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# MINNEKOTAN

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## Coralyn's Corner

We are at the “dawn” of a new year – a year full of promise – The Year of the Club.” You will be hearing much more about that in the coming months. We have a lot to look forward to as even now, clubs are being built, plans for more are on the way. Many of you are now being installed in your clubs as leaders for the coming year. I thank you for taking on that role in serving both your club and Kiwanis!



As I write this, it is just a few days since I attended an inspirational and motivational weekend at Camp Lakodia. This was the Key Leader Weekend and what a weekend it was! It didn't matter that it rained at times and the wind blew off the lake. We were happy to be there and the students and staff were wonderful. Our Key Leader coordinators, Clover Ellingson and Vickie Walters had everything prepared. The Key Leaders from Kiwanis International were young, enthusiastic, and motivating. But best of all, we had the finest thirty-nine students that anyone could hope for. They were cooperative, enthusiastic, kind and in every way terrific! We also had some good help from Kiwanis members – Dawn and David Fairbrother, Dwain and Carole Petersen and my husband Orin. Everyone had what they needed and the meals were wonderful. How's that for a testimonial! We need more of these weekends for students. They will help assure us that we can raise up strong leaders in our Kiwanis clubs and in our communities in the future. By supporting this program we truly are serving the children of our communities and our district and that is what we have been asked to do. Thanks Clover – it was terrific!

On the way to Camp Lakodia, I stopped in Brookings, SD to visit the club that got me started in Kiwanis and inspired me to remain a Kiwanian as I moved to St. Cloud, MN nine years ago. What a nice warm reception! It was great to see old friends and perhaps make some new ones too. I missed some others who are no longer with us, Ray Moore, Vic Webster and others. But it was great to see the rest of you who all had an influence on my life and inspired me to do what I could do to serve this district in any way I can. Thanks, Brookings!

Well, we are on our way. This will be a great year. We have strong leadership teams in the three-state area and we have a governor team that are dedicated to working for you and serving you in any way we can. Welcome to the 2006-2007 year!

## Bill's Pitch

Some of the comments you will be seeing in this monthly feature will be "high and wide", "low and outside", or "down the pipe".

I have had a great time in Kiwanis this past few weeks following our convention in St. Cloud. Communication with Governor Coralyn Dahl and Past Governor Stewart Ross are ongoing and informative. We three will continue the spirit that has taken over Minnesota/Dakotas last year.



From throwing out the first pitch at a Sioux Falls Canaries baseball game attended by 99 fellow Kiwanians to listening to a reading of Stavig Letters at a Club installation, I have been amazed at what we as Kiwanians can do.

On Tuesday, September 26th, I was present at the "birth" of the Diversity Club of Sioux Falls. We have worked hard and long to bring this club to reality and now look forward to a Charter Night on November 14th.

Look for more from me in the coming months as I will continue pitching for Kiwanis now and in the future.

## Update from the Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer - October 2006

By Steve Handegaard, Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer



Greetings Everyone.

Wow! Another Kiwanis Club is joining our ranks! Congratulations and welcome to all the members of the new Woodbury Area Kiwanis Club. Their Official Charter Presentation date has been scheduled for October 5. The President of this new club is Lawrence McFadden and Secretary is Jeff Erickson both of Woodbury, Minnesota. The club plans to have their regular meetings on Thursdays at noon at the Machine Shed, 8518 Hudson Blvd in Lake Elmo, MN. Their sponsoring club is the Kiwanis Club of West St. Paul.

October is the beginning of another Kiwanis year. On the district level I look forward to working with Governor Coralyn Dahl and a great team of Lt. Governors and other district directors. They will be working hard to promote and support Kiwanis in your region and 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.

