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## Governor's Gab -September 2005

As the 2004-2005 Kiwanis year draws to a close, I am so proud of what we have accomplished this year. Have we done everything, no! Have we solved all the problems, no! However we have set the District on the right path for the future. I want to publicly thank the great leadership team we had this year. All of you worked so very hard to make this year a success.

What a Year! We have done a great job laying the foundation on which the future can be built. You all have stepped up to the challenge of membership. If all the indicators hold for the rest of the year we should end the year just about where we started. I know that sounds less than exciting, but considering the past 6-7 years of big losses this is great news. All of the members of the District can take credit for this accomplishment, but I especially want to thank the Lt. Governor teams in each Region. You took the message to the members and made it clear that we had to go to work, and they responded. President Case challenged us to end the year with at least a +1 in membership and I believe we will do that!

We have taken a big step to improving new club building. The plans that we built this year are going to bear fruit next year and in the future and the District is going to see a growth in new clubs for the first time in a long time. Would I have liked to see clubs built this year, yea, but as I promised President Case, if we had a solid plan for the future I would consider our year of new club building a success. We were successful!

All of this is part of our complete Membership Development Plan, a plan that was drafted by a team of the best thinkers in the District. New ideas, new approaches and facing the reality of what needed to be done resulted in a roadmap to get there. Now we all have to use it in the future and when it needs improved, we must change it.

New communication tools, new reporting tools, reduced cost and many other changes have been done that will make our District the leader in Kiwanis. Are we finished, never. There are great challenges ahead of us, but the leadership team for 2005-2006 are already working on them. The strength of our organization is that two thirds of that team already have at least a year's experience and have already been working the issues. We are going to do some exciting things in the next year like build a membership transfer system that brings our members into the next level of Kiwanis without having to go find them again. Develop a system that makes information management simple and effective. Ensure that we coordinate all new club building so we are supporting our Sponsored Organizations and Programs. And most of all we are going to meet the goals of the 2005-2006 Kiwanis Year in the District.

Now as I end my year as your Governor, let me take time to thank you for all you have done. On a personal level, Susan and I have been shown the greatest friendship and support we could ever have imagined. Susan want to thank all of you who responded so energetically to her call for growth in the Reading is Fundamental program. We have started a great effort so lets keep it going. I thank you for the trust you gave me in electing me your Governor. I will never forget this wonderful year. On a professional level, thanks to every member of this District for the outstanding effort you gave this year. Service has never been greater in our District. A special thanks to the Key Club and Circle K leadership teams I have had the privilege to work with. You made my years so much fun and together we showed the world what great people we have in the "Mighty Min-Dak." You are the greatest and I know that our organization is in great hands for the future. To all the individuals that filled leadership positions throughout the District this year, you are what makes the future bright. Continue to instill that same excitement and encourage those young leaders in your clubs and regions to step up and continue moving our District forward.

Another great thing about our organization, Susan and I have another year to work with you for the future. Now on to 2005-2006, team!

## Update from the District Secretary/Treasurer - September 2005

By Steve Handegaard, Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer



Greetings,

Our District Convention in Aberdeen is history. It was a great weekend with lots of Kiwanis education and fellowship. Thanks to all that played a part in making it such a successful convention. Special thanks and congratulations to Larry and Pat Rittgarn for the excellent job they did as Co-Directors of the 2005 District Convention. We had 360 in attendance with 213 serving as delegates. This was a very special convention for my wife Laura and me, being it was the first since taking on the new role of District Secretary/Treasurer. It was great fun getting to know many more great Kiwanians from all over our district!

Plans are already underway for another great district convention in 2006 in St. Cloud. Mark the dates on your calendar- August 4,5,6, 2006. All clubs should be represented at the district convention! It is a great opportunity to learn new ideas, meet new friends and enjoy great Kiwanis fellowship. Please set aside funds in your club budget to financially support those attending from your club next year.

