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## Coralyn's Corner - Governor writes final column

This is my final column as Governor and I have wondered what to say that would express to you my gratefulness for having had this opportunity. I thought over the many trips I have taken around this district and the wonderful people I have met. I know that this year has been a growing year for me in Kiwanis – growing in pride for the great organization it is; growing in friendships; and growing in thankfulness for the kindness of the Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanians and the great service each one of you does.



We started the year getting acquainted with the new Lt. Governors starting in Sioux Falls – visiting those clubs and the Region 5 council and Lt. Governor Bill Zortman and especially meeting with those who were planning the Diversity Club of Sioux Falls. We went on to Rapid City and met with Lt. Governor Elect Lyle Sonneschein and the Region 4 council and their plans for building a new club. The Region 6 council led by Lt. Governor Curt Pearson met in a lovely German restaurant in New Ulm and discussed their plans for the new year. On we went to Brainerd – meeting with Lt. Governor Chris Kellett-Sawdey and her Region 3 council, discussing how to bring those who were nearly in Canada into regional activities.

In Rochester, Lt. Governor Paul Michels and his Region 7 council made plans for their Regional meeting and new club building. In Fargo, Region 2 Lt Governor Lowell Disrud expressed interest in putting Region 1 and 2 together for their Regional meeting and finally we went on to see Region 1 Lt. Governor Kelly Schmidt in Mandan, ND and visit with her very active noon club, meeting afterwards to plan together the ideas for a playground and special park.

It was good to get acquainted and to see what an enthusiastic team they were. Ready to lead their regions and eager to provide information and motivation to their many clubs. I am so grateful for the work that they have done and the leadership they have provided.

Many thanks go to all the Directors: Administration Dir. Colleen Hyde who kept us on track; Education Director Larry Rittgarn who provided leadership and teaching of CLE courses, Membership Director Stewart Ross who has a new plan for saving clubs and increasing membership; New Club Builder Dwain Peterson who has worked faithfully and tirelessly to bring new clubs to MN-DAK, and Service Director Bruce Klair who organized and brought about a wonderful service project for the district that was so overwhelming in response that many of us were brought to tears by the goodness of our Kiwanians.

This year was a joy for me under the constant guidance and friendship of Secretary-Treasurer, Steve Handegaard, the counsel of Immediate Past Governor, Stewart Ross and the support of Governor Elect Bill Daugherty. What a team, and what great help they have been!

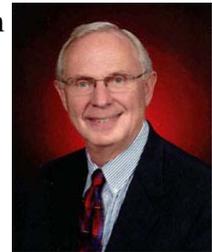
There are so many leaders who deserve credit – Jean Collins, Ann Backes Dodge, Clair Faust, Alan Nelson, Mary Beth Townsend, Dawn Fairbrother, Clover Ellingson, and Larry and Pat Rittgarn, our

wonderful convention planners. But most of all, this year could not have been successful without you – the Kiwanians of the Minnesota-Dakotas District. Mange' tusen tak – Norwegian for many thousand thanks!

My final thoughts are a challenge to each of us – let us work on membership and end in the black at the end of September!. Each of us can invite one person to join us in our clubs. Every one of us has work to do in this final month of our Kiwanis year. Best wishes to all of you.

### **Governor Elect Designate Urges Members and Clubs to Keep Up District Convention Enthusiasm**

Wow! What a great convention in Fargo last month! It seemed to me that enthusiasm and spirit were higher at this convention than other conventions in the past. What a super way to begin the new Kiwanis year on October 1! It was so impressive to see the quality of incoming club presidents and the commitment and drive of the Lt. Governor leadership. I know 2007-2008 will be a very successful year.



I want to thank convention delegates for choosing me as Governor Elect for 2007-2008. I am thrilled to be able to work with Governor Bill Daugherty and Immediate Past Governor Coralyn Dahl and the rest of the District leadership next year. It is a privilege to be able to work with such dedicated people. I am honored to be among them.

Kiwanis' goal is to change the world one child and one community at a time. All convention delegates, and especially club officers, should keep that foremost in mind as they prepare for the new year beginning October 1. Each club, and every club member, must reach out to find that child, to aid that community, so that by next year's convention our world will truly be a better place than a year earlier. With the commitment and spirit that was generated during the convention, I know it will happen.

2007-2008 will be an exciting and rewarding year with Governor Bill Daugherty leading the way. I look forward to working with him and meeting many of you in the months ahead. And, finally, remember to "Share Our Story!"

