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Stew's News for October 2005

I would like to start my first column as governor of the Minnesota-Dakotas District with a story. The story finds the great Zumbrati walking a tightrope across Niagara Falls. Conditions were less than ideal. It was a windy day and the performer was thankful he made it safely across.

One of those waiting to congratulate him was a man with a wheelbarrow. "I believe that you could walk across pushing this wheelbarrow," the man told him. Zumbrati shook his head and said he felt fortunate to have accomplished the feat without a wheelbarrow. The man urged him to try. "I believe that you can do it," he said. The aerialist graciously declined, but the man kept after him. Finally, Zumbrati said, "You really do believe in me, don't you?" "Oh, I do," the man assured him.

"Okay," Zumbrati replied. "GET INTO THE WHEELBARROW."

Beginning this new year for our Kiwanis District puts me in Zumbrati's shoes. I have learned in my year as governor-elect to cast off my concerns, doubts, fears, and self-imposed limitations. You see, once you BELIEVE something can happen you have a chance to be successful. Now I need to get our membership to get in the wheelbarrow with me.

I BELIEVE that our district can achieve the five major goals developed by our leadership team for 2005-2006:

1. End the next year with positive membership growth.
2. Build at least seven new clubs.
3. Have at least 50% of all clubs in the district become distinguished.
4. Organize and complete the first ever Holiday Extravaganza in January featuring the mixing of our K Family including Kiwanis members, Circle K members, and Key Club members.
5. Develop a "state of the art" website that will be the envy of all other Kiwanis districts (and used often by our members). One that will be valuable and valued by our entire district K Family.

I also BELIEVE we will have 500 attending the District Convention in August in St. Cloud, MN and the largest (in terms of percentage of membership) delegation to the Montreal International Convention in all of the U. S. I BELIEVE we will have quality communication among the leadership team that will become a template for the district for years to come.

We have put together a terrific team of Governors, Lt.Governors, administrators and TAG (Together Achieving Growth) team members. Our motto for the new year is simple but meaningful:

TOGETHER WE CAN...TOGETHER WE WILL

There are many meanings attached to this phrase but the most important is that we all need to work together to bring the positive change so necessary to make our district strong for years to come. We need to work together to build new clubs. We have already laid a foundation in September for four new clubs. We will actually be recruiting members for two new clubs the second week of October. We are hitting the ground running!

We need to work together to stabilize our membership numbers in the district while working to help as many clubs as possible become distinguished. We need to work together to revitalize clubs



that are losing membership. We need to work together to develop positive talk in place of negative talk.

There are so many wonderful things our Kiwanis district, regions and clubs are doing for our communities and beyond. We need to focus on the incredible service we do for others, for children, for sponsored K Family clubs. Finally, we need to work together to allow change to occur; positive change that needs to happen if future success is to be ours.

I started this column with a story and I will conclude with a story. As a professor for the past 30+ years it is one of my favorite college stories...

A professor prepared a test for his soon-to-be graduating seniors. The test questions were divided into three categories. The first category of questions was the hardest and worth fifty points. The second, which was easier, was worth forty points. The third, the simplest, was worth thirty points.

Upon completion of the test, students who had chosen the hardest questions received As. The students who had chosen the forty point questions received Bs. Those who settled for the easiest questions were given Cs.

The students were frustrated with the grading of their papers and asked the professor what he was looking for. The professor leaned over the podium,, smiled, and explained, "I wasn't testing your book knowledge. I was testing your aim."

Someone once commented, "Make no small plans for they have no power to stir your soul."

The key is to have a dream that inspires us to go beyond our limits. There are many people who are short on dreams. And even some with dreams set their sights low enough to protect themselves from possible failure.

To accomplish our goals this year we must continue to dream and turn our dreams into reality. We will work to make our dreams come true. We will BELIEVE. We will work together. We will make a difference. This is a great time to be a Kiwanian. We have so many opportunities. So much to accomplish. We will aim high. We will be successful. We will achieve our goals. We will end the large membership losses we have seen for many, many years in our district. If not now, when? If not us, who?

