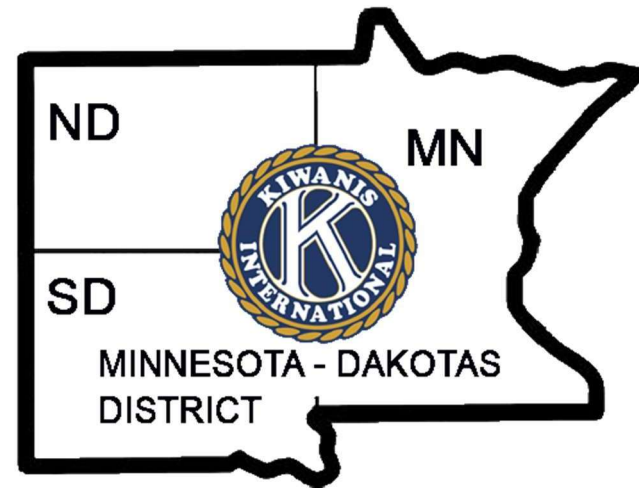


Awards Luncheon

**Kiwanis International
Minnesota-Dakotas District
107th Annual District Convention**



**August 10, 2024
12:00pm - 1:30pm**

**Ramkota Best Western
Watertown, SD**

Star Awards



Background:

There are many Kiwanians in our district who serve their clubs and their communities with unwavering commitment who are never recognized. This award is an opportunity for clubs to acknowledge those efforts by Division nomination, and to publicly recognize and honor them before their peers at the district convention.

Criteria for Award:

All currently paid members of the Minnesota Dakotas District are eligible for the award with the exception of current club presidents, current immediate past presidents, current presidents elect, current vice presidents, current governor and current Lt. Governors. District board members that don't fit the above description are eligible for the award, including club secretaries and treasurers.

Process:

Each club in the district is allowed to nominate ONE member for the award each year. The deadline is April 1st to your Lt. Governor. Each division determines their own process to select ONE Kiwanian for the award from that division. The Lt. Governor of each division must submit the division winner to the District Office by May 1st.

Clubs are to submit written justification as to why the member selected deserves to be the "Division Star" for their division.

Distinguished Club Awards for 2022-23 Steve Handegaard, 2022-23 Governor

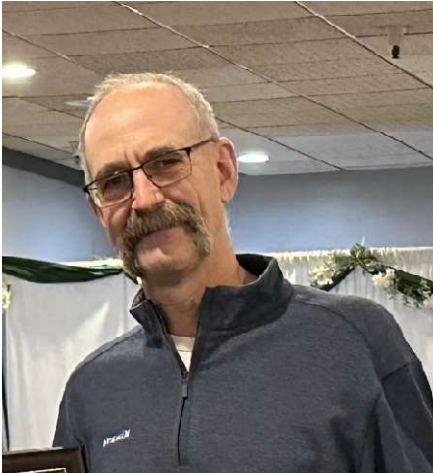
The criteria for the 2022-2023 Distinguished Club Award were based on a combination of KI recommendations and my goals as District Governor. Monthly club reports were used to gather the information for each club. The primary criteria considered were:

- Timely submission of Club Monthly and other reports
- Membership stability efforts
- Improving the club experience
- Support of Service Leadership Programs
- Financial support of the KI Children's Fund and Minnesota-Dakotas Outreach Fund

Division 7

Vern Yetzer

Kiwanis Club of Rochester Sunrisers



Vern has been a member of our club for 14 years and has been an invaluable and one of our most active members for quite some time. He readily serves as our club secretary, having done so for many years.

Beyond having the most demanding officer position, Vern has also taken the lead and completed most of the planning for the all-club (4 clubs in Rochester) Kiwanis Hockey Festival, where we just

completed our 30th tournament and have raised more than \$750,000 overall. Our club is also active in Reading Oasis and more recently took on a project writing pen pal letters to elementary school students. Both are organized and curated by Vern – he ensures that any gaps in the Reading Oasis schedule are covered and single-handedly organizes the pen pal program.

Beyond his Kiwanis activities, Vern is active in his church and until recently volunteered with the Elder Network, taking clients to medical appointments when they cannot drive. He is also an active hockey referee and spends many evenings at the hockey rink and also serves as an election judge. He is a past member and chairman on the Rochester Park Board. His major hobby is cycling, having done long trips across the country and in Europe. He also spends time with his family, recently celebrating the birth of his 11th grandchild.

