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BILL'S PITCH

It's opening day! Everyone is optimistic, we can be winners! Let's all Come Together and strive for success.

As you must be aware, Kiwanis has set a goal of ONE MILLION members by 2015. That is a lofty goal. But Goals need to set the bar higher. We are a part of that effort. Each of us need to look around our community, look for people to invite to Kiwanis. Remember to ASK.

We need to Share Our Story. Be proud of the projects and tasks we accomplish in our communities. Become known as the Club that cares, the club that gives both time and money to address community needs.

By seeking areas in our communities that need an assist we continue to be a positive force in making life a little better. Through our efforts others will take an interest in joining Kiwanis.

October is the kick-off of a journey that we are all going to experience. Membership growth and service to others are intrinsically tied together. They complement each other, so let's tell our story. Let's enjoy our service and fellowship.



Update from the Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer - October 2007

By Steve Handegaard, Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer

Greetings,

October is the start of another Kiwanis year. Welcome to our new Governor, Bill Daugherty from Sioux Falls, and the great team of Lt. Governors and other district leaders. They will be working hard to promote and support Kiwanis in your area. They are there to help local clubs at any time. Just give them a call. A directory of all of the new District Officers and Lt. Governors can be found on our district website.



- **Important upcoming dates to remember:** I have included a list of some 2007-2008 events in the MINNEKOTAN and also on the website <http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/story.php?articleid=628>
- **Monthly Club Reporting and the Annual Club Report:** Just a reminder to club secretaries and presidents that if you have submitted all of your 06-07 monthly club reports online, you will not need to do a separate Annual Report. All of the necessary information will already have been submitted via your monthly reports. If your club has not been reporting online, then you will need to file a separate Annual report. Clubs needing a printed version of the report to complete may contact the Kiwanis helpline at (800) KIWANIS ext 411. But again, if you are reporting online, you do not need to complete the Annual Report.

- **“Distinguished Club Award” for 2006-2007:** If your club will meet the criteria for 2006-2007 Distinguished Club, be sure that all of your 2006-2007 monthly club reports have been submitted online by October 10. Most of the data to support the award will be gathered from the monthly online reports. If you do not recall the criteria, you can view a summary at <http://classic.kiwanis.org/lit/download.asp?id=444>
- **How do members apply for the “2006-2007 Distinguished Member” Award?** Members should complete the online form available on the Kiwanis International Website <http://www.kiwanisone.org/MemberResources/Membership/Default.aspx> by no later than October 15, 2007.
- **Club meeting times and locations:** Just a reminder to keep your club meeting time and location up to date on the Kiwanis International website. Anyone visiting the Kiwanis International website can now search for clubs anywhere in the world. The “Find a Club” is found in the upper left corner of the Kiwanis International website <http://www.kiwanis.org/> Give it a try. See if your club information is current. Your club secretary can now update your club meeting location online at anytime through the same portal that is used for monthly club reporting. Again, be sure that your information is current, as many prospective members use this online search method to find a club.
- **New Club Secretaries and online monthly club reporting:** Club secretaries will receive information the first part of October on how to make any online reporting personnel changes for the coming year.

If I can be of any assistance, please give me a call.

Have a great Kiwanis year!

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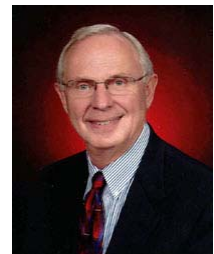
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Make a New Year’s Resolution to start the new Kiwanis year

A NEW YEAR, A NEW BEGINNING

The start of a new Kiwanis year is a new beginning for Club Officers and perhaps some members of each club’s Board of Directors. Moreover, it is an opportunity for a new start for every Kiwanian.

The new year is most exciting and challenging for the club President. The President has the opportunity to lead the club to greater service for the community, to increase club membership and for personal growth. Yet club members must not expect the President to be the sole determinant of club success during the year ahead. The club’s overall success will be determined by



the involvement, commitment and enthusiasm of each member. I encourage each club and every club member to make a "New Year's Resolution" to get more deeply involved in club activities so the club will grow and provide greater service to the community and thereby help "change the world one child and one community at a time!"

