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Coralyn's Corner emphasizes Educational Foundation Week and Celebrates District Activities

Mark your club calendars! The Minnesota-Dakotas Educational Foundation week is November 13-19 this year. This is one full week that focuses on the MN-Dak Educational Foundation work and we want to encourage all our Kiwanis clubs and members to support the foundation with financial contributions. Do you know someone on the Foundation board? Ask them to come and make a presentation to your club. Every secretary in the District has been given a brochure on the activities of the Foundation and how each club and member can help to give our young people a boost by providing scholarships. How can you do that? You can become a Life Fellow, join the Century Club, honor someone with a Joseph E. Messer Fellowship, or give a memorial in honor of a loved one. Your secretary can help your club find the right fit, or you can contact the Educational Foundation secretary Jack Zierdt for more information. Let's have every club get behind this great way to help the students in our District!



I have attended so many wonderful events this past month with much more to come in November. We celebrated with the Woodbury Club as they were chartered, participated in officer installations around the district, attended the Region 4 council in Rapid City and the Region 7 council in Rochester, MN. We participated in New Club building in Northfield and last weekend attended the Key Club Fall Rally in Moorhead. What fun! You are all a great group of dedicated Kiwanians and Key Clubbers and I am so looking forward to even more in November when we will be chartering a new Diversity Club in Sioux Falls plus having the first of the Governor's visits to Regions Four and Five. Keep tuned. There is much more to come as we visit clubs, learn about your service and celebrate your successes.

Update from the Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer - November 2006

By Steve Handegaard, Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer

Greetings,

The new Kiwanis year is off and running! Congratulations and best of luck to all of the 2006-2007 club officers and directors. There is much important work to be done in Kiwanis!

Tri-K District Board Meeting: Kiwanis, Circle K, and Key Club District Boards will meet in Willmar, MN on Friday, January 19 and Saturday, January 20, 2007. Check out some of our other District event dates on the District Website ----- <http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/story.php?articleid=628>



Leadership opportunities: If you are interested in being a future Kiwanis Lt. Governor, please contact your current Lt. Governor, other officer or myself. Each year the district is in need of interested and dedicated leaders. It can be a very interesting, rewarding and educational experience.

Our next Lt. Governor training session will be held May 4-6, 2007 in Fergus Falls.

Receive Monthly MINNEKOTAN via email: Be sure to subscribe to receive the MINNEKOTAN directly to your email address. It is easy to do. Just go to the District Website and find the box that says "Sign Up to Receive News from Kiwanis". All you need to do is enter your email address and indicate which region you are from.

Online Monthly Club Reporting: Thanks again to all clubs that have been submitting your monthly club reports online during the past year. Your club should be submitting your monthly club report online by the 10th of the following month. During this coming year it will be even more important to submit your reports online. There will be some new enhancements to the program as of November 1st (starting with the October 2006 monthly report). For one thing the Annual Club Report will be incorporated. Clubs will not need to fill out an Annual Club Report Form at the end of 2006-2007 if ALL the monthly reports are filed online between October 2006 and September 2007. In addition, the Distinguished Club criteria will be incorporated and your club will receive updates via email every month with your club's status towards becoming distinguished for 2006-2007. Your Lt. Governors, District Officers, District Office and Kiwanis International are able to view your reports without you having to send any additional emails or hard copies. (For the few clubs that have not used the online reporting system, it is important that you begin filing your reports online. Anyone from your club with internet access can be assigned to enter your club reports online. All clubs were recently mailed hard copy instructions. If you have any questions, please give me a call or email.)

District and International Dues: Following is a breakdown of International and District annual member dues:

- International Dues - \$42.00
- International Magazine - \$8.00
- Liability Insurance- \$11.90
- District Dues - \$30.00

New-Member Addition Process: The new member fee is \$55.00. Your club will be billed for the new member's regular dues at the time of your next annual billing. Do not send new member fees to the District Office. When you add a member, fill out the Membership Information Form <http://www.kiwanis.org/lit/forms/mbrinfo.pdf>

or use the hard copy you received from Kiwanis International and send with a check for \$55.00 to Kiwanis International. Send a copy of the completed form to the District Office. Your new member will not be covered by insurance or receive publications until the new member fee is received by Kiwanis International.

