

July 2023



# Bear Claw



**MinnDak CKI District**



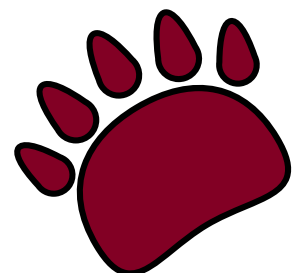
# Letter from the Editor



Hello everyone!

Welcome to the first Bear Claw of the service year! I hope all of you are having wonderful summers and have found time to relax and reset. The MinnDak District Board has very exciting plans for this upcoming year, and we can't wait to serve our communities beside all of you. Read on for more information, as well as important dates, introductions, recaps, and club/member spotlights!

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**

# Meet the District Board!



Governor

**Maddie Duffield**



Secretary-Treasurer

**Annie Lougheed**



Editor

**Maddie Robinson**

# Meet the District Board!



North Star LTG  
**Anna Symens**



Rolling Plains LTG  
**Sunshine Diem**



K-Fam Relations  
**Joseph Albright**



Events Chair  
**Allysa Nelson**

# Meet the Administrators and Trustee!



District Administrator  
**Jason Stewart**



Assistant District  
Administrator  
**Daardi Mixon**



International Trustee  
**Amiya Williams**

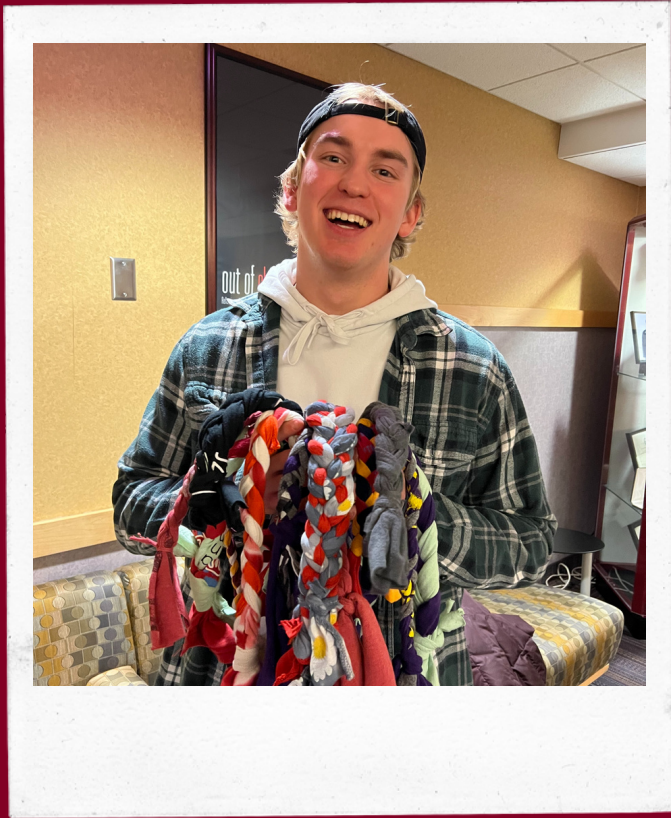
# 2023-2024

## District Goals

<b>150</b> <b>Members</b>	<b>2</b> <b>New Clubs</b>
<b>1800</b> <b>Service Hours</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Interclub Events</b>
<b>25</b> <b>FLTC Attendees</b>	<b>30</b> <b>DCON Attendees</b>
<b>8</b> <b>ICON Attendees</b>	<b>\$1,500</b> <b>Fundraised</b>



# Member Spotlight



**Jonah Brixius**

**Marketing major at  
Minnesota State  
University, Mankato**

**"Jonah Brixius was chosen because of his consistent dedication to club meetings, service projects, and socials. He is always full of energy, helps pitch in whenever he's needed, and encourages others to participate in any type of activity. Jonah never fails to make others laugh or smile from his random jokes, comments, and stories. We also chose to recognize him because of how he continuously creates an inclusive environment that provides a space for others to be themselves in!" - Allysa Nelson**

# Kiwanis Club Spotlight



## Mankato Kiwanis Club

Mankato, MN

**The Mankato Kiwanis Club has been serving the greater Mankato community since 1921! Every year, the Mankato Kiwanis Club takes part in service projects like Kiwanis Holiday Lights and Thunder of Drums.**

# **NDSU Volunteers at the Kiwanis Pancake Karnival**

**"We all had a blast serving the Fargo community and making connections with the Kiwanis members and other volunteers. Of the CKI members who helped, some made the pancake batter and distributed it to the stations and others worked the front line serving the pancakes to the community. This was the first time having the Pancake Karnival since COVID and it was a success!" - NDSU Circle K**



# DCON 2023

## Recap!

Last February, we held our annual District Convention! This last DCON, we did service projects like making gifts for graduating seniors in the area, held workshops about understanding your communication style, engaged in fellowship (which included finding a lost Bubba), and elected our 2023-2024 District Board. DCON 2023 was one of the first large-scale events our district has had post-COVID, so getting members across MinnDak to come together, give back to the community, and connect with each other was a highlight of the past service year! We cannot wait for what this coming year holds!