The year ahead offers many opportunities for each club to grow and experience a greater degree of success. Included among these opportunities are Regional Conferences and the District Governor's visit to each region. These meetings expose us to new ideas about service projects, help us learn more about District and International activities, meet new friends, and renew old acquaintances. These meetings are not just for club leaders. I know club members will benefit and strongly encourage them to attend. Club growth and success depends on every member being committed to make it happen. Participating in District and Region activities will help ensure a successful year.

As I start the new Kiwanis year as Governor-Elect of the Minnesota Dakotas District I need to tell all Kiwanians in the District of my gratitude for the opportunity, and the trust, you have placed in me to fulfill the duties of the office. I look forward to meeting you and working closely with you to make your club and your community better at the end of the year than it was at the beginning! I plan to have a column, This-and-That, in each issue of the Minne-Kotan. I hope what I have to say might be of some help to you, your club, and me, as we go through the year.

Bill Lardy, Governor-Elect

2007-2007 Dates to Remember

Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District Dates to Remember 2007-2008

2007

- Oct 5-7 Key Leader Program Inspiration Point, Clitherall, MN
- Oct 12-14 Circle K Fall Leadership Conference Camp Patterson, Mankato, MN
- Oct. 20 Region One Kiwanis Conference, Bismarck, ND
- Oct 27 Region 2 Conference, Fergus Falls, MN
- Nov. 2 District Educational Foundation Scholarship Applications will be mailed out to all Kiwanis club secretaries no later than November 2, 2007.
- Nov 2-4 Key Club Fall Leadership Conference, Fargo, ND
- Nov 3 Region 4 & 5 Kiwanis Conference, Pierre, SD
- Nov 10 Region 7 Kiwanis Conference, Red Wing, MN

2008

- Jan 18 Deadline for high schools to submit District Kiwanis Educational Foundation

Scholarship Applications.

Jan 18-19	District Tri-K Board meeting, Fergus Falls, MN
Feb 2	Region 3 Conference, Fond Du Lac Tribal and Community College
Feb 29-Mar 2	Circle K Convention and K-Family Extravaganza, Kelly Inn, St. Cloud
Mar 28-30	Key Club Spring Conference Willmar, MN
April 12	Region 6 Kiwanis Conference, Mankato Holiday Inn, Mankato, MN
May 2-4	Lt. Governor Education Conference, Best Western, Fergus Falls, MN
June 26-29	Kiwanis International Convention, Orlando, Florida
July 10-13	Key Club International Convention, Denver, Colorado
August 6-9	Circle K International Convention, Denver, Colorado
Aug 8-10	Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Convention, Moorhead, MN

2007-2008 District Kiwanis Officers and Lt. Governors**2007-2008 DISTRICT OFFICERS AND LT. GOVERNORS**

Following are the Minnesota-Dakotas District Officers and Lt. Governors for 2007-2008. 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: William Daugherty, Sioux Falls, SD

DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT: Bill Lardy, Bismarck, ND

IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Coralyn Dahl, St. Cloud, MN

DISTRICT SECRETARY/TREASURER: Stephen Handegaard, Dalton, MN

REGION 1

Lt. Governor: Cheryl Lane, Minot, ND

Lt. Governor Elect: Darlene VanderVorst, Mandan, ND

Immediate Past Lt. Governor: Kelly Schmidt, Mandan, ND

REGION 2

Lt. Governor: Mary Sieling, Fergus Falls, MN

Lt. Governor Elect: (open position)

Immediate Past Lt. Governor: Lowell Disrud, Fargo, ND

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REGION 3

Lt. Governor: Barb Fisher, Superior, WI

Lt. Governor Elect: Marwin Bogue , Lake Shore, MN

Immediate Past Lt. Governor: Chris Kellett-Sawdey, Nisswa, MN

REGION 4

Lt. Governor: Lyle Sonnenschein, Hot Springs, SD

Lt. Governor Elect: (open position)

