tables, to build a library; and to help build a Salvation Army Headquarters.

With a "great year" like that, Larry met all the criteria and International recognized him as a Distinguished Governor. The District built three new clubs. Rittgarn has continued to serve as an International Leadership Trainer to help new officers in the District serve effectively.

Kiwanis installs Merald Enstad as President - elect at Anaheim

Merald Enstad was installed as International President-designate to become President on October 1, at the Anaheim, California International Convention. Around 200 district delegates were proud to see Merald, Jeanette, their son Dick, daughter-in-law Nancy and granddaughter Jenny as a family.

Pat Boone, radio and television personality, sang "April Love." Going into the audience he sang the latter part of the song to Merald's granddaughter.

Then he turned to Jenny and asked, "If I give you this bouquet, will you give me a kiss?"

Jenny looked Boone in the eye and said, "well, maybe."

Boone's reply was, "Are you sure that you are only six years old?"

District completes cabin project

"Bill" Hopkins announced that the District Clubs completed their pledge of $30,000 to build a cabin for Camp Courage North at Lake George, MN. The cabin bears the Kiwanis name. 137 clubs contributed. (Cabin Project was completed in 1979)

Hopkins had served for years as Public Affairs Director for the Courage-Center, a regional center geared toward improving the quality of life for people with severe physical disabilities. "Bill" pioneered continuing efforts to make the man-made environment more accessible and usable by all people with mobility problems.
Kiwanians build public library

Tioga Kiwanis Club met the community need for a library by building—a 18' X 28' concrete block building. This year, to reduce fuel costs, the Club insulated and paneled the inside walls.

They raised funds for the project by sponsoring a fishing derby, a fish fry, and by selling advertising for a Tioga basketball tournament. The club plans to add more book shelves and a sign reading, "Kiwanis Public Library."

Lead builds park picnic tables

Kiwanis Club of Lead built three new picnic tables for Stephen Berry Park. The tables were placed in cement bases and the planks were three inches thick. They have maintained the park for three years.

Kiwanians have fun at conventions, and meetings

Secretary, Governor meet halfway

To discuss problems and promotions, Governor F. Larry Rittgarn and Secretary-Treasurer Floyd K. Christianson met halfway between Fargo and Grand Forks at Hillboro. The first to arrive would order liver, onions and baked potato for each.

Pat Rittgarn doesn't like chicken

Knowing that Governor Rittgarn's wife, Pat, didn't like chicken (the order of the day). Jim Dalglish decided to have some fun at the District Convention in Duluth.

Jim had McDonald's bring in a hamburger for her to eat and a hat for her to wear at the Governor's Banquet. Pat ate with the dignity of a McDonald Queen.

Rochester gives $1,000 to build

The Downtown Kiwanis Club of Rochester gave a check for $1,000 to the local Salvation Army for their building fund drive.

Anoka builds Cambodian's hope

In a unique Money raiser the Kiwanis Club of Anoka doubled dollars for the Cambodian Relief Fund. An anonymous member said that he would match every dollar the Kiwanis Club could raise in a designated time.

A business firm also said it would match every dollar that the members raised. By serving soup at their regular meeting, but charging full price for the meal, the club raised a total of $2,650 for Cambodian Relief.

District helps blind people see

Sixteen clubs collected thousands of used eye glasses for volunteer Ophthalmic Services to Humanity. 800 pair of usable eye glasses were redeemed, and gold scrap from the frames raised $1,024.64.

22 Kiwanians inter-club by bus

Twenty two Golden K members from Grand Forks went to Grafton by bus for an inter-club visit. Following the meeting they visited a museum on a farm north of town.

Rapid City visits diabetic camp

Forty Kiwanians from Downtown Rapid City visited Camp Hauntz, a camp for diabetic children. Thirty-two diabetic children attended the camp to learn how to manage their disease.

The children have medical supervision twenty-four hours a day at camp. They learn more about diabetes and how to give their own injections.
1980-81

Governor— W. B. "Bill" Hopkins, Southwest Mpls., MN
International President — Merald T. Enstad, Fergus Falls, MN
District Convention— Rapid City, SD
International Convention—New Orleans, LA

International Theme - Take Time to Care
Major Emphasis CD-Communication's Disabilities

Clubs started in 1980-81 that are still in existence today:
Fergus Falls Golden K, Foley, Moorhead Golden K, St. Cloud Golden K,
Albert Lea Golden K, Austin Golden K, Chaska, Mankato Golden K,
Northeast Minneapolis Golden K, Edina-Richfield, Worthington Golden K,
Thief River Falls Golden K, and Grand Rapids Golden K all in MN. Fargo
Golden K and Wahpeton Golden K in ND and Pierre Golden K in SD.