TOGETHER WE CAN...TOGETHER WE WILL

--Stewart Ross, Governor of the MN-DAK Kiwanis District

Update from the District Secretary/Treasurer -October 2005

By Steve Handegaard, Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer

Greetings,

October is the beginning of another Kiwanis year. On the district level I look forward to working with Governor Stewart Ross and a great team of Lt. Governors and other district directors. They will be working hard to promote and support Kiwanis in our district. They are there to help local clubs at any time. Just give them a call. And of course your call or email is always welcome at the District Office.

Of special note this month is the implementation of some significant changes in the way we do our Monthly Club Reports and the 2004-2005 Annual Club Report:

Electronic Monthly Club Reporting

The Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International has teamed up with Club Resource, LLC to provide all of the secretaries in the district a sophisticated interface to electronically submit monthly reports. Electronic monthly reporting will



ease the task of completing the monthly report, save postage, and help the district manage and analyze the reports. The secretary will simply log in to the reporting system and enter their report information. Some of the features of the reporting system are outlined below:

- Electronic submission of monthly report to district and Lt. Governors
- Maintain record of past reports
- View status of report submission
- Electronically submit Officer Election reports to KI and your district (available Spring 2006)
- Electronically file Change in Meeting Location reports (available Spring 2006)
- Clubs can optionally subscribe to a club management, administration, and member communication system that interfaces with the monthly reporting system and makes completing the report much faster and easier.

Lt. Governors will be contacting club presidents and secretaries with further information to get your club started. Online reporting will be due by the 10th of each following month, same as before. If you have any further questions, please contact our District Webmaster Lori Larson or myself.

2004-2005 Annual Club Report

Kiwanis International has announced that the 2004-05 Annual Club Report has been revised. The new style report replaces the old part I and II reports of the past. The new report is electronic and is based upon the achievement criteria set forth by Kiwanis International. The 2004-05 Annual Club Report will allow Kiwanis clubs to tell how their club is changing the world one child and one community at a time. The annual club report will give the members the opportunity to highlight their clubs' success stories, recognize deserving members, and tell Kiwanis International and the our District about their plans for the future.

The reports are being sent electronically to the email address on file for the Club President and/or Club Secretary. Clubs who do not have an email address on file at Kiwanis International will receive a printed copy via the postal service. They have also extended the deadline for submitting the annual club report to Kiwanis International. The Annual Club Report needs to be returned to Kiwanis International by November 15, 2005.

Just a reminder: 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.

Have a great Kiwanis year!!

Governor Roetter's Farewell message

An Open letter to the Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International.

Fellow members of the greatest district in Kiwanis, it has come time to end the 2004-2005 Leadership Team's service to you. I know that I speak for all of team members when I say we are truly proud to have served you and we are truly honored that you willingly gave your trust to us to lead this great District.

We have achieved many things this year and have set the District on a path that will allow even greater achievements in the future. The greatest achievement we have accomplished is a new excitement and enthusiasm for the future of our organization. We are no longer looking back with regrets, but are looking forward with anticipation.

We have many specific accomplishments this year, the new membership development plan, new club reporting abilities, better communications, an understanding of the need for promotion, leadership in converting our Kiwanis to a 501 (c) (3) tax status, a foundation for new club building that is already bearing fruit, and many others, but most of all we are all friends in Kiwanis in this District.

Now is also a moment of sadness for Susan and I, family commitments are forcing us to leave the District at a time that we were not expecting. I therefore submit my resignation as Immediate-Past Governor of the Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis effective 1 December 2005. So much sadness is mixed with so much joy. You have all become our friends over the past years and leaving friends is always hard, but we also know that the District is in great hands for the future.

On a personal note, Susan and I want thank you so very much for your support and friendship. You embraced the program we developed together making my year wonderful, you made Susan's year with your support of Reading is Fundamental, but most of all you have truly blessed our lives by being our friends. Our hearts will always be with the Minnesota-Dakotas District. We hope to get to see some of you before we leave, but for those we don't, the door to our house in Texas is always open to our friends from up north where the snow flies.