Immediate Past Lt. Governor: Frank Ferguson, Hot Springs, SD

REGION 5

Lt. Governor: Beverly Werner, Aberdeen, SD

Lt. Governor Elect: Allen Herrboldt, Sioux Falls, SD

Immediate Past Lt. Governor: Bill Zortman, Hartford, SD

REGION 6

Lt. Governor: David Fairbrother, Owatonna, MN

Lt. Governor Elect: Judie Rosendahl, Madison, MN

Immediate Past Lt. Governor: Curtis Pearson, Worthington, MN

REGION 7

Lt. Governor: Richard J. (Dick) Mussell, Anoka, MN

Lt. Governor Elect: Marjorie Frost, Red Wing, MN

Immediate Past Lt. Governor: Paul Michels, Rochester, MN

CLE (Club Leadership Education Update)

2007 was one of the more successful years for having Kiwanis leaders in attendance at more than 15 separate education sites throughout the Minnesota-Dakota District.

Thanks to the hard working team of District officers, and the out-standing cooperation from all of the clubs, 103 clubs sent leaders to the CLE sessions.

In Attendance were 92 President elects, 58 secretaries, 3 Treassurers, 11 Vice preidents, 33 future leaders, plus all of the Lt. Governor team, plus our Governor attended, as well as the Governor Elect and Governor designate.

The sessions were led by our wonderful team of instructors who continue this program every year.

Thanks to you all for seeing the importance of Kiwanis education both in leadership and instruction.

Gard wins Kiwanis scholarship

The Fergus Falls Otter Risers and Noon Kiwanis Clubs are proud to announce the award of a \$800 scholarship from the Minnesota-Dakotas District Educational Foundation of Kiwanis International to Fergus Falls High School 2007 graduate Jennifer Gard.

Jennifer received the award after being evaluated for both academic, civic and leadership achievements during high school. Gard competed against similar top students from all the high schools in Northwest Minnesota.

COMMUNITY ANALYSIS IMPORTANCE

In every community there is a need for current reading materials, and especialy in the Doctor and Dentist offices, as well as other medical centers.

If your club is looking for a community service project to do, have every member bring at least 3-5 magazines each month to the meeting, and have a committe selected to print labels to apply over the mailing label on each magazine. The label should read, "donated by your the Kiwanis club of _____",

By placing this label over the mailing label you eliminate the need to cut the cover to remove the old label and also do not deface the book.

The label can also contain information as to where and when your club meets.

Have 2-3 members distribute these magazines once each month to some selected sites in your community.

Best way to handle the magazines is to have each member bring them in a plastic grocery bag for ease of handling.

MORE NEXT MONTH ON PROJECTS FOR YOUR CLUB, by Larry Rittgarn



Troops Respond to MNDK District Service Project

At the District Convention in Fargo, clubs collected and packaged snacks and personal care items for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Over 1250 pounds of supplies were collected, filling 260 flat rate boxes. Several of the troops wrote and expressed their gratitude for the project, and it is heartwarming to read their replies. All District Kiwanians can take pride in the difference we have made in their lives. Here are their

letters:

Larry,

Just want you to know that my team and I have received many packages from the Minnesota/Dakotas District Kiwanis International. I think I had at least 10 packages and I know that 2 more showed up today.

I arrived here in Baghdad this morning around 130am and finally hit the sack around 300am.

Again want to thank you and all the Kiwanis for the support that they have provided to my team during the past year. It has been very heartwarming experience.

LTC James Graalum

2-5-2 NPTT

Unit 43362

1-5 Cav

Camp Liberty, Iraq

APO-AE 09344-3362

Dear Mrs. Fisher,

I am writing this letter to thank you for all the items you and the KIWANIS CLUB sent to me and to the Soldiers of my Company that are currently deployed in Iraq. I apologize for taking too long.

It was a wonderful surprise to receive more than 30 boxes of mail in the same day, and it was very nice when my fellow Soldiers and I started opening the boxes, you should have seen the happy, excited faces of all of us like little kids opening Christmas presents.

Your packages are always a welcome sight and they do a lot to make us feel a little closer to home.

Again, thank you so much. I greatly appreciate your generosity.