Bill Lardy, 2007-2008 Governor Elect

### **Update from the Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer - September 2007**

By Steve Handegaard, Minnesota-Dakotas District Secretary/Treasurer

Greetings,

- District Convention:** Our District Convention in Fargo was a great success. It was a great time with lots of Kiwanis education and fellowship. Our special theme **"Come Fly With Us"** also offered a fun social activity at the Fargo Air Museum. 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 2007 District Convention. Registrations for the convention included: 265 total participants; 94 clubs and 189 voting delegates. Plans are already underway for another great district convention in



2008 in Moorhead, MN. Mark the dates on your calendar- August 8 - 10, 2008. 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. To view photos of the convention go to <http://picasaweb.google.com/districtk>

- **Official District Convention 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 3
  - 2007 House of Delegates Session – August 4
  - District Board Meeting – August 5
  
- **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. 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.
  
- The 2006-2007 Kiwanis year is not over until the end of September, but I would like to take this opportunity to give special thanks to Governor Coralyn and First Gentleman Orin 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 Bill Daugherty and First Lady Arlyce who will lead our district beginning October 1. And last, but not least congratulations to Bill Lardy and Dixie who will serve as Governor Elect during 2007-2008.

There is still a month left in the 2006-2007 Kiwanis year and much still to be done! If I can be of any assistance, please give me a call.

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## Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention House of Delegates Proceedings

MINNESOTA-DAKOTAS KIWANIS DISTRICT  
District Convention House of Delegates  
“Record of Proceedings”  
Holiday Inn, Fargo, North Dakota  
Saturday, August 4, 2007

- The 2007 District House of Delegates was called to order by Governor Coralyn Dahl at 4:00 p.m.
  
- Colleen Hyde reported on convention credentials:
  - 94 clubs represented
  - 178 delegates
  - 11 delegate at large
  - 33 non-delegates
  - 37 partners
  - 2 child
  - 4 guests
  - Total of 265
  
- Election of 2007-2008 District Governor Elect: Al Jaeger nominated Bill Lardy for 2007-2008 District Governor Elect. Seconded by Barbara Egan. Seeing no further nominations from the floor a motion was made to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Bill Lardy. Motion carried.
  - Bill Lardy, 2007-2008 District Governor Elect Designate shared some comments and goals for the upcoming year.
  - Bill Daugherty, 2006-2007 District Governor Elect presented the Governor Elect Banner to Bill Lardy.
  
- Election of 2007-2008 District Governor: Paul Michels nominated Bill Daugherty for 2007-2008 District Governor. Seconded by Jeff McKinney. Seeing no further nominations from the floor a motion was made to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Bill Daugherty. Motion carried.
  - Bill Daugherty, 2007-2008 District Governor Designate shared some comments and goals for the coming year.
  - Coralyn Dahl, 2006-2007 Governor presented the Governor banner to Bill Daugherty.
  
- Don Canaday, Kiwanis International President Elect Designate, recognized and thanked the retiring 2006-2007 Lt. Governors and installed the 2007-2008 Lt. Governors.
  
- Norm Winkelman presented the following resolutions on behalf of the Minnesota-Dakotas District. A motion was made to accept as presented, seconded and unanimously approved:

*RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED AT THE DISTRICT CONVENTION  
MINNESOTA-DAKOTAS KIWANIS DISTRICT  
FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA AUGUST 3, 4, 5, 2007*