Governor W. B. "Bill" Hopkins

District Kiwanis goes for Gold, wins first

Under the enthusiastic leadership of W. B. "Bill" Hopkins, Kiwanians caught
the spirit—"Take Time to Care;" and went for the "Gold,"
as well as first place in service.

Minn-Daks. District Kiwanis established a number of "firsts:
the District won first place for Administration in their class size.
They scored 982 points out of a possible 1000. That was the first
time any district had scored that many points. The District
established an organization for Past Lieutenant Governors for the first time. The first
gold blazer was introduced in 1980. The first buffalo breast pocket patch was designed. And
the District introduced the first District Logo with a charging buffalo. The District also built the first
club in Kiwanis International for that year. In 1980-81 the District
broke its all-time building record with 23 new clubs. The
last record of 17 was established in 1922.

District goes gold, starts Buffalo

At the request of Gov. Hopkins Ren fetzer,
ably assisted by E. Charles Schroder, organized
The Past Lieutenant Governors Association which
was dubbed "The Golden Buffalos." Governor
Hopkins said they chose the buffalo because of its
power & spirit. Buffalo demonstrate courage,
commitment and cooperation. The 1980-81 team
of Kiwanis leaders portrayed these attributes.

Golden Buffalos organized to harness the
training and expertise of Past Lieutenant Governors for service at all levels of Kiwanis. Ren
Fetzer wrote, 'The purpose of this organization is
to capitalize on the vast reservoir of talent that has
heretofore been dormant.'

District starts first Int'l. club

Fergus Falls Golden K was organized at 12:01
A.M. October 1. The head of the new club building
department for Kiwanis International stayed up until
after midnight to record the event.

Vernon Arneson chaired the new club building
committee in Fergus Falls. He sold Merald his first
pair of long pants, brought him into Kiwanis,
persuaded Merald to run for Governor and
International offices, and now started Merald's first
club. The District set new highs in membership with
a net gain of 675 which was 75% of the net gain in
Kiwanis International for that year.

Make Things Happen—
Our Year to Shine
International recognizes Gov. Hopkins

Past Governor W. B. "Bill" Hopkins, a member of Southwest Minneapolis Kiwanis Club, received Kiwanis awards for years; but probably none was more welcome than the trophy received from Past International President, Merald Enstad at the Minneapolis International Convention for setting a district record in new club building.

During Bill's term as Southwest President, the club was awarded first place in a single service project in its district category. Hopkins received the Distinguished Lt. Governor award for serving on Governor Garth White's team in 1974-1975.

Hopkins wore the title of Public Affairs Director for Courage Center, a center dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with severe physical disabilities. He was a prime mover with the Minn. Legislature in the enactment of landmark statutes. He is a graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University and did graduate work at Louisiana State.

Past Governor Bill Hopkins holds trophy presented by Past Int. President Merald Enstad at the 1982 Minneapolis Int. Convention for setting an all-time club building record of 23 new clubs in one year.

The Clock shows one tick after midnight, and originators of the new Golden K of Fergus Falls pose for a picture: Front row—Elmer Hermann, Roger Johnson and Vern Arneson; back row—Errol Matheson, Governor Bill Hopkins, George Lindstrom, and James Grey. The new club gave International President Merald Enstad his first world wide new club for 1980-81.
District sets new records, Gov. distinguished

District Secretary Floyd Christianson wrote, "What a Year! New club building records broken! Membership records broken! For his outstanding Accomplishments W. B. "Bill" Hopkins was named Distinguished Governor, and Merald Enstad was International President.

The excitement, the exuberance, the enthusiasm of the "Golden Year" of Kiwanis can be suggested by a poem, "The Gold in the Golden K" by Roy B. Moore.

Seventeen of the twenty-three new clubs established that year were Golden K clubs. Over Twenty-five per cent of the current membership of the MN-Daks. District comes from Golden K Clubs.

The Gold in the Golden K
by Roy B. Moore, Mankato Kiwanis Club

It's not special easy to find, I'm told, —
I mean, things that are made out of precious gold.
Young Jason, who searched back in Ancient Greece,
Had a heck of a time getting that Golden Fleece!
And King Arthur's knights hit a lifetime trail
And never did find that Golden Grail!
And farmers must pray for the right sun and rain
To get flowing fields of their golden grain!
And there warn't many prospectors in eighteen forty-nine
What found him a nugget or a paying mine.
And though we'd all hope to see that Golden Gate,—
Sometime! — Right now, we'd just as soon wait!

Well, we don't have to wait for one's wealth today,—
It's the gold that is found in our new Golden K!
The wealth that is stored in the heart and the mind
Of each Golden K member is easy to find!
Just tap on his shoulder and the wisdom pops out,—
The wealth of his wisdom, of what Life's all about.
And the years that he's lived sets him up there apart.
The riches of understanding is the gold in his heart.
His hair may be silver or his scalp may be bare,
But look for the gold and, by golly, it's there!
This town is the richer and rich it will stay
With the gold that is found in our new Golden K!