Overall, our nominating committee unanimously chose Vern, and also received additional support for him from others who we were being considered for this nomination, which is a testament to Vern's vital contributions that make our small club thrive.

Program Agenda

Master of Ceremonies..... Bradley Knudson

Lunch:

Welcome.....Bradley Knudson

Remarks.....Scott Sims, International Trustee/Counselor

Division Star Awards.....Carol Nitschke

2022-23 Distinguished Club Award.....Steve Handegaard

Closing.....Bradley Knudson

Menu

Salad

Florentine Chicken

Steamed carrots

Roasted Red Potatoes

Malibou Vegetables

Beverage

Division 1

Timothy Huseth

Harvey Kiwanis Club



In 1982, Tim Huseth was invited to join Harvey Kiwanis which was just the beginning of 42 years unfailing commitment to Kiwanis and community. Tim was a board member, vice president many times and president four times since 1989. Tim served on scholarship and nominating committees and has worked diligently with Kiwanis projects and encouraging others.

Tim is married to Beth; they have three adult children and enjoy their grandchildren and traveling. Tim has served at fund raising and service events too numerous to mention. Most recently, he chaired a year-long celebration for Harvey Kiwanis 100-year anniversary. Planning

events each month throughout the year including rock painting, scavenger hunt, essay contest "What service means to me", sponsored kids movie and read books about service at the school. The culmination was a dinner banquet to honor Kiwanis in Harvey.

Tim has served in many capacities in church, Sunday school and confirmation teacher, church council and strategic planning. He is currently serving on the church senate council. Tim is very community minded and enjoys being involved especially to improve the lives of our kids.

Tim worked 40 years as Executive Director at HAV-IT in Harvey, where he supported people with developmental disabilities in the community with employment and living. He was president on both North Dakota State Developmental Disabilities Council and North Dakota Association of Community Facilities. Also, a member of the Harvey Jaycee's, Chamber of Commerce, Harvey Centennial Singers, Harvey City Band, Harvey Eagles club, Cub Scouts, and Library Board.

Division 6

James Bock

Fairmont Uptown Kiwanis



Jim joined Kiwanis in November 1974 while working in Jefferson, Iowa. With the March 1975 Board Meeting, He became their Secretary and added Treasurer in June 1975 and was their Secretary/Treasurer through October 1980 even though he took a job in Oskaloosa Iowa in June of 1980 and becoming Oskaloosa's Secretary/Treasurer with the start of the 1980-1981 Kiwanis Year until he moved to Fairmont MN in October 1983.

He became Treasurer of the Fairmont Early Risers Club at the start of the 1984-1985 Kiwanis year and added

Secretary in January 1985. With the help of two members, he published a weekly newsletter. A job changed in January 1994, he joined the Armstrong IA Club, becoming President in 1997-1998. The club closed in April 1998, when he rejoined the Fairmont Club.

While in the Nebraska-Iowa District of Kiwanis, he received the Distinguished Secretary Award 8 times and 12 more times in Minnesota.

He volunteered to be Lt. Gov. Elect after the 2011 District Convention. He served a second term as Lt. Gov. because the new Lt. Gov. Elect was promoted and unable to fulfill the responsibilities. He then stayed on another year, for a total of 7 years.

He has perfect attendance since joining Kiwanis. He has been Secretary for a total of 36 years and Treasurer for 26 years. He is a Life Member of the Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis Foundation, and Minnesota-Dakotas Education Foundation, a Joseph E Messer Fellowship, and at the International, he is a Hixon and a Charter Zeller.

Community activities include treasurer Habitat for Humanity of Martin-Faribault Counties (13 years), and was treasurer his church (28 years). He is the treasurer of a family LC (24 years).

Division 5

Curt Trego

Kiwanis Club of Watertown



Curt has been a member of Kiwanis for 34 years. Curt gives back to the community by being an active member of Kiwanis. He has served as the Club's president as well serving on the board numerous times, including currently. He has assisted both times the Club hosted the District Conference. He is always willing to do whatever for the youth of the community.

As well as his involvement with Kiwanis, Curt serves on the advisory board member of Providence Solutions of South Dakota. He has served as a past executive board member for Watertown

Development Company along with serving as the 2019 campaign cabinet and advanced gift co-chair. Curt also served as an advanced gift co-chair for the Boys and Girls Club building capital campaign in 2017. He is a past president of the Lake Area Technical Foundation Board of Directors. In addition, Curt acted as a United Way board member and campaign chair, as well as a past board member of the Watertown Baseball Association and the Salvation Army.

