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Governor—— Ben H. Barnard, Wahpeton, ND.
International President—— Albert J. Tully, Mobile, AL
District Convention — Minot, ND
International Convention- Miami Beach, FL
International Theme: Freedom Is Up to You

Clubs started in 1960 that are still in existence today: Moose Lake, MN

Kiwanis wins Freedom & Service Awards

With the International theme: "Freedom is up to You," Kiwanians won awards for Citizenship Responsibility, and Community Service in 1960.

International Kiwanis President Albert J. Tully accepted a Distinguished Service Award from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Feb 22, 1960. The award came to Kiwanis for having received at least nine awards in the eleven annual competitions sponsored by the Foundation.

President Tully also accepted the George Washington medal in the American competition for Kiwanis. It was granted to Kiwanis for the organization’s; “eleven point program on individual citizenship responsibility, headlined by the 1959 theme 'Build Individual Responsibility.'”

Radio Programs Free Europe


Yankton, SD & Madison, MN display freedom floats

Kiwanis promotes Freedom Responsibility —"it’s up to you"

The Kiwanis Clubs of Madison, MN and Yankton, SD both advertised Kiwanis to their cities by putting floats in parades. They certainly were proud to be Kiwanians.

Kiwanis has tremendous appeal, but we must—
"Tell it, in order to sell it."
Kiwanis supports Int'l. Freedom Theme

Minnesota-Dakotas district and the Spiritual Aims Chairman supported the International theme, "Freedom is up to You."

The District Committee on “RIAL,” “Religion In American Life,” carried out a program in Support of Churches. Decals were given to businesses to support church services on Sunday.

Spiritual aims chairmen from all clubs were encouraged to adopt three projects suggested by Kiwanis International:
1. 100% membership participation in at least one project sponsored by this committee.
2. Observe board policy on no alcoholic beverages at all Kiwanis functions.
3. Have invocations, especially by laymen, at all Kiwanis meetings.

Loehle Gast, District Spiritual Aims Chair, wrote "The first object of Kiwanis International is 'to give primacy to the Human and Spiritual, rather than to material values of life.' We as Kiwanians should hold fast and dear the fact that we have obligations to this end or we should not be Kiwanians."

Kiwanis International's theme for 1960 was

Kiwanis Clubs find unique ways to carry on business

St. cloud flies to inter-club

A group of St. Cloud Kiwanians used three airplanes to fly to Willmar for an inter-club meeting. It is believed that this is the largest group of Kiwanians to fly by airplane to an inter-club meeting.

Mankato installs officer by phone

Just before he was to be installed as president of the Kiwanis Club of Mankato, Maurice Nelson slipped on some ice and had to be hospitalized. How do you get someone installed as president when you cannot leave the hospital?

The question was solved when a two-way telephone hookup between the hospital and the club was made and Nelson was duly installed as president of the club.

Miami Convention Delegates registered for $12.50, paid $6.50 for wives, $5.00 for young adults, and nothing for guests 16 and under.

Kiwanis International made decals available for local clubs to promote "Religion in American Life." Decals were placed on business windows.

"Freedom is up to You." Kiwanians believe that vigilance is the price of freedom. We only have the freedoms that we maintain and for which we fight.

Loehle Gast wrote, "Our 1960 theme 'Freedom is up to You' will only be a realization if we use our God given resources to effectively combat Communism, atheism and prejudices through support of this Committee."

Gast suggested that each club appoint a "Chaplain of the Week," seat him at the speaker's table, and give each member a turn.

New Club stages talent show

The Kiwanis Club of Westbrook, MN, which was not yet a year old, staged its first talent contest. The more than forty participants were all of school age from eight surrounding communities. Seventy-five dollars were awarded in cash prizes and several hundred dollars was added to the Youth Service Fund of the Kiwanis Club.

Yankton honors High school students

The Kiwanis Club of Yankton, SD sponsored a banquet to honor students from the two high schools in the city. Kiwanis invited students who were in the upper 6% of their class. Sixty-eight students received this honor.

"I don't think much of the man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday." Abraham Lincoln
Forty is the old age of youth; fifty is the youth of old age." —Victor Hugo
1961

Governor-- Harold M. Burke, Mankato, MN.
International President-- J. O. Tally, Jr., Fayetteville, NC
District Convention-- Yankton, SD
International Convention--Toronto, ON
International Theme: Build Responsible Citizenship

Clubs started in 1961 that are still in existence today: Hendricks, Little Falls and North Hennepin in MN, and Sioux Falls East in SD.