Enstad serves as ambassador around the world

International President Merald Enstad represented Kiwanis in 35 countries of the world. He presented gifts to President Ronald Reagan, to Edwin Meese, counselor to the President and to others.

Enstads were gone from their home 252 days during the year and were treated royally wherever they went. Merald and Jeanette were a credit to the Minnesota-Dakotas District as they toured the world.

Adolfo Miralpeix, Secretary hands book to Rene; F. Soto President of the Kiwanis Club of Salta Argentina, S. Am. while Ray Jeans, Field Rep, and Int Pres. Merald Enstad witness

Merald Enstad presents President Ronald Reagan with a desk clock that has "Time to Care" inscribed on it.
Enstad relates: "road to the presidency"

In response to a request by Secretary-Treasurer Floyd Christianson, Past International President Merald Enstad furnished the following facts:

Friends request Enstad run races

Merald Enstad was president of his Fergus Falls Club in 1957; was elected Lt. Governor under Gov. Harold M. "Hal" Burke of Mankato, MN, and was urged by "Hal," Harold Drews, and others to run for Governor in 1963—an office he won.

International President Glenn R. Reed, Jr. asked Merald to serve on the Circle K International Committee in 1966—a position he held as chairman or member until 1973 when Merald was elected an International Kiwanis Trustee. "The rest," wrote Merald, "is history, moving from Trustee to Vice-President, to Treasurer, to President-elect, and in 1980 I was elected the International President."

Enstad pays tribute to helpers

"It would be impossible for me to name all, and I'm in danger when I mention some, but I would be remiss if I did not pay tribute to the 1977-78 MN-Daks. District Governor Ronald R. Bubel, DC and to newly elected Secretary-Treasurer Floyd Christianson; (together they did not know that it couldn't be done so they just went ahead and did it.)

President confronts, solves serious building problems

Immediately after the Anaheim, CA election, Merald was confronted with some very serious problems: Chicago condemned International Headquarters because they wanted the location for City use. After negotiating and searching, the office moved to Indianapolis in a much more efficient and brand new building.

International Secretary Reg Merridew was retiring and a new Secretary was hired. However, it was necessary to terminate the new secretary's employment. Merald wrote: "Secretary Reg agreed to continue on through the rest of my year, and I am deeply indebted to him for continuing on after he had decided to retire.

"It was necessary for me to locate a person to oversee and conclude the new building program, and the move. A long term friend of mine, Larry Hapgood, Ass. Sec. agreed to oversee the move."

"Kiwanis has given me a third dimension to life—my family, my church, and Kiwanis!"
1981-82

Governor— R. W. “Ray” Lucan, Rapid City, SD
International President— E. B. “Mac” McKitrick, Edmonton, PA
District Convention— St. Cloud, MN
International Convention— Minneapolis, MN
International Theme - Serving the World —
Major Emphasis- ShareGood Health


Local Kiwanians serve health to the world

District Kiwanis Clubs served the world by sharing good health when they helped the blind, the hearing impaired, and the hungry. The major Emphasis for Kiwanians was: "Share Your Health."

Spearfish skis to aid the blind

Spearfish Kiwanians cooperated with the "International Ski for light" program to help the blind. President Fred Romkema presented a check for $100 to the Chamber of Commerce in support of the program.

Mankato pancakes serve world

Mankato Kiwanis Clubs served pancakes and raised $1,400 for the World Health Fund. The Kiwanis Downtown Club, Golden K and Mankato Hilltop worked together. Over fifty members helped serve, and all members sold tickets.

Willmar assists speech impaired

Kiwani Club of Willmar donated a fonator to the public schools to assist in training speech impaired students.

School speech clinicians and moderately to profoundly hearing-impaired students used the machine which registers sensation or vibration to communicate speech information. The experience allowed students to imitate correct speech skills and to compare their speech with that of the instructor.

Among the areas it can assist in developing are vocalization skills, forming words and sentences and avoiding deviant speech patterns.

Virginia helps hearing impaired

Virginia, MN Kiwanians donated a number of books for the hearing impaired to the Virginia Public Library. The Books were made available to hearing impaired children and their parents.

District Clubs gather glasses, gold

Five District Kiwanis Clubs gathered hundreds of pairs of eye glasses, and salvaged $375 worth of gold from the frames.

