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Stew's News

As I come to my final column as governor of the Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis it is difficult to decide just what to write about. The last two years have flown by as Liz and I served the district in the highest office one can attain. I was proud to be elected as your governor and even more proud to serve our great district. The biggest thrill for me has always been visiting clubs. When I was Lt. Governor of region 6 years ago I promised to visit all 47 clubs and did that and then some. I was actually criticized by a few for working too hard and setting the bar too high. I was not about to apologize then nor will I in this column for visiting over 80 Kiwanis clubs since being elected in Fergus Falls two years ago.



Although my father died in 1984 he continues to live through me as all dads do with their sons. He constantly reminded as I grew and matured that any job worth doing was worth doing right. He also taught me that no one was too busy to do things they wanted to do. Wow, was he right about that one. We live in a world where people love to tell you how busy they are. There is no time to join a Kiwanis Club or be an officer or anything else folks don't want to do. We all know that except in a few extreme cases this is not true.

We all have time for the things we value and find valuable. I love Kiwanis. I stated this in my first column nearly one year ago. I love Kiwanis even more after giving everything I could as a governor the past year. I wish everyone in a Kiwanis Club would also learn to love Kiwanis. Not long ago I was asked to visit a Kiwanis club as the guest speaker...nothing new about that! I happily drove a couple of hundred miles and stayed at a hotel the night before so I could be there for the morning meeting. I was warmly welcomed by the members and gave one of my better presentations since it was just a week after our highly successful district convention. However, as I was nearing the end of the presentation—not more than minutes left before adjournment, a member raised his hand and demanded to know “What do I get from Kiwanis.” This was not a friendly question to be sure and I was somewhat surprised since things had gone so well until this moment. The room was silent and I had to make some quick decisions. How does one handle this kind of question out of the blue, when you are wrapping things up? Not an easy thing, even for someone who gives public presentations for a living. I think my answer to this gentleman is a good way to end my columns as governor since it sums up what I feel about Kiwanis.... I first told the gentleman that it would take me another half hour or more to point out all the reasons one should be a Kiwanian and what we get from being a Kiwanian. Not impressed he again demanded an answer, “what do I get from Kiwanis.” Well, I tried not to get angry...that never works. Instead I stated plainly that if I had to explain to him what he got out of being in Kiwanis he might want to rethink whether he should be a Kiwanian. Perhaps this was a bit strong but the more I think about it the more I like my answer. It seems more and more we run into these types of members who are in a club but see no benefits and have a chip on their shoulder about paying anything for the honor of being a Kiwanian. As I began to give my full answer I was cut off by the person in charge who thanked me and started applauding...and the members started to applaud as the sound built into a real crescendo. I was off the hook. But not really. I had a long drive home that day and thought more and more about the question-what do we get from being in Kiwanis...why not just get a group of friends together, have a meal, invite guest speakers and maybe do service now and then (I found out later that was the intent of the persons question to me).

Well, here is my full answer after much reflection... “Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.” OK. That is cheating, but not really. This simple answer really is powerful. You can't belong to a GLOBAL organization unless you join a global organization. Global organizations take some structure that could not occur in a piecemeal, local group of people. We are volunteers and well one can volunteer individually you sure can't do some of the things that Kiwanis can do. You can't achieve the eradication of 80% of Iodine Deficiency in the world by yourself. Heck, you can't even stuff a truck with food by yourself. Just as problematic, doing service by joining up with different groups is not the same as doing service with YOUR group, your Kiwanis group. It is more fun, leads to more pride and makes the whole process enjoyable, even when doing tough work.

The word “dedicated” jumps out at me whenever I say or hear this motto. It is getting harder and harder to find dedicated people in our world when it comes to helping others. I think you will all agree that if you looked at any Kiwanis club you would find more dedicated individuals than in any other slice of America. Yes, that even includes Rotary Clubs! One of the greatest benefits to being a Kiwanian is the recognition we have of being good people. When I tell folks I am the governor

of Kiwanis I almost always hear, “oh, Kiwanis...they do some great things in our community.” When we were out recruiting members for our three new clubs this year it was amazing to see faces light up when you told them Kiwanis was calling. Of course some had not heard of Kiwanis, but those who had, had nothing but good things to say.