Kiwianians build responsible citizenship

Governor "Hal" Burke wrote: "We must continue to fight for the Free Enterprise System in every walk of life if we are to retain it. America today needs more rugged individualists—of the pattern of our forefathers who laid the ground work for this great nation. Kiwanis again in 1961 has a great theme—Build Responsible Citizenship."

HAROLD "HAL" BURKE HONORED
International Trustee W. Clyde Glass of Louisville, Kentucky honored Governor Harold M. "Hal" Burke by conferring on him the title of Kentucky Colonel.

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL WINS AWARD
Kiwanis International won its tenth top award out of twelve in the annual Freedom Foundation Citizenship Award. It was presented for Kiwanis CQ (Citizenship Quotient), a project which encouraged citizens to determine the extent and kind of their individual citizenship activity.

TRUSTEE PUSHES CITIZENSHIP
International Trustee Clyde Glass wrote about a father and son who worked together on a school assignment. The son asked for help writing an article on "Free Enterprise." Dad suggested that he look in the encyclopedia. But the son could find nothing under "free enterprise" or "freedom of enterprise."

So, Bobby and his dad worked out a definition between them: "Free enterprise is the right of each individual to decide for himself what his occupation shall be; to change it whenever he wishes, and free enterprise also means the private ownership and management of the tools, property, and other means of production and distribution."

Dad, greatly disturbed, asked the librarian to look for definitions. She looked and looked to no avail. Alarmed, Glass wrote, "Isn't it time that we reassess the values that made this country great and start selling America to Americans?"

"Isn't it time that we realize that 'sittin and wishin' won't change our fate? The Lord provides the fish, but we have to dig the bait.

"Our 'CQ,' citizenship quotient; Program is ready made to wake up Americans & make us realize that freedom is our individual responsibility. You've got to tell a story to sell a story; and ours is the best! Let's talk it over, everywhere!"

Rochester introduces Green Candle of Hope to Kiwanis

The Green Candle of Hope was a simple but effective program for the enslaved Christians behind the Iron Curtain. A candle was lighted to epitomize their indomitable spirit. This project was first used by the Kiwanis Club of Rochester, MN. Their object was the displaying and lighting of a green candle during Holy Week. The program was adopted by the International Committee on Support of Churches in Their Spiritual Aims.
Kiwanians give, serve, fellowship, have fun
Eduation Foundation has problem

The Kiwanis Education Foundation in 1961 was a revolving loan fund operated and financed by the Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International. It made loans to worthy and needy young high school graduates of the district to further their education. But they had a problem.

In 1961 the Foundation had outstanding loans amounting to $10,950 and about $630 in the bank. They had applications for another $1,500 more in loans, but didn't have money in the bank to loan.

Applicants had to be approved and recommended by a Kiwanis Club of the District. Students could borrow up to $350 during a school year and a total of $1,000. Loans drew interest at the rate of 3% per year from the date of the note and were to be repaid on a monthly rate or in a lump sum, beginning when employment was secured.

District sets new record

A New Club Building Record was set when three new Kiwanis Clubs, two Circle K Clubs and one new Key Club were built in less than thirty days. Kiwanis Clubs of East Sioux Falls, Hendricks MN and West Suburban Club of Minneapolis all received charters between April 17th and May 4th.

The Kiwanian Club of Willmar purchased an aluminum boat for the Boy Scout Camp.

Kiwanis reaches into Canada & into three continents

The International Convention was held in Toronto, Canada. This was a historic Convention because after much discussion, Kiwanis truly became International. Kiwanis was extended to Europe, Mexico, South America and Asia.

The convention renewed relations with Canada. Thirty-two Peace Markers are now in place on both sides of the common United States-Canadian border and are established as the principal point of entry to the two countries.

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AN OBJECT OF KIWANIS
To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.
Gov. Burke receives achievement award

The award was presented at the International convention in Denver for excellence in overall community service programming and for administration.

Harold (Hal) Burke served as President of his Mankato club, was Lt. Governor of Division 2 and chaired several District Committees.

Hal found time to give to his community, his church, Bethlehem Lutheran, in which he served as church secretary; and to civic organizations such as Masonic Lodge, Elks Lodge, and he was a member of the Board of the YMCA.

Hal, a graduate of Yankton College, served schools for many years in South Dakota and Iowa before entering the business field. He operated Ladies ready to wear stores in Mankato and St. Peter, Minnesota.