- The District Convention House of Delegates considered and approved two major items. The first were amendments to our bylaws to make it possible for our District to become a 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit organization. Kiwanis International is still in the process of getting final approval from the IRS. They anticipate that this may happen within the next 6 months. Once we are nearer to final approval, every club will receive information from Kiwanians International on what will need to be done to receive this status as a club. The other major item presented and approved by the House of Delegates was a resolution proposing a change to the District Policies and Procedures Fundraising Policy to allow raffles. The resolution was approved by the House of Delegates, but since it is a part of Policies and Procedures it still needs the final approval of the District Board of Trustees. The District Board will take action on this in the near future. Once everything is official we will post the new “raffle” policy on the website.
- Very soon your club will receive information about our soon to be introduced “online” monthly club reporting system. This on-line system, which was approved by our District Board, will allow your club to do your monthly report on-line and it will automatically send it to your Lt. Governor and the District Office. It will have many other features which I know you will appreciate.
- All clubs will soon receive your Annual Club Report forms. Kiwanis International has indicated that you should see the report forms by mid-September. If your club has e-mail they plan to email them to you. If not, they will send them via snail mail. All Kiwanis clubs are required to complete the Annual Report. Once they arrive, please complete and return as soon as possible!

- September 30, 2005 is the last day of the Kiwanis year! I would like to take this opportunity to give special thanks to Governor Walt and First Lady Susan for their hard work and dedication to Kiwanis this past year. Also, special thanks to all who served in a Lt. Governor, District Director or District Committee position. They all worked very hard to support Kiwanis Club and District level. Congratulations to Governor Designate Stewart Ross and Liz who will lead our district beginning October 1. And last, but not least congratulations to Coralyn Dahl and Orin who will serve as Governor Elect during 2005-2006.

Remember there is still a month left in the 2004-2005 Kiwanis year and much still to be done!

## Planning ahead for MN-DAK District year 2005-2006

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR MN-DAK DISTRICT 2005-2006

- Sept. 6      Region 6 planning meeting
- Sept. 15     Region 3 planning meeting, St. Cloud, MN 7-10 a.m.
- Oct. 8        Region 1 Conference, Bismark, ND
- Oct. 21-23   Region 5 Conference and Circle K Fall Leadership Camp Lakodia, Madison, SD
- Oct. 28-30   Key Club Rally, Aberdeen, SD
- Nov. 5        Region 7 Conference, Red Wing, MN
- Jan 7         K Family Holiday Extravaganza and Silent Auction, Ramada Plaza Suites Hotel, Fargo, ND
- Jan. 20-21   Tri-K Board Meeting, Willmar, MN
- Jan. 28       Region 4 Conference, Spearfish, SD
- Feb. 4        Region 3 Conference, St. Cloud, MN
- Feb. 25      Region 6 Conference, Redwood Falls, MN
- March 3-5    Circle K Convention, Fargo, ND
- March 24-26 Key Club Convention, Willmar, MN
- April 1       Region 2 Conference; Fargo, ND
- Mary 5-7     Lt. Governor Education Weekend, Willmar, MN
- June 28-July 2   KI Convention, Montreal, Canada
- August 4-6   District Convention—St. Cloud

## Still Time To Give To 2004-05 Annual Club Gift Campaign

For some reason, the 2004-05 Kiwanis International Foundation Annual Club Gift Campaign (ACGC) started the year behind in both number of Kiwanis Clubs participating and amount of dollars



contributed. Initially, both club participation and amount contributed to date compared to the 2003-04 ACGC ran about 70 percent at the international level. Both have since increased to about 95 percent as of August 15.

However, the Minnesota-Dakota Kiwanis Clubs have not risen much above the 70 percent comparison level. As of August 15, 92 clubs have contributed \$13,316 compared to 129 clubs and \$18,319 for the corresponding time interval in the 2003-04 ACGC.

Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis Clubs still have time to Serve the Children of the World One Child and One Community at a Time by participating in the 2004-05 ACGC which ends September 30. Club Presidents and Members, please review your current budget and contribute to the Annual Club Gift Campaign if your club has not already done so. Contribute before September 15 so the contribution will be credited to the 2004-05 ACGC. If your club has already contributed, thank you from the Kiwanis International Foundation.

Added thought: On August 30, Kiwanis International Foundation President Ralph Wilson announced that the Kiwanis International Foundation Disaster Relief Fund will receive contributions to Aid Hurricane Katrina Victims. The Foundation will work through Kiwanis Districts and Clubs within the affected areas to ensure service to children with the most immediate and critical needs. Although this activity is separate from the ACGC, the 2005-06 grants from the ACGC will probably have a Heavy Hurricane Katrina direction. Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis Club Presidents and Kiwanians, please participate in both service activities. Thank you.

## Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Educational Foundation Receives a Trust Fund Donation

The Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District Educational Foundation was a recent recipient of a trust fund in which it was one of five beneficiaries. This gift was given by the trust that had been established by Frederick G. Kniskern prior to his death.



Fred Kniskern was a quiet and thoughtful person who was born and raised in New York. He started working for the IRS before WWII. After serving in the war, he went back to the IRS and was appointed the District Director in Fargo in 1967. He joined Kiwanis soon after arriving in Fargo. Since he had no children he became a strong advocate of youth in the community. In establishing his Trust the following five organizations were listed as beneficiaries: Kiwanis Club of Fargo Scholarship Fund; Minnesota-Dakotas District Educational Foundation; Alzheimer's Foundation; Heart Association; and Cancer Society. The trust was also intended to help a niece in New York State to draw a reasonable amount from the trust for her living expenses. Upon her death last October, the trust was terminated and the fund was distributed among the beneficiaries.

The total dollar amount received by the District Educational Foundation for scholarships was \$135,707.02. This money has been invested and only the interest earned will be used toward scholarships.

The Foundation Board of Trustees, at their meeting in Aberdeen, South Dakota on Friday, August 12, 2005 established a Designated Scholarship in Fred G. Kniskern's name. This designated scholarship will be awarded as a District At-Large Designated Scholarship annually commencing with the awarding of our 2006-2007 scholarships.

Photo from 1989 shows Fred Kniskern presenting his first \$10,000 check to the Fargo Kiwanis Scholarship Foundation. Standing left to right: Lt. Governor, John Grosz, Al Golberg, Brad Wimmer, Dave Lysne, and John Mack. Seated Lohle Gast and Fred Kniskern.

## Create Your Own Club Website

Local Kiwanis clubs should consider creating their own websites. Club websites are neither difficult nor expensive to create and maintain.

A club website is a great PR/recruitment effort, an effective club communications tool that can provide timely and convenient access to information for club members, a potential cost saver, and eventually a reporting tool for officers sending in reports to the district.

There are really two approaches to creating a website: You can start from scratch or use a website creation tool. Because

of the expertise needed to start a website from scratch, a club that doesn't have a member with good tech skills and who is willing to build a site should steer away from this option.

However, a scratch website may offer more flexibility in terms of content and appearance. You can look at site created from scratch at Downtown Kiwanis (<http://www.mankatokiwanis.org>)

The second method of creating a website is to use a web creation tool specifically designed to help Kiwanis clubs. I am aware of two such resources: Satori and Club Resource.

Both of these businesses cater specifically to Kiwanis clubs, have reasonable costs, and good tech support. Sites like [Satori](#) and [Club Resource](#) have some major advantages. They are basically fill-in-the-blank forms that automatically create pages for you – no need to know programming.

The websites look professional. They include built-in rosters and allow the sending of e-mail to all club members at one time. Club members can get to more pages and information than the general public.

In addition, Club Resources websites will also facilitate the electronic filing of club reports to the district. If you would like to try out such a site, go to [clubdemo.org](http://clubdemo.org) and login with the username demo and the password demo.