1. *The Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International expresses appreciation for the wise and enthusiastic leadership of Governor Coralyn Dahl in directing the District in the Kiwanis year 2006-2007.*
  2. *The Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International expresses appreciation to 2006-2007 International Vice- President Donald R. Canaday for his wise advice and counsel at our District Convention.*
  3. *The Minnesota-Dakotas District Members of Kiwanis International expresses appreciation to the 2006-2007 District Officers for their countless hours of work and dedication to the District to make our three states a better place to live and serve.*
  4. *The Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International expresses appreciation to the Minnesota-Dakotas Key Club District Board and Administrators; and, the Minnesota-Dakotas Circle K District Board and Administrators for their outstanding service to our District and Communities.*
  5. *The Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International expresses appreciation to the Minnesota-Dakotas K Kids, Builders Clubs, and Aktion Clubs leadership teams for their outstanding service to our District and Communities.*
  6. *The Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International highly commends the excellent efforts of Pat & Larry Rittgarn, Convention Co-Directors and the Convention Committee in preparing for and organizing the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention.*
  7. *The Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International expresses appreciation to Steve Handegaard, District Secretary/Treasurer, for his diligent, on-going service to the district leadership and all clubs of the Minnesota-Dakotas District.*
  8. *The Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International expresses sincere appreciation to the Management and Staff of the Fargo Holiday Inn for the excellent accommodations, meals, and services provided.*
  9. *The Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International expresses appreciation to the City of Fargo, North Dakota and the Fargo Air Museum for their warm hospitality.*
  10. *The Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International expresses appreciation to the Fargo-Moorhead Convention and Visitors Bureau for the many hours of work and commitment to make this an outstanding convention.*
  11. *The Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis International fondly remembers the life and work of Past Governor Jack Vantine and Immediate Past Lt. Governor Edward Reich who passed away in 2007.*
- No other bylaw amendments or resolutions were presented to the delegates.

- Remarks by Don Canaday, Kiwanis International President Elect Designate
- Delegates recognized Clint and Lois Hanson for their work on the Kiwanis Book Store. Lois reported that we made \$364.00 on the book sale. Clint and Lois offered to manage the store again next year.
- Following announcements by Co-Convention Directors Larry and Pat Rittgarn, Governor Coralyn Dahl adjourned the 2007 House of Delegates at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Handegaard  
District Secretary/Treasurer  
August 10, 2007

### **Service Project at this year's District Convention was an overwhelming success**

MN-DAK Kiwanians attending this year's convention in Fargo had a unique opportunity to show their support and concern for our men and women serving in our armed forces. Clubs were asked to bring items that our troops may need, but might not have readily available to them. These items were then packaged and shipped in "flat rate" boxes requiring \$8.95 postage, regardless of weight. Many clubs also provided funds to pay for this postage. Proceeds from the book sale at the convention was also used for the postage.

Prior to the convention, we were hoping that we would have enough material and funds to fill 50 boxes. As clubs began arriving at the convention, it quickly became apparent that we had underestimated the generosity and enthusiasm of our members. Our volunteers were overwhelmed with the sheer volume of items, as well as the variety. Items ranged from snack items such as beef jerky, sunflower seeds and pudding to toilet articles and beanie babies. To provide additional funds to ship that many boxes, a collection was taken up on the convention floor. Again, Kiwanians opened up their hearts and their wallets! In the end over 260 boxes were shipped, weighing over 1250 pounds. We are just starting to get responses from troops for these packages, and we will try to share some of them with you in the October issue of the MINNEKOTAN.

Thanks again to all the clubs and members that contributed to the success of this project, and to the volunteers and members that helped with the sorting and packaging. You have again demonstrated what it means to be a Kiwanian.

### **Gov Rounds Speaks to Sioux Falls Kiwanians**

It's been an interesting week in South Dakota. ABC Nightline followed Senator Tim Johnson from the incident that took him out of the public eye for nearly 9 months to his return to his home state on August 28th. Senator Johnson was rolled on stage in a wheel chair and spoke telling people proudly "I'm Back".

One of those who spoke on the same stage was Governor Mike Rounds --- who stepped across political party lines to welcome an old friend "Back".

Within 24 hours of that heart-filled event --- Governor Rounds was the guest speaker at the Sioux Falls Downtown Kiwanis meeting. It was an historic event that club President Rick Hoogendorm believes is the first time in our South Dakota Kiwanis history that the Governor of our state presented at one of our meetings.

More than 100 people attended -- including not only Downtown Kiwanis but members of the other 5 Sioux Falls Kiwanis

Clubs.

Governor Rounds called this one of the most exciting times in our state's history. He spoke of the science lab in Lead, the continuing importance of ethanol production, along with the powerful potential of an oil refinery in the southeast part of South Dakota.

Even with those important economic headlines ---Gov Rounds took the time to talk about the children of South Dakota and the importance of solid, available post high school education. He noted that Kiwanians do work one child at a time --- something that his office and the State of South Dakota do as well.

The Governor's appearance offered the opportunity for Kiwanis to thank him for his thoughtful gesture of issuing a proclamation making November 4, 2006 -- Kiwanis Day in South Dakota --- as for the first time in 10 years -- Kiwanians from all over the state (Region 4 and Region 5) met in Chamberlain for an important state meeting. That first event on November 4th has now led to the scheduling of the 2nd Statewide conference scheduled for November 3rd in Pierre -- not far from the Governor's office.

