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Leading to Serve ... Starting a New Year by Bill Lardy, Governor

Happy Kiwanis New Year! With each new year, we have an opportunity to resolve to reach new levels of achievement and improve our corners of the world, one child and one community at a time. I wish us all the greatest success, and enjoyment, in the months ahead!

To newly elected and installed club presidents, other officers and members of the boards of directors, I give my heartiest congratulations. Thank you for accepting the rewards and challenges your positions offer. Your leadership is critical to the success of your clubs. Good luck in meeting your goals.



Also, I extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to outgoing club presidents, other officers and members of the boards of directors. Your commitment and dedication leaves your communities better because of your leadership. Thank you for your good work. Please stay involved!

This first article of the new year presents an opportunity to recognize the good work of the Minnesota Dakotas District Foundation. For this school year over 50 college students are benefitting from scholarships awarded to them by the Foundation. Kiwanis is all about training leaders and the District Foundation plays a significant role in preparing young people to be the next leaders of our world. Please contribute to the Foundation. And be sure your club has included a Century Club item in its budget for this year.

Again, Happy New Kiwanis Year!

Update from the Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer- Oct 2008

By Steve Handegaard, Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer

October is the start of another Kiwanis year. Welcome to our new Governor, Bill Lardy from Bismarck, 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.



- **NEW DISTRICT WEBSITE !!!:** We plan to launch the newly constructed Minnesota-Dakotas District Website during the first days of October. Watch for it! It will be at the same old location www.mndak-kiwanis.org. It is designed with a lot more flexibility than our old site and will be easier to maintain and keep current. Our new site is the first district website being designed and hosted by Kiwanis International. Special thanks to Scott Smith and his team at Kiwanis International. As with any new website, it is still a work in progress. You will see further improvements and enhancements in the future.

As part of the new website we will also be introducing a new version of the electronic MINNEKOTAN. The newsletter feature is not ready yet, so we will continue to use the current version for the next month or so. When it is completed you will see a much improved version of the MINNEKOTAN, also.

If you have club "news" that would be of interest to other clubs around the district, please submit them to new website....things like new service projects or fundraising ideas that your club has tried. You can also share a photo. The news submission form is located on the "News" menu of the new website.

- **Important upcoming dates to remember:** You will be able to view a list of 2008-2009 events and dates on the new district website. Look for "Events" on the menu.
- **Monthly Club Reporting:** Just a reminder to club secretaries and presidents that if you have submitted all of your 07-08 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. Complete your September report by no later than October 10th.

- **“Distinguished Club Award” for 2007-2008:** If your club will meet the criteria for 2007-2008 Distinguished Club, be sure that all of your 2007-2008 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.
- **How do members apply for the “2007-2008 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, 2008.
- **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 update your club meeting location online at anytime through the same portal that is used for monthly club reporting. Many prospective members use this online search method to find a club.

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

Have a great Kiwanis year!

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Service - What are you doing this year?

Service: What are you planning this year?

Now is the time for each club to plan for serving our children and communities. Are you going to do the same thing you did last year, and the year before that? If that is what the children and community need, by all means, carry on! But if your service has grown stale, or you find you are really doing fundraising and not real service at all, it's time for a change.

This year we are going to take a look at different kinds of service in our clubs and in our district. As a start, I would like you to read the article on Trauma or Hospital dolls under Young Children: Priority One projects. This is a wonderful project to get your club excited about. And it isn't just for women. I have received articles and pictures of the men getting involved, sewing and stuffing these dolls. Go ahead – read the article. I think you might be inspired. Not your thing? Next month I'll try to challenge you with a new project.

Coralyn Dahl
Director of Service



65th Annual International Key Club Convention

From July 8-15 eight Fridley Key Clubbers and two advisors attended the 65th Annual International Key Club Convention in beautiful Denver, Colorado. By plane, train and bus, approximately 1,500 Key Clubbers from around the world gathered and stayed in Denver for the week. There were members from places as far as Aruba, Jamaica, the Bahamas and Hawaii. Convention is a great time to meet fellow club members, exchange ideas and have fun!

The first couple of days were spent touring downtown Denver. The whole

Minnesota-Dakotas district visited Coors Field and shopped in the downtown area after traveling nearly 16 hours via coach bus. The opening session was filled with cheers, chants and crazy outfits! Workshops, sessions and forums filled most of the convention time. Mary Bowen, the Fridley Advisor, along with Katy Parrott, Fridley President, ran a workshop called "Weird and Wacky Project Ideas". The workshop was jam packed while the Fridley crew handed out crazy hats and head bonkers. There was also a "Service Fair" where clubs would promote and advertise one of their most successful projects. The Fridley Club advertised the Homeless Sleep-out and received great interest from the other clubs. If you visit www.keyclub.org you can view the service fair and Katy Parrott being interviewed about the Homeless Sleep-out.



During the Recognition Session, the Fridley Key Club was awarded First Place in scrapbook and Distinguished Diamond Level Club for their outstanding service throughout the year. Emmi Brytowski of Fridley was also awarded the Robert F. Lucas Outstanding Lt. Governor plaque. Convention was topped off with two great dances: the Luau Dance and the Rock and 'Role' dance. At the Closing Session the new International Board was announced and any new Amendments to the Key Club Bylaws were established.

