

# MINNEKOTAN

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## Leading to Serve ... Opportunities for Service

By Bill Lardy, Minnesota-Dakotas District Governor

Kiwanians in the Red River Valley, and along other swollen rivers, unfortunately have had many opportunities to serve. My wife, Dixie, and I extend our heartfelt concerns to those whose lives have been disrupted by flooding rivers. We hope that soon things will be back to normal and damaged property restored. Residents of Fargo and Moorhead have demonstrated unmatched community spirit.



April 4, Kiwanis One Day, is another opportunity to serve. Hopefully your club has a service project scheduled. If so, it will join other clubs worldwide improving lives in each community being served.

Lt. Governor Education is scheduled for May 1-3 in Fergus Falls. Some regions need a Lt. Governor Elect. If you are a past club president, or long-serving secretary, please raise your level of service one notch and volunteer to be your region's Lt. Governor Elect for 2009-2010. You will be glad you did.

Starting in May Club Leadership Education sessions will be held in each region. Be sure your club's incoming president and secretary attend the nearest session. It is a great learning opportunity.

International Convention is in Nashville this year. It will be exciting as our District has a candidate for International Trustee, Past Governor Stewart Ross. I hope every club will be represented at the convention. The campaign to elect Stewart will be fun, and successful! Also, our District will join Nebraska-Iowa for a joint dinner on board the General Jackson River Boat Thursday evening, June 25th. Great Fun!

Six months left in this Kiwanis Year. Let's make them the best ever!

# Update from the District Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Steve Handegaard, District Secretary/Treasurer

**Monthly Club Reports:** Thanks again to all club secretaries that submit their club reports online each month. Their reports provide very valuable information to the district officers and Kiwanis International. (Reminder to club secretaries: Be sure that your club monthly reports are submitted online by the 10th of each following month.)



**Club Elections:** Just a reminder that your club election results will be due June 1st. Club secretaries will submit the club election reports through the same KiwanisOne webpage that we use for monthly club reporting.

**Kiwanis International Convention in Nashville, June 25-28, 2009:** Remember that after May 1st the registration fee for the International Convention will increase from \$195 to \$250 and the non-member rate increases from \$95 to \$125. If you have not already submitted your registration form, we encourage you to do so ASAP to secure the advance rates. Be sure that your club is represented. In addition to lots of Kiwanis education, fun and fellowship, remember that club delegates are the ones that determine the future of our International organization. You can register online now at Kiwanis International Website <http://www.kiwanis.org/>

Besides registering, be sure to report your club's two International Convention delegates and two alternates to the International Office by April 30 on the Delegate Certification Form. All club secretaries should have received the necessary forms, but if you need another copy you can find it on the Kiwanis International Convention website.

**Lt. Governor Education Conference Planned:** Governor Elect Bruce Klair, along with the Lt. Governor team for the upcoming 2009-2010 Kiwanis year will be meeting May 1-3 in Fergus Falls. They will be learning more about their role on the district level and developing district plans and goals.

**District Kiwanis Foundation Board and Past Governors Meeting:** Both of these groups will be meeting May 15-16 in Fergus Falls.

Finally, think Membership Growth at all times! Only through maintaining and growing our membership can we be the vibrant service organization that is truly "Serving the Children of the World".

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**On the lighter side: SECRET TO A LONG AND HAPPY MARRIAGE...**

At All Saints Lutheran Church they have a weekly husband's marriage seminar. At the session last week, the Pastor asked Ole, who was approaching his 50th wedding anniversary, to take a few minutes and share some insight into how he had managed to stay married to the same woman all these years.

Vell,' Ole replied to the assembled husbands, 'I've tried to treat her nice, spend da money on her, but best of all I took her to Norway for da 25th anniversary!'

The Pastor responded, 'Ole, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here! Please tell us what you are planning for your for your 50th anniversary.'

Ole replied proudly, 'I'm a-gonna go get her.'

# Start Registering Key Leader Participants Now

Submitted by: Clover Ellingson, District Key Leader Chair

Register students for the Minnesota-Dakotas District Key Leader event the first weekend in October at Inspiration Point. Click here to go to Key Leader website: [www.key-leader.org](http://www.key-leader.org)



Consider sponsoring a few graduating 8th graders this spring and hand them out at their ceremonies. It is a great way to introduce students to Kiwanis and community service. Key Leader is open to all youth 14-18 years of age.

Check out the website. It has many downloads for parents, educators, members and students.

For questions and/or help contact Clover Ellingson at [cloverjean@cablone.net](mailto:cloverjean@cablone.net).

## District Education Foundation Century Club Donations Needed

Submitted by: Dale Carlson, Dist. Educ. Foundation Board Member

Century Club donations to the MN-DAK District Kiwanis Educational Foundation are currently lagging behind the usual pace of giving during the Kiwanis year. Economic times are difficult for all individuals and clubs but our students need our scholarship help more than ever. Please encourage your club to become a "Century Club" or continue to be a sustaining member of the "Century Club."

