

December 2023

Bear Claw



Kiwanis Holi

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MinnDak CKI District

Letter from the Editor



Hello everyone!

Welcome to the December Bear Claw! I hope all of you are finding time to relax during the new year and are getting excited for more Circle K. While I've been enjoying my time off, I'm happy (and anxious) that school and other activities are starting up again. The District Board has been busy planning for the coming months, and we can't wait for you all to get back into the swing of things! This newsletter is a big one, with multiple club and member spotlights, an FLTC recap, and some other important reminders and upcoming events!

Yours in service,
Maddie Robinson





Our Mission

Developing college and university students into a global network of responsible citizens and leaders with a lifelong commitment to service.

CKI Service Initiatives



**Food
Insecurity and
Homelessness**

**Environmental
Justice**

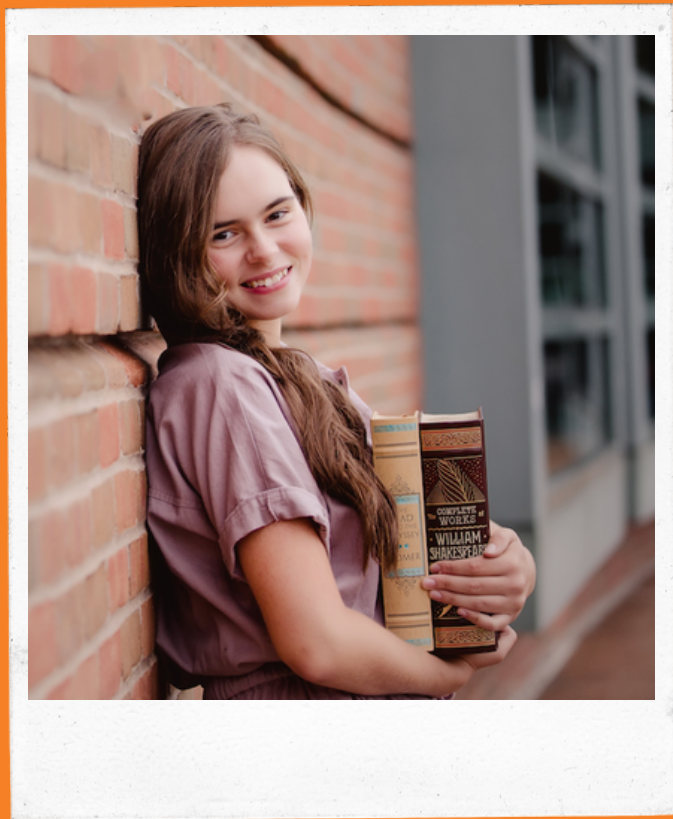
**Child
Development**

**Mental
Health**

District Goal Tracker (...so far!)

79 Members	1 New Club
1,124.25 Service Hours	3 Interclub Events
17 FLTC Attendees	N/A DCON Attendees
8 ICON Attendees	\$0 Fundraised

Member Spotlight



Eva Kangas

**Education major at the
College of St.
Scholastica**

“Eva was selected due to her perseverance and her willingness to learn new things for herself and her club. She has attended workshops put on by the District to assist her club, attended multiple meetings with the District Board as a liaison for her club, is quick and courteous in her emails, and volunteers with her club. In any type of exchange with Eva, she always has a wonderful demeanor. Eva has been in Circle K International for two years and has displayed her own version of what Circle K is and what she can make it become.” -Anna Symens

Circle K Club Spotlight



The College of St. Scholastica Circle K Club Duluth, MN

The College of St. Scholastica Circle K Club has been busy serving their community this year! So far, they've made tie blankets for children in need, created fall/Halloween door decorations for residents of the Benedictine Living Community, and volunteered at Boo at the Zoo!

Kiwanis Family Konnections (KFK)!

In our last newsletter, we mentioned a new program that MinnDak is starting called Kiwanis Family Konnections (KFK).

In this program, Kiwanis members can volunteer information about their career field and job expertise through a paper or electronic form. Then, Circle K members can reach out to Kiwanians for career advice and make connections within the K-Family!

Go to [our website](#) to learn more and start connecting with Kiwanians! Keep an eye on your emails for the password to access the databases!

FLTC 2023

Recap!

From October 13-15, MinnDak hosted our annual Fall Leadership Training Conference at Kiwanis Camp Patterson!

At our conference, we made sensory boards for the LifeScape Specialty School in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, volunteered at Kiwanis Holiday Lights, held workshops about failure, our strengths, and transferable skills, had a movie and campfire night, and played leadership games! Overall, it was an extremely successful conference!

With FLTC now behind us, we cannot wait for DCON 2024 coming up in just over a month!

FLTC 2023 Recap!



**Making sensory
boards!**

**Volunteering at
Kiwanis Holiday
Lights!**



FLTC 2023 Recap!



Workshops!

**Leadership
activities!**



FLTC 2023 Recap!



**Exploring
Mankato!**

**Closing session
and Spirit Stick
giveaway!**



ICON 2024!

Denver,
Colorado!

July 3-5,
2024!

More
info here!

MSU Makes Literacy Packets

On October 17th, the MSU CKI Club held a meeting where members created literacy packets for preschoolers!

In total, MSU created and collected 20 literacy packets to be donated to Love Letters for Literacy!



St. Scholastica Makes Blankets

The College of St. Scholastica CKI Club's first event of the year was making tie blankets for children who are severely ill or traumatized.

Over 65 students attended their meeting and 9 blankets were donated in total!



MSU Goes Trick-or-Treating

MSU's CKI Club went trick-or-treating for UNICEF and collected almost \$80 in donations for Brick x Brick!

They also held a GoFundMe that raised over \$150!



**MinnDak has a new club!
Please welcome Mitchell
Technical College from
Mitchell, South Dakota!**



**Wondering how to recruit
more members for the new
semester?**

**Go to the MinnDak Club
Resources folder to find
helpful tools on how to
recruit more members and
retain them!**

Find the folder here.

Coming soon: DCON!



Our annual **District Convention** will be held February 23-25 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota! The theme is **disco murder mystery!**

Don't miss out on your chance to attend workshops, meet other Circle K'ers across the district, do service projects, elect next year's District Board, and play a fun murder mystery game!

The online registration form is due February 12th!
[Register here.](#)

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