We are part of a great group of like- minded adults who really do care about giving something back to our communities and even changing the world for the better. And what do we hope to change...our children and our communities. We hope to improve the world around us, we want to strengthen the fabric of society, the glue that holds us together—community. So many of us work a full day, drive home, hit the garage door button, drive in and shut the door behind us. We don't even know the names of some of the people who live near us on our street. Some talk more to people in India (making reservations for planes etc.) then they do to next door neighbors. Kiwanians are different.

We go to meetings together and listen to programs that help us better understand our community and even our world better. We have best friends like everyone else but we also have as friends, everyone in our Kiwanis Club. I could go on but there is another issue that must be addressed in answering the question, “What do I get out of Kiwanis.” And this problem is huge. In my opinion it is the single biggest problem we must deal with in Kiwanis.

We have too many members who have no idea what Kiwanis International and our district do for them and their clubs. How could they? They have never attended an International, District or Regional convention or meeting. They have never opened mail from Kiwanis unless it was from their own club. Worse yet, they sit through meeting after meeting with NO mention of Kiwanis at any level. There is no Kiwanis education of any kind, even though they belong to a Kiwanis Club. The officers of their club don't attend Club Leadership Education and therefore have nothing to share with club members. For most meetings, the club banner is not even put out, and if it is there are few, if any, awards on the banner. Luckily most clubs are not like this. However, there are way too many clubs that actually encourage their members to begin questioning why they are in Kiwanis. I would too under these circumstances. Why would I want to pay \$100 or so to do service with a group that is basically just a local bunch of folks who go to a meeting each week to hear a program?

If I could wave a magic wand right now, as I leave the district as your governor, and have just one wish answered, it would be that ALL clubs learned to be Kiwanis Clubs. That they would learn to value Kiwanis educational moments at meetings, they felt it their obligation to send delegates to conventions and conferences. They wore Kiwanis apparel around town and felt the pride I feel as a member of the finest service club in the world. I don't own that magic wand but I will continue to work to make this dream come true.

You see, any problem we have in our clubs, our district and even at the International level can be fixed by a change in attitude. If we have members questioning what they get for being Kiwanians we have an attitude problem.

As I finish this column I know I leave with pride and a warm feeling knowing our team this year did one great job. We have set the stage for great things to come. The district budget is now back where it was 6 years ago which is a major accomplishment after so many huge cuts over the past 7 years. We have resources, we have great leaders, and we have great people throughout Kiwanis. It truly is the best time to be a Kiwanian and NO ONE is more excited about this than I. Here's to an even better year for Kiwanis. Let's keep the momentum going.

Coralyn and her crew have make things happen. Together plans have been made and it is time to get behind them. Together We Can...Together We Will...Together WE DID!!!

Update from the Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer - September 2006

By Steve Handegaard, Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer

Greetings,

- **District Convention:** Our District Convention in St. Cloud was a great success. It was a great time with lots of Kiwanis education and fellowship. If you were not in attendance you “missed the boat”! Our special theme “**Cruisin' With Kiwanis**” offered some fun social activities. Some of us even dressed the part! “Thanks to all that played a part in making it such a successful convention. Special thanks to Larry and Pat Rittgarn for the excellent job they did as Co-Directors of the 2006 District Convention. Registrations for the convention included: 368 total participants; 106 clubs and 254



voting delegates. Plans are already underway for another great district convention in 2007 in Fargo. Mark the dates on your calendar- August 3, 4, 5, 2007. 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.

- **Official Minutes:** To view official minutes of the following meetings held during the District Convention please go to the "District News" link on our Minnesota-Dakotas District webpage: <http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/news.php>
 - District Board Meeting – August 4
 - 2006 House of Delegates Session – August 5
 - District Board Meeting – August 6

- **Annual Club Report:** All Kiwanis clubs are required to submit an Annual Club Report to Kiwanis International. The Annual Club Report form is not available at this writing, but Kiwanis International has informed me that they will be posting a link to the Annual Club Report on the right hand bottom corner of the Kiwanis International website home page in mid-September. They will also provide printed versions to clubs not able to complete the form on the web. Clubs will be 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.

- The 2005-2006 Kiwanis year is not over until the end of September, but I would like to take this opportunity to give special thanks to Governor Stewart and First Lady Liz 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 on the Club and District level. Congratulations to Governor Designate Coralyn Dahl and First Gentleman Orin who will lead our district beginning October 1. And last, but not least congratulations to Bill Daugherty and Arlyce who will serve as Governor Elect during 2006-2007.

