

The Detroit Lakes

# KIWANIS

# NEWS

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY JULY 2009

- 03 – Ryan Weum
- 14 – Tim Teragawa
- 18 – Dennis Schurman
- 18 – Sue Prouty
- 20 – Jim Shoemaker
- 22 – Madalyn Sukke
- 22 – Christine Burnside
- 26 – Craig Caulfield
- 27 – Doug Froke



### *Greetings from the Prez!*

I am fresh from Nashville and the Kiwanis International Convention. I have one over-riding observation – our club is doing everything right!

Here are examples of the problems that were voiced and what our club already does: 1. Clubs should be more social/**We have 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Socials.** 2. Clubs should not be a bunch of old men/**Our club has a full range of ages, and 26 of 92 members are women.** 3. Membership numbers are declining/**We run a membership campaign periodically.** 4. Start the meeting on a welcoming note/**We have a greeter.** 5. Lighten the mood at meetings/**Our happy dollars is lighthearted, and we announce birthdays.** 6. Clubs don't know what their purpose is/**We adopted a mission statement and read it at every meeting.** 7. Make your club tech savvy/**We have a website and communicate by email.** 8. The community does not know what we do/**We submit photos and stories to the newspaper.** 9. We have too many fundraisers/**Our club has one large fundraiser.**

I will close with two thoughts. First, without at least some small effort on everybody's part, our club would not be the healthy club it is. Second, congratulations. Your efforts are keeping our club healthy.

~ Jeff Stowman

## KIWANIS ED

Club delegates approved in principle the establishment of Kiwanis districts at the Providence, Rhode Island, convention in 1918. The purpose of Kiwanis districts is to promote communication and interchange between clubs and assist in carrying out the administrative responsibilities of Kiwanis International. Most of the original 29 districts were organized by the end of that year.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Key Club kick-off was held at the City Park on **June 16<sup>th</sup>**. 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday social was held at Bleachers on **June 30<sup>th</sup>**.

***DL KIWANIS CLUB MISSION:***  
**To serve the children of the world and our community with special concern for their health, safety and development**

NOTE: District meeting is July 31 – August 2<sup>nd</sup> in Watertown, SD.

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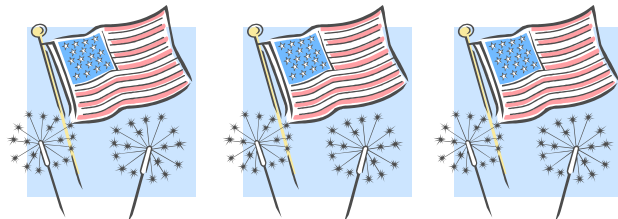
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[www.kiwanisdL.org](http://www.kiwanisdL.org) (LOCAL), [www.mndak-kiwanis.org](http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org) (DISTRICT), or [www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org) (INTERNATIONAL)

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**Kiwanis Lottery -- it's better than Powerball!** Your chances are better with us! The drawing on July 7th will be \$60; that's .42% chance to win (Powerball is only .0008%).

*Have a safe and fun 4<sup>th</sup>!*





## JUNE PROGRAM BRIEFS

2<sup>nd</sup> – Guests: Bill Blain; Shirleen Lee (Miquette’s cousin)

**Program:** Tom Klyve, chair. Miquette Denie spoke about TeachHaiti.

**Drawing:** [Dave Schiller \(#80\) lost out on \\$10.00.](#)

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9<sup>th</sup> – Guests:

**Program:** LoAnn Thompson , chair. Bonnie Juma, a Life Coach, explained what life coaching is and how it can benefit or apply to one’s life. Her guest, Jerry Nelson, gave a testimonial about how life coaching and working with Bonnie has helped him.

**Drawing:** [Jodi Ahles \(#46\) lost out on \\$20.00.](#)

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16<sup>th</sup> – Guests:

**Program:** Kris Smith, chair. John Postovit, Floyd Shores Lake Association and COLA representative, spoke.

**Drawing:** [Justin Kirkevold \(#34\) lost out on \\$30.00.](#)

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23<sup>rd</sup> – Guests: Jim Sinclair and Cara Berger (w/Bill B.)