"2005-2006 Distinguished Member" Award – Still Time to Submit Your Application: Members should complete the form available on the Kiwanis International Website and return to KI. You can download the form from the following website <http://www.kiwanis.org/lit/download.asp?id=391> or you can request a copy of the form from my office. Kiwanis International requests that these forms be returned to them by November 15, 2006.

Club President or Secretary changes: If you have any changes during the year in club officer mailing addresses or emails addresses, please forward those changes to the District Office and Kiwanis International. We want to make sure we keep our mailing lists up-to-date. You can download a change form at <http://www.kiwanis.org/lit/download.asp?id=388>

2007 Kiwanis International Convention – San Antonio:

- The official convention dates are July 3-7, 2007. The date shift was necessary to accomplish what our convention attendees have told us: Keep the convention under one roof!
- Convention sessions, forums, exhibits, registration, credentials, Family Store, and related functions will be staged in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. The Alamodome will not be used.
- There is a pre-convention K-University session on Tuesday, July 3.
- The opening session is on Tuesday, July 3; the closing session is on Friday, July 6.
- Attendees will have multiple ticketed options from which to choose, including the Alamo Kiwanis club's annual Fiesta Noche del Rio event along the Riverwalk.

San Antonio is a GREAT convention destination. We hope to have a very large delegation attending from our Minnesota-Dakotas District!

Have a great Kiwanis year!

Steve

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Celebrate Minnesota-Dakotas Educational Foundation Week

November 13-19, marks the *MN-DAK Educational Foundation Week*. This is one full week that focuses on the the work of the foundation and encourages each of our clubs and members to support the foundation with financial contributions. Do you know a Foundation board member? Invite he or she to come and make a presentation to your club. Don't know anyone? Ask your secretary. He or she has been sent a brochure and flyer about this week and will have that information. What can you do this week? You can become a Life Fellowship member or your club may wish to become a Century Club. Want to honor someone? How about a Joseph E. Messer Fellowship or perhaps give a memorial in memory of a loved one. All funds go to sponsoring a scholarship for a student in our district and you can be sure that those funds will be greatly appreciated.

This past month has been one filled with so many activities: We have attended officer installations, Charter night for the new Woodbury Area Club, the Region 4 Council meeting in Rapid City, the Region 7 Council meeting in Rochester, participated in the New Club Building in Northfield and this past weekend attended the joyous Key Club Fall Rally in Moorhead. What a joy it has been. I have met more great Kiwanians, Key Clubbers and Administrators. My respect for all of you and the service you do has risen out of sight! This next month will see more exciting events with the first of the Governor's Visits with Region 4 and 5 in Chamberlain, SD, The Circle K Fall Leadership weekend in Grand Rapids, Region 1 and Region 2 Council meetings and Charter Night for the New Diversity Club in Sioux Falls. What an exciting time to be Governor and to be a Kiwanian! Blessings to all of you at this time of Thanksgiving!

BILL'S PITCH

WOW!! Everyone get on the train. This District has momentum going. Recently, Immediate Past Governor, Stewart Ross shared the growth number Kiwanis International reported for the year ending September 30,2006. We grew by 226 members. Our goal was to end the year at plus one. The chartering of three new clubs certainly helped us



reach 226 new members.

We can keep it going!! We know how!! We will continue the growth. New clubs and increasing memberships in existing clubs are the keys to keeping the momentum going.

Let's all do our part, ASK someone to join this month. Let's bring in 100 new members before December. We can do it.

Five New Members Installed at Noontime Kiwanis in Red Wing

Risky Business . . .

Many Kiwanians have asked what coverage is available for Directors or Officers or of local clubs. Others mistakenly believe that any and all exposures of club officers are covered under the Kiwanis Commercial General Liability Policy. **Directors & Officers Liability Insurance is a specialized coverage**, so let's first take a look at *what it is not designed to do*.

Claims or suits brought against Club Officers or Directors alleging **Bodily Injury, Property Damage, or Personal Injury (libel, slander, defamation of character, or false arrest) are not covered under a Directors & Officers Liability Policy**. Claims of this type would be *covered under the Kiwanis Commercial General Liability Policy* which renews annually on November 1st, and which is paid for by a portion of each member's annual dues.