Your Friends in Kiwanis Service

Walt and Susan Roetter

Fargo-Moorhead Kiwanis Fall Rally

The fifth annual Fargo-Moorhead Kiwanis Fall Rally was held Thursday night, September 29, 2005. The purpose of this rally is to celebrate the completion of the Kiwanis year, and install the new club officers for the coming year.

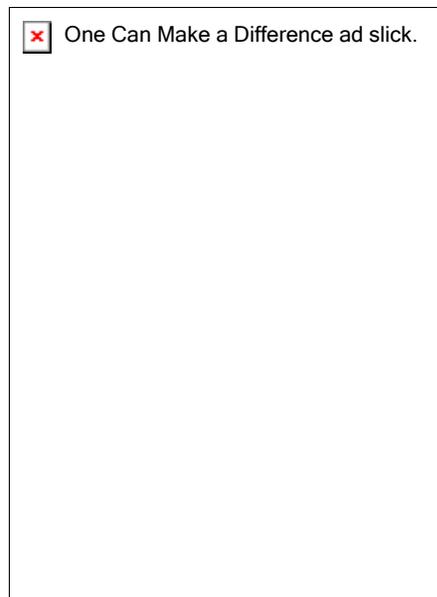
The Kiwanians and spouses in attendance enjoyed a good meal, fellowship and entertainment. The event was hosted by the Moorhead Vikingland Kiwanis club.

Click on the link provided for pictures and more information:

“One Can Make a Difference” campaign in full swing

Kiwanis International's new marketing and brand campaign is hitting its stride as Kiwanians across North America begin receiving the new materials.

All English-speaking North American Kiwanis clubs will receive a Media Tool Kit, containing a variety of tools to support the new brand campaign. These include a public relations and marketing handbook, DVDs containing radio and television Public Service Announcements, ad templates, print ads, posters, and more. These materials are intended to help clubs market themselves and Kiwanis in their communities.



Governor Stewart Ross Scheduled to Visit Region One

Region One Kiwanians will welcome Stewart and Liz Ross as they make their official visit to Region One on Saturday, October 8 at the Municipal Country Club in Bismarck. Liz Ross, District Chairperson for the Kiwanis International Foundation, will share her thoughts about the Foundation. Governor Ross will give the keynote address and will also lead the group in a workshop on new member orientation and membership enhancement. Other segments of the meeting will include a time of attendees sharing their clubs' successful approaches to service and fund raising, as well as a program presented by Alison Hoff of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Washburn, ND, titled "It Wasn't a Picnic." The conference will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m.

BUS TO MONTREAL

At the District Convention it was suggested that our On to 2006 Montreal International Convention Chair Dwain "Pete" Petersen investigate bus travel to Canada. With gas prices "through the roof" and air travel reaching prohibitive levels, bus travel is increasingly attractive. Initial contacts with bus companies have been fruitful and we already have preliminary bids which indicate this would be a very economical way to attend an international convention. Pete has attended Internationals from Vienna to Taipei, Nice to Montreal as well as several in the USA including Hawaii; Montreal is one of the best locations ever experienced. After contacting several bus companies some very attractive bids are being received.

Current plans include possibly leaving from Worthington, Rochester, Fergus Falls or Duluth, MN. It may be possible to stay with Kiwanians in those communities prior to the departure of the buses early in the morning on June 26, 2006 to arrive at the Convention by June 28th.

Initial prices are very attractive and it may be possible to fill buses from all proposed locations. Bus trips are a barrel of fun and a great way to get acquainted with Kiwanians from around the District.

If you have ideas from where we could fill other buses please send a message to Pete at d2pete@aol.com or call 507/345-6707. Let us plan now to attend one of the greatest convention sites ever. Several of us have been to Montreal before and it is a great city to visit for a convention.