Best Regards,
WILSON LLIVICHUZHCA

SGT USA

119TH ULLS-G NCO-IC

CEDAR II - IRAQ

APO AE 09331

Dear Mr. Klair,

Thank you so much for the care packages. The soldiers in my battalion enjoyed all of the goodies. Your more than generous contribution has brought smiles to many soldier's faces. It is truly these acts of kindness that

the soldiers will always remember as they never go unnoticed. Often we think the world has forgotten about us over here, but your show of support to the young soldiers reminds us that America still supports us. Thank you again.

CPT. Mary Elizabeth Murphy

HHC BSB

FOB Rustamiyay, Unit 41542

APO AE 09390

Dear Bruce & Friends

Thank you for the supplies!! It is good to have people back home thinking about me and of the other troops over here! We all thank you for the food and things to help us get through another day over here! God bless you all.

COL. Ronald C. Allen

MNC-1, C-9

APO AE 09342

SUBJECT: Support our Troops (Minnesota/Dakotas District of Kiwanis International)

ATTN: Bruce D. Klair

It is with great pleasure that I write this thank you letter to Minnesota/Dakotas Kiwanis volunteers for supporting the troops.

Thank you so much for the wonderful gifts for my Soldiers. The toiletries were especially a hit! But I must say the Jerky and the other snacks were eaten fast. To give you an idea of what kind of soldiers (Troops) you sent these gifts to: I am the Commanding Officer for a Brigade Support Medical Company; I run a Level II Trauma center responsible for all facets of medical support for 7,000 Soldiers. My Troops are all medical personnel, either EMT certified or actual medical Physicians. We are the team that sustains our brave men and women after they leave the scene, we are the Troops that see the initial injuries and sustain life in order to evacuate to a higher echelon of care. There are many days that soldiers wonder if people back home really care about what we are doing over here; Thank you for setting our hearts at ease and thank you again for everything YOU DO for us.

I am not sure how you got my name as a point of contact for this but my Soldiers and I truly appreciate it.

God Bless you and everything you do for our country.

CPT Robert Kunkel

Charlie Company, 2 BSB

2BCT, 2 ID

Unit # 41542

APO, AE 09390-1542

(This is a project that clubs can do as community project. Many clubs have members who have a personal contact in the military, and "care" packages can be sent to them, with the assurance that any supplies will be distributed among their fellow troops. For further information, check out the website for an organization called Operation Minnesota Nice. The web site is www.operationminnesotanice.com)

The Fergus Falls Noon Kiwanis Club Hosted A Successful Fundraiser

The Fergus Falls Noon Kiwanis Club hosted a successful fundraiser with the Harlem Ambassadors on September 16. The entertaining basketball event brought a crowd of 1,200 people to the Fergus Falls High School Gym, despite great weather outside and the MN Vikings on television. The Kiwanis Club assembled a team of sponsored players looking to relive or even make glory day moments. One such moment came when school Superintendent and Kiwanis Member Jerry "SuperNess" Ness banked an underhanded shot from half court. In the end the Harlem Ambassadors nearly doubled the score on the Local Team, but fun was had by all. Participants and attendees were already asking to have the event again next year. Overall, the club came together with high energy to pull off a successful event. Pride was felt by all throughout the club and profits are already estimated over \$6,000 which will go to support the Club's charities.



HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT WHAT IT TAKES TO MAINTAIN THE BUILDINGS OF PIONEER VILLAGE IN

The Early Risers Kiwanis Club of Worthington have made it an annual event to paint one of these buildings. This is the 4th year and it has been a time of hard work and fun to paint the big stucco church. The Kiwanians only do the labor as an organization donates the paint. Lt. Governor, Curtis Pearson, has been organizing this event each year. A total of 101 hours were donated this year by the Kiwanis Club members.

On the final evening, at the village, brats and hot dogs are grilled and everyone brings a salad or dessert. It is a great way to have a social time and give back to the community.

...AND WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO AT THE COUNTY FAIR?

When we go to the county fair we like to eat hot dogs, cotton candy, Tom Thumb donuts, tacos, elephant ears, funnel cakes, etc.

We like to watch people perform, look at the livestock, check out who won the blue ribbons for baking, canning, fruits and vegetables, etc.