There is still a month left in the 2005-2006 Kiwanis year and much still to be done! If I can be of any assistance, please give me a call.

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Coralyn's Corner

This has been an exhilarating and exciting time for me. The District Convention gave us all a time of reflection on times past and yet a real look at the future of Kiwanis. There was affirmation of the ideals and goals of what we as Kiwanians really stand for: our concern for children, for service, for philanthropy and most of all making sure the goals, the objects of Kiwanis, are fulfilled.



Our leadership teams care about each of our clubs in the district. You can sense that in the work that they do, the passion that they display and the care they have for each other as each strives to achieve the best for the district. What a privilege it has been this past year to serve with Governor Stewart Ross and the 05-06 Lt. Governors and Directors, and then to see the 06-07 team come together. We are already working together, eager to build, eager to serve and eager to achieve.

After the convention, I traveled to Sioux Falls for the first of seven meetings with the new Lt. Governors and their leadership teams. While there we had the exciting experience of meeting with several Sioux Falls Kiwanians and a most eager group of Sioux Falls business persons. The make-up of the group clearly reflected the interest of the diverse communities to be found in Sioux Falls. At this time it appears that a new diversity club is a possibility with leadership from the Sioux Falls community together with Sioux Falls Kiwanians. Many of the attributes of the Mankato Diversity Club seem to be leading the Sioux Falls effort toward a successful chartering of a new and unusual club.

While in Sioux Falls, I also had a lot of fun - both in visiting two clubs and then in flipping pancakes with a wonderful group of Key Clubbers who were helping at the Sioux Empire Fair in the Kiwanis Pancake House - what a fantastic group!

At the present time, Orin and I are in Fargo where our granddaughter just had a tumor removed from her shin, a bone cut and rod and screws inserted in her leg to give it strength. While here we are visiting some of the local clubs -- the Fargo Noon club, the Fargo Golden K, Moorhead Vikingland, Fargo South Point and Moorhead Noon.

It's amazing what happens when you visit several clubs in such a short period of time. It becomes obvious that each club brings its own contribution to our great organization. Our clubs express the care we all have for the things that make a difference in our world. This is what your leadership teams will be striving to implement in the coming year - the Year of the Club. Your leadership and participation are important as we work together. What a great time to be a Kiwanian!

GOVERNOR, STEWART ROSS, HAS A DREAM: TO CREATE A DIVERSITY CLUB IN MANKATO, MN.

Governor Ross has thought about the fact that Kiwanis, as well as other service organizations, only have members that are the SAME AS THEY ARE! Governor Ross has been very worried about the lack of diversity in Kiwanis. Governor Ross asked himself, what can one person do to change the lack of diversity and bring diversity into Kiwanis?

Diversity is very important. Having said that, Governor Ross knew that finding a way to make it happen was an entirely different matter. One day after a 90 minute drive from Northfield, MN., where he and others were recruiting to start a new Kiwanis Club, back to Mankato, MN., Governor Ross knew what he wanted to do next.

Upon his arrival home, he went to his electronic contact list of 38 diversity educators in Mankato, of which he is one, and made up his list of contacts. He then contacted each one

asking them if they wanted to join a new kind of Kiwanis Club, one that would celebrate diversity and have a large core of members who people of color. The response was amazing with many joining immediately! Governor Ross and all these new members ended their club-building efforts with one-half of all diversity educators, in Mankato, as members of the new Club!

Michael Fagin, an African American and the Dean of Diversity at Minnesota State University in Mankato, was dazzled by the idea of a Kiwanis Diversity Club and joined on the spot! Michael also gave Governor Ross a list of people of color in the Mankato area to contact. E-mails were sent to this list of people and they were stunned by the response. Within the first 48 hours of recruitment, we were near the 25 required members to start the new club!

Now to the best part of all. Once the core group of people interested in diversity and another core group of people, of color, the recruitment began to recruit others interested in the idea. Everyone was stunned by the response of so many who asked us, upon hearing of this new club, "How much are the dues, I will write a check right now?"

So, on Thursday, March 23, 2006, with 61 paid members, the Mankato Diversity Club was born and the dream of Governor, Stewart Ross, came true!