Clubs assist youth, serve public, raise funds

A statistical review of Kiwanis Activity in 1961 gives a perspective of the Kiwanis fund raising, service, and youth contributions of Kiwanians in the Minnesota-Dakotas District. Kiwanians raised over $650,000 to help hundreds of thousands.

**Clubs Participating in International Programs:**
- Farm- City Week 73
- CQ Program 38
- Kid's Day 48
- National Public
- Works Week 20

**Number of Projects Carried out in 1961:**
- Agriculture & Conservation committee 221
- Safety Projects: farm, highway, bicycle, etc. 111
- International Goodwill Week & People Aid 73
- Senior Citizen's Projects 69
- Youth: Scouts, 4-H, Campfire Girls, etc. 275
- Support of Churches: decals, directories, etc. 170
- Vocational Assistance for Youth 195

**Number of Members Providing Public Service:**
- Elected or appointed to public office 677
- Public Service: schools, chambers, hospitals, 2,069
- Taught Sunday School or religious classes 824
- Ballot Battalion to get out the vote 498

**Number of Youth who Benefited from Clubs:**
- Recreational Projects 28,248
- Kids’ Day Activities 20,607
- Medical Assistance: glasses, nurses, etc. 1,499

**Awards of Recognition given**
- 4,650

**Material aid- food, clothing, etc.**
- 1,856

**Farm Youth Organization help**
- 7,014

**Quarts of milk to school children**
- 2,595

**Money Raised by Kiwanians in 1961**
- Charitable Funds raised $650,643
- Kids Day Activities 17,556
- Student Loans by District 15,540
- Scholarships and Loans 288

**Public Relations Support**
- Prayer Table Tents 12,541
- Vocational Aids: books, brochures, etc. 2,595
- TV & Radio spots; Spiritual Life 1,221
- Lay Ministers for Churches 143
- Trees Planted 7,460

**THINK SERVICE**

*KiwanisBuilds*

*Better Communities*
1962

Governor— D. Wayne Sutherland, Sioux Falls, SD
International President— I. R. Witthuhn, Milwaukee, WI
District Convention— Virginia, MN
International Convention— Denver, CO
International Theme: Freedom—Our Individual Responsibility

Clubs started in 1962 that are still in existence today: International Falls, and St. Anthony in MN.

**District Remembers, honors Past Governors**

**Grand Forks has an Abbott Day**

April 27, 1962 was declared “Dr. Abbott Day” in Grand Forks, ND when Abbott Hall of Chemistry at the University of N. Dak. was dedicated to Dr. George A. Abbott because of his great knowledge of chemistry,

Abbott was a Charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Grand Forks, was known all over the United States and was called on many times at trials where his knowledge of chemistry was needed.

He served as Governor of the Minnesota-Dakotas District in 1930. How great, that Dr. Abbott was alive and well at the time of the dedication. At the time of his death at the age of 97, Dr. Abbott was program chairman of the Kiwanis Club of Grand Forks.

**Kiwanians honor first Governor**

Louis A. Muessel, considered by many to be the first Governor of the Minnesota-Dakotas District. He served as Governor for two years and died in 1962. He was considered the first Governor because it was felt that the man who was elected as the first Governor served such a short time and left without warning that he wasn’t actually a Governor.

**Kiwanians raise funds with Gum Balls, Fish and Peanuts**

*Kiwanis Club of Mankato* used gum ball machines for ten years to raise over $4,000. Profits went to their Youth project, Camp Patterson. In a city of 20,000 people the club had 109 machines in 93 locations.

*Albert Lea Kiwanis Club*, in one day, sold 230 cases of peanuts on the street corners in that city at a net profit of $756.96

*Fargo Kiwanis Club* has operated gum ball machines for 150 months and has realized a net profit of $10,502.80 for its Foundation Fund.

*Moorhead* held its first lutefisk and meatball dinner. This has become a tradition and is held every year.

Seventeen new clubs were organized in 1922, and fifteen of this group were still in existence to celebrate their FORTIETH anniversary. This record lasted for 58 years.
"Build Responsible Citizenship" and "Freedom Our Individual Responsibility" were the administrative themes for Kiwanis International for 1961 and 1962. District Governor Wayne Sutherland emphasized these, and the service projects of the clubs reflect those directions. Sutherland said, "It is my hope that 1962 can be rated as a year with a high level of Kiwanis service." The following projects reflect that "high level."