If a club is thinking about setting up a site, some planning should be done to answer questions like:

- Is a virtual presence right for your club?
- What method of site building will you use?
- Who will populate the site?
- Who will maintain the site?
- What will it cost?
- What procedures will you use to keep it up-to-date?
- What policies do you need in terms of member privacy and site content?

If you do start a website, please keep it up to date! Register it with Kiwanis International. Start small and grow. And try new things! If I can help answer any of your questions, please e-mail me at [dougj@doug-johnson.com](mailto:dougj@doug-johnson.com). (Put something in your subject line to help me know it's not spam!) Good luck!

## Vikingland Distributes School Supplies

Moorhead Vikingland Kiwanis donates school supplies to four schools in their community. Under the direction of Marv Degerness, club president, the club has given \$100.00 to the Moorhead School districts three elementary schools and the middle school. These supplies are given to the schools for the teachers to give to needy children and help them in their education needs.

"Our club focuses on helping the children in our community to a better education and help in their development for today and in the future" says Degerness.

Vikingland Kiwanis is a member of Kiwanis International. Kiwanis International is a world service organization committed to serving the children of the world, one child and one community at a time.

## New Rockford Kiwanis Club starting Aktion Club

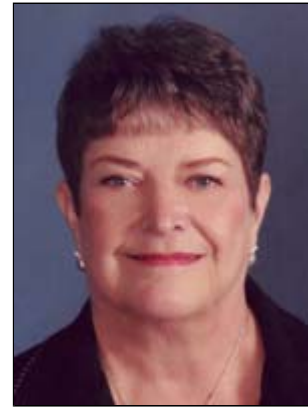
The New Rockford, North Dakota Kiwanis Club Board recently voted to establish an Aktion Club. The Club plans on having the Aktion Club operational by September 2005. The plans are to have the members of the new Aktion Club assist the New Rockford Kiwanis Club and K-Kids Club with the annual Homecoming Spaghetti Fundraiser. The 4th Corporation, a non-profit organization serving adults with developmental disabilities in New Rockford, Carrington, Fessenden, and Devils Lake will be co-operating with the New Rockford Kiwanis in establishing the Aktion Club. The Kiwanis Club and 4th Corporation will be equally sharing the cost of establishing the club.

### 2005-2006 District Officers Elected

The District Convention House of Delegates in Aberdeen elected new officers for 2005-2006.



Stewart Ross, 2005-2006 Governor, Mankato, MN



Coralyn Dahl, 2005-2006 Governor Elect, St. Cloud, MN

### ANNUAL DUES BILLING TIMETABLE

As approved at the 2004 International Convention, annual dues billing of clubs will begin with the dues billing for the 2005-06 administrative year. Each club in United States, Canadian, and Caribbean districts will receive a membership roster to update, followed by an annual dues invoice according to the schedule noted below. This schedule assigns each club to one of three groups according to the club's anniversary date. This anniversary date and specific dates listed below will help inform you how the club reports and pays for new members and dues.

Group #	Club Anniversary Date	Date Membership Roster Sent to Club	Annual Membership Cut-off Date	Date Roster Due to Kiwanis International	Payment Due Within 30 Days But No Later Than
1	September through December	September 1	September 30	October 10	December 31
2	January through April	December 1	December 31	January 10	March 31
3	May through August	February 1	February 28	March 10	May 31

As noted in the table above, each club will have approximately 40 days to complete the roster and return it to Kiwanis International. It is very important to return your club's updated membership roster by the roster due date noted.

### MINNESOTA-DAKOTAS DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES - 8-14-05

MINNESOTA-DAKOTAS KIWANIS DISTRICT  
 "MINUTES"  
 District Convention Sunday Board Meeting  
 Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center  
 Aberdeen, South Dakota  
 Sunday, August 14, 2005

Dakota E Room  
9:00 A.M.