A few other things for club leaders:

- **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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> (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.
- **Annual Club Report:** All Kiwanis clubs are required to submit an Annual Club Report to Kiwanis International. The Annual Club Report form is available online at the right hand side of the Kiwanis International website home page. Or you can find it at the following address:

<http://kforms.onet.net/form.asp> Online is much preferred, but if you are unable to submit the form online, let me know and I will send you a hard copy of the Annual Report Form. Clubs are asked to complete this report by October 31, 2006.

- **How do clubs apply for the “Distinguished Club Award” for 2005-2006?**
  - Submit the Distinguished Club Award application form that was distributed at the District Convention. If you do not have a copy, please request one from your Lt. Governor or let me know. This form should be returned to the District Office by October 15.
  - This year clubs also need to be sure to submit their “2005-2006 Annual Club Report” to Kiwanis International to qualify for Distinguished Club status. As I mentioned previously the Annual Club Reports will be due to Kiwanis International by October 31.
  
- **How do members apply for the “2005-2006 Distinguished Member” Award?**
  - 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.

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!!

Steve

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**Sign up to receive the MINNEKOTAN Newsletter by email**

If you would like us to send the monthly Minnesota-Dakotas District monthly newsletter, the MINNEKOTAN, directly to your email address, just enter your email address into the section called, "Sign Up To Receive News From Kiwanis". All you need to do is enter your email address and indicate which Kiwanis Region you are from. The "sign up" box can be found on most of the district website pages. Here is one example:

<http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/officers.php>

Anyone is welcome to sign up, even non-members. (If you have a spam filtering program, be sure to watch so that it does not filter out these emails.)

## **2006-2007 District Officers and Lt. Governors**

Following are the Minnesota-Dakotas District Officers and Lt. Governors for 2006-2007. You can find their contact information on the District Website. Also, on the website you will find the names and contact information of the District Directors and other Committee Chairs.