*Directors & Officers Liability coverage is intended to protect Club Officers and Directors from allegations arising from errors or omissions committed while serving in your capacity as a Director, Officer, Committee Chair, etc.. Suits are typically based on allegations of poor judgment, conflict of interest, misstatement of financial conditions, mismanagement of funds, failure to act, failure to disclose, denial of civil rights, unauthorized or imprudent loans, sexual harassment, discrimination, wrongful termination, or exceeding authority granted by the by-laws, to name just a few. It is plain to see that *these allegations* do not involve Bodily Injury or Property Damage, and **are not covered under a Commercial General Liability Policy**.*

The Directors & Officers Liability Policy clearly states that **a loss must result from a "wrongful act"** usually **defined as follows**:

"Any breach of duty, neglect, error, misstatement, misleading statement, omission, or other act done or wrongfully attempted by the insured or any of the foregoing so alleged by any claimant or any matter claimed against them solely by reason of their being such Directors or Officers of the insured organization."

This definition is extremely broad, so underwriters typically scale down the degree of coverage with endorsements designed to exclude certain types of exposure not desired by the insurance company such as pollution, criminal acts, violation of penal law or statute, etc. **Each policy is different, so it**

is important to review the policy terms and conditions carefully since underwriters may add their own special limitations based upon their evaluation of your club's exposure to loss.

Understand Your Exposure: Any time you serve on an organization's board, you can be held personally liable for any "wrongful acts", errors or omissions that you might commit while acting in your capacity as a director or officer. Therefore, ***your personal assets are at risk***. If you serve on the board of a not-for-profit organization, there may be some limited immunity provided by state statute, but these generally apply only to allegations involving Bodily Injury or Property Damage and usually don't provide any protection in cases involving gross negligence, willful misconduct, or claims arising out of the use of automobiles.

Some Homeowner's insurance policies indicate they will provide protection for liability while serving as a director or officer (usually for not-for-profit organizations only!), but this coverage is almost always restricted to allegations involving Bodily Injury or Property Damage and not "wrongful acts" as defined above. Therefore, ***proper protection is only available through a separate Directors & Officers Liability Policy.***

MAJOR POINT: **Directors & Officers Liability** is a unique and specialized insurance coverage, and ***is not provided*** under the **Kiwanis International Commercial General Liability Insurance Program**. If your club wishes to purchase this coverage, ***it can do so*** by contacting a local agent or broker, or **through an exclusive program approved and sponsored by Kiwanis International's Board of Directors making this coverage available to all member clubs on a voluntary enrollment basis.** *The program received Board sponsorship and became effective November 1, 1995, with special information packets mailed to all clubs of record during the 3rd quarter of every year.*

All clubs should have received a packet in the mail recently.

Questions? Contact Colleen Hyde, 218-233-0508 (H) or 218-299-3815 (W) e-mail hyde@cord.edu

Governor Coralyn attends FM Installation and Fall Rally

On Thursday September 28th, nearly 100 Kiwanis members and partners gathered at the Ramada Plaza Suites for the annual Fargo-Moorhead Fall rally and Installation of all of the club officers of the 7 local Kiwanis clubs.

Governor Coralyn Dahl and partner Orin were the special guests, and Governor Dahl spoke to the audience with a very good message of the future for us in Kiwanis.

Lt. Governor Lowell Disrud completed the evening with the installation of all of the officers for the 7 clubs.

Larry Rittgarn was the emcee for the banquet, and the South Point Kiwanis club was this years host for the event.

Sioux Falls Diversity Club Prepares to Charter

Our Kiwanis friends in Minnesota explained how easy it was to charter new clubs in the 2005-2006 year. One was even the first of the Diversity Clubs in Mankato.

As the Region 5 Team worked on the project --- they found that while they had a lot of support --- and new energy from

what will become "Charter Members" -- it was still an experience with red tape, anticipation, and plenty of questions.

It was actually October 25th or 26th before Kiwanis International was satisfied (thank you) with at least 25 checks and names. 31 was the actual count and before always of the visitors come to town ---- the hope is to reach more than 50.

Sioux Falls is made up of 93 different countries --- and this group felt like it was time to help those that have "flown under the radar". The club will have 8-10 cultures in the charter membership.

The Sioux Falls Argus Leader ---- in the midst of a change of direction -- promoting diversity in the city and area ---- took the opportunity to write about the new club and the opportunities that it can bring.

Peace was made with Multi-Cultural leaders who asked why those joining hadn't been involved in community groups and projects earlier. After both Kiwanis and Multi-cultural sides listened --- they agreed to work together -- appearing together at the November 14th Charter Night and working on ideas to help the community and the children in the future.