Grand Forks Kiwanis Club raises Dollars for Scholars

Grand Forks started "Dollars for Scholars" project on December 11, 1962. Students from the High Schools were asked to go out, ring doorbells and ask for one dollar or more to help graduating seniors go to college.

It was a bitterly cold evening. Residents of Grand Forks were urged to keep their porch lights on so the students would know whom to call on. Grand Forks was completely "lit up" and the students all got a warm reception.

In spite of the temperature being far below zero over $5,000 was raised in the period from 6:30 until about 9 o'clock. The project not only is still going but it has continued to grow each year. "Dollars for Scholars" is raising well over $10,000 per year.

District Kiwanis Clubs stress Citizenship Responsibility

In the 60's Kiwanians stressed developing Responsible Citizenship or their "CQ." A Kiwanian's Citizenship Quotient was his own measurement of himself as an active, alert, and responsible citizen.

Members asked questions— Am I taking an active part in my church, in schools for my children, and in the constructive projects of my community? Am I taking an active part in the political life of my community, my state, and my nation? Am I doing all possible to be of service to others?"

Webster Kiwanis Club shows visitors International Good Will

The Kiwanis Club of Webster, SD, made a gesture of International Good Will at a club meeting when five Japanese, who had been stationed at Webster during construction and test operation of the U.S. Saline Water Demonstration Plant, were honor guests prior to their departure for their homeland.

In addition to receiving buttons advertising Webster as "Petunia Capital of the World" the Japanese were presented with a gift from the club in appreciation of their contribution to International Friendship and to community life while they resided in the city.

Clubs serve crippled, the blind, libraries, and those in prison

Five members of the Kiwanis Club of Pipestone toured the Southwest Minnesota Crippled Children's school in Worthington, MN and presented a check for $350.00 for support of the school.

Fergus Falls started the first Canoe Derby down the Otter Tail River.

The Benson Kiwanis Club contributed a full set of the current Encyclopedia Britannica to the city library.

The Kiwanis Club of Alexandria visited the St. Paul reformatory at Alexandria. The inmates had developed talents that amazed the Kiwanians. The lunch for the evening was prepared by the boys.

Shoe skates and a cash contribution to buy more as needed was given to the South Dakota School for the Blind by the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen.

The 5,000th Kiwanis Club was organized in South Muncie, Ind. March 22, 1962.

Think Growth
Clerk's kindness results in big promotion

District Convention speaker, then Past Lt. Governor Therkel Jorgensen, illustrated the value of the Kiwanis Objects. Therkel served as District Governor in 1965; excerpts from his speech follow:

"To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.

"Don't be ashamed to speak of God and to serve Him. You are living in His world. He keeps your heart beating day and night. We must seek always to do some good somewhere. Each Kiwanian must seek himself out; to make himself more noble."

"To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. This is indeed the Golden Rule. It can even produce magic if carried out. Let me illustrate with another story.

"One stormy night an elderly couple entered a small hotel in a large mid-western city. The couple had no luggage. 'All the big places are filled up,' said the man. 'Can you possibly give us a room here?'

"The clerk replied that there were three conventions in town, and no hotel space anywhere. 'Every guest room is taken here too,' the clerk replied. But the young clerk looked over his guests carefully, and then he said, 'I just can't send you back out into this rainy night, I will give you my room. Somehow I shall manage.'

"The next morning as the stranger of that night paid his hotel bill to that same young hotel clerk, he said, 'You are the kind of a manager that I would like to have manage my hotel. Someday I may build you one.'

"To this the young clerk laughed... He laughed again, when after two years had passed, he received a telegram from New York requesting that he call on his guest of that rainy night nearly two years ago.

"In New York the old man led the young clerk to the corner of 5th Ave. and 34th St. and pointed to a vast, new building, a palace of reddish stone, with turrets and towers, like a castle from fairyland cleaving the New York sky. 'That,' he declared, 'is the hotel I have built—for you to manage.'

"As if hit by lightning, the young man, George C. Bolt, stood fixed to the ground. His benefactor had been none other than William Waldorf Astor—and the hotel the most famous of its day, and still is, the Waldorf Astoria. . . ."

Military Service members granted leave

Kiwanis International announced that the club board of directors may grant a "leave of absence" to a member who is called into military service and he shall be referred to as a "Military Service Member". The "leave of absence" shall extend for the period of active military service and such member will not count against the attendance record of the club.