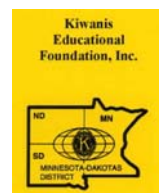
Because its only function is providing scholarship funds for graduating High School seniors, the MN-DAK District Kiwanis Educational Foundation offers an on-going youth service project for every club.

A Kiwanis Club in the Minnesota-Dakotas District becomes a Century Club member with a contribution of \$100 which can be taken from Youth Activities funds, Project Profit funds or Administrative funds, whichever is most convenient.

In recognition of the gift the club will receive a Foundation patch for its banner and will be listed publicly with other Century Club members. Many clubs which are already Century Clubs sustain their membership with an annual contribution of \$100 and receive additional recognition for their gift.

Please contact....

Jack Zierdt, Secretary/Treasurer  
Kiwaniis Educational Foundation, Inc.  
914 Southern Pine Ln. SW  
Rochester, MN 55902



....to contribute to the "Century Club" or to get information and forms pertaining to the "Century Club" or other MN-DAK District Kiwanis Educational Foundation programs. You may also find the information and forms on the MN-DAK District Web Site.

# CLE (Club Leadership Education)

Submitted by: Larry Rittgarn, District Director of Education

The Minnesota Dakota Certified instructors are prepared to begin the education programs for all of the 2009-2010 class of leaders, including all of the President-elects, Secretaries, and Treasurers, plus any other members that would like to attend and see what it is like to become a leader of your Kiwanis Club.



Sessions scheduled are:

- Region 1 - Summit meeting and CLE to be scheduled
- Region 2 - May 12, Eide Bailly Office Center, Fargo, ND 5:00-9:00 pm  
May 13, Altru Hospital, Grand Forks, ND, 5:00-9:00 pm
- Region 3 - May 14, Atonement Lutheran Church, St. Cloud, MN 5:00-9:00 pm  
May 19, Sammy's Pizza, Hibbing, MN 5:00-9:00 pm  
May 27, Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Cloquet, MN 5:00-9:00 pm
- Region 4 - May 19, SD School of Mines, Rapid City, SD 5:00 - 9:00 pm
- Region 5 - May 14, Univ. South Dakota (Cleveland Ctr) Sioux Falls, SD 5:00-9:00pm  
June 11, Elks Club, Watertown, ND 5:00-9:00 pm
- Region 6- May 9, Salem Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, MN 8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
(Others to be schedule)
- Region 7- May 16, Rochester Senior Center, Rochester, MN 8:30 am - 3:30 pm  
May 21, Culver's Restaurant, St. Anthony Village, MN 4:30 pm-9:30 pm

Registrations must be made in advance - Club Secretaries will be receiving the registration packets by mail.

President elects	\$35.00
Secretaries	\$25.00
Treasurers	\$15.00
Members	\$15.00

Be sure to plan to have your officers in attendance at one of these important education meeting.

## Merald Enstad Guest Speaker at Alexandria Kiwanis

Merald Enstad, Past Kiwanis International President and current member of the Fergus Falls Noon Kiwanis, was guest speaker at the Alexandria Kiwanis Club on Monday, March 23. As a thank you and token of their appreciation the Alexandria Club presented Merald with a framed proclamation from the mayor of Alexandria designating March 23, 2009 as "Merald Enstad Day in Alexandria".



# Kiwanis International Distinguished Member Awards

Dave Curry, Immediate Past International President recently announced the recipients of the 2007-2008 Kiwanis International Distinguished Member Award.

The criteria for the 2007-2008 awards were as follows:

- Recruit two (2) new members.
- Attend either a Mid-Winter Conference or District Convention. Equivalent meeting may be K University, Zone or Regional Conference, or other opportunity provided by district.
- Participate in six (6) Kiwanis service efforts.
- Submit application to Kiwanis International.

Congratulation to the following recipients from our district:

- **Michael Dillon**, Brainerd Kiwanis Club
- **Mary Bowen**, Columbia Heights-Fridley Kiwanis Club
- **Kathleen Welle**, Columbia Heights-Fridley Kiwanis Club
- **Dale Schuetz**, Columbia Heights-Fridley Kiwanis Club
- **Larry Rittgarn**, Fargo South Point Kiwanis Club
- **Patricia Rittgarn**, Fargo South Point Kiwanis Club
- **Myron Rosendahl**, Madison, MN Kiwanis Club
- **Cheryl Lane**, Minot Kiwanis Club
- **Karen Black**, Rapid City Westside Kiwanis Club
- **Don Felmlee**, Red Wing Golden K Kiwanis Club
- **Colleen Hyde**, Vikingland Kiwanis Club

Recipients received a Distinguished Member lapel pin and letter of recognition. In addition, they are invited to attend a special reception in their honor at the Kiwanis International Convention in Nashville.

The criteria and online submission form for the current 2008-2009 Kiwanis year can be found on the Kiwanis International website:

<http://www.kiwanisone.org/MemberResources/Membership/DistinguishedMemberForm.aspx>

Please note that there are some changes from the previous year. Deadline for submission is October 15, 2009.