If you would like to be a part of the Charter Night -- email Bobbi Nelson at bobbin@wcnx.org. Bobbi is the Ambassador and Tag Team member of the Region 5 Team working with the Diversity Kiwanis Club. \$14.00 per plate with checks to Treasurer Ben Ekrem at 3409 W 47th St, Sioux Falls, SD, 57106.

6:30 start time on the social --- meal at 7:00 at the Ramada Inn at Russell and West in Sioux Falls.

In the last meeting before Charter Night --- Hector Curriel showed a painting of children of culture walking together. On the bridge they were children --- while the shadow in the water -- showed what they wanted to be when they grow up.

The painting could be the theme for this club: "Crossing the bridge."

Recruit a new member, win a trip to the International Convention

Want to win a trip to the 2008 Kiwanis International Convention in Orlando, Florida, June 26-29, 2008?

Last summer two lucky Kiwanians won the chance to attend the 2007 Kiwanis International Convention at no cost, because they recruited new members and entered the 1-2-3 Key drawing. Chu-Liang Hsu of Taiwan and Angie Dark of California won hotel, airfare, and registration costs for the annual worldwide meeting of Kiwanis in San Antonio, Texas, this July.

Second place winner, Hiroshi Kawasaki of Tokyo, Japan, won a day at the home of 2005-06 International President Steve Siemens, and third place winner Pixie Stone from Florida won a day with the Executive Director at the Kiwanis International Office.

Again this year, each Kiwanian who recruits one, two, or three new members and completes their enrollment process by June 1 can earn one, two, or three entries in the random drawing to be held on stage in San Antonio. In addition to the top three prizes, one Kiwanian will win a Kiwanis International Life Membership, 50 will win a \$100 gift card to the Kiwanis Family Store, and 100 will win \$25 gift cards.

Each recruiter also will receive a bronze key lapel pin for one new member, a silver key for two new members, and a gold key for three new members. These keys symbolize the fact that Kiwanians who recruit new members hold the key to achieving the goal of one million Kiwanis members by the 100th anniversary in 2015.

Angie Dark is looking forward to attending the 2007 International Convention. She actually recruited more than three new members, helping to grow her club from 48 to 60 members. Her

secret? "Every day is an opportunity to talk to someone about Kiwanis – at the hair salon, the auto mechanic, the cleaners. It's second nature for me, I tell them how much I enjoy Kiwanis and invite them to join."

For complete information about the 1-2-3 Key program, check the Kiwanis International web site at www.kiwanis.org.

Celebrate Kiwanis' 92nd birthday in January

Kiwanis clubs around the world will celebrate the 92nd anniversary of Kiwanis during the week of January 21-27, 2007. The first Kiwanis club was organized in Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A., and received its state charter on January 21, 1915.

Clubs can mark this occasion with a special meeting program or project. The meeting should include a birthday cake and candles. Invite members of neighboring clubs for an interclub celebration. Recognize your club's longest serving members and ask them to say a few words about their early Kiwanis experiences. Give a special gift in honor of Kiwanis' birthday to a local school, library, or children's service agency.

If your club plans a birthday celebration, send a news release to your local newspaper. A template release can be requested from kiwanispr@kiwanis.org and is posted at <http://www.kiwanis.org/pr/>.

"This is an exciting time to be a Kiwanian," says Kiwanis International President Nelson Tucker. "Kiwanis may be 92 years old, but new things are happening in this organization every day and our future is unlimited. As we celebrate our past, we are looking to the future and our goal of one million Kiwanis members by the 100th anniversary in 2015."

Beanie Babies Bringing Smiles to Kiwanis Children

Kiwanis serves the children of the world!! And now with the help of Bill & Carolyn Zortman --- the beanie babies of Gaila Althoff are now spread across South Dakota and even near St. Louis, Missouri.

Carolyn Zortman spread the beanie babies --- more than 1,000 on her carpeted, basement floor in Hartford, South Dakota. Great pictures -- but after 10 days --- she did what any loving wife and Kiwanian would do --- ordered the Lt Governor to get them out to the children. During the installation of officers in September and October --- Zortman hauled around donkeys, elephants, monkeys, bears, and tigers -- giving two to each Region 5 Kiwanis club that he visited. The beanie babies in turn were to be given to needy children in the community.