By a stroke of good luck, Kiwanis International President, Steve Siemens was in Mankato to present a workshop entitled, "*Don't Die Until You Are Dead!*" Mr. Siemens is a fantastic motivational speaker. Mr. Siemens, who attended a banquet in his honor, which was presented by the Mankato Downtown Club, whispered to Governor Ross, "I need to make some money now and then to get through this year as KI President!" Mr. Steve Siemens went to the new Mankato Diversity Club and gave a powerful talk to the new Club. Mr. Siemens pointed out that they would be a model for Kiwanis Clubs in the future!

Out of 61 members, there are over 20 people of color. There are more women than men. There are 24 members with doctorate degrees (including a number of people of color). Also, since this club was started there are many new members who have joined this club!

Together We Can...Together We Will. And at least with the new Diversity Club of Mankato—Together We Did!!!!

Charter night for the new Diversity Club of Mankato was held on June 01, 2006!

Please see the follow-up story on the June 01, 2006 Charter Night for the Diversity Club in Mankato, MN.

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INDIANAPOLIS — August 1, 2006—Kiwanis International, an organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time, announced today the appointment of Rob Parker as the organization's new CEO / Executive Director.



Effective immediately, Parker will further Kiwanis' growth as a premier service

organization by implementing new strategies to communicate the vision and goals of the organization to members and the public. Parker will also be responsible for maintaining a strong financial foundation for the organization and leading the integration of the strategic plan as Kiwanis works towards its goal of one million members by 2015.

“We welcome Rob to the Kiwanis International team and are confident that he will further ignite the energy that has been growing within this organization,” said Steve Siemens, Kiwanis International President. “He brings a track record of leading organizations through significant membership growth. His new thinking and exceptional experience will be valuable in driving membership and organization goals, as we continue to adapt to the changing needs of our members and the changing needs of the world.”

Parker brings nearly 25 years of non-profit experience to Kiwanis International. Most recently, he served as president for the Atlanta-based IMPACT Group, which provides executive coaching and organizational development services to both for-profit and non-profit organizations. Parker was also previously a key member of the senior management team for the Boys & Girls Club of America, where he helped raise millions in private-sector support for the organization.

An accomplished speaker and trainer, Parker has extensive experience presenting in the U.S. and abroad. He and his wife Stephanie have two grown children, Andrea and A.J., and a grandson Nicholas. Rob enjoys boating, basketball, racquetball and camping in his spare time.

Throughout his career, Parker has worked directly with some of America’s most dynamic business leaders, CEO’s, and nonprofit leaders. These experiences offer tremendous opportunities for Kiwanis, which recently announced its goal of reaching one million members by 2015. With a dedicated staff and volunteers, and Parker at the helm, Kiwanis will continue to develop future generations of leaders and to change the world one child and one community at a time.

Building your club website for cheap

Are you looking at building a website for your club? I'm a web designer and if you were to hire me I would charge you anywhere between \$600 and \$2,000 to build a web site. But I am writing this article to teach you how you can get a website for your club for far less.



But why would I tell you how you can make websites for less? The Kiwanis story needs to be told. We need to spread the word and in this day and age the internet is not only the best way to spread

news but also the fastest way for information to travel. If it wasn't for the internet, you would be waiting for a week or 2 to get this bulletin.

There are several ways to make a website but all of them cost either TIME or MONEY or both. Don't worry though; there are ways to find the proper balance between them so keep reading.

You can either:

Hire a professional designer to create a site for you OR

Build the site on your own and never depend on anyone for making websites.

To get a Professional web site design service is outrageously expensive these days. There are, however, cheaper designers out there but the quality of their work is questionable at best. You can avoid paying a fortune to make a website if you are willing to give it a try yourself. It may seem complicated at first but it really isn't. These tips I'm about to give you will help you get started.

Here is the easy button.

Online Website Builders

Kiwanis International has worked with some developers to build a complete website for each club. This template just needs a little of your time, some organization and basic computer skills. The template has almost every thing each club needs like Club Meetings, News, Calendar, Photos, Club History, Officers, Members, Sponsored Programs, Kiwanis Family Links, Contact Us, Community Links

That is how easy it is, organize this information, [download the template](#) and tweak it with the information you have and then upload it back onto the web hosting. [Click here](#)

Speaking of web hosting, let me make a suggestion; Web hosting is where the pages that you customize are kept and displayed to the whole world. Every website needs a host. There is a cost for hosting and prices vary from where it is purchased. I usually purchase hosting for my clients from www.niiwebhosting.com

Not only to you get your domain name like www.kiwanisnoonday.com or richlandfallskiwanis.com or fargokiwanis.org you can also by web hosting for under \$8 a month. I copied the features from their site. This is what you get with the economy hosting plan

Economy Plan:

- 5 GB Space • 250 GB Transfer
- 500 Email Accounts • FREE! Software
- 10 MySQL Databases • 50 Email Forwards
- Forums, Blogging, Photo Galleries • No ads

[Click here](#) for a comparison chart.