### **DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

CORALYN DAHL  
ST. CLOUD, MN

### **DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT**

WILLIAM DAUGHERTY  
SIOUX FALLS, SD

### **IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

STEWART ROSS  
N. MANKATO, MN

### **DISTRICT SECRETARY/TREASURER**

STEPHEN HANDEGAARD  
DALTON, MN

## **REGION 1**

**LT. GOVERNOR** KELLY SCHMIDT, MANDAN, ND

**LT. GOVERNOR ELECT** CHERYL LANE, MINOT, ND

**IMMEDIATE PAST LT. GOVERNOR** BARBARA EGAN, BISMARCK, ND

## **REGION 2**

**LT. GOVERNOR** LOWELL DISRUD, FARGO, ND

**LT. GOVERNOR ELECT** MARY SIELING, FERGUS FALLS, MN

**IMMEDIATE PAST LT. GOVERNOR** LARRY HUMBLE, GRAND FORKS, ND

## **REGION 3**

**LT. GOVERNOR** CHRIS KELLETT-SAWDEY, NISSWA, MN

**LT. GOVERNOR ELECT** BARB FISHER, SUPERIOR, WI

**IMMEDIATE PAST LT. GOVERNOR** ED REICH, ST. CLOUD, MN

## **REGION 4**

**LT. GOVERNOR** FRANK FERGUSON, HOT SPRINGS, SD

**LT. GOVERNOR ELECT** LYLE SONNENSCHNEIN, HOT SPRINGS, SD

**IMMEDIATE PAST LT. GOVERNOR** KAY COX, SPEARFISH, SD

**REGION 5**

**LT. GOVERNOR** BILL ZORTMAN, HARTFORD, SD

**LT. GOVERNOR ELECT** BEVERLY WERNER, ABERDEEN, SD

**IMMEDIATE PAST LT. GOVERNOR** VICKIE WALTERS, MADISON, SD

**REGION 6**

**LT. GOVERNOR** CURTIS PEARSON, WORTHINGTON, MN

**LT. GOVERNOR ELECT** DAVID FAIRBROTHER, OWATONNA, MN

**IMMEDIATE PAST LT. GOVERNOR** HERB HOFF, HUTCHINSON, MN

**REGION 7**

**LT. GOVERNOR** PAUL MICHELS, ROCHESTER, MN

**LT. GOVERNOR ELECT (OPEN)** (BRUCE KLAIR AND MARY DIERBECK ACTING)

**IMMEDIATE PAST LT. GOVERNOR** DENNIS BLESENER, HASTINGS, MN

**DISTRICT KEY CLUBBERS SERVE ON INTERNATIONAL BOARD**

Jacob Anthony of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, and Megan Gabel of Fridley, Minnesota, were elected as Trustees of Key Club International at the annual KCI convention in Boston this summer. Jacob is a senior at Grand Rapids High School, Megan is a senior at Fridley High School.

As Key Club International Trustees, Jacob and Megan will participate in meetings of the 13-member board that guides the organization and counsel the leaders of several Key Club districts.

In addition to serving as webmaster and blood drive chairman for his Key Club, Jacob has served as president of the German Club and is active in student government, Business Professionals of America, drama, tennis, and soccer. He has been recognized on the National Honor Roll and this past year was voted Outstanding Board Member of the Minnesota-Dakotas District of Key Club.

Megan has been captain of Dance Team, a three-year class representative on Student Council, and a member of the National Honor Society.

**Key Club Fall Rally**

Hello Kiwanians, the 2006-2007 Minn-Dak Key Club District Board would like to formally invite all Kiwanians in the Minnesota-Dakota Kiwanis District to the 2006 Key Club Fall Rally. We would like as many Kiwanians to come as possible. Without your support, we would never be able to do what we do best, serve. In nature we are all part of the K-Family to

serve one another. We would like as many Kiwanians to come and celebrate our service together, Kiwanis and Key Club. Fall Rally will be held on October 28th-29th in Moorhead, Minnesota. We on the District Board would love to see as many Kiwanians there as possible. All Kiwanians in attendance will receive a pin as a gift from a thankful generation of the K-Family. Thank you for all that you do for us.

In Service,  
The 2006-07 Minn-Dak Key Club District Board

## **MNDAK District Annual Club Gift Ranking**

The MNDAK District ends the fiscal year at the average for Annual Club Gifts to Kiwanis International Foundation. The district ended the year at an average of \$2.65 per member and the International average was \$2.67 per member. All Kiwanis clubs are invited to participate in the Annual Club Gift campaign by contributing a monetary gift, which supports Kiwanis International and the Kiwanis International Foundation's grant programs. The campaign determines the continuation and effectiveness of your Kiwanis International Foundation's support toward Kiwanis sponsored youth, victims of disasters, and meeting the needs of children worldwide. The suggested giving level for the Annual Club Gift is \$5 per member. The campaign runs from October 1 through September 30. All incoming club presidents should've received mailings about this campaign to build it into your budget for this new year. Please consider donating at the suggested level. At this time our average qualifies our district for two matching scholarships for both Key Club and Circle K students. If you have any questions about the Annual Club Gift please contact Liz Lawrence-Ross, the district KIF chair at LizR@mankato-clinic.com

## **Bring in New Members to an Established Club or a New Club**

Utilize the wonderful new "Changing Tomorrows Today" brochure that has "Help Change the World One Child and One Community at a Time" motto at the bottom of the cover. If no one in your club has a supply, call 1-800-KIWANIS and order a package of them. Share them with your fellow Kiwanians and encourage them to use it with their friends and acquaintances.

Sit down with a prospective member and enthusiastically open it to The **Tradition** Page.

Point out that while we have over 600,000 members in nearly 15,000 clubs in more than 90 nations, we will build to 1,000,000 by 2015. Turn to The **Mission** and share your sense of mission with your prospect. It could be something about our great Service Leadership Programs which many have said if we did nothing else it would make Kiwanis worthwhile. On the next **Mission** page you can go on to mention our eminently successful Young Children: Priority One: and Worldwide Service IDD project.