This rule does not apply to members of a club having a military classification stationed in or near the club area.

Big Ten Kiwanis Clubs in 1962

The Kiwanis Club of Minneapolis was the seventh largest Kiwanis Club in Kiwanis International with a membership of 318.

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An Object of Kiwanis

To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
1963

Governor— Merald T. Enstad, Fergus Falls, MN.
International President— Merle H. Tucker, Gallup, NM
District Convention— Fargo, ND
International Convention— Atlantic City, NJ
International Theme: Responsibility—The Key to Freedom

Clubs started in 1963 that are still in existence today: Hector, MN and Rapid City West in SD

Gov. Merald T. Enstad

Governor Enstad: Kiwanis is fun, rewarding

Enstad has fun in Kiwanis and Kiwanians have fun with Enstad

Governor Merald Enstad wrote, "to me Kiwanis is fun, challenging and rewarding to the heart, and an absolute must to every community."

Merald's Club in Fergus Falls presented him with a tuxedo of which they said, "wear this when you go to District functions; we don't want you to go as you usually dress because that would bring shame to our club." (Merald's club pulled many tricks like this on him because they thought so much of him)

Enstad found last minute help when suddenly, at his training conference for his Lt. Governors, he found that one of his Lt. Governors was unable to serve. But past Governor and Past International Trustee Jerry Lammers got him a new Lt. Governor who arrived the very next morning ready to go.

Little Falls gave Merald a pig, squeal and all, at the end of a joint dinner with Rotary. The dinner was held in conjunction with the divisional training conference. Kiwanis and Rotary put on a joint local talent play. And a group from the Little Falls Kiwanis Club (which Merald started) presented Merald with a live pig hauled in on a small wagon in a crate. A veterinarian agreed to keep the pig overnight and Merald found a farmer friend the next day who agreed to take the pig.

A Kiwanis First
The first European club started February 1963 in Vienna, Austria.

Enstad locked his room with a chair at the International Convention in Atlantic City. The President's hotel did not have air conditioning and Enstads also found there was no lock on their door so they had to prop a chair up against it at night to keep out intruders.

Merald makes Kiwanis fun:
You arximportant,
rxsponsibility— thx kxy to frxxdom

Merald Enstad introduced his theme for 1963 with the following eye catching article:

"This yxar Jxanxttx and I dxcidxd to givx gifts that would bx of usx . . . Jxanxttx and Dick dxcidxd a typxwritxr would be a good gift for my notx, . . . But I am having troublx. . .

"Sometimes it sxxms that somx organizations arx likx this typxwritxr — not all mxmbxrs arx working propxrly. . .

So thx nxxt timx you think you arx only onx pxrson and that your xfforts arx not nxxddx or apprxciatxd, rxmxmbx rx this typxwritxr and say to yoursfl I arx an important cog, and kxy pexrson in thx Kiwanis Club of my towx. . ."

Rmxmxmbx thx Administrativx Thxmx for 1963: Rqxsponsibility — Thx Kxy to Frxxdom!
Enstad: Kiwanis provides family fellowship

Governor Enstad wrote, "share your fellowship with the new men in your club, rather than sitting with the 'ol gang' each meeting." Enstad often spoke of Kiwanis as his family.

**Two Governors: same family**

Richard "Dick" Enstad served as Governor of Circle K and Merald T. Enstad served as Governor of Kiwanis, Minnesota-Dakotas District.

Never before in the history of Kiwanis has there been a father who was Governor of Kiwanis and a son who was Governor of Circle K both in the same District and in the same year.

Merald was Lt. Governor of Division 7 in 1961, chaired three District Committees and was later elected president of Kiwanis International.

Enstad graduated from Granite Falls, Minnesota High School, the Minnesota School of Business, and worked his way up in Insurance business to become the President of the Minn. Association of Independent Insurance Agents in 1961.

Merald's activities in community affairs included the United Fund, Chamber of Commerce, PTA, Park Board, local Industrial firms, and his First English Lutheran Church.

**Wahpeton starts new Key Club in Sisseton SD**

Past Governor Ben Barnard, Wahpeton High School Principal, Alvin Hans and three Key Clubbers from Wahpeton started the 18th Key Club in the District at Sisseton, South Dakota.

Key Clubs are sponsored by a Kiwanis club and the local high school officials. It is unique because it is a service club to the school and to the local community.