If you need any help, I will be more than happy to respond to any questions you may have. Please email me at ardayfio@gmail.com with questions.

Pampering The Park

From its humble beginnings several years ago, Mary Hall Park in west Rapid City is finally springing to life. Last spring, members of Ann Hast's West Middle School eighth-grade science classes visited the park in hopes of determining if there were projects they could undertake to improve the park while learning more about nature and the environment.

At that time, they planted a Bur oak tree that was donated by a local nursery, and they planted a couple of perennials in the native plant area of the park. The classes also began building a gravel walk in the native plant area and cleaned up some trash along Lime Creek. Since those initial visits, much has happened.

First, the Kiwanis-Mary Hall Park Committee received several grants last spring and summer, which enabled them to plant additional trees and shrubs by the shelter and buy signs to inform park visitors what the plants were that they were seeing.

The committee's hard work in the park was honored April 27th by the Rapid City Urban Forestry Board. The groups were honored for planting trees and native plants in the park. Rapid City Mayor Jim Shaw presented the award during an Arbor Day celebration in the park. Urban Forestry Board members also planted a Bur oak tree in honor of Arbor Day 2006.

Hast's science classes have stepped and other volunteers have stepped up the pace since Arbor Day. After two days of cleanup by the classes on April 28 and 29, students installed bird houses, pruned dead and broken branches along parts of Lime Creek and made big piles of trash for the city park employees to dispose of.

But all the while the students were learning about some of the native wildflowers that were in bloom at the time, including South Dakota's state flower, the pasque.

A volunteer from the Kiwanis-Mary Hall Park Committee gave a presentation May 11 for the classes about a number of species of trees and how they impact wildlife, as well as a discussion about the proper way to plant a bare root tree or shrub.

The next day, about 100 eighth graders met at the park for a quick picnic of hot dogs, chips, cookies, and drinks. After the picnic, 17 adult volunteers from SDSU/Pennington county Master Gardeners, Rapid City Garden Club, Downtown Rapid City Kiwanis, Rapid City Westside Kiwanis, Rapid City Parks Department, Pennington County Extension Service, and the South Dakota Conservation and Forestry Department helped the classes plant about 200 trees and shrubs in the park.

The plants had been bought from the Pennington Conservation District.

While the volunteers supervised the hole digging and proper planting techniques, students were in charge of the actual planting, watering and mulching the new transplants.

The students had fun, and they gained a better understanding of how planting trees and shrubs can add to the habitat for local birds and small animals.

At last count the committee estimated nearly 90 percent of the transplants were surviving despite the hottest July in history and very little rain. Twice weekly hand waterings by committee members and other Kiwanis club members will continue until Mother Nature does her part.

Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention House of Delegates Summary

Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Convention House of Delegates

Following are the results of official business conducted at the 89th Annual District Convention House of Delegates held on Saturday, August 5, 2006 in St. Cloud. Each chartered Kiwanis club was entitled to 3 voting delegates at the House of Delegates.



Registration Summary for the 2006 District Convention:

- 106 Clubs
- 254 voting delegates
- 368 total participants

The results of the three major items of business conducted at the District Convention House of Delegates were as follows:

1. The House of Delegates unanimously elected Coralyn Dahl as 2006-2007 Governor of the Minnesota-Dakotas District.
2. The House of Delegates unanimously elected William Daugherty as 2006-2007 Governor Elect of the Minnesota-Dakotas District.
3. The House of Delegates adopted the following amendment to the Minnesota-Dakotas District Bylaws by a vote of 204 delegates in favor and 24 against. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the House of Delegates is necessary to approve an amendment. The dues adjustment will take effect on October 1st, 2006.

ARTICLE XIII

REVENUE

Sec. 1. Each member club shall pay to the district for each of its members, the sum of ~~twenty dollars (\$20.00)~~ (thirty dollars (\$30.00)) per annum as dues, such amount to include all district charges, other than the registration fees

paid by those in attendance at district conventions or conferences, such total amount to be payable in one installment due and payable according to the club's organization date and shall be based upon the club's annual membership report.