# Volunteers hit the Fargo/Moorhead Area Just as Hard as the River

3/29/2009 - Submitted by: Clover Ellingson

Volunteers came from all over the nation. Classes at school were canceled. National News came to report. Our community was praised by Obama for our service to our community. But to be here to live and see it, that's another story.

Last week Monday and Tuesday, students from the high schools were let out to go volunteer. The students either had a parent request to leave school and work on their own, or a parent release to work together as a school. There were over 600 students a day signed up to work on parent release just from Fargo North alone. They started at 9 AM and went to 1:30 PM. Many of these students would just take a break and go back out and start again. Imagine, take just 3 days times 5 hours and then times 100 students...The effort was breath taking, history making and showed the rest of the world what we are made of.

The Fargo/Moorhead area is not out of the woods yet. We have at least 7 more days to be on alert. All next week, school is canceled. Then there will be the cleanup. Service leadership and volunteering by our youth will be critical. Be proud of Kiwanis, Key Leader, and Key Club in our area. They made a difference. Thank you.

This morning a great video was produced to give a little bit of the feel of the magnitude of this event. Just click on the address and it should play for you. In service, Clover Ellingson, Fargo, ND.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zdxwROYTgE>

## Kiwanis One Day- Region 7

Submitted by: Kathy Welle

MN-Dakotas Region 7, Kiwanis Clubs will recognize Kiwanis One Day April 4, 2009. Several Kiwanis Clubs are bringing the spirit of service alive, by hosting "**Kids Against Hunger**" food campaign on April 4, 2009. The event will take place at Fridley Middle School, 6100 W. Moore Lake Drive, Fridley, MN 55432 on Saturday, April 4, 2009, 9:00am-noon. All community members are encouraged to come out and support this worthy cause.

The energy, commitment and camaraderie surrounding this single day make the experience of hands-on service even more gratifying for our members as they make an immediate, measurable impact on the community.

Kiwanis One Day ("One Way, One Day, One K") was designated by Kiwanis Int'l in order to unite all youth and adult members from different parts of the Kiwanis Family together in service. For more information, please contact Kathy Welle at [kwelle@yahoo.com](mailto:kwelle@yahoo.com)

## New District Shirt Selected

Submitted by: Bill Lardy

Pictured wearing the prototype of the new Minnesota Dakotas District shirts are Governor Bill Lardy (wearing men's large) and Past Governor Jean Collins (wearing ladies' medium). The shirts will have the Minnesota Dakotas logo on them.

It has been a few years since we have had District shirts available for sale. These bright blue shirts will allow us uniformity at International and District Conventions. These sport shirts are Port Authority Dry Zone Ottoman.

You may order them for \$27 + \$2 postage from District Secretary Stephen Handegaard. *(To order mail your name, mailing address, phone number & email, quantity of shirts, your men or ladies shirt size and check to the Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Office, P.O. Box 735, Dalton, MN 56324. Make your check payable to Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis District.)* When 75 have been ordered we will place the order. Order early to have your shirt by International Convention. (If you would like to pick up your shirt at the District Convention, please let us know that, so we can save some postage and handling.)



Available sizes:

Ladies: XS--XXL, Plus 1X, Plus 2X

Men: XS--6XL

Sizes above 1XL add \$1.50.

## Free photo downloads help tell the Kiwanis story

Clubs wanting a few good images showing children or adults helping children to use in their club print material or on their Web site are in luck. Go to [www.KiwanisOne.org/images](http://www.KiwanisOne.org/images) for full-color, print-ready professional images in jpeg format ready for download. Bonus: these images also are within Kiwanis graphic standards and photography philosophy.

Most images are about 9.5 inches x 14 inches, and easily cropped or reduced to smaller size for use in various collateral pieces or on the Web. The images are hand-selected by the Kiwanis International design team and supplied to clubs for promotion of their service projects. You, or a vendor working on your behalf, have permission to use this image for club promotional purposes mentioned. The select images will be rotated out at least once per year with new options, so bookmark [www.KiwanisOne.org/images](http://www.KiwanisOne.org/images) for new design resources next year.

The Image Library in [www.KiwanisOne.org](http://www.KiwanisOne.org)'s Downloads also contain photos for use in promoting Key Club. Photos for promoting the other Service Leadership programs will be coming soon. Check back in April or May for CKI photos.

## Upcoming District and Regional Events

April 4, 2009	Kiwanis One Day
April 18, 2009	Region 6 Governor's Visit and Conference – Hutchinson, MN
May 1-3, 2009	Lt. Governor Education Conference - Fergus Falls, MN
May 15-16, 2009	District Past Governor's Meeting - Fergus Falls, MN
June 25-28, 2009	Kiwanis International Convention – Nashville, TN
July 31-Aug. 2, 2009	Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention – Watertown, SD
October 2-4, 2009	Key Leader Weekend, Clitherall, MN

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