Annual dues payment schedule ready to roll

October 1 marks the beginning of the new Kiwanis administrative year—and the beginning of a new way of doing business: annual dues collection. The new procedure bills clubs once a year, according to their anniversary dates (the club's "organization" date, not its "charter" date). Kiwanis International sends each club its roster, which the club secretary/treasurer updates. The roster determines the club's obligation to Kiwanis International.

Clubs were reminded of the new procedure earlier this year in a letter accompanying invoices sent under the semiannual dues billing process. The invoice notes the club's official organization date. Clubs with anniversaries in September, October, November, and December, need to pay International dues by December 31, 2005.

Questions about the annual dues process should be directed to the Member Services Department at 317-875-8755, ext. 390.

This chart shows International dues payment dates, according to club anniversary dates.		
If your club's organization date is between:	Kiwanis International will send your club's roster in:	Your club's annual International dues are due within 30 days but no later than :
September and	September 2005	December 31, 2005

December		
January and April	December 2005	March 31, 2006
May and August	February 2006	May 31, 2006

O'Neill Brothers To Partner With Minn-Dak District CKI...

Tim and Ryan O'Neill, the O'Neill Brothers accompanied by Minn-DAK CKI District Administrator Joe Blasko, recently announced a joint partnership to help promote the K-Family Holiday Extravaganza to be held on January 7, 2006 in Fargo.

Beginning October 1st and running through December 1st, K-Family members across the Minnesota-Dakotas District will have an opportunity to purchase a copy of the commemorative "Red, White & You" Celebrate America 2 CD set for \$20.00 with the net proceeds benefiting our District Education Foundation.

Celebrate America, the 20th release from pianists The O'Neill Brothers, is a two-CD collection of songs that honor that great tradition, including beautiful patriotic standards and classic American favorites. Dedicated to the men and women, past and present, who serve our country each day, *Celebrate America* is a tribute to the strength of the American spirit.

"We are very excited that the O'Neill Brothers have chosen to partner with us. This unique collaboration will afford us an opportunity to raise even more funds to support our District Education Foundation," said Blasko. For those Kiwanians who will be unable to attend the Extravaganza, this is a wonderful way to help support the cause.

Whether you are looking for a unique gift for that hard to find person on your shopping list or are in need of a last minute stocking stuffer, this CD is a keepsake.

The O'Neill Brothers are national independent recording artists from New Prague, MN who have released 21 CDs of piano music in their relaxing, signature style. Tim and Ryan have sold more than one million copies of their albums and the brothers have written and performed music for HBO, NBC and ESPN.

This limited edition 2 CD Box Set is available for \$20.00 for a limited time only. Please make your checks payable to the Minnesota-Dakotas District Circle K. To take advantage of this limited time offer, please find the link to the CD Order form on the Minn-Dak Kiwanis website.

Kiwanis Family Extravaganza

You can find all the necessary information online to have fun at the Kiwanis Family Extravaganza coming January 2006.

- [2006 Extravaganza Flyer](#)
- [2006 Kiwanis Family Extravaganza Invitation](#)
- [2006 Extravaganza Registration Form](#)
- [CD Information and Order Form](#)

Kiwanis International Honors Benefactor

On behalf of the Kiwanis International Fridley/Columbia Heights Kiwanis Club presents this Award to Mary Bowen as an Honored Benefactor.



Throughout the history of Kiwanis International, dedicated and generous members have made the goals and objects of our organization a reality. Men and women have given unselfishly of their time, treasures and talents to enhance communities, enrich the world, but ultimately better the lives of children. The Honored Benefactor recognition is an elite group of individual donors who embody these ideals by contributing a one-time gift, or a series of gifts, totaling \$10,000 (or more) to the Kiwanis International Foundation.

Minnesota-Dakotas Past District Officers Association Met on August 12

Minnesota-Dakotas Past District Officers Association
Dakota D Room, Ramkota Hotel
Aberdeen, SD
August 12, 2005 Breakfast Meeting

Minnesota-Dakotas Past District Officers Association (PDOA) Chairperson Tim Huseeth called the meeting to order at 7:50 am following breakfast. He worked from an Agenda which he handed out at the meeting. Dwain Petersen led the group in singing "God Bless America."