Curt is currently the Community Bank President for First Bank & Trust in Watertown. He has thirty-five years of banking experience.

An Aberdeen, SD, area native, Curt received a Bachelor of Science degree from Northern State University in Aberdeen. When he's not working, Curt enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time with family. Curt and his wife Shelly reside in rural Watertown, where they raised three children.

Curt's involvement in Kiwanis as well as his dedication to the Watertown community emphasize why our Watertown Kiwanis Club nominates him for the 2024 Division Star Award.

Division 2

James Kenward

Fargo Rough Riders Kiwanis Club



Wherever the need is, Jim has been there, whether it's fundraising or service. Some activities of note: Brat Sales, Fargo Air Show Host, Coupon Book Sales for Department Store. Leader, role model and recruiter. Service: Special Olympics with activities in Olympic Town, Special Olympics Pancake Breakfast, Reading to Children in preschool, park clean up, playground restoration and implementation.

Jim's leadership as District PR chair created an elevated level of involvement in MNDK, inviting clubs to let

communities know what Kiwanians are doing. Jim provided information to assist and support leadership skills that supported members in their leadership role.

Because of his wisdom and experience he has been asked to serve as advisor to the club board of directors for the past 10 years. Two years ago, Jim suggested that our club meet the fourth Monday of each month in the evening instead of at noon. This allows members who can't attend at noon to attend at least one meeting a month. Members are encouraged to bring family members and guests. Jim arranges to have an interesting speaker each month and makes it a fun and informative social event. He has chaired this event since the club implemented it. Jim Kenward has actively guided and helped on every fundraising and service project in his 31 years of membership.

Rough Riders look to Jim's advice and leadership in all areas. He is an active member of Olivet Lutheran Church, a regular blood donor, leads by being open to ideas and ready for change and his sense of humor is encouraging to be aro

Division 3

Brandon Anderson

Kiwanis Club of St Cloud



Brandon has been an integral part of our local Kiwanis group even prior to being an official member. Brandon's professional job is a graphic designer, so he immediately jumped into helping us create marketing materials with a wonderful brand and design. He has redesigned all our marketing materials including items for our golf outing, Farmers market booth, that's how I roll event, student certificates and more. Brandon is always willing to volunteer for projects and is ready to tackle any job that needs to be done.

Our largest fundraiser of the year is our golf tournament, and we need to put our best foot forward with our marketing to ensure success. Brandon designs and prints all the materials for the golf tournament, from the brochures to all the signage at the event. He helps reach out to companies for sponsorships or donations. He also helps with the set up and any clean-up on the day of the tournament.

Brandon says yes to a wide range of opportunities to serve. He has helped serve breakfast at our local Salvation Army and works at our Farmers market booth in the summer. He is passionate about these projects and wants to ensure their success.

The past few years Brandon was part of a corporate membership, so wasn't listed as an official member. That didn't prevent him from serving and becoming a board member. He has developed strong relationships with all members of our local Kiwanis chapter. Brandon is positive, fun and truly enjoys helping the children in our community. He is truly deserving of the Division Star award.

Division 4

Karen Everett

Lead/Deadwood Kiwanis Club



Karen's 25-year journey with Lead-Deadwood Kiwanis Club, starting in 1999, is a testament to her unwavering dedication and selflessness. Rising through club offices, including the Membership Chair and a Club Presidency term in 2017-2018. Currently serving as Club Secretary since 2022, her commitment to excellence remains constant.

Karen's the force behind signature events like the Lead-Deadwood Kiwanis Club's annual Lenten Fish Fry, a cherished community event and fundraiser for four consecutive years. Her selflessness goes beyond Kiwanis; she volunteers for community and school activities, organizing basketball tournaments and fostering creativity through initiatives like the Boys and Girls Club Lego Contest.

Championing educational initiatives such as the Lead-Deadwood High School STEAM Fair, Karen fosters the next generation's passion for learning. She also orchestrates culinary and fundraising events like the Community Cheesecake Sampler and Hor D'oeuvres Competition, bringing local residents together over delectable treats.

In essence, Karen embodies service and positivity within Lead-Deadwood Kiwanis Club and the broader community. Karen is a spark plug for the club. She is a can-do type of person whose typical response is "Yes, I can and will do that" and she does. She always has a smile.