

Minnekotan

Minnesota Dakotas District of Kiwanis International

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A Message from the Governor

The District Convention team has lined up a great District Convention for you in Watertown, South Dakota. If you have not attended a District Convention it is worth the time and expense. And remember to ask your club to help as this is an educational event and the club can use club service or admin funds to reimburse members expenses whether full or partial. Carol and Racheal have lined up some great educational forums and speakers and the Watertown Kiwanis Club has lots of fun things planned. If you have not yet registered, please do so at this [link](#).

I want to talk about our MNDK District's financial future and a resolution that will be introduced at the House of Delegates meeting to increase the district dues. This did not come easy since we still have funds in the bank account. Rest assured, our District is not facing an immediate financial crisis, Our last dues increase was in 2007 but unfortunately 8 years after this dues adjustment the district was once again dealing with negative budget numbers due

to dropping membership. The board has cut several budget line items and reduced travel by using online meetings as a training tool for Lt Governor training and Board and Executive team meetings.

The board has approved a resolution to present to the delegates to increase district dues by \$20 to help cover the cost associated with operating the district office, salary for our full time Treasure/Secretary and travel expenses for the Lt Governor teams and district officers. MNDK is currently one of the districts with the lowest District dues. All members and clubs have worked hard to increase our district membership and opened new clubs. So please consider starting a **membership team** in your club or join the **District Club building team**.

Enjoy the Summer and hope to see you in Watertown SD in August.

Convention motto: Team Work

Together

Everyone

Achieves

More

5 steps for succeeding as a team

- Maintain open communication.
- Establish a shared goal.
- Ensure all team members stay committed.
- Prepare your team to adapt together.
- Create an environment of respect.



A Message from the Secretary Treasurer

Can you believe that we only have 3 months left of this Kiwanis year? And a busy time it going to be!

The district convention is just over 1 month away so you and your club should be making plans to attend. Each club is entitled to 3 delegates. Who will they be? How much financial support will you give them? These are things your board should be discussing now. As far as financial support is concerned, those dollars can come from either Administrative or Service funds.

This year the House of Delegates will be discussing and voting on a dues increase for the district. We have not had an increase in our district dues since 2007. Your club president and secretary will receive a copy of the proposed Resolution via email 30 days prior to convention. This gives your members a chance to discuss the resolution and inform your delegates how they should vote. Make sure that your club is represented.

Early registration closes on July 10th. After that the price will go up.

There are two pages devoted to the convention on the website. Information and

updates about the convention can be found at: <https://k13.site.kiwanis.org/dcon/>

Online registration is on a separate page at <https://k13.site.kiwanis.org/district-convention-registration/>

Your club should also be collecting:

- An item for the Educational Foundation Silent Auction
- An item for the Kiwanis Children's Fund Raffle
- Used books for the book sale
- School supplies for the District Service project donation to the local Salvation Army.

MNDAK Online Eclub Members Headed to Mission SD

Following the district convention in Watertown, several members of the Online Eclub are going to Mission SD. What's there, you ask? Our club's Signature project, the Boys & Girls Club of Rosebud is located there. We decided earlier this year that we needed to do more than just send checks, we need to put our backs into the project. We will be reading to the kids, helping in the garden, repairing and building a fence and several other projects that need doing. The needs are great. That's why, we are inviting anyone who is in SD for the convention and would like to help us with this project to COME ON DOWN. We're still working out the details but you can contact the district office at kiwanisdistrict.mndak@hotmail.com for information, or visit [the Online Eclub's Facebook page.](#)

Sharon Scudder
District Leadership
and Development
Coordinator



LIVE, LAUGH AND LEARN IN JULY

Happy 4th of July. Celebrate your freedom and be thankful for our freedom of choice, happiness and being a Kiwanian.

We have some exciting times ahead of us to learn and communicate with each other. I want to thank all the Lt Governor teams for attending our 4-time zoom training classes. Being my first time, I hope you found some benefit and value in the training that was presented. I want to thank Cindy Braseth because without her, the training could not have taken place, and her zoom and technology skills was key in my delivery.