Treasurer Joe Rust distributed a Financial Report covering August 5, 2004 to August 8, 2005 which indicated the PDOA has a current balance of \$3,888.31 with charges for the breakfast and Citizen Award Plaques outstanding. Harris Waller moved, Dale Bowen seconded and those present unanimously voted that the PDOA accept the Treasurer's Financial Report.

Joe circulated a current PDOA Membership Spreadsheet and a List of PDOA Members for which mailings had been returned by the United States Post Office as undeliverable. He asked those present to review the documents and note any updates or address corrections they knew of.

Tim reviewed possible PDOA Projects listed in the Agenda under New Business. He spoke of the continuing need to find some group to staff the Kiwanis Country Store at the District Convention. Historically the Store has earned about \$700 which the staffing group would retain. Marion Muthiah moved, Fred Dresser seconded and those present unanimously voted that the PDOA take on the project to staff and sell Kiwanis goods at the Kiwanis Country Store at the District Convention next year.

The PDOA discussed what it should do with the Store earnings. Two items surfaced which were the Minnesota-Dakotas Outreach Program and a Solar Oven Project in Haiti. Jim Bekken moved, Dwain Petersen seconded and those present unanimously voted that the PDOA provide one half of its Store Earnings to Minnesota-Dakotas Outreach Program and one-half to an Outside the District International Project focusing on youth. For the 2004-05 Kiwanis Year, the PDOA will allocate up to \$700 from its Treasury for Outreach.

Jim Bekken moved, Fred Dresser seconded and those present unanimously voted that the PDOA spend \$700 from the PDOA Treasury for the Solar Oven Project in Haiti during the 2004-05 Kiwanis Year.

Lionel Muthiah agreed to contact the Brookings Kiwanis about how and where to remit money for the Solar Oven Project. The PDOA will place an article about these service projects on the Kiwanis Website as well as inform the K-Family Members.

Dwain Petersen led the group in singing "When Kiwanis Calls."

Don Workentine asked if something could be done to help weak/under staffed clubs which are doing good jobs. He felt they were in danger of having their charters pulled. Inviting weak clubs to help with projects by stronger clubs and implementing a Kiwanis International Project as a common goal for all clubs were ideas suggested to help. Several stated that they were unaware of any understaffed MN-Dak Kiwanis Club being threatened with charter removal. Don indicated he would look into the matter further.

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Tim distributed a 2005-06 PDOA Kiwanis Ballot and called for other nominations. There were none. Dan Neller moved, Ray Lucan seconded and those present unanimously voted that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for the candidates listed.

The 2005-06 PDOA Officers are the following:

President	Tim Huseth
President-Elect	Paul Redlinger
Secretary	Larry Mitberg
Treasurer	Joe Rust
Regional Reps	1. Jim Bekken
	2. Dan Neller
	3. Joe Hesch
	4. Don Workentine
	5. Vern Kahre
	6. Dwain (Pete) Petersen
	7. Jack Zierdt

PDOA Strategic Board Rep Bruce Klair.

Jim Bekken thanked Tim Huseth for leading the PDOA through the 2004-05 Kiwanis Year. Those present gave Tim a round of applause to show their appreciation.

Tim requested the PDOA Regional Reps to contact potential PDOA Members in their regions to encourage them to join the PDOA for 2005-06.

Paul Redlinger moved, Norm Winkleman seconded and those present unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned. The time was 9:30 am.

Dale Bowen
Secretary pro tem

Moorhead Vikingland Kiwanis Moves

Passing the hat for Katrina victims

Small in numbers but big in heart, the Crosby Kiwanis Club responded quickly when the call for help came from the Kiwanis International Foundation.



Located in a town of about 1,000 people and with just 15 active members, the club decided it could not sit by without making some effort to reach out to the children of Katrina.