Members present

Stewart Ross, Governor Designate  
Coralyn Dahl, Governor Elect Designate  
Walt Roetter, Immediate Past Governor Designate  
Steve Handegaard, District Secretary/Treasurer

Lt. Governors 2005-2006 - Designate

Barbara Egan           Region 1  
Larry Humble           Region 2  
Ed Reich                Region 3  
Kay Cox                 Region 4  
Vickie Walters        Region 5  
Herb Hoff               Region 6  
Dennis Blesener       Region 7

Guests Present

Thomas DeJulio        Kiwanis International Trustee  
Ben Kocourek         Kiwanis International Club Development Manager  
Joe Carmany           District Circle K Assistant Administrator  
Paul Spyhalski        District Key Club Administrator  
Karin Anderson        District Key Club Governor

Lt. Governors Elect 2005-2006 – Designate

Kelly Schmidt         Region 1  
(Not present)         Region 2  
Chris Kellett-Sawdey   Region 3  
Frank Ferguson        Region 4  
Bill Zortman           Region 5  
Curtis Pearson         Region 6  
Paul Michels           Region 7

Immediate Past Lt. Governors 2005-2006 -Designate

Theresa Schaner        Region 1  
Bill Daugherty         Region 5  
Dennis Harris          Region 7

District Directors

Dan Neller             Administration  
F. Larry Rittgarn       Education  
Chuck Nielsen         Membership  
Service                Bruce Klair  
New Club Building     Jean Collins

- Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Governor Designate Stewart Ross.
- Roll Call – Stewart asked each person to introduce themselves and to share a reason that they

are proud to be involved in Kiwanis.

- Remarks by Thomas DeJulio, Kiwanis International Trustee.
- Stewart read the Kiwanis Objects and indicated that he will also read them again at future meetings.
- Key Club Report
  1. Karin Anderson, Key Club Governor invited all Kiwanians to the Fall Key Club Rally in Aberdeen, October 29-30. Karin also challenged Kiwanis to see who could build more clubs during the next year.
  2. Paul Spyhalski, Key Club Administrator, presented the 2005-2006 Key Club Budget. Walt Roetter moved to accept the budget with second from Herb Hoff. Motion carried. Paul also indicated that in the future he will be sending an electronic monthly financial summary to the board. Currently there is an opening for Assistant Key Club Administrator.
- Circle K Report – Joe Carmany reported on upcoming Circle K trainings and events. Joe presented the 2005-2006 Circle K Budget. A motion was made by Larry Humble to approve the budget with a clarification that the budget should reflect the projected use of \$750 from savings reserve. Joe indicated that he would add the \$750 to balance the budget. Motion was seconded by Kay Cox. Motion carried.
- The role of Lt. Governors, Lt. Governor-Elects, and Immediate Past Lt. Governors was discussed and clarified in regards to who votes, who attends meetings and who gets reimbursement.
- 2005-2006 District Budget Approval:
  1. Governor-Designate Stewart presented the budget for 2005-2006.
  2. A motion was made by Herb Hoff to delete “Election Advisory Committee” as a line item in the district budget. Vickie Walters seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  3. Dennis Blesener moved to approve the 2005-2006 budget with the deletion of the \$700 proposed for the Election Advisory Committee. Seconded by Vickie Walters.
- Approval of District Secretary/Treasurer: A motion was made by Kay Cox and seconded by Ed Reich to approve Steve Handegaard as District Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried.
- Approval of District Directors for 2005-2006. Stewart presented the list of names appointed as District Directors for 2005-2006. A motion was made by Barbara Egan and seconded by Vickie Walters to approve the list of directors. Motion carried.
- Approval of District Depository of Funds: Steve reported that the Kiwanis, Circle K and Key Club checking and savings accounts are in the State Bank and Trust of Moorhead, MN. Steve recommended that no changes be made this year. A motion was made by Dennis Blesener to accept and seconded by Herb Hoff. Motion carried.
- Approval of District Auditor: Steve reported that the District has been using the Westberg-Eischens and Van Buren firm for the past fourteen or fifteen years. Steve recommended that we continue with them. A motion was made by Larry Rittgarn and seconded by Dennis Blesener. Motion carried.



