Kiwanis Members:

There is so much to do at the upcoming MNDAK Kiwanis District Convention! To ensure you have a great experience, I put together a guide to ensure you come to convention feeling prepared.

- **Diaper Drive**: We have a tradition of collecting items for the host community, and for the past few years the collection item has been DIAPERS! All sizes are needed from preemie to size 6. We encourage you to gather diapers at your club (or donations to purchase diapers), and bring them to convention.

- **Silent Auction**: A silent auction is held during the convention with proceeds going to the ELIMINATE Project. Past items have included Kiwanis logo items, wine baskets, coffee lovers arrangements, late night treat baskets, paintings, assorted candies, and custom baskets showcasing your hometown. We encourage you to get creative and bring an item or two to support the cause.

- **Kiwanis Khorale**: For many years there has been a group formed at the convention to provide musical entertainment. The group is open to men and women, and has their first practice on Thursday night from 8-10pm followed by an ice cream social. The Khorale sings a couple selections at the Governor’s Banquet on Saturday night, and also at the Memorial Service on Sunday morning. We would love to have you join this group of singers as the fellowship is just as much fun as performing!

- **Used Book Sale**: Bring your used books of any type to be sold during the convention with proceeds going to support the ELIMINATE Project. We are looking for kids books, cookbooks, do-it-yourself instruction books, romance novels, biographies, best sellers, little known treasures, and everything in between! At the end of convention, books will be donated to local organizations.

- **Recommended attire at convention**: The recommended dress for the Governor’s Banquet is Business Formal (dressy). Recommended dress for the remainder of the convention is business casual. As the rooms may vary in temperature, dressing in layers is a smart option.

- **Schedule of events**: At registration, you will receive a program booklet that will have the schedule and all the information you will need to navigate the convention. If you are ever unsure of what’s next or where to go, our convention will have hosts and committee members at the ready to help guide you.

I attended my first district Kiwanis convention in St. Cloud, Minnesota in 2012. If this is your first convention, please know that WE WERE ALL FIRST TIMERS AT ONE TIME! I encourage you to say hello to the person sitting next to you in a forum, have lunch with someone you have never met, look at your neighbor’s name tag and ask about their club, or introduce yourself to district leadership. You will get out of convention what you put into it, so don’t be afraid to reach outside your comfort zone and make it the best Kiwanis convention you have ever been to! Even if it is your very first one.

See you in Fargo!

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