There's nothing bigger in a small town than a Friday night football game, so Crosby Kiwanians decided to enlist the help of Divide County High School Cheerleaders in passing collection pails through the stands.

The result? A contribution to the Kiwanis International foundation of \$1 for every man, woman and child in the community.

Additional donations are still coming in, as community members also contribute to hurricane relief funds through their churches and other community organizations.

Black Hawk Kiwanis serves Pancakes to 1000's of Bikers

The Black Hawk Club served every day starting at 7:30 A.M. until 12:00 noon 6 thru 13 August at the Catholic Church in Piedmont South Dakota. Almost 2000 servings of pancakes, sausage, biscuits/gravy or french toast were served with gross income of almost \$ 9,000.

The Black Hawk Kiwanis uses this fund raiser each year to provide a multitude of projects for the children of the surrounding Black Hawk and Piedmont area.



Media, Membership Age GAP -- Key to Region 5-Circle K District Meeting

For years we have talked about doing the best we can to attract younger members. This year Region 5 is doing something about it.

Saturday-- October 22nd --- its an early start for the Region 5 Governor's visit -- but with the District Circle K leaders meeting at Camp Lakodia near Madison -- it was an opportunity to reach out our hand and offer our support to the K Family -- while at the same time looking for some answers that we ALL need.

Lt Governor Vickie Walters, along with Bill Daugherty (Lt Governor 2004-2005), and Bill Zortman (Lt Governor 2006-2007) have put together a program that will ask the tough question --- WHY DO WE HAVE A GENERATION GAP in Kiwanis and WHAT CAN WE DO TO CHANGE IT?!!

Registration starts at 8:00 and so will the continental breakfast and the generation gap/membership discussion. Joe Blasko --- Circle K District Chief --- will provide some of his leadership to talk about ideas and past problems from the college age crowd --- along with Bobbi Nelson -- a 22 year old Public Relations/membership Ambassador for Kiwanis --- and young members from some of the other 25 clubs in Region 5.

Nelson ---- a Sioux Falls saleswoman says "it's a matter of not taking NO for answer." There are ways and she will explain how she answered Kiwanis leaders in Indianapolis about how you get the young members to join and contribute. It is a conversation that could change your club and fill the Generation GAP to the future.

At 9:00 --- Jeff Pauley-- CEO of Magellan Executive Resources will speak to Circle K and Region 5 members. Magellan - based in Golden Valley, Minnesota -- helps organization navigate through friendly and difficult business seas. The topic for our conference -- "Serving..Leading..Building Stronger Communities".

10:30-12:00 will feature a multi-media discussion on Telling Your Kiwanis Story with the New Media Tool Kit. You'll have a chance to look at the new Media Kit -- just created by a Kiwanis Public Relations Firm --- and hear from local and regional newspaper, radio, TV members on how good it is and what you can do in your community. Discussion as well on Club Brochures and the use of the Minnesota-Dakotas District Web Site. **MAKE SURE TO BRING ALONG YOUR CLUB MEMBER THAT WORKS OR WILL WORK TELLING THE KIWANIS STORY.**

At noon a joint luncheon with Governor Stewart Ross --- a college kid and cheerleader all his life --- talking about the future of Kiwanis and how it washes down to all of us in the entire Kiwanis Family.

Each Club is asked to bring one bag of Halloween candy with them for use at the Harvest Festival which begins at 4PM.

Conference Registration fee is \$20 -- made payable to the Madison Kiwanis Club and includes the breakfast and luncheon. Questions on the conference -- email Vickie.walters@dsu.edu.

All roads lead to Madison and Camp Lakodia on October 22nd. Other Kiwanis members outside Region 5 are encouraged to attend.

New Web Committee Shows Minnesota-Dakota's Diversity

Behind the scenes Governor Stewart Ross has been putting together a special Kiwanis Website Advisory Committee.

Heading the list is Governor Ross, Governor Elect Coralyn Dahl, Webmaster Lori Larson, Secretary Treasurer Steve Handegaard, and Bill Zortman who has served as Public Relations Chair the past two years. That group is charged with helping set "priorities" for the Minnesota-Dakotas Website in general and to work closely with 18 others who have volunteered the expertise from the entry level web knowledge to webmasters as well.