Seven scholarships given by Red Wing Noontime Kiwanis to local students

Governor Starts Year of the Club In Region 5

Region 5 Lt Governor Bill Zortman 2006-2007 -- made it clear with Kiwanis members beginning as early as April -- that the coming year would be about them --- more than what Region, District, and International leadership needed.



"The Year of the Club" in Region 5 will call on the growing Region 5 leadership team, past Lt Governors, and Governors as well as Governor Coralyn Dahl, Past Governor Stewart Ross, and Governor-Elect Bill Daugherty to roll up their sleeves and work club projects. Governor Designate Dahl was the first to do that in Sioux Falls as the Sioux Empire Fair. Making pancakes -- including some with mickey mouse ears --- barbeque sandwiches, ice cream with toppings will help Sioux Falls Downtown help raise \$25-30,000. In several years the Downtown Club -- the largest of five in this city -- has raised more than a quarter of million dollars for projects thanks to the Pancake House.

69 of the 101 club members will have served the pancakes before the Fair closes. The Pancake House is one of the few buildings on the Fairgrounds that has air-conditioning. Its the 25th year for the club to use the pancakes to provide funding for a long-list of community projects.

For Governor Dahl it was a chance to work with K-clubbers who were anxious to not only listen to the Governor but learn just how she makes pancakes. It's a day the young men and women will remember as well as Downtown Kiwanis Members along with the Governor and the 1st Gentleman of the Dakotas and Minnesota.

Lt Governor Team 2006-2007 Takes Charge

This class of Lt Governors has been a diverse group that has been schooled on the future of Kiwanis with a series of hard knocks and tough questions.



They have worked together looking for answers that will help the 6000 or so members across three states sort through challenges to the future -- while looking for encouragement and stories that can make a difference.

Its not an easy road to serve as Lt Governor --- but this group is determined to understand the past, work hard for the present, and build for the future.

Kelly Schmidt serves Region 1, Lowell Disrud Region 2, Chris Kellett-Sawdey Region 3, Frank Ferguson Region 4, Bill Zortman Region 5, Curt Pearson Region 6, and Paul Michels in Region 7.

Governor Elect Becomes "Pitchman"

Bill Daugherty is a mild-mannered Kiwanis leader. For years he has been Secretary for Sioux Falls South Kiwanis Club. In 2003 he was elected Lt Governor Elect and served with a class of Regional CEO's in 2004-2005. As 2005-2006 was winding down -- Bill started to notice that there were fewer and fewer emails seeking his advise or advising him of the latest Kiwanis regulations. Such is the final months of a 3 year Lt Governor's term.



After being encouraged to take the plunge --- his wife Arlyce agreed that he had the time in retirement to serve as Governor for Kiwanis members in Minnesota, North and South Dakota. For 32 years Bill Daugherty was a court administrator in Sioux Falls.

Described by Lt Governor Bill Zortman 2006-2007 as a Governor's Governor -- Bill Daugherty was approved in a business meeting in St. Cloud and has started his work with Governor Coralyn Dahl and 2005-2006 Governor Stewart Ross to prepare for his duties in the next 3 years.

Bill is just as comfortable throwing a baseball as listening to a pitch of new ideas from Kiwanis members. You'll see him on the road in the coming year speaking, supporting, and showing that Kiwanis does make a difference --- one member at a time.

Sioux Falls Baseball Night a Kiwanis Success

Since January 2005 the 5 Sioux Falls Kiwanis Club Presidents have been meeting once a month to try to share volunteer and social opportunities. Some have been successful -- some have needed another try.



What did work was the Sioux Falls Canary Kiwanis Night on August 17th. Carol Woltjer -- Sioux Falls South President organized the event -- attended meetings around Sioux Falls -- and with the help of a Lt Governor or two - spread the word. The result? More than 100 Kiwanis members and their families turned up at the "Bird Cage" for a tailgate party and a night of fun.

The tailgate party worked like clockwork. Welcome and prayer just before 6:00 ---- first filed through the chow line at exactly 6:00. Former Governor Chuck Schroeder provided the barbeque from Tony's in Brandon. Pork loin and hot dogs with a few beans, plenty of chips, chocolate chip cookies, and drink kept this crowd busy.

By 7:05 --- with the exception of a few from Daybreak Kiwanis in Sioux Falls -- were sitting on their perches in the Bird Cage wanting Governor Elect Bill Daugherty throw out the first pitch.