- Approval of District Legal Advisor: A motion was made by Dennis Blesener to designate Jim Bekken as our legal advisor and seconded by Larry Humble. Motion carried.
- Secretary/Treasurer Report:
  1. Reminded Lt. Governors of monthly club report responsibilities and Lt. Governor club visit reports.
  2. Distributed handout on new club dues billing format.
  3. Distributed article that was in the Southwest District about on-line reporting.
  4. Announced the preparation of a District directory. Steve passed around draft copy for corrections. Directory will be sent to all board members via email.
  5. Steve also indicated that the 2005-2006 District letterhead will be updated and printed in September.
  6. Steve also reminded the board that monthly financial reports will be sent to them via email in the future.
- Governor visits: Stewart announced that all visits have been confirmed and dates are posted on the District website.
- District Directors each reported on accomplishments and plans:
  1. Education and Leadership Development Report – Larry Rittgarn
  2. Service – Bruce Klair
  3. Membership – Chuck Nielsen
  4. New Club Building – Jean Collins
- District Convention Report – Pat and Larry Rittgarn briefly reviewed the just completed convention and discussed some tentative plans for next year. Next year's convention is scheduled for August 4-6, 2006 in St. Cloud, MN. Pat reminded the board that the convention registration fees are not used to cover costs of board meetings and functions at the convention.
- Walt Roetter made some closing remarks.
- Remarks were made by Coralyn Dahl.
- Closing comments were made by Stewart Ross
- Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. by Governor Designate Stewart Ross.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen K. Handegaard  
District Secretary/Treasurer  
Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District  
August 22, 2005

**MINNESOTA-DAKOTAS KIWANIS DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES - 8-12-05**MINNESOTA-DAKOTAS KIWANIS DISTRICT  
"MINUTES"

District Convention Friday Board Meeting  
 Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center  
 Aberdeen, South Dakota  
 Friday, August 12, 2005  
 Dakota E Room  
 7:00 A.M.

Members present

Walt Roetter, Governor  
 Stewart Ross, Governor-Elect  
 Charles Jacobson, Immediate Past Governor  
 Steve Handegaard, District Secretary/Treasurer

Lt. Governors 2004-2005

Theresa Schaner	Region 1
Lori Larson	Region 2
Mark Stewart	Region 4
Bill Daugherty	Region 5
Dwain Petersen	Region 6
Dennis Harris	Region 7

Guests Present

Thomas DeJulio	Kiwanis International Trustee
Ben Kocourek	Kiwanis International Club Development Manager
Coralyn Dahl	Immediate Past Lt. Governor and Governor-Elect Candidate

Lt. Governors-Elect 2004-2005

Barbara Egan	Region 1
Larry Humble	Region 2
Ed Reich	Region 3
Kay Cox	Region 4
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District Directors

Administration	Dan Neller
Education	F. Larry Rittgarn
Membership	Chuck Nielsen
Service	Jack Zierdt/Bruce Klair
New Club Building	Jean Collins

- Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Governor Walt Roetter.
- Pledge of Allegiance - Charles Jacobson, Immediate Past Governor and all members present.
- Invocation was led by Stewart Ross, Governor Elect.
- Introductions were made by Governor Roetter. Guests introduced were Thomas DeJulio, Kiwanis International Trustee, Ben Kocourek, Kiwanis International Club Development Manager and Coralyn Dahl, Immediate Past Lt. Governor and Governor-Elect Candidate.
- Roll Call – Governor Walt conducted a roll call of others in attendance.
- Exchange of Banners – Governor Walt had the two teams of Lt. Governors stand and 2004-2005 Lt. Governors presented the Lt. Governor Banner to the 2005-2006 Lt. Governors. Governor Walt thanked all of the Lt. Governors for their outstanding work this past year.
- Approval of the Minutes for the last board meeting. A motion was made by Lt. Governor Bill Daugherty to accept the January 14, 2005 Board Meeting minutes as written and seconded by Lt. Governor Mark Stewart. The minutes were approved as read.
- Secretary/Treasurer's Report –
  1. Membership – Steve shared recent membership statistics received from Kiwanis International.
  2. Annual Club Election Reports – Steve thanked the Lt. Governors for their work in making sure most reports were sent to the District Office and Kiwanis International. At the time of this meeting 15 of 170 clubs had not returned their Annual Club Election Reports.
  3. Outreach – Steve reminded the board that they receive a monthly summary of Outreach donations along with the monthly district financial summary. We are currently at \$3847.50. Governor Walt reminded the board that we still have over a month to go in the 2004-2005 year so we need to keep encouraging clubs to contribute.
  4. Steve reminded the board to get all expense vouchers in as soon as possible or at least soon enough that all outstanding bills can be paid by September 20, 2005.
- Governor Walt reminded the board that we need to strive for over 70% participation of clubs in Kiwanis International Foundation. In recent years we have been close to the 70%. We need to get over 70% to qualify for a second scholarship.
- Presentation and Approval of District Information Management System
  1. Steve Handegaard and Lori Larson reported on the New CMCP (Club Member Communication Portal) Kiwanis Electronic Monthly Reporting system available from ClubResource, LLC. Steve and Lori pointed out the features of the ClubResource system. Through this system club secretaries can submit their monthly reports online. The reports are electronically sent to the District Office, Lt. Governors and other designated people. The program is entirely web-based so there is no need for clubs to purchase software to access the program. The club reporting system is being offered to the District at no charge.
  2. A motion was made by Lt. Governor Dwain Petersen to implement the new ClubResource, LLC On-line Monthly Reporting system in our District by October 1, 2005 or as soon as possible. Seconded and passed unanimously.
- Review and Approval of Policy and Procedure Changes –
  1. Governor Walt presented proposed changes to the Policies and Procedures Handbook.

Most of the changes were simply technical changes and updates. None of the proposed changes affected the intent of the current policies and procedures. Larry and Pat Rittgarn will be making recommendations on changes to the procedures associated with the District Convention at a later date.

2. Lori Larson moved to accept the changes as written by Governor Walt. Bill Daugherty seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
  3. Governor Walt indicated that we will publish a whole new version of the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures when they are approved by Kiwanis International.
- Remarks by Thomas DeJulio International Trustee and District Counselor – Tom congratulated all of our clubs that are doing great things. He thanked the district for the hospitality shown to him and his wife Rosemary. He indicated that what strikes him about this district is its team spirit. He congratulated the district on institutionalizing the teamwork concept.
  - Remarks by Ben Korcourek, Kiwanis International Club Development Manager – Ben introduced himself and explained his role as Club Development Manager. He also stressed that he is very willing to come out and help build clubs and increase membership.
  - Remarks by Stewart Ross, Governor-Elect - Since we were near the end of the scheduled time for the meeting, Stewart indicated that he would save his comments for the 2005-2006 Planning Meeting which was to follow at 8:40 a.m.
  - Governor Walt made some closing comments and adjourned the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen K. Handegaard  
 District Secretary/Treasurer  
 Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District  
 August 22, 2005

## **District Bulletin and Brochure Contest Winners Announced**

The winners of the bulletin contest for the 2004-2005 Kiwanis Year were announced at the District Convention in Aberdeen, SD on August 13. The winners were as follows: White (less than 30 members) Winner: Sioux Falls Daybreak Kiwanis, SD. Runner Up: North Hennepin, Minneapolis. Blue (31-45 members) Winner: St. Anthony Village, MN., Runner Up: Slayton, MN. Orange (46-70 members) Winner: Red Wing Golden-K, MN, Runner Up: Kiwanis Club of Superior, WI. Silver (71-100 members) Winner: Huron, SD. (No runner up). Gold (more than 100 members) Winner: Kiwanis Club of Friendly Duluth, MN Runner up: Mankato Downtown Kiwanis Club, MN. The overall winner is the Sioux Falls Daybreak Kiwanis. Information is being researched on how to enter the overall winner in the International contest for next year.