I want to thank Carol for the guidance she gave to me and some tools that were very helpful, Governor Brad for his participation and message, Chris Martz from Kiwanis International for sharing vital information on membership, Bruce Klair, District Membership and Engagement Coordinator for his presentation on Membership, Brad Boyd for the support he always lends when we ask and more importantly I want to thank the new Lt Governor Teams for participating. Zoom is not an easy way to

train but it is flexible, it saved money and hopefully it started you on your way, however, if you didn't get enough of me, Cindy recorded all the sessions.

Looking forward to CLE (CLUB LEADERSHIP EDUCATION) at the District Convention in Watertown, SD on August 9-11. I believe Lowell Disrud will be teaching this class. New officers and Kiwanians thinking of accepting positions in the future should attend. Lowell is a very experienced presenter and you will love him.....So Register now.

Also on CLE training, KI (KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL) will be releasing their new virtual training for the following positions at 8-10 Eastern Time:

AUGUST 5 - Presidents

AUGUST 6 - Secretaries

AUGUST 12 - Treasurers

AUGUST 13- Membership Chairs

The link where you can register is:

https://Kiwanis.formstack.com/forms/virtual_cle2024

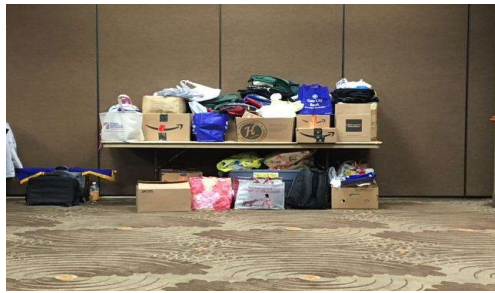
Be sure to Register and call me if you have questions.

Amplify is going on now until September for those who registered, so hope you are engaging and benefiting with this excellent opportunity to learn more on leadership education.

ICON (INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION) will have a session to enhance the experience for those who have registered for the Capstone Session.

Enough for now, Hope to see you at District Convention in Watertown, SD.

District Convention Service Project



With the District Convention just a little over two months away, It is a good time to start thinking about how our clubs can support the Service project that we have chosen for our Convention in Watertown, South Dakota this year. The greatest need for support in the area was determined to be School Supplies, and that can range from Pencils to Backpacks.

So we are asking clubs and members to start acquiring those supplies, so that we can again display our Kiwanis commitment to change the world one child and one community at a time. Thank you for your generosity and support to that end.
Regards,
Dave Harms
District Service Chair



District Convention Memorial Service

Our Sunday Morning Kiwanian Memorial Service at the upcoming 2024 District Convention in Watertown is nearing. This service is a time for us to remember all the

*In
Loving
Memory*

Kiwanians who have passed away since last year's convention. To make this memorable service we ask for your

help by sending the names of those in your Club who have passed away. For the service we will be creating a PowerPoint program with a slide with a picture and short obituary as recognition.

We ask the Club Secretary or other Club Officer to send a list with the name and a link to the funeral home that provided the burial service. In most cases we can pull the information from the Funeral home obituary for the personal Power Point slide. If a funeral home online obituary is not available, please send what you have available for the PowerPoint slide.

Please email your Club list and information to Dave and Paulette Odette at odette@wikel.com Please send us your list by July 20th. This will give us the needed time to prepare the service booklet of names given out on Sunday morning and the PowerPoint program.

2024 District Convention

Hello from Watertown,

The City of Watertown is excited to host the 107th MNDAK District Kiwanis Convention on August 9th, 10th and 11th. This convention will be a little different from others; we will still have the Silent auction (we look forward to your items), the book sale (bring your books), some wonderful breakout sessions, lots of food, fun and fellowship. New this year, instead of diapers, bring school supplies (there is a growing need in our community) and a few surprises.

If you want to arrive on Thursday, here are some things that might interest you. My wife, Maureen, would be disappointed if you didn't take a tour of the 1885 Mellette House where she is a tour guide. It is the home of the last territorial governor who became SD's first governor.

See our new airport terminal, our new 36.5 million dollar ice arena, our Prairie Lakes Wellness Center, the Goss Opera House and our new downtown Community Park Plaza, including the splash pad. Come on Thursday and enjoy a free concert in that new park that night.