Governor Ross said that GOAL 5 of the Goal plan is to improve our communications in Kiwanis circles with better web information, public relations, and use of the modern media in getting our message out.

Here is the list by regions of the Website Advisory Groups and their e-mail addresses:

Region 1

Jim Bekken -- bkn@gondtc.com
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Region 2

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Dan Neller -- dwneller@rea-alp.com
Bob Swanson -- reswanson@yahoo.com

Region 3

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Region 4

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Region 5

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Bill Zortman --- billtell.pre@midconetwork.com

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Gene Tonne --- tonng@charter.net
Claire Vermedahl --- cvdmedahl@alamco.com

Region 7

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Joe Killpatrick --- joeandcarole@comcast.net
Richard Odell ---- rjowriter@aol.com

The committee will serve at the discretion of the Governor and the follow-up on the website will be valuable on the direction for our precious Minn-Dak Website. As Stewart said "when we get ideas or need folks to look at something we

add to the website --- we can contact them by e-mail and use them as a 'focus group'."

A few of those that have joined the ranks of the Website Advisory Committee admit they have little experience in working the web. One of those is Claire Vermedahl who talked with a number of us at the District Convention in Aberdeen about our Kiwanis communications. Another member is Joe Killpatrick who with a number of senior Kiwanis family members in the Twin Cities is having difficulty helping members without computers to be able to read the Minnekotan. Both will be BIG assets to all of us --- giving us thoughts on the problems they face, seeing what we are doing to solve them, and even suggesting what might work.

On the otherside of that street ---- we have a number of very good webmasters. Bob Swanson has worked as Co-Chair of the Public Relations Committee and has worked with clubs to set up their own websites. Doug Johnson in Mankato -- worked to get the Moorhead web site up with Swanson and webmasters his own club. Johnson serves as Director of Media and Technology in the Mankato Schools and with Lori Larson taught the computer lab at the Aberdeen District Conference last summer, Arday Ardayio designed the Fargo Kiwanis Web site and is a technical consultant. Richard Odell in Rochester is the webmaster for the Kiwanis Hockey Web Site. Gary Brand is the webmaster for the Worthington Club. Dawn Fairbrother is the Editor of the Region 6 Newsletter.

Jim Bekken and Kelly Schmidt in North Dakota bring research and information on the judicial and state web sites --- both growing and seeking to improve communications just as we are.

Bobbi Nelson along with Fairbrother are Public Relations/Membership Ambassadors having been among a handful of people from the Dakotas and Minnesota that were sent for 3 days of training in Indianapolis. Nelson was the only member under 30 and is closer to 20 than 25.

Lori Larson as a highly respected and loved webmaster was Publisher of the Fergus Falls Newspaper and Bill Zortman spent 35 years in television working all sections of the country.

Lt Governor's past, present and future are also prominent on the list. Pete Peterson in Region 6, Bill Daugherty and Bill Zortman in Region 5, Jim Bekken and Kelly Schmidt in Region 1, Lori Larson in Region 2, Chris Kellet Sawdey in Region 3, and Kay Cox in Region 4.

Dan Neller is District Administrator.

What do they have in common? All 23 want to improve the communications of Kiwanis and will do whatever it takes to help Lori Larson, Governor Ross, Governor Elect Dahl, and all of us spread the news and many times find the Kiwanis news.

We'll update their progress every month ---- and feel free to email any of the 23 with your ideas for Kiwanis Communications.

Happy New Year!!!

Black Hawk Kiwanis Consignment Sale

The Black Hawk Kiwanis Club held their annual Consignment sale of childrens clothing as a fund raiser for distribution of dictionaries for the 3rd grade students in Black hawk, Piedmont, Box Elder and Zion Lutheran School in Rapid City. Over 400 dictionaries were purchased and distributed. Dates were 15, 16 and 17 Sept 2005.



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