**New Membership First:**

Kiwanis International announced a new type of membership, the Senior membership. He must attend at least twelve meetings a year, pay annual membership dues and shall be entitled to all privileges of the club.

When God measures a man, He puts the tape around the heart; not the head.
Governor: Kiwanis means service to others

Governor promotes Service for youth, children, and the lonely

Throughout his year Governor Merald Enstad pushed for "continued Service to Others." Merald wrote, "To me Kiwanis means service..." Kiwanis Clubs agreed with Merald by serving children, youth and the lonely.

Lefse & Lutefisk help youth

The Kiwanis club of Moorhead, MN, with the cooperation of the Circle K and Key Club, served 1,200 Lutefisk and Meatball dinners. Of course, Lutefisk dinners are never complete without Lefse of which they had plenty. They realize over $3,000 per year for youth activities.

Devils Lake serves the lonely

The Devils Lake Kiwanis club held a Christmas Day Dinner for all the people of Devils Lake who are left alone on Christmas Day. They have continued to do this annually to the present time.

Harvey displays freedom float

The Kiwanis Club of Harvey, ND put a float in their city parade for the 4th of July. The theme painted on the side of the truck hauling the float was "Let Freedom Ring"

Harvey Kiwanis Club keeps freedom ringing—The flag, the club bell, the rostrum, and the Kiwanis Club Banner all speak of responsibility, the key to freedom.

Kiwanis President Robert House of Rapid City

Kiwanis presents Police Sergeant Don Convey with a plaque of appreciation for assisting in a Kiwanis Safety program in Public School grades 1-3.

Rapid City provides safety

A lesson in safety was given the three lower grades of Rapid City schools by the Kiwanians of that city. They had fourteen hundred youngsters in attendance and the events were also witnessed by two hundred adults.

"Safety City" used hoola hoops to teach lessons. Hoops represented "automobiles" racing down the street. Every time a youngster stepped off a pretended curb, without taking precaution; a hoop would roll by him.

Kiwanians serve their Nation

South Dakota Senator Karl Mundt, 1934 Governor of The Minn.-Daks. District, said, "The 1963 theme of Kiwanis International — 'Responsibility, the Key to Freedom' is aptly demonstrated in the Congress of the US... More than 16 % of the Members of the House and Senate are Kiwanians... Kiwanis representation in the Congress exemplifies a key Kiwanis objective: 'To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.'
1964

Governor-- Loehle Gast, Fargo, ND.
International President-- Charles A. Swain, Cape May, NJ
District Convention-- Mankato, MN
International Convention--Los Angeles, CA
International Theme: Freedom—A Call to Personal Service
Clubs started that year that are still in existence today: Rolla, ND

Governor Loehle Gast

Gast introduces a call to personal service

It means a call to personal service to our nations—free men all! Respect, nurture, and defend constitutional government and the basic principles of individual and national freedom. Vigorously combat excessive government expansion, controls and regulations.

It means a call to personal service to our fellow citizens whom we serve. Exemplify individual initiative and dignity of work as essential to serviceable life. Commit ourselves to high moral principles. Conserve life, property and natural resources for the benefit of mankind.

It means a call to personal service to Kiwanis through which we serve. Expand community activities—attract service minded men—adopt and work toward Golden Anniversary Goals.

District Receives first Int. Achievement Award

The Minnesota-Dakotas District received first place in the annual Achievement contest for districts. This is the first time the Minnesota-Dakotas District has received first place. Loehle Gast received the award at the International Convention on behalf of the Minnesota-Dakotas District.

A Kiwanis First:
The first Asia-Pacific club was established in Manila, Philippines, July, 1964

Minn-Daks. Int. Pres. dies at Int. Convention

Bennett O. Knudson, 74, first Kiwanis International President to be elected from the Minnesota-Dakotas District, died at the 49th Annual International Convention in Los Angeles of an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Knudson was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Albert Lea, MN. He served as the first president of that club and was reelected for a second term. He was president of Kiwanis International in 1940.
Huron builds their own Pancake House

The Kiwanis Club of Huron, SD, with its own manpower, built a Pancake House at the State Fair grounds in Huron. It is a permanent structure to be used each year by the Kiwanis Club.

89 Kiwanians and Kiweens worked in the Pancake House during the Fair. The net profit from this pancake house was $2,500. Profits will be used by the Club for its Youth Services Program.

Hennepin gives tons of candy

The North Hennepin Kiwanis Club donated two tons of Halloween candy to the Children's Hospital in Jamestown.