The Brochure contest winners were as follows: White: Winner Wahpeton-Breckenridge, MN, Runner Up: Worthington, MN. Blue: Winner: Kiwanis Club of St. Peter, MN, Runner Up: Slayton, MN. Orange: Winner Owatonna Golden-K, MN. No runner up. No Silver entries. Gold: Winner: Mankato Downtown Kiwanis Club, MN, Runner Up: North Suburban Golden-K, Minneapolis, MN.

Thank you for the hard work you have done on making these entries. Congratulations on the winners!

## International President of 2007 Visits Winona Club

Dave Curry, Kiwanis International President for 2007, was in Winona for three weeks this summer, and will return for three weeks for the next two years. He is obtaining a master's degree in philanthropy and fundraising at St. Mary's University in Winona.

Our 7:00 a.m. meeting fit well into his schedule where he needed to be at class at 8:00 a.m. He challenged our club to raise \$5,000.00 by next year which we can use for any project we want. He will take pledges for his walking 10 miles. He began the walking project as a personal project and thought it would be helpful to use it as a fundraiser for Kiwanis.

He stated his platform for his presidency is to reinforce the concept that Kiwanians are humanitarians rather than volunteers. He will be visiting our club for the next two summers which is an honor rarely given our small club.

## International Kiwanis Foundation Providing Aid in Wake of Hurricane Katrina

Your International Kiwanis Foundation has again been called upon to aid in disaster relief. Hurricane Katrina has destroyed many homes and businesses in the United States Gulf Coast. The Kiwanis International Foundation Disaster Relief Fund will be utilized to aid children affected by the devastating hurricane. The Foundation, working through the districts and clubs within the affected areas, ensures that contributions will be directed to children with the most immediate and critical needs. Many of the concerned ask if there is anything they can do to help. Contributions are being accepted. Please send your support to the Kiwanis International Foundation Disaster Relief Fund, 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA 46268 or online at <https://ssl.kiwanis.org/ssl/kif/disaster.asp> Our thoughts are with the countless individuals suffering because of this natural disaster. Please join us in serving children who are truly the most innocent victims of severe tragedies. Ralph E. Wilson, Jr., President Kiwanis International Foundation

## Become a Kiwanis "Voluntourist"

The Ambassadors For Children program was introduced at the recent Kiwanis International Convention in Hawaii. The AFC "voluntourism" program is operated by the Ambassador Travel Club and provides opportunities for Kiwanians to combine tourism with service and fellowship.

Four Kiwanis Ambassadors For Children service opportunities are currently available.

-- Thailand tsunami relief: Discover the fascinating country of Thailand while helping to restore beaches and reefs, teach English to schoolchildren, and build homes for the dispossessed (November 17-27, 2005).

-- Dominican Republic health care mission: Dentists, physicians, and other health professionals are especially needed, but anyone can help deliver medical care and basic hygiene training to at-risk youth while enjoying the amenities of a beachfront hotel (December 1-4, 2005).

-- Mexico school program: Enjoy scenic Puerto Vallarta while delivering scarce school supplies and sharing time with street children at a rehabilitation center (February 21-25, 2006).

-- El Salvador Villa Kiwanis homeless project: Help Salvadoran Kiwanians serve children whose families were left homeless by a massive earthquake (March 11-18, 2006).

The Ambassadors For Children program welcomes Kiwanians from around the world to join in a special fellowship experience while serving the children of the world. For more information, including costs and itineraries, go online at [www.ambassadorsforchildren.com](http://www.ambassadorsforchildren.com).

AFC is an established voluntourism service with many other trips available. The four projects listed above have been chosen by Kiwanis International specifically to bring Kiwanis travelers together for a special service and fellowship adventure.



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