Move on to The **Rewards** page and describe some of the rewards you have gained and what may be expected.

Share The **Commitment** of Membership, time and Cost on the next page.

Turn the page for The **Challenge** which is to Join now! Hand them a pen and ask them to fill out the Kiwanis Membership Information so you can get back together. In an established club offer them the opportunity to visit your club up to three times before joining. If you are working with a New Club Building group, ask them for \$55.00 in cash or check and fill out the receipt. Complete the back side of the application which tears out and leave the booklet with them including the Objects of Kiwanis International which have not changed since 1915.

### **Key-Leader Camp held at Camp Lakodia, Madison, SD**

The Key-Leader Camp had 39 students with 5 neighborhoods. Jake Anthony, International Key Club Trustee from Grand Rapids High School; Katy Parrott, Fridley High School; Kathryn Sitter, Ortonville High School; Dan Woolley, John Marshall High School; and Cheryl Zogg, Fargo North High School were the student facilitators. The adult committee members were Coralyn and Orin Dahl, Dwain and Carole Petersen, Dawn and David Fairbrother were other Kiwanians from Minn-Dakotas that were involved.

Thanks goes out to all the Minnesota-Dakota Clubs that supported youth with their registration fee for this weekend. Pictures will follow in future Minnekotan and more articles relating to Key-Leader will appear. Vickie Walters

### **Diversity Club Heads for Charter Night**

It took 30 minutes to decide ---- but the Diversity Kiwanis Club of Sioux Falls will have far more impact than just the city that host them.



There are 60 cultures in South Dakota --- and the opportunity to bring together the many that have moved to this territory is simply needed.

Some clubs will ask why they haven't joined a traditional club. Truth is -- some have. But most have opted not to attend a meeting where members have been in the same chairs for years, decades and even generations. Many of the newcomers are timid and would rather not join than stand out in a room filled with silver hair and only light skin.

Kiwanis members are about helping their communities. They do a fantastic job. But consider that part of the community that we never work with or see in our daily lives. Many of them need help --- or have causes we don't even know about. To have those cultures be served by Kiwanis will bring a new identity to our 90+-year old organization. The International will not be thousands of miles away -- but in our own community.

Imagine a Kiwanis "Welcome Wagon" serving the newcomers in their own language, sensitivity training, help with banking, plumbing, repairs, and future planning all in easy to understand publications and website.

Richard Kamolvathin --- a Thai native was elected as the first President of the new club at the Organizational meeting on September 26th. Henry McCall -- a black american athlete from USD was selected as President Elect. Kim Hinrichs Nguyen from Vietnam was chosen as Vice President. Randy Hohn - Administrator in Region 5 will train Tracey Robinson (Argentina background) to be Secretary. Ben Ekrem -- half Norwegian and half German -- will serve as Treasurer. In all --- 7 cultures were represented at the Organizational Meeting --- which leads to the November 14th -- scheduled Charter Night.

Region 5 Lt Governor Bill Zortman (2006-2007) was the first to talk to the organizers and is helping them through the maize of Kiwanis requirements to become the Region's 25th Club. In addition to Zortman and Hohn --- Governor Elect Bill

Daugherty, Former Lt Governor Allen Herrboldt, and Ambassador Bobbi Nelson are representing Region 5 as the Charter team. South Sioux Kiwanis is the sponsoring club.

Members will come from not only Sioux Falls but surrounding communities and neighboring states. The average age is expected to be 30-35. Plans are to post a small flag for each nation represented near the podium.

The organizers first met with 2005-2006 Governor Stewart Ross, then with 2006-2007 Governor Coralyn Dahl, and frequently with 2007-2008 Governor Daugherty. In each meeting --- Governor's walked away praising the leadership, enthusiastic about the Kiwanis opportunity, and proud of what it will do for the Sioux Falls area and surrounding communities.



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