

September 2023 Bear Claw



MinnDak CKI District

Letter from the Editor



Hello everyone!

Welcome to the September Bear Claw! I hope your school years have gotten off to a good start and you all have found ways to give back to your communities at the same time. The MinnDak District has some exciting things coming up soon, (most notably our Fall Leadership Training Conference) and we can't wait to continue our work alongside all of you as we get further into the fall months! Read on for a member spotlight, a KDCON recap, and some important reminders!

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!)

91 Members	0 New Clubs
370.75 Service Hours	1 Interclub Event
N/A FLTC Attendees	N/A DCON Attendees
8 ICON Attendees	\$0 Fundraised

Member Spotlight



Seth Herner

**Mechanical Engineering
and Physics major at
North Dakota State
University**

"Seth was selected due to his outstanding dedication to Circle K and his wonderful heart. As Vice President of our club, Seth is a key player in the success of NDSU Circle K. Although soft spoken, he always steps up to deliver our donations across town, send emails, and do whatever else is asked of him. Outside of the club, Seth continues to make the Dean's List every semester while double majoring in 2 very difficult degrees. Overall, Seth demonstrates what being part of the K-Family is all about." - Sunshine Diem

A Message from our K-Family Relations Chair...



Greetings everyone! Joseph Albright here. In early August, our District Board unveiled an entirely new program to connect Kiwanis and Circle K members through the Kiwanis Family Konnections (KFK) 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. This program aims to build Kiwanis membership in the long run by keeping Kiwanis in the minds of young adults entering their careers. Be on the lookout for this coming to our website soon!

More recently, some of our board members attended a Mankato Kiwanis Club meeting to fill them in on the KFK program, our upcoming Fall Leadership Training Conference (FLTC), and other events the Mankato CKI Club has planned. Stay tuned for some more K-Family events on the horizon like FLTC and Kiwanis Holiday Lights!

KDCON 2023

Recap!

In August, the MinnDak District Board went to the MinnDak Kiwanis District Convention in St. Cloud. This was a great opportunity for us to connect with Kiwanians, sit in on their meetings, and plan for our Fall Leadership Training Conference!

We also had the amazing opportunity to plan the Kiwanians' after-dinner entertainment! We hosted multiple carnival-themed games and had drawings for prizes at the end of the night. The entertainment was a great success and the MinnDak District was invited back to host it again next year!

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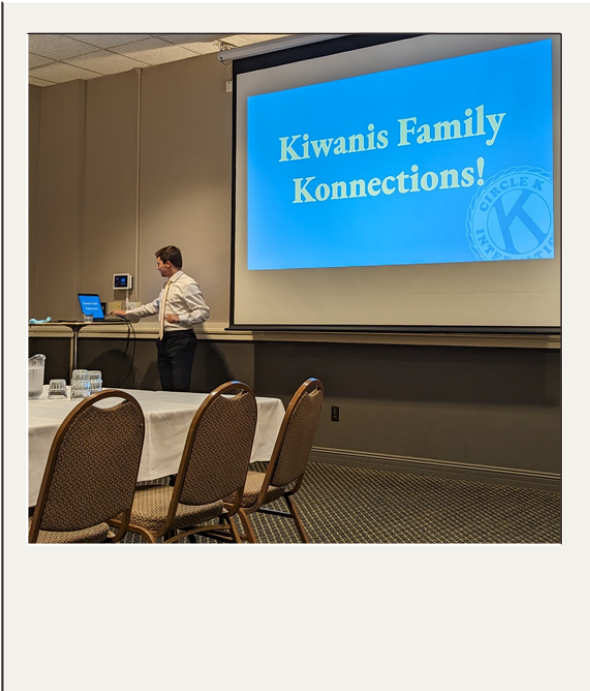
**Meeting the
Kiwanians!**

**Exploring
St. Cloud!**



KDCON 2023

Recap!



**Introducing
Kiwanis Family
Konnections!**

**After-dinner
entertainment!
(hosted by the
District Board!)**



MSU Volunteers at MY Place

Two Mankato CKI members volunteered at Kiwanis Camp MY Place, a day camp for students who may not be able to afford to attend day camps, away camps, or weekend stays.

Joseph helped with setting up and playing games with the students. Anna ran the nature station where they taught the kids the importance of recycling by making their own paper.

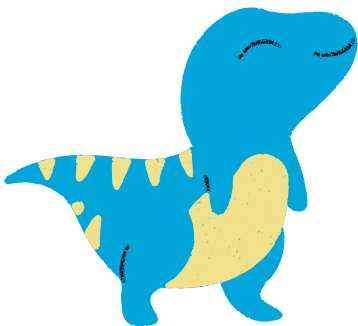


Coming soon: FLTC!

Registration for our annual **Fall Leadership Training Conference** is now open!

Don't miss out on your chance to attend workshops, engage in leadership activities, meet other Circle K'ers across the district, and do service projects!

[Register here.](#) The registration form is due on October 3rd!



Dues!

Dues are fees members pay to Circle K International and the district that allow our board members to do things like plan our Fall Leadership Training Conference (FLTC) and District Convention (DCON). International uses due money to provide members and clubs with resources.

The Membership Update Center (MUC) is the place to upload new members, change returning members' information, delete non-returning members' information, and get an invoice to send to International with a club's payment. [Visit the MUC here.](#) The early bird deadline is November 1st. The regular deadline is December 1st.

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