

FACT SHEET ON KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL AND THE MINNESOTA-DAKOTAS (MN-DAK) KIWANIS DISTRICT

Kiwanis International (KI) is an international, coeducational organization of service clubs founded in 1915.

KI is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Kiwanis Clubs are found in more than 80 national and geographic areas.

Current membership in Kiwanis including the entire family of clubs is nearly 600,000.

Kiwanians raised more than \$100 million last year worldwide.

Kiwanians reported over 18 million volunteer hours last year worldwide.

KI is a volunteer-led organization headed by a Board of Trustees consisting of 19 members: 15 elected trustees, 4 elected officers, and an executive director (paid position).

There are approximately 115 employees in KI; most working at KI headquarters in Indianapolis, IN.

KI trustees serve a three-year term, with 5 trustees elected at the international convention each year. As set out in the Bylaws, 9 trustees are elected from the U.S. and Pacific Canada Region, 1 trustee is elected from the Canada & Caribbean Region, 2 trustees from the European Region, 2 trustees from Asia-Pacific, and 1 trustee elected "at large" from any region other than the U.S. and Pacific Canada region. The elected officers include V.P., president-elect, president and immediate past president. The executive director is a full time employee who is responsible for the organization's paid staff and serves as a non-voting member of the board.

There are 7 regions that make-up KI: Africa, Asia-Pacific; Canada and Caribbean; Europe; Latin America; Middle East; and U.S. and Pacific Canada. The U.S. and Pacific Canada Region incorporate the 50 states of the U.S. as well as British Columbia and the Yukon Territory of Canada.

There are 53 administrative areas called districts in Kiwanis. District boards typically consist of a governor-elect, governor, and immediate-past governor, secretary, treasurer, and several trustees or Lt. Governors. In many districts the secretary and treasurer positions are combined. Normally this is the only paid position in a district. Other officials sometimes receive mileage and other reimbursements for some travel.

A second worldwide service project is currently ongoing called “The Eliminate Project.” This is a global campaign to save or protect millions of mothers and their future babies in partnership with UNICEF. Kiwanis has pledged to raise \$110 million to eliminate tetanus that kills one baby every 9 minutes.

The Motto of Kiwanis is “Serving the Children of the World.” This motto replaced the original motto: “We Build.” The new motto was approved at the International Convention by vote in 2005

The defining statement for Kiwanis is: “Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time.”

The Kiwanis website can be accessed at: <http://Kiwanis.org>
There is a website for members titled, <http://KiwanisOne.org>
Members use their Kiwanis ID to access resources on this website. The ID can be found on the Kiwanis Magazine sent to all members.

There are six Objects of Kiwanis International that were approved by club delegates at the 1924 Convention in Denver, Colorado. These objects have never been changed since that vote. They are listed below:

1. To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
2. To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
3. To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.
4. To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.
5. To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.
6. To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

Kiwanis became international with the addition of the Kiwanis club of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, in 1916.

Worldwide expansion of Kiwanis began in 1962.

Besides district throughout the United States and Canada, Kiwanis Clubs can also be found in the following countries throughout the world: Andean & Central America, Australia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand-South Pacific, Philippine Luzon, Philippine South, Taiwan, Korea, Austria, Belgium-Luxembourg, Czech Republic and Slovakia,

France-Monaco, Germany, Iceland-Faroes, Italy-San Marino, Netherlands, Norden, Poland, and Switzerland-Liechtenstein.

Until 1987 Kiwanis only accepted men as members. Women currently constitute about 26% of total members in KI. The first female president of Kiwanis will be installed at the 2015 convention, the year of the organization's 100th anniversary.

Every year, in the summer, there is a KI convention. These are held all over the world. This summer the convention takes place in Tokyo, Japan from July 17-20. During the summer of 2015, all clubs in the entire Kiwanis family will meet in Indianapolis, Indiana for the 100th anniversary convention, which takes place from June 25-28, 2015.

As of April 2014 there were 207,790 members in Kiwanis Clubs throughout the world. When one totals all members of the entire Kiwanis family there are currently 582,272 total members.

Kiwanis clubs sponsor about 7,000 youth service clubs with nearly 320,000 members.

Kiwanis provides leadership and service opportunities for youth through its Service Leadership Programs (SLP's) which include: Key Club, Circle K, Builders Clubs, K-Kids, and Aktion Clubs. These Kiwanis family clubs are defined below.

Key Club was founded in 1925 in Sacramento, California. It is the oldest and largest service program for high school students in the world. There are currently 264,636 members in 5,081 clubs in 31 nations.

Circle K is the collegiate version of Kiwanis and is known as CKI. The first CKI club was chartered was in 1947. There are currently approximately 13,250 members in 427 clubs in 19 countries. It is the largest service club for college students in the world.

K-Kids is for elementary students with a current membership around 37,900 in 1,264 clubs in 8 nations. These clubs include only students in grades 4-5.

Builders Clubs are for middle school students and there are currently 46,740 members in 1,558 clubs in 18 nations.

Aktion Club is for people with disabilities and currently has 11,930 members in 490 clubs in 8 nations.

The Minnesota-Dakotas District of Kiwanis is known as MN-DAK and includes three states: North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota. There is also one club in Wisconsin (Superior) due to geographic concerns. <http://mndak-kiwanis.org>

MN-DAK officers include a governor, governor-elect, immediate past governor and secretary-treasurer. Only the secretary-treasurer is a paid position. There are also District Directors that serve MN-DAK in various key areas.

MN-DAK is divided into 7 regions with a Lt. Governor, Lt. Governor Elect and Immediate Past Governor serving as the leadership team for each region.

MN-DAK organizes a summer convention in early August. This summer the convention will be held in the Twin Cities of Minnesota from August 8-10, 2014. The next district convention is scheduled for Grand Forks, ND from August 7-9, 2015.

Currently, MN-DAK has 154 clubs. The total clubs for each of the seven regions is:

Region 1:	12 clubs	427 members
Region 2:	21 clubs	797 members
Region 3:	21 clubs	541 members
Region 4:	7 clubs	195 members
Region 5:	24 clubs	729 members
Region 6:	39 clubs	1,122 members
Region 7:	30 clubs	829 members

There are currently two clubs in the MN-DAK District over 100 members: The Fargo Club at 112 and the Mankato Club at 109.