Mankato Kiwanian Dr. Harold Carlson processed the glasses through VOSH (volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity). VOSH teams visited undeveloped countries and helped hundreds of poor people who came to eye clinics for physical examinations.
Distinguished Men give distinctive service

International Kiwanis names Lucan Distinguished Governor

International Kiwanis recognized Governor Raymond Lucan as a distinguished Governor for meeting his goals and the requirements of the international Office. During Lucan's term the District increased membership, "shut the back Door," built five new clubs (Four Golden K Clubs still exist), added two new Lieutenant Governors, awarded fourteen Charter II's (rebuilt clubs to charter strength), increased Circle K Outreach and started the Key Club Outreach program.

Lucan who was President of Downtown Kiwanis Club of Rapid City, SD in 1971-72 became a Distinguished Lt. Governor in 1975 and a Distinguished Governor in 1982.

Ray served as Chairman of five District Kiwanis Committees. He was a Deacon of Westminster Presbyterian Church, on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, an Executive Director of the United Way, an Eagle Scout and a YMCA Scuba Instructor.

Hogan rides for cancer-diabetes

Howard Hogan of Fergus Falls startled many when he appeared at the bike-a-thon to raise money for Cancer-Diabetes on what is known as a High-Wheeler bike. (A High-Wheeler bike has a high wheel in the front about 5 ft. high and a very small wheel in back) Howard rode the bike for 18 miles and raised $250 for his efforts. He first rode the bike in 1926 when he was 16 years old.

Kiwanis honors Jerry Lammers 60-year dedication

Two Kiwanis clubs declared Jerry Lammers as the Outstanding Kiwanian for the year. Wessingtons Springs, SD sent eight men to visit him and present to him a plaque designating him as an outstanding Kiwanian to his home club in Madison, the Wessington Springs Club and to the organization as a whole. Jerry Lammers, one of the most dedicated of all Kiwanians in the Minnesota-Dakotas District, deserved special recognition for his efforts.

Lammers was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Wessington Springs, SD and later became president. He moved to Madison, SD and became president of their club.

Jerry Lammers had 56 years of perfect attendance at weekly meetings and attended 60 consecutive District annual conventions.


Lammers held every office in Kiwanis up to and including International Trustee. He was Governor of the Minnesota-Dakotas District in 1928

Diet—something to take the starch out of you.
Kiwanians promote community spirit

Parades, watermelon provide fun

Capital City Pierre decorated a van that traveled in parades. But their most attracting entry was a horse drawn buggy that appeared in the annual Band Day parade at Bismarck. Richard Biwar, owner, and Steve Aune, Vice President of the club, hold up their sign for the picture.

Yankton Kiwanis club members "treated" young and old to a big watermelon feed. The Kiwanians used the watermelon feed as a way of expressing appreciation for the support given the club's money-raising projects throughout the year.

What Does Kiwanis Do for Me?
Revised from St. Paul Kiwanis Club Bulletin

What does Kiwanis do for me?
You ask the question; now let me see:
Well, it gives me a chance to mix with men;
To enjoy their company now and then.

To join in lunch and jolly song;
To make life lighter and youth prolong.
To hear good speakers and their views;
To exchange opinions on current news.

To think of those less fortunate born;
Not heading my deeds by blowing a horn;
To help underprivileged carry their load;
To brighten their journey along the road.

To train boys and girls in citizenship;
To give them a hand whenever they slip.
To work together in doing good,
As God intended all men should.

Yes, Kiwanis does all these things for me;
My membership is worth many times the fee.
Ask not, "what does Kiwanis do for me?"
Ask, "what does Kiwanis do through me!"

John Siegfried, Caryl Brangman, Gary Miller, Bob Gohdes, Dick Connor & Jim Schnell plant seedless ash tree in Chaska Square. As a part of Chaska Kiwanis Club's Community Betterment Project, The club donated two trees.

AN OBJECT OF KIWANIS
To provide through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.
District helps build International Offices
Past President Merald turns first shovel

Merald T. Enstad, immediate Past President of Kiwanis International, had the honor of turning over the first shovel of dirt prior to grading for the new Kiwanis International World Headquarters Building in Indianapolis on September 26, 1981.

Kiwanians who donated $25 to $99 were given a replica of the corner stone of the new Kiwanis World Headquarters. The cube shaped paper weight assured donors that their names would be listed in "The Kiwanis Book of Gifts."

Merald Enstad, turns the first shovel of dirt for the new world Kiwanis building as President "Mac" McKitrick watches.

Enstad helps place Corner Stone

Past President Merald Enstad waits and watches as Past President E.B. "Mac" McKitrick places mortar; and President John T. Roberts holds a trowel of cement for the cornerstone of the new Kiwanis International Building, October 2, 1982. Then Merald (second from left) put on his final touches.

New International World Headquarters in rolling hills of College Park area in northwest Indianapolis. The three floor, precast, concrete, gray structure stands out in contrast against large Kiwanis emblems on both north and south elevations. The hall of flags, high ceiling reception area opens to both sides.