The Minnesota-Dakotas group decided to stay in Colorado for a few extra days after convention to tour the area. They visited Pikes Peak, the Royal Gorge, the Olympic Training Center, Garden of the Gods and they even visited a traditional Chuck-wagon called the "Flying W Ranch". After a tiring week, and a 16 hour bus ride the group returned home at 3AM. Next year the Key Club International Convention will be held in Dallas, Texas.

Region 3 mourns the death of former Lt. Governor

Dick Vangerud was remembered fondly at his funeral at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Cloud, MN - a church which he once served as pastor. Most of us remember him, however, as a kindly and diligent Lt. Governor who served our, then division under Governor Jean Collins.

Dick was born October 18, 1926 in Fargo, ND and was married to his wife of 55 years. He served as a chaplain in the US Army and the US Army Reserves and then served many parishes through North and South Dakota and Minnesota. He also was a faculty member of Luther Seminary in St. Paul.

Dick enjoyed reading, gardening, camping, volunteering and music. Most recently he had been leading a teenage weekly Bible Study at Bethlehem Lutheran.

One of the pictures that was proudly displayed at his funeral was one of him as Lt. Governor, Governor Jean Collins and officers of the Annandale Club.

REGION TWO FALL CONFERENCE

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SATURDAY, OCT. 18TH

**8:30 TO 3:00 P.M.
Eide Bailly Building
4310 17th Ave S
Fargo, ND 58103**

OFFICIAL VISIT OF GOVERNOR BILL LARDY & Growth Summit

8:30 Registration, coffee and rolls

8:45	Call to order, Lt. Governor, Mary Sieling Welcome, invocation, introductions and announcements
9:00	Governor Bill's address & District Goals
9:30	Growth Summit presentation by Vickie Walters, Tag Team Coordinator
12:00	Lunch Break
12:30	Continuation of Growth Summit presentation
2:00	Club Status report of their clubs including Circle K, Key club, Builders Clubs, K-Kids and Aktion Clubs
2:45	Club reporting, club resources, club websites
2:55	Upcoming events, closing remarks

To register send check for \$20.00 to the following address by October 10, 2008. Lunch will be provided with your registration fee. Questions can be directed to Mary Sieling, Lt. Governor, 218-739-2842.

**Region 2 Conference
Mary Sieling
913 N Cleveland Ave
Fergus Falls, MN 56537**

Kiwanis Club Officer Education

I realize all of the new officers are just being installed into their leadership roles for the coming Kiwanis year.

As you prepare your budgets for the 2008-09 year, be sure to include the registration costs for your club officers to attend CLE sessions next spring.

The good news is that the registration costs for the coming year will still remain the same as they have been for the past 15 years.

President elect \$35, Secretary \$25, and all other officers \$15 each.

The importance of having well educated officers each year becomes more evident as we see the activities of clubs that are operating with a good understanding of the jobs that each leader was elected or appointed to do.

Plan now and be prepared to send your officers to next spring's education programs



Redwing Dawnbreakers Kiwanis Club conducted their first Youth Safety Camp

The Redwing Dawnbreakers Kiwanis Club conducted their first Youth Safety Camp on August 10, 2008. The camp was an outstanding success with 37 3rd and 4th grade kids participating.

Each of the participants were given a t-shirt. The t-shirts had "Dawnbreakers Safety Camp" written on them and will serve as good PR for next year. The kids were divided into groups and rotated through different stations every 40 minutes. Session presenters/topics included, Police, Sheriff's Water Patrol, Fire House, Poison Center, Animal Safety, Inline Safety and the Civil Air Patrol.



The technical college catered a lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs that was enjoyed by everyone. After lunch the YMCA did activities promoting exercise. The club gave each participant a t-shirt, free bike helmet, free smoke detector and free stuff from each station.

The club is pumped! The chairman said it was the best Kiwanis project they have done in years.

Photos can be viewed at the district photo album at the following link:
<http://picasaweb.google.com/district/RedWingDawnbreakersSafetyCamp#>

Young Children:Priority One. Get Involved!

In this new Kiwanis year, what are we planning to do to “Serve the Children of the World?” Our Young Children: Priority One committees should already be active, seeking new ways to serve. One of the ways that you might consider is through the sewing of Trauma or Hospital dolls. You may already have heard of them or noticed them when attending an International convention. Our Key Clubs are making them, and both men and women are getting involved, too. In New Orleans the dawn Buster Kiwanis Club starting putting these together and the Kiwanis Club of Oceanside, California got the men involved.. The Loma Linda Valley Kiwanis in California donated 200 of these dolls to the children’s hospital there. So what are these and what are they for?

When a child is in a hospital poked with needles, hooked u to IVs, anesthetized, operated on, etc, it can be very traumatic especially to very young children who have no reference or idea of what to expect. The dolls are provided to children to ease this trauma by letting them see and experience on their doll the procedures they will undergo. They can make the doll into whomever they want the doll to be. They make up the facial expressions, name the doll, put clothes on the doll, and can put the doll through basically the same procedures that they will experience while it is being explained to them. This preparation greatly reduces the trauma associated with the procedures.

The dolls stay with them up to the time they are put to sleep and are there when they wake up. It also stays with them when they return home. The kids have total control of the doll and it becomes an awesome tool for teaching coping skills. It is also well documented that having their own personal doll aids in the child patients recovery.

Want to find out how your club can get involved? Go to the Kiwanis International website, click on the red Member’s button, in the search box at the upper right page type in “Hospital dolls” This will take you to several sites – the first one is a pattern for making the dolls. Get you club involved! Have fun!

Young Children Priority One District Chair,
 Coralyn Dahl



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