Along the way ---- a number of them were given to the Banquet and Catholic Family Services in Sioux Falls. Carolyn Downs at the Banquet said they have used them for their baby layettes and children's birthday gift cupboard.

Sister Martin Mergen said they gave the beanie babies to adopted children when an adoption is finalized as a remembrance of the special happening in their lives. According to Sister Martin -- "each year we celebrate adoption day and it will be wonderful to have something special to share with the children." Catholic Family Services also works with children in counseling settings so the animals will be used to motivate the children to work hard on their issue and receive the animal as a reward.

The Ty Beanie Babies were also given to the Big Brothers, Big Sisters program just outside St. Louis -- where the Zortman's daughter Billie Jean is working with a "little" Sister. Beth Reed-Treadway -- head of the program said they were putting them in the hands of children and they were bringing smiles to the children's lives.

The Zortman's saved back some of the beanie babies for the first South Dakota Statewide Meeting in 10 years. This

weekend they will be put up at a silent auction to the Kiwanis Clubs with the proceeds to go towards the purchase of spinoza bears for their home club --- Sioux Falls Daybreak. The little bears and animals will buy spinoza bears that will help children that have lost a parent or are facing health odds from disease.

The hope when Gaila gave the beanie babies was to bring smiles to the faces of children. That has happened and along the way --- brought smiles to Kiwanians faces -- knowing that such a little furry animal could mean so much to so many.

We all thank Gaila Althoff for taking the time to collect the animals ---- and for happiness those animals have brought to hundreds of children in 2006 and beyond. Gaila made us all smile along with the children of the world.

Kiwanis of Jamestown Auction

Suggestions from "A to Z" were given:

Apple Pie	Napkins
Books	Old "Treasurers"
Candy	Plants
Dishes	Quilts or Quilting Supplies
Earthenware Pots	Restaurant Gift Cards
Flowers	"Surprise"
Gardening Tools	Tools
Hostas	Utensils for Bar-B-Que
"I" leave it up to you	Vases
Jewelry	Wall Hangings
Knitting	"X" tra garden Vegetables
Lawn Ornaments	Yeast Breads
Movie Tickets	Zesty Pickles

An Auction is Action with "U" in it!

The Auction was graciously held at the home of Kiwanis members Sharon and Donald Caine on their deck. Each member brought a food item for the evening meal. The most interesting auction item was a live parrot that was purchased by Kiwanis member Si Liechty! \$1,038 dollars was raised for the administrative budget.

Recent Celebrations Hailing From Worthington, Minnesota

Golden K Kiwanis club members, in Worthington, Minnesota, celebrated their 25th year anniversary by holding their first pancake breakfast. It was exceptionally successful as there was excellent participation by all Golden K members and exceeded everyones expectations.

Golden K joined forces with the Early Morning and Noon Kiwanians, and together with varied talents, built the first ever Kiwanis float and celebrated in the King Turkey Day Parade, in the city of 10,000 people. On September 16, 2006 in Worthington, Minnesota, the theme entitled "Hometown Music Explosion" capitaved many entries and viewers.

Guest reader at RIF program

At Cannonball Elementary School a special visitor read to the lower grades recently. Jim Fritzhuspen, administrator of Spirit of Life church in Mandan, was the guest reader at a Reading is Fundamental project at the school. Jim captivated the first graders with his reading and his winning spirit and then moved on to read to the second and third graders who happily entered into the "pumpkin" theme.

The children were then invited to choose a new book to take home with them. They also chose matching cap and scarf sets generously crafted and donated by a sister of Theresa Schaner, Kiwanis vice-president, who lives out of state. The students look forward to the three visits per year by the Mandan Golden K Kiwanis Club in support of their Reading is Fundamental project.

Aunt Jemima Gives Way to Home

Kiwanis Pancake Day in Madison, SD, is 41-year tradition

Kiwanis Pancake Day in Madison, SD, is a 41-year tradition for the Kiwanians.

Beginning in 1965, the annual event is the biggest and best fundraiser to support the club's youth services and community activities.

In the 1960's the event was called Aunt Jemima Pancake Day, tying in with Aunt Jemima pancake mix promotions. The name of the event was later changed to Kiwanis Pancake Day.