For the past 10 years the Golden "K" Kiwanis Club of Owatonna, MN. has found a way to do an important fundraiser: Parking vehicles at the Steele

County Free Fair!

This Kiwanis Club also invites other organizations to help park vehicles, the Owatonna Noon Club and the Exchange Club. The fair is scheduled for 6 days of food, fun, and festivities!

The Kiwanis Club also delivers Fair posters in Owatonna and the surrounding areas. The Owatonna Golden "K" Kiwanis Club earns an average of \$4500 to \$5000 after the Owatonna Noon Kiwanis Club and the Exchange Club receive their part of the funds.

Congratulations to this Kiwanis Club for their dedication to this fundraiser since they have members who are "Golden" in age!

Kiwanis Quilt Raffle Brings in Bucks for Region One Fund-Raising Project

Former Mandan Golden K Kiwanian Carol Guymer created the Kiwanis-themed quilt and donated it to Region One to be used to help the region raise funds to build a playground at Fort Mandan, near Washburn, ND. Playground fund-raising co-directors Barb Egan and Ray Staiger organized the quilt raffle, and Region One club members supported the project by purchasing tickets. The quilt raffle added \$1,950 to a fund which was birthed at the Region One Conference in 2003 and has since grown to its current level of \$37,672.01. Region One Kiwanians expect to reach their final goal of \$40,000 for the playground by year's end and are looking forward to "Kiwanis Day at Fort Mandan," when the Region One Kiwanis Playground will be dedicated.



Madison School received school supplies

South Point Kiwanis members teamed up to bring school supplies to children at Madison School in Fargo.

30 new back packs and over \$400 worth of School supplies were delivered to the Madison School just prior to the beginning of school this year.

Madison school has 26 languages and over 60 dialects spoken in the school made up of children K-5th grade.

In addition to supplying school supplies the club also reads to the children each week in the school library, and donates books every month, as many children do not have books at home to read.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE

These three (3) programs are the foundation for starting children on the road to becoming future Kiwanis members of Kiwanis Clubs all across the MN-DAK District and all around the world!

These kids can then move into the Builders Club (students ages 12-14); then move into the Key Club (students ages 14-18); Circle K Club students in College and/or universities); and then these young adults can move into an

adult Kiwanis Club. Our youth can also take part in the Key Leader Leadership weekend (youth weekend leadership retreats—8th to 12th grade students) held the first weekend in October of each year at various locations.

The K-Kids program helps kids to become young leaders by helping others. The TERRIFIC Kids program helps kids become young leaders through practicing good character and good citizenship. The B.U.G. (Bring Up Grades) program helps kids become young leaders through academic achievement.

“The greatest good we can do for others is not just to share our riches with them, but to reveal theirs.” --Zig Ziglar. Mr. Don Canaday, President-Elect of Kiwanis International states: “I recommend that all Kiwanis Clubs consider an inexpensive program which will have a positive impact on many children in your community”. This is the B.U.G. (Bring Up Grades) program.

Kiwanis grows leaders! Won't you consider starting a K-Kids, TERRIFIC Kids and/or a B.U.G. (Bringing Up Grades) program?

If you are interested in learning more about K-Kids, TERRIFIC Kids or the B.U.G. (Bring Up Grades) programs, or would like more information, please contact Dawn Fairbrother, via muffins3@charter.net or via telephone--Home: 507-451-5939 or cell phone: 507-363-6766. Dawn will be happy to come to your Kiwanis Club and present a PowerPoint program on any one of these three programs or an overview of all three programs.

WORTHINGTON BACK PACK RALLY

On August 16, 2007. between the hours of 9 and noon, the Early Riser's Kiwanis Club and the Manna Food Pantry at Worthington, Minnesota joined together for distribution of back packs for 502 children between the grades of K - 5th grades. The students left with happy smiles and the supplies needed to get them started on a successful new school year. This program was open to all children in Nobles County.

HOW DO I REACH THE REGION 6 LT GOVERNOR TEAM?

Here is how you can reach your Region 6 Lt. Governor Team.

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