It was an exciting meeting and great to see the strong attendance. To add to the event the club inducted a new member and a number of the guests expressed an interest in joining the club.

President Hoogendoorn presented a book to Governor Rounds that will be donated in his honor to the Sioux Falls School System.... something Downtown Kiwanis does for all guest speakers.

A great day for Kiwanis --- a great week for South Dakota ----- and perhaps more to build on for our Kiwanian future.

## **MN-DAK Educational Foundation - Report from the District Convention**

At the Friday PM convention session Jim Bekken, President of the Educational Foundation, gave the Foundation report. The endowment fund currently has about \$940,000 in the investment portfolio. The Foundation is striving to reach the \$1,000,000 level in the endowment fund as soon as possible. Only the interest from the endowment fund is spent each year. During the current year 53 \$800 scholarships and one \$1,000 scholarship were awarded. Students receiving these scholarships must be from the MN-DAK District and must attend a college or university within the District. It is hoped that financial conditions will allow the awarding of 4 additional scholarships during the next Kiwanis year. Al Herrboldt from South Dakota and Jim Bekken from North Dakota were elected to 3 year terms on the Board of Trustees for the Educational Foundation.

The Board of Trustees of the Educational Foundation met on late Friday after the convention general session. The following actions were taken:

1. Board minutes of May 19, 2007 were approved.
2. Jack Zierdt presented the Secretary/Treasurer report.
3. Jim Bekken was elected President for 2007-08. Lionel Muthiah was elected Vice-President for 2007-08. Jack Zierdt was appointed Sec./Treas. for 2007-08.
4. It is anticipated that endowment earning will allow 4 additional scholarships next year (54 were awarded this year).
5. Jack Vantine served as President of the Educational Foundation for 34 years and was serving as President Emeritus at the time of his death in July. To honor Jack Vantine the Board of Trustees voted to change the name of the Life Fellowship to the Vantine Life Fellowship effective immediately. The requirements for the Fellowship remain unchanged.

At the Board of Trustees meeting at Fergus Falls, MN in May the week of Nov. 11-17, 2007 was designated as Minnesota-Dakotas Educational Foundation week. All District clubs are asked to focus on the work of the Educational Foundation that week and all Kiwanis Clubs and members are asked to support the Foundation with financial gifts.

During the convention collections to increase the endowment fund were taken at the Friday PM session and at the interdenominational church service on Sunday. Money was also donated toward Vantine Life Fellowships and Messer Fellowships by members. As a result of the convention an addition of \$2670 has been placed in the endowment fund.

Thank you to all clubs and members who support the MN-DAK Educational Foundation.

## **From District Convention to Baghdad, Iraq**

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

v/r

Jim

## **Region 2 Conference and Governor's Visit - October 27**

The Region 2 Conference and Governor's visit has been scheduled for October 27th. The meeting will be held at Grace United Methodist Church at 1100 Friberg Ave, Fergus Falls, MN 56537. All clubs in Region 2 should be sending at least one representative

This meeting has been changed from March to October in order to meet our newest Governor, Bill Daugherty, and to give us a good start on the 2007-08 year. Tentative time 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. We are hoping to have a member of the Membership Team give a motivating presentation.

The weather should not be as much of a factor either. Hope to see all of you here. More information will be sent out to your club secretaries soon.

Mary Sieling  
Region 2 Lt. Governor 2007-2008

## **90th District Convention now HISTORY**

Nearly 300 Kiwanis members and partners enjoyed another great district convention.

Many fun events took place as well as the usualy Kiwanis Business.

Tours, family night at the Fargo Air Museum, and great work shops, plus a wonderful service project where 250 boxes were packed and prepared for shipment to our militay men and women over seas.

Lots and lots of photos were taken and many good memories were had by all.

## **90th Annual District Convention is now history**

Yes, on October 1, we will be led by William (Bill) Daugherty and his newly elected Lt. Governors.

The leadership will continue to be strong, since we do not let immediate past officers retire, but we ask them to stay on and serve for one additional year, so Coralyn Dahl the current Governor and her class of Lt. Governors will all serve for another

year which makes each years leadership team so strong.

The convention drew nearly 300 people to the Holiday Inn, in Fargo, ND during the first weekend in August.