Kiwanians Fly to hear Int. President Swain

Crosby, ND flies to Inter-clubs

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Crosby, ND made it a practice to attend one Inter-club meeting each year where they go by plane. This year sixteen members flew to Jamestown to attend International President Charles Swain’s visit.

Madison keeps smiling

The Kiwanis Club of Madison, SD has a unique and pleasing way of dismissal at the end of each of their weekly programs. Just before dismissal all stand and sing "SMILES." Everyone leaves with a smiling face.

Patient: "Doctor, I've got amnesia."
Doctor: "How long have you had it?"
Patient: "How long have I had what?"

Willmar serves 4-H

Willmar and Kandiyohi County Fair sponsor an annual 4-H achievement banquet for 750 young people.

Kiwanis celebrates Int. Golden Anniversary

Kiwanians planned a Golden Anniversary with a parade, tree planting, and a rally of 3,000 Kiwanians in Detroit Michigan on January 21, 1965.

On New year's day California-Nevada-Hawaii District of Kiwanis International planned a 55 foot float with over 300,000 Golden blossoms of mums, 10,000 golden roses and other flowers in the Rose Bowl Parade.

Bismarck Kiwanians planned to plant 50 trees in 64 to honor the 50th anniversary of Kiwanis International.

To help celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Kiwanis International in 1965, all clubs were urged to accept the goals set by Kiwanis International “50 trees for the 50th.” International requested that the clubs honor the 50th anniversary of Kiwanis International, not with a fading bell tone or chime, but with a living tree.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY - COMMUNITY SERVICE

1915 1965
1965

Governor—Therkel Jorgensen, Tyler, MN
International President—Edward B. Moyland, Jr., Miami FL
District Convention—Sioux Falls, SD
International Convention—New York, NY
International Theme: Community Service—We Build

Clubs started in 1965 that are still in existence today: Lake City, MN

Kiwanians celebrate Golden Anniversary

With the International theme: Community Service—We build
District Kiwanians planned special projects, anniversary parties, and developed anniversary programs.

4,000 attend Int. Birthday Party


Representing the Minnesota-Dakotas District were Governor Therkel and Mrs. Jorgensen, Immediate Past Governor Loehle Gast and his wife, and Leslie Carlson, president of the North Hennepin Kiwanis Club and his wife.

Harry Young, the last living member of the #1 Detroit Club which was the first Kiwanis Club of Kiwanis International, was given a fifty year Legion of Honor certificate and a fifty year lapel pin.

Therkel Jorgensen, Governor of the Minnesota-Dakotas District said the “highlight” of his year was to be able to shake hands with Harry Young.

Since this was the Golden Anniversary of Kiwanis International the District Governors were called “Golden Boys”.

District Kiwanians hear Peale, see World’s Fair at Int. Conv

Nearly 150 District Kiwanians celebrated the Fiftieth Kiwanis Anniversary at the New York Convention. Kiwanians heard Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, popular minister from Marble Collegiate Church, Art Linkletter, radio and television star; The Pensacola Naval Aviation Cadet Flag Pageant Team and the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes.

July 6, 1965 was “Kiwanis Day at the Fair” at the New York World’s Fair. General Motors played host to the visiting Kiwanians. The United States Pavilion featured the appearance of Kiwanis sponsored bands, choruses and entertainment groups.

Kiwanis calls for monthly prayer

The International Spiritual Aims Committee called for a monthly prayer as a part of the 50th anniversary. District Chairman Ben C. Stanford responded by printing a prayer each month in the Minnekotan.

New York Board of Regents recommended the following prayer for use in the public schools: “Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our country.”

The United States Supreme court ruled the school prayer an offense to the Constitution in 1962.
Clubs celebrate 50th with parties & projects

Sixteen Kiwanis clubs in Minnesota pledged $2,000 toward a Golden Anniversary Cabin for Camp Courage near Annandale, Minnesota. The camp is used for crippled children and adults.

In commemoration of the Golden Anniversary of Kiwanis, the Kiwanis Club of Benson, MN planted 55 trees.

West Rapid City observe 50th Ann. Pres. Paul Grosz cuts the cake; V.P. W. C. Mechsley holds out plate while Mrs. Paul Grosz & Mrs. Don Kachelhoffer observe. Officers wear gold jackets

Kiwanis cares for children, helps girl see

The Kiwanis Club of Midway St. Paul found out about an eighteen year old girl who was cross-eyed. She was striving to raise enough money for corrective surgery so she could attend the senior prom and also graduate. The club contacted a hospital and a surgeon and persuaded both to perform these tasks gratis. Surgery was performed with complete success.