Kiwanian Gene Hexom recalls that, in the first years, serving ran from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., which made for a very long day. One year a downtown parade was scheduled, but was canceled due to rain. In the first years, the club would serve 1,000 or more people with the 7 a.m. start. Now, the club serves pancakes from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. to crowds of 600-700 persons.

Kiwanis Pancake Day in Madison is traditionally held in mid-October and the community looks forward to the event.

"We have many repeat customers from year to year. And, we have several Kiwanians who have worked and flipped cakes for every one of those 41 years," says Hexom.

Serving up diversity

Bill Zortman and Richard Kamolvathin are unlikely compatriots.

Zortman is an Iowa-born former television reporter who once was the head of an all-white, all-male service club in Montgomery, Ala., which he tried to integrate.

Kamolvathin's family immigrated from Thailand in the 1970s. He grew up in middle-class Queens, N.Y.

They landed here, and together found a mission to help kids. The product of that mutual interest is the Diversity Kiwanis Club of Sioux Falls.

The club will launch officially next month, but about 20 future members and organizers have been planning over lunch among the fake palm trees and water slides of a north-side hotel.

It's the second Kiwanis Club in the country formed to address issues of race and the first to reach out to a broad spectrum of people, says Zortman, a real estate agent and the regional vice president of the organization.

It's just the kind of thing Sioux Falls needs as the city's exterior develops a deeper tint.

Is there anything more American than a Kiwanis Club - a bunch of people meeting over lunch or breakfast to talk about the state of things and figure out how to help kids along the way.

The process started when Kamolvathin and his business partner Kim Hinrichs-Nguyen decided they wanted to form an association to promote diversity and help new residents adjust to life in Sioux Falls. Zortman suggested they charter a Kiwanis club.

Kamolvathin, a former Wall Street bond trader, is the group's first president.

Hinrichs-Nguyen is vice president, and Henry McCall is president-elect.

Kamolvathin hopes to shine a light on the "invisible generation" of people in Sioux Falls, his term for the growing number of culturally diverse citizens living and working in our city.

"It's a forum where people can exchange ideas about culture and project it back to the community in a positive way," he said.

The plan is to find ways to reach out to children from incoming cultures and, by extension, help the families adapt to their new life in South Dakota.

On the surface, it sounds like familiar Pollyanna rhetoric. But spend a few minutes with Kamolvathin and Zortman, and you start to believe they can make at least a small dent in their world.

Both are businessmen accustomed to living off their own hard work and wits.

Zortman is a real estate agent who was born in Onawa, Iowa, and spent 30 years in television in places like El Paso, Texas; Montgomery, Ala.; and Hattiesburg, Miss. He's an engaging gentleman with a quick smile that nearly closes the eyes on his round face.

He comes to this mission in Sioux Falls with an understanding that if old-fashioned service clubs such as Kiwanis, Rotary, Sertoma, etc., don't adapt, they'll fade away. That's what happened in Montgomery, where the Exchange Club he led refused to admit women or blacks as members.

As president, he and others tried to get the members to open up to minorities and women. They refused.

"Everybody died. Today, there's no Exchange Club in Montgomery," he said. "Those clubs that didn't change, they are no longer in existence."

Kamolvathin grew up in the 1970s as one of the few Asians in his Queens neighborhood. That was a challenging proposition in a post-Vietnam world, where he was often categorized as a refugee from the war.

After high school, he got a job as a clerk with a Wall Street firm and attended business school at night, eventually landing a job as a bond trader.

Kamolvathin projects an air of success. He's confident and articulate, and on a crusade to help the immigrant families moving to Sioux Falls.

This is not your normal service club, however, and success will not be simple or easily measured.

"Change is not comfortable," said Kamolvathin.

Beyond helping children, the group hopes to promote music and celebrations from the diverse cultures represented in the city. For instance, there is no formal Chinese New Year celebration in Sioux Falls, said Kamolvathin.

He knows there will be some resistance in the community, most of which will never be voiced. "What (people) feel, we'll never truly know," he said.

And that's the leap of faith.

As a community we have to believe in individual people trying to improve their own surroundings.

That's what Richard and Bill and Kim and Henry and the rest of the Kiwanis Diversity Club are doing. They trust that if they do what they can to help other people, no matter how they got here, it helps us all.

Voices Editor Patrick Lalley's column runs Tuesday and Saturday. Reach him at plalley@argusleader.com or 331-2291.