Friday Night we'll unwind at the Terry Redlin Art Center with literally hundreds of prints and memories of our childhood days, the charcuterie element (I promise plenty of food) along with beer and mead samples, and like 2017, the Mascots, the four faces of Mt. Rushmore which will be ready to bring history alive and enjoy taking pictures with you.

I'm looking forward to Trivia Night, Saturday Night after the banquet with Circle K and Key Club members plus co-host Mike Butts who will test your knowledge!

You may [register today](#) on the MNDAK website. Also make hotel reservations by

dialing 605-886-8011. Yes! Operators are standing by. The cutoff date is July 10th, after that, the price goes up so call today and save a few bucks.

Of course this wouldn't be possible without YOU the members! This is a time to celebrate all the Kiwanis accomplishments of the past year, to be inspired and learn. Most importantly, our biggest joy is seeing all of YOU!

I hope you will consider the district convention which is meant for YOU!

Thanks a lot!
Jeff Anderson
Convention Planning Committee

Show Division Pride at Convention

On Friday evening, we will be going to the Redlin Center and in the spirit of the theme "TEAM" (Together Each Achieves More), Karen Davis and I have planned some added fun for that event.

We have assigned each division "team" a theme:

Red, White, and Blue - Div 1

Polka Dot - Div 2

Sports Jersey/apparel - Div 3 (any sport is fine, doesn't have to be professional)

Tie-Dye - Div 4

Hawaiian - Div 5

Plaid - Div 6

Disney - Div 7

Get into the spirit! I can't wait to see what everyone comes up with for their outfits.

Take Care,
Katie Landwehr
Lt. Gov Elect, Div



Kiwanis International Children's Fund BUILT FOR SERVICE

We are heading into two very busy months for Kiwanians. International convention in Denver, CO in July, then followed by the MNDAK District Convention in August in Watertown, SD.

Hoping to see many of you in Denver, Co and then more of you in Watertown, SD.

June is the month Club Officers for our 24-25 fiscal year should be voted on. And, this is a good time to plan how to "Thank" and give special recognition to your 23-24 Club Officers and all the member activity during the year.

Just a reminder, if a *Hixon Award* or any other award from Kiwanis is your choice of recognition, the funds for the awards go to the Children's Fund and is counted toward the Club and District annual goal.

An update for the District Giving report for May 31, 2024, shows a total, of \$33,356.00. This year's challenge is to increase *each club giving amount by 10%*, and increase the number of clubs by 10% as well. If possible, any clubs who haven't submitted the annual

contribution, should consider submitting their contribution during July and August. Due to processing time, September Contributions may not be recorded for 2023-2024.

By the way, there is a special recognition at the Kiwanis Int'l Convention in July, for the Minnesota Dakotas District during the Children's Fund Luncheon. Because we met the President's Challenge for the fiscal year 22-23. That challenge was to increase the total giving by 10%. We did it!! Join the other Kiwanis Clubs and Kiwanians in making a difference in Children's lives in your communities and other areas.

Reminder: The Children's Fund now has Micro Grants available for clubs looking for extra funds for projects. Check out the details on the www.kiwanis.org website under Children's Fund.

On behalf of the **Kiwanis Children's Fund** team, I want to thank all the clubs who continue to support now and in the past and to the additional clubs who will contribute, for your support and commitment to help the kids.

Yours in service,
Kathy Welle,
District Children's Fund Chair

#KidsNeedKiwanis

Minnesota-Dakotas

Kiwanis Educational Foundation, Inc.



A Message from the Minnesota Dakotas Educational Foundation

Sandy Teubner, Board Member

Wow! It is July 4th soon and as I have heard many say in the Midwest, “summer is half-way over by the 4th of July”. Soon our young adults will be getting ready to move to college and everyone will be shopping for school supplies. Where does the time go?

Speaking of college students, our District Educational Foundation recently awarded 54, \$750 scholarships. If your club had the honor of a student receiving this wonderful scholarship, please consider increasing it up to \$1,000 as many clubs opt to do this. The club should notify Lowell Disrud at 701-238-5249 and mail a check to the following address ASAP, but no later than August 1st.