**Program:** Jeff Grabow, chair. Becker County Administrator, Brian Berg, spoke on the issues facing the county.

**Drawing:** [Mark Hagedorn \(#74\) lost out on \\$40.00.](#)

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30<sup>th</sup> – Guests: Kate Smith (w/dad Kris); Sallee Stowman (w/dad Jeff); Cara Frank (2008 NWC admiral).

**Program:** Karen Skoyles, chair. Melissa Opsahl, 74<sup>th</sup> water carnival admiral, spoke.

**Drawing:** [Matt Hedstrom \(#18\) lost out on \\$50.00.](#)

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### **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT** (New members Bill Blain and Cassie Disse)

**Name:** William "Bill" Blain.

**Family:** My wife, Virginia "Ginny" Blain of 54 years is my best friend and close to my side most of the time. We have four daughters with families that consist of eleven grandchildren and four great grandchildren...all scattered across the country.

**Occupation:** I spent several years at UND completing a bachelors and masters degree, then service in the USAF and 30 some years in higher ed administration at UND and NDSU. My position at NDSU was as Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Director of the Memorial Union. It was a great time. I retired in 1994. Since that time I became an apprentice cowboy on my son-in-law and daughter's ranch in the North Dakota Badlands.

**Miscellaneous:** Ginny and I now live in our home on Lake Melissa. In years past I was an active private pilot and I enjoy sailing and the grim sport of golf. While living in Fargo I enjoyed Kiwanis membership in the Rough Rider Club for 20 years and served as president and lieutenant governor. I look forward to joining you here in Detroit Lakes.

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**Name:** Casandra Vigesaa-Disse

**Family:** Husband - Mark Disse, who owns Clean Car Auto Service in DL. We do not have any children but do have 5 dogs that keep us busy.

**Occupation:** I am a Licensed Social Worker at Oak Crossing (formally St. Mary's Nursing Center). I also work part-time as the Business Manager for the Humane Society of the Lakes.

**Hobbies/Interests:** I enjoy scrapbooking, reading, playing with our pets, traveling and spending time with friends and family.

**Miscellaneous:** Graduated from MSUM in 2003 with a Bachelors in Social Work.

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

*Life in the twentieth century is like a parachute jump; you have to get it right the first time.* ~ Margaret Mead  
(applies to the 21<sup>st</sup> century, too! ~ Becky)

*Ponder this* (quote from Steven Wright)

*If you mixed vodka with orange juice and milk of magnesia, would you get a Philip's Screwdriver?*

## **OFFICERS 2009-2010**

Calendar Year: October 1 through September 30

<b>President</b>	.....	<b>Jeff Stowman</b>
<b>President-Elect</b>	.....	<b>Beth Pridday</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	.....	<b>Cyndi Anderson</b>
<b>Past President</b>	.....	<b>Claire Tinjum</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	.....	<b>Madalyn Sukke</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	.....	<b>Lou Guzek</b>

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Kiwanis Calendar Year: October 1 through September 30

<b>Katie Lundmark*</b>	.....	<b>Oct. 1 2008-Sept 30 2009</b>
<b>Brian Burhans</b>	.....	<b>Oct. 1 2007-Sept 30 2009</b>
<b>Kimberly Wegleitner</b>	.....	<b>Oct. 1 2007-Sept 30 2010</b>
<b>Ryan Tangen</b>	.....	<b>Oct 1 2007-Sept 30 2010</b>
<b>Christine Burnside*</b>	.....	<b>Oct 1 2008-Sept 30 2011</b>
<b>Howard Hansen*</b>	.....	<b>Oct 1 2008-Sept 30 2011</b>

Board of Directors can serve two (2) consecutive two-year terms.

The exception is when an incoming Director is fulfilling the obligations of a Director moving into an officer's role or in a correction year (noted by \*).