March of Dimes and Kiwanis: Fighting Premature Birth

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During the week of November 19-25, Kiwanis clubs and members are urged to collect coins in support of the March of Dimes' Prematurity Awareness Month. Babies are in crisis today. In the United States alone, more than one-half million are born prematurely every year and the number is rising. Premature birth is the nation's number-one killer of newborns and a major cause of serious health problems, costing society billions of dollars every year. That's why Kiwanis International and the March of Dimes have teamed together for a Prematurity Awareness Month fundraiser. Kiwanis clubs and members can help babies survive their first nine months and support March of Dimes research by collecting spare change, loose coins found in their pockets and purses, coins under seat cushions and in car consoles, or by asking friends and families for contributions. Collections may be turned in by calling a local March of Dimes office or by using a Coinstar coin-counting machine. Or, checks/money bags can be sent to:

March of Dimes/Kiwanis
1275 Mamaroneck Ave.
White Plains, NY 10606

Before depositing coins in a Coinstar machine, select the "donate" option at the beginning of the transaction and follow on-screen prompts to select the March of Dimes (Code 1-2-3-0). The machine will count the money and give you a receipt. During the week of November 19-25, the March of Dimes will credit Coinstar contributions to Kiwanis. Kiwanis coin bags can be ordered by contacting a local March of Dimes office or by calling 800-525-9255. Please read below for a special message from March of Dimes:

On behalf of the March of Dimes please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation for the leadership you have given to the Young Children: Priority One Program. As a co-founder of this program we are very pleased with the progress that has been made to date. As you may be aware, the Kiwanis and the March of Dimes has entered in to another partnership to support both of our efforts to improve the health of babies.

"Join the March of Dimes – How many babies will you save?" is a "Call to Action" that reminds all Americans that they can help the March of Dimes save babies by simply donating the change they have in their pockets, homes, cars, and offices (an estimated \$10.5 billion!). Anne Roosevelt, the granddaughter of President Franklin D. Roosevelt will be announcing this program, at the March of Dimes Volunteer Leadership Conference in Kansas City on October 13th. This campaign takes us back to our grass roots when President Roosevelt asked Americans to send their dimes to the White House to support our efforts to defeat polio.

We have designated the week of November 19th – 25th as "Kiwanis Week". All funds received during this week by the March of Dimes or Coinstar® Centers will be credited to your organization.

The materials we have available to assist you in the campaign are: Co-branded Kiwanis and March of Dimes Coin Collection bags; Two types of posters; Stickers; Info cards. These supplies are free of charge in any quantity you deem necessary for you state(s). We will be more than happy to ship to any location to further enhance this campaign. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to announcing the Kiwanis total shortly after the campaign ends.

Rob Lucas, Sr. Vice President, Revenue Development

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Elizabeth Warren
Service Programs Manager
Kiwanis International

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CLE (Club Leadership Education)

Club Leadership Education continues to be a summer event that has become the norm for many years for incoming officers of all of our Kiwanis Clubs.

This year was no exception, and attendance again was well above 50% of the club officers.

New this year was more evening sessions, and since the success of these continues to become more popular each year, we will probably be doing most of the sessions in the evenings next summer, and will most likely be doing them much earlier in the year.

The consensus of the groups is that we need to have these all done prior to International convention, so with that in mind, the plan will be to try and have them all completed in the last 2 weeks of May and first 2 weeks of June next year.

We will be doing more of them at night, and in the week time instead of on weekends.

Have a great Kiwanis year.

FISHING IN A BIG WAY!

The Kiwanis Golden "K" Club and the Kiwanis Noon Club, both of Owatonna, MN., spent some good quality time with the "littles" from Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Steele County.

The annual Duane Engbard Memorial Fishing Derby was held at Lake Kohlmier on Tuesday evening, August 29, 2006.

Approximately 25 Kiwanians and "littles" fished, ate hot dogs, and received prizes for their fishing expertise. This is the sixth year for this event, and is dedicated to the memory of the late Duane Engbard, past President of the Golden "K" Kiwanis Club who started this event.

Many of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters "littles" have never gone fishing before, and this event provides them with their first opportunity to develop enthusiasm and skills for the sport of fishing. This activity is an ongoing mission of Kiwanis in fulfilling its motto: "Serving the Children of the World." This event also shows that "One (Person) Can Make A Difference" in the life of a child!

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