Minnesota -Dakotas Kiwanis Educational
Foundation

c/o Lowell Disrud

1106 – 14th St. N.

Fargo ND 58102

PLUS invite your scholarship recipient & parents to come to a Kiwanis meeting and share with your members their college plans

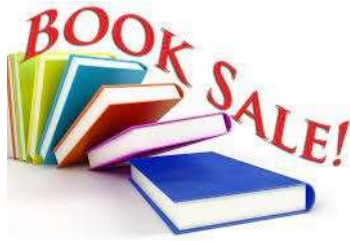
and course of study. We have had that practice in my club in Harvey ND for several years, as we have three annual scholarships through the Foundation. This could be their parents first exposure to a Kiwanis club and could be your next new members???

Maybe there is a Circle K club at the college the student is attending. Expose them to Kiwanis early, after all, they did receive a Kiwanis scholarship and they may be a future member in a club anywhere in the world during or after college. Just one seed of knowledge/exposure may plant roots for a future in Kiwanis.... even Kiwanis leadership may be in their future.

Once again, you only have three months left in this fiscal year to become a member of the “Century Club” by contributing \$100 to the Minnesota-Dakota’s Foundation. The contribution form is available on the [MNDAK website](#). Checks can be made out and mailed to the above address in this article.

Thank you for your club’s past, current and future contributions to the Foundation.





2024 Convention Used Book Sale

Time is getting closer for this big event. Get your previously read books gathered up. If you stop by the store to pick up some groceries, have them loaded in a paper bag and bring that along with your books. Paper bags make the "Bag Sale" easy for your take home books. Volunteer helpers are needed to make this a success.

Laura Tjomsland
Used Book Coordinator

Delegates to District Convention

Each club is entitled to have 3 delegates represent them at the convention House of Delegates. Delegates must be certified by the club secretary using the [Club Delegate Certification Form](#).

If you are registered for the convention and will be representing your club as a delegate, make sure the Club Delegate Certification Form has been sent to the District Office. Instructions are on the Form.



Harvey Kiwanis Sponsors Joint Softball Dugout Project with Harvey Lions Club

by Dave Voeller, Harvey Kiwanis

The final product stands behind Harvey Kiwanis members Delvin Hansen, Sandy Teubner and Jared Hanson. Complete with benches and a fence, the dugouts look amazing. Without doubt members of our club as well as the Harvey Lions club are proud of the accomplishment of facilitating the effort to bring two dugouts to another ball field in Harvey. Fundraising for the project was no small task but when the players are gathered in them and competition is in the air, the efforts will feel so worthwhile.



Signature Project

Submission:

Kiwanis Club of Madison SD Community Pancake Day

Our Pancake Dinner has been a part of our community for the past 58 years. It basically has become a tradition with people looking forward to eating our delicious pancakes with their family and friends.

In 2020, the year of the pandemic, we decided to not cancel our event, but to provide carry out and drive-up delivery. It was a huge success; we continue to offer this yet today.

Years ago, 4 to 5 of our of members were part of a barbershop quartet and entertained the crowd. Today, we still have a member who was part of that, sing to the crowd.

Along with the Pancake Dinner, we have 15 to 20 baskets that are donated by members and business places that are raffled off. We raised \$950.00 and this was donated to Junior Achievement. They teach financial literacy to grades 1 through High School in South Dakota.

The prior year we raised \$750.00 that was donated to Domestic Violence.

Our nursing home, Bethel Lutheran, and the residents love our pancake dinner. Members donate tickets to the home and the residents are provided pancake dinners. They get so excited for our pancakes. We find it very rewarding to partner with the various entities in Madison to help create this great tradition. Our community is so fortunate to enjoy this event each year. Our Pancake dinner fundraiser benefits so many children and organizations.

Have a Great Service Project to Share?

You can feature it here in the Minnekotan. Just email Cindy Braseth, District Secretary Treasurer with an article and a photo or two and watch for it in an upcoming issue.

A short concise word document or even text in the body of an email will work.

Email: kiwanisdistrict.mndak@outlook.com

Watch for our Special Edition Report following the International Convention early next week!!