In addition to the five Sioux Falls Clubs -- Kiwanis members came from Worthington, Minnesota, George, Iowa, and Mitchell, Madison, and Brookings South Dakota Clubs. Kiwanis members not only were fed and watered down outside the gates --- inside each was given a special baseball from the Canaries, a Bill Murray bobblehead, and all won coupons at a convenience store.

The game was certainly not an old fashioned pitcher's duel. St. Paul's Saints won the game 11-7. Three and a half hours after the first pitch --- many of the Kiwanis fans were still in their seats enjoying the fun of a rare night out together as Kiwanis members. True to their talents -- Kiwanis members led the Take me Out to The Ball Game in the 7th inning.

Governor Daugherty suggested that Kiwanis members stayed to take advantage of every pitch for just one more story on what they were doing in their club. Woljer said that she happened upon several Kiwanians who had the good sense to take advantage of this opportunity and everyone of their remarked about how much they enjoyed the fellowship of the tailgate and the at the game.

As another fan put it --- the baseball game gave us a chance to enjoy the time together -- "one child at a time" regardless of what age they were.

Milbank Kiwanis Participates in Local History

The Twin Brooks Threshing Show may not sound like a venue for Kiwanis, but the Milbank club was there to feed hundreds of visitors on Saturday, August 19. Members and their families pitched in to serve a BBQ beef dinner that was so popular, the line just didn't want to end. Diners could eat in the shade, watch children play on old-fashioned playground equipment, and catch the high-lights of the antique tractor pull all at the same time. Stop by next year for a good show and a great meal. Bibbed overalls not required.



KIWANIAN, CLEM SCHROEDER, NAMED 2006 STEELE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN OF

THE YEAR!

Clem Schroeder, a 16 year Kiwanis member of the Golden “K” Kiwanis Club of Owatonna, Minnesota, was named as the 2006 Steele County Senior Citizen of the Year. Clem, was honored in Fair Square Park at the Steele County Free Fair in Owatonna, MN. on Thursday, August 17, 2006. Clem will automatically be entered into the competition for the State of Minnesota Senior Citizen of the Year to be named at the Minnesota State Fair at the Bandshell at 11 a.m. on Thursday, August 31, 2006.



Clem’s nominators said, “Clem has shared with all mankind through his unselfish contributions. His wisdom, integrity and talents have made him a person who we are proud to have as a friend and a part of our community. When we think of Clem, we think of a kind, humble man who has made the world a better place.”

His fellow Kiwanians stated, “Clem is a very likable gentleman who has an upbeat attitude, a positive outlook on life, is the first person to see someone in need of help and then helps them; takes nothing for granted plus Clem has a smile that lights up the whole room! Clem is very well liked by everyone he meets.

Clem is a very active Kiwanis member. Clem is our Kiwanis Club Song Leader at our meetings each week; serves on the Kiwanis Club Program Committee, Spiritual Aims Committee and the Community Service Committee. Clem has cheerfully stepped up and served at the Club’s various fundraisers each and every year: Pancake and waffle breakfasts; worked various shifts helping park cars at the Steele County Free Fair; selling and taking tickets at the Kiwanis Club Travelogues; working at the Cashwise Food Stand; delivering Meals-On-Wheels; ringing the bell for the Salvation Army during the holiday season; and participating in our annual Club “Toys For Tots” toy drive.

Clem is a very active member at SeniorPlace. Clem serves on the SeniorPlace Trip Committee, Memorial Garden Committee, and helps with many other project needs at SeniorPlace. Clem is a member of the “Golden Tones”, the SeniorPlace choir group, which performs many concerts, each year, throughout Owatonna, the surrounding communities, as well as traveling out-of-town.

Clem is an active member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Clem helps care for friends, when needed, by snow shoveling, lawn cutting, transportation and visits to shut-ins. Clem also helps with his Church “Chuckwagon” Supper fundraiser that is held each year in August. Clem has been a member of his Church Choir for over 71 years.

Clem served, with honor, for four years in World War II in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Louisville which was assigned to duty in the Pacific Rim. Clem spent his 58-year career in the printing business. His hobbies are photography, taking slides, videos and movies; plus singing and his love of music. He and his wife, Marilyn, also love to travel.

Clem and his wife, Marilyn, will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on September 04, 2006. They have three children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