Many wonderful events took place including a fun night at the Fargo Air Museum, many exciting workshops, and a great service project that enabled us to all help package 250 boxes of merchandise for our service men and women in Iraq and other war torn parts of the world.

Many photos and memories will be on line for you all to enjoy during the next few issues.

## **Four Key Club and Circle K Members Receive Scholarships**

The Kiwanis International Foundation has awarded scholarships to four Circle K and Key Club members in the Minnesota-Dakotas District.

Tonya Marie Mayfield, a student at North Dakota State University, won the Circle K International Harry S. Himmel Scholarship, a \$500 award honoring a long-time president of the Kiwanis International Foundation.

District Matching Scholarships are awards funded equally by the Kiwanis International Foundation and the district foundation. Matching Scholarships of \$1,000 recognize Circle K and Key Club members who have excelled in leadership and service. Financial need is not a factor.

Each district is eligible for up to five matching scholarships for each youth group based on the percent of Kiwanis clubs participating in the International Foundation's Annual Club Gift Campaign.

One district Circle K member received a matching scholarship: Tonya M. Mayfield, North Dakota State.

Two Key Club members received a matching scholarship: Daniel Balm of Lake City, Minnesota, attending the University of Minnesota; and Delaine D. Wendling of Duluth, Minnesota, attending St. Benedicts College.

The Kiwanis International Foundation's Annual Club Gift Campaign is conducted beginning each October. More than 150 District Matching Scholarships were awarded this year.

## **Key Leader Camp October 5,6,7**

Clover Ellingson, the Key-Leader Chair, and Vickie Walters, Site Coordinator, and the Fergus Falls, MN clubs would like to invite you as a club or member to sponsor a student to this camp. We do need 60 students registered by September 13 to be able to hold this camp. All graduating 8th graders-12th grade can attend. What an opportunity to send a student to learn the skills to become a President of his or her Kiwanis club when they choose to join. With the quest for 1 million members by 2015 I believe that this program will help provide good members in the future to our Minn-Dakotas Kiwanis Clubs. Please have students go to [www.key-leader.org](http://www.key-leader.org) to register. The cost of Key-Leader is \$160.00 per student which covers meals, lodging and materials for the entire weekend. Any student that is a member of a Key-Club gets a \$25.00 scholarship which means for a Key-Club member the cost would be \$135.00.

Please call me at 605-480-0316 if you have questions. Please help us fill this camp!

## **AKTION Club Theatre Hits the Scene in Mankato**

The group elected officers in March and began formal business meetings in April. Their meetings consist of a short business meeting followed by an hour of theatre activities, including singing, dancing, theatre games, and development of performances/plays. AKTION Club Theatre performed its first presentation with the veteran actors from New Ulm on Saturday, August 18th in St. Peter, MN. They performed a dramatic presentation for the Remembering With Dignity Ceremony on the campus of the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center. The ceremony honored the people who lived and died in State Hospitals or Regional Treatment Centers in Minnesota. In the past, residents who died in institutions were given only a numbered grave marker. The Remembering With Dignity group has been working since 1994 to replace all of the markers with the name of the person. The dramatic performance by the actors featured masks that they had made and a poetic reading by narrators, which included speaking the numbers and then the name of the individual whose gravestone was recently placed. AKTION Club Theatre members will begin working this fall on the development of a new play. They hope to perform the play in about a year, fitting it around other types of performances and presentations they will do. Members also want to continue to recruit new people to join them and participate in their theatrical performances. For more information about AKTION Club Theatre, contact Wilbur Neushwander-Frink at the Arc of Minnesota Southwest at 1.866.502.4082 or email at: wilbur@hickorytech.net.

## Key Leader: October 5-7 at Inspiration Point

**Key Leader** is an exciting new program for us. You are a vital part to the success of the “**Biggest and Best**” program of Kiwanis International! The Minn-Dak location is October 5-7 at Inspiration Point in Clitherall, MN.

Consider approving a budget item of \$160 to sponsor a **Key Leader** participant (or approve more if your funds allow.). You can either search out your own candidate(s) or request the school to have students contact your club by a specific date. Registration needs to be completed 21 days prior to the event to avoid a higher cost (\$180). A \$25 discount will be given to the first 100 students who register for all Key Leader events so the cost would be \$135. The student must register online at [www.key-leader.org](http://www.key-leader.org). Your club will be billed once the student has registered online and will not be on the roster until Kiwanis International receives the funds.