# DCON 2023

## Recap!



**Service  
projects!**

**Award  
ceremony!**



# DCON 2023 Recap!

**Board  
elections!**



**MinnDak  
fellowship!**

# ICON 2023

## Recap!

Last June, members of MinnDak went to ICON 2023 in Minneapolis, MN (a city in our own district!) We had 5 members, as well as some Kiwanians and our Administrators, go, so we had great MinnDak representation in our home district! We attended educational workshops like one about large-scale event planning, did service projects for Bridging, and engaged in fellowship and networking activities. Kiwanis Committee Member Daardi, District Administrator Jason, and Bulletin Editor Maddie also received awards for their contributions to Circle K. We cannot wait for next year!

# ICON 2023 Recap!



**Opening  
session!**

**Workshops and  
caucusing!**

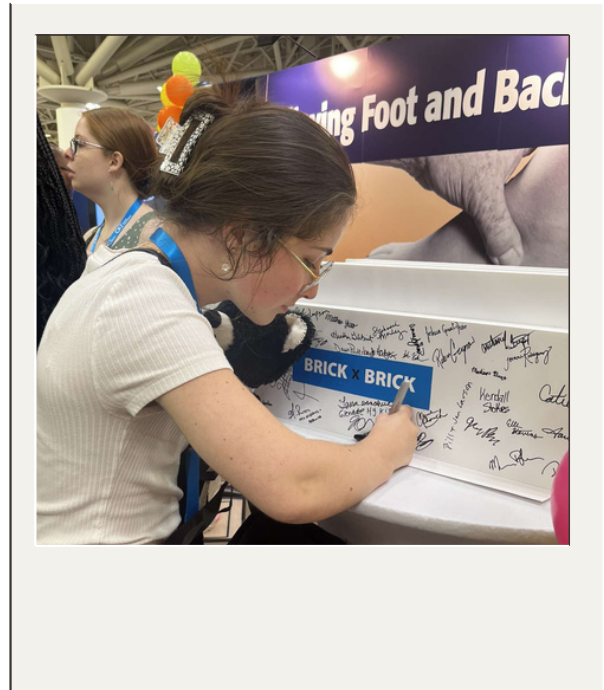




# ICON 2023

## Recap!

### Fundraising for Brick x Brick!



### Bob Ross painting!

# ICON 2023

## Recap!



**Award ceremony!  
(Congrats Jason,  
Daardi, and  
Maddie!)**

**Closing  
session!**



# Coming soon: FLTC!

**What?**

**Fall Leadership  
Training Conference!**

**Where?**

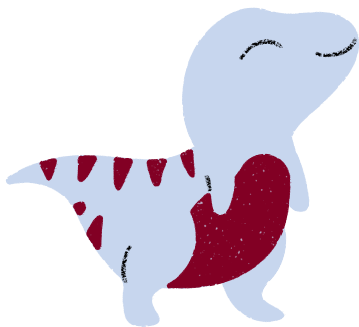
**Kiwanis Camp Patterson  
in Mankato, MN!**

**When?**

**October 13th-15th, 2023!**

**Why?**

**Meet other Circle K'ers,  
do service projects, and  
participate in leadership!  
Registration coming soon!**



**Psst... the theme is DINOSAURS!**

# **Announcing our 2023-2024 District Project Calendar!**

**Stay involved with our Child Development  
Service Project with our District Project  
Calendar on our website!**

**Every month, there's a new service project  
to take part in! Clubs that complete every  
project get a special prize at DCON!**

**Don't forget to verify your projects with  
information and pictures through our  
Project Verification Form on our website!**



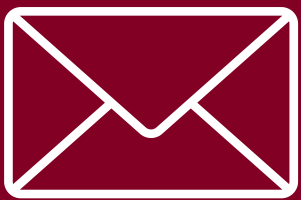
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