In the picture you see this lovely girl saying “thank you” to the Midway Kiwanians.

Sioux Falls finds a foster home

The Sioux Falls East Kiwanis club arranged a Foster Home with a local Kiwanis family for a handicapped boy while he was receiving therapy and vocational training.

Duluth sponsors winning team

The Kiwanis Club of Duluth sponsored, equipped and managed a group of Little Leaguers called “The Angels”. The team won the Eastern Division Championship in the city of Duluth.

Fargo Kiwanis Club sponsored a Kiwanis Golden Anniversary European Tour for 140 persons. The flight to Lucerne Switzerland cost $310. Kiwanians attended as many of the twelve European Kiwanis clubs as they could.

Local newspapers told the story: Anoka, Grand Forks, North Hennepin, and Rochester sent news copy to the District Office. The Watertown Public Opinion issued a special 12 page tabloid telling about the accomplishments of Kiwanis in that city for over 45 years.


"Thank you for giving me straight vision"

Little Falls builds swimming pool

Through the sale of peanuts and pancakes, the Kiwanis Club of Little Falls gave a check for $1,500 for the construction of a swimming pool in Little Falls.

Slayton screens vision, hearing

450 public school pupils were screened for vision and hearing defects through the efforts of the Kiwanis Club of Slayton. The wives of the Kiwanians were trained and did the actual screening. They worked in teams of two.
Spiritual Aims Chair gives monthly prayer

District Spiritual Aims Chair, Ben C. Sanford published a monthly prayer in the Minnekan in response to the suggestion from the International Spiritual Aims Committee to honor the Kiwanis Golden Year.

Since "sinking sixties" were branded with assassinations, civil rights riots, and drug problems, it seemed fitting to record a few choice K. prayers.

A Golden Year Prayer

"Dear Lord, as Thou giveth us sunshine and rain to grow our Golden wheat, give us strength from our food to help Kiwanis grow in service this Golden Year." —Ben C. Sanford

A Grace Before Meal

"Our Heavenly Father, once again we come from the busy life which claims us most of our waking moments. We pray that our coming together may bring new life and light into our dim lives. Bless our fellowship, and all the noble things which we strive to do in Thy Name, Amen." —Ben C. Sanford

A Table Song of Invocation

(To the tune of the Doxology)

We thank Thee, Lord, for all our days;
Some filled with sunshine; some with haze;
We thank Thee for these tables spread;
Give us this day our daily bread. Amen.

A Prayer for Strength

"Almighty God, Who art the Life an Light Eternal, bless us in our fellowship this hour. Comfort those who mourn, and sustain those who falter. Strengthen us in our faith that life shall ever triumph over death and that love can never lose its own." —Ben C. Sanford

A Kiwanis First:

Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis chose Ben C. Sanford as the first Governor-elect of the district. He was elected as Governor for 1967.

Clubs assist youth, serve public, raise funds

A statistical review of Kiwanis Activity in 1964 gives a perspective of the Kiwanis fund raising, service, and youth contributions of Kiwanians in the Minnesota-Dakotas District. Kiwanians raised over $199,598 to help hundreds of thousands.

Clubs Participating in International Programs:

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Youth: Scouts, 4-H, Campfire Girls, etc. 275
Support of Churches: decals, directories, etc. 170
Vocational Assistance for Youth 195

Number of Members Providing Public Service:

Elected or appointed to public office 627
Public Service: schools, chambers, hospitals 2,332
Taught Sunday School or religious classes 880
Ballot Battalion to get out the vote 448

Number of Youth who Benefited from Clubs

Recreational Projects 30,825
Kids' Day Activities 17,430
Medical Assistance: glasses, nurses, etc. 29,840
Awards of Recognition given 3,148
Material aid: food, clothing, etc. 2,260
Farm Youth Organization help 7,993
Quarts of milk to school children 6,049

Money Raised by Kiwanians in 1961

Charitable Funds raised $160,972
Kids Day Activities 13,613
Scholarships and Loans 25,013

Public Relations Support

Prayer Table Tents 8,767
Vocational Aids: books, brochures, etc. 1,2481
TV & Radio spots; Spiritual Life 1,096
Lay Ministers for Churches 140
Trees Planted 2,576