Do not hesitate to contact Clover Ellingson if you have additional questions or concerns regarding this *fantastic* program after visiting Kiwanis Key Leader's Web site at [www.key-leader.org](http://www.key-leader.org). Additional information may be found at [www.mndak-kiwanis.org](http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org) and click on Key Leader Program.

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## Photos from Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention 2007

Click on the following link to see photos from the 2007 District Convention:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/districtk>

## Put Kiwanis Plates on the Road

By Bill Zortman, Lt Gov 2006-2007, Region 5

If you can get two of the stingiest Bill's in the Dakotas to reach in their pocket and spend a few extra dollars for a license plate --- others should follow.

It happened on August 2nd --- the day that Governor Bill Daugherty hit the road for Fargo to get ready to accept the gavel symbolizing leadership of more than 6,000 Kiwanians in South Dakota -- those from the frigid North (Dakota) and Minnesota. Me --- as his Lt Governor buddy -- agreed to do the same to help Kiwanis West in Sioux Falls with their fund raising project.

How many Bill's does it take to screw on a license plate with a Kiwanis insignia? Two!! We couldn't find a third. It started with a visit to the Minnehaha County Courthouse --- though it could have been any of several courthouses in SD. We

requested the organizational plates from Becky Nelson ---- Treasurer ---- who helped Kiwanis West start the program. The cost is \$10 for the plate. We had already paid \$15.00 for the Kiwanis Plate Decals to Kiwanis West and we were off in running.

You can do the same --- you can order from Crystal Aman -- 25789 Package Lane, Renner, SD, 57055 (make check payable to Kiwanis West) or call Crystal at 605-543-6025.

South Dakota's license plate has voted the most desirable in the country. When you add the Kiwanis colors to it --- its even more awesome.

When the Bill's heard that many more Lions, Rotary, Optimist and others have purchased many more speciality license plates than Kiwanians. Come on ---- use your car as a billboard ---- and promote the club you are a part of.

Wouldn't be great if all of our President's would start off the process ---- and have it spread through the Kiwanis ranks across South Dakota. Who knows maybe even Minnesota and North Dakota might be able to learn from South Dakota.

## Canaries Night Brings 111 Kiwanians, Drought Busting Rain

By Bill Zortman, Lt Governor 2006-2007, Region 5

Canaries Kiwanis Night in Sioux Falls has become a tradition in just 2 short years. You put together a catered barbeque in the parking lot from Tony's Catering --- add to that Kiwanians from several clubs in more than one state -- the best Professional Independent Baseball in the country -- and you have the makings of a great night out.

It worked again this year. 111 (or so) attended. We ran out of hot dogs for the second year in a row -- but we had plenty of pork loin, beans, drink and other trimmings to fill the bellies of these Kiwanians that serve others through their projects throughout the midwest.

It was a special night. We had the opportunity to not only meet, eat, and greet ----- but cheer Governor Elect Bill Daugherty as he prepared to leave for the Fargo District Convention and assume the highest office in the Dakotas and Minnesota. While he didnt have the chance to throw out the first pitch this year (some Lt Governor didn't get that set up) --- he enjoyed the good wishes and thanks from Kiwanians.

Bill even had a tear in his eye when we gave Steve Gilbertson of his home Sioux Falls South club -- the Kiwanian of the Week Award. It was Steve who came up with the idea of Canaries Kiwanis Night --- and he couldnt have been prouder holding up the plaque saying that he was Kiwanian of the Week for August 6th-12th. Steve is retired from sacking groceries at the HyVee on 33rd --and now works at Achieve and is a part of Aktion Club for South. Steve to Bill and the rest of us represents the opportunity that Kiwanis has for all members of our society -- Aktion, Founders, Builders, Key, Circle, and Golden K branches. Steve will help us attract new members and will remember forever the night in August 2007 he was remembered as Kiwanian of the Week.

On to the ball game -- 4 great innings --- then a record long drought in Sioux Falls was broken with a willie washer of a rain. Many left early ----- wondering what the wet stuff was that was falling from the sky. It didn't matter that 7 hours after they started the tail-gate party that Sioux City beat Sioux Falls 11-7. What did matter was having a great night of Kiwanis fun. We can't wait until 2008 season. While the Canaries are 0-2 on Kiwanis Night -- Kiwanis is 2-0 having fun.



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