

KIWANIS 101

*****Who are we?**

*****What do we do?**

*****How did we get here?**

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WHO ARE WE?

I. General:

We are Kiwanis International, a worldwide organization of 280,000 members in 92 countries and geographic areas whose primary mission is to serve the children of the world. We are also involved in many other projects to help the communities where we live.

In addition, Kiwanis International is the only service organization in the world with Sponsored Organizations and Programs (SOAP) that teach the importance of and the opportunity to do community service to five different age groups:

- Circle K Clubs that includes college and university students
- Key Clubs for high school age persons
- Builders Clubs from middle schools
- K Kids formed in elementary schools
- Aktion clubs for adults who live with a disability

This expands our total Kiwanis family membership to almost 600,000 persons.

II. Club:

I am a member of the Kiwanis Club of: _____

We meet at (time/place): _____

Kiwanis membership is organized in different classifications:

- **Active members** are those age 18 and above that are of good character and community standing, reside in or have community interest where the club is located, believe in and subscribe to the Objects of Kiwanis, and pay all dues and fees.
- After 3 or more years of membership, a person can convert this to a **Life membership** by paying 15 years of Kiwanis International dues, currently \$630. They will pay no further International dues, but will be required to continue paying other International fees and local club dues.
- **Senior members** are those with 10 or more years membership but are unable to meet attendance requirements for health, business, or other extenuating circumstances.
- Persons special to a club or that have performed distinguished public service can be made an **honorary member** by a club. They have all privileges except voting or holding office.

My club's leadership team includes:

President: _____

President-elect: _____

Vice President: _____

Secretary: _____

Treasurer: _____

These officers are elected at the annual club meeting to be conducted no earlier than the first week in April each year and no later than the second week in May. Kiwanis years begin October 1 and end the following September 30.

Two numbers are important to every member when he/she registers for conventions, purchases Kiwanis supplies, or many other membership situations:

- My member number is: _____
- My club's Key number is: _____

Both these numbers are on the blue membership card issued by Kiwanis International. Your member number is also on your Kiwanis magazine mailing label.

Attendance at club meetings is important, but for those times absence is unavoidable, credit will be given for the following:

- A regular or special meeting of another Kiwanis club
- Your club board or committee meeting, service project, or family activity
- Sponsored program club meeting or service project
- Attending International or District conventions or a division council meeting
- Visiting the International or District office
- Jury duty if it causes you to miss your club meeting

Member financial requirements will vary from club to club depending on how meals and other costs are handled. Clubs must collect sufficient dues to pay their obligations to Kiwanis International and the District as well as other club administrative costs. Annual Kiwanis International dues are currently \$ 42.00, magazine subscription \$10.00 (will go to \$8.00 10/1/04), and liability insurance \$ 11.90. District dues are \$20.00 annually. No community fundraising revenue can be used to pay these costs. Members should also be aware that Kiwanis clubs are **not** tax exempt and the IRS does not consider donations to clubs tax deductions.

A person can be a member of two Kiwanis clubs at the same time if they so desire. To do so, full club, district, and International dues and fees must be paid to both clubs except for the International magazine subscription. In addition, they must designate one of the clubs as the primary club for delegate representation at International and District Convention House of Delegates.

III. District:

My club is part of the Nebraska-Iowa District. This covers generally all of the two states from Iowa City in the east to Ogallala in the west. The District currently has 208 clubs and 7770 members.

District Leadership includes:

	<u>Currently</u>	<u>Effective 10/1/04</u>
- Governor:	Phil Rooney (Lincoln, NE)	Bob Dunaway
- Governor-elect:	Bob Dunaway (Monroe, IA)	Ray Ward
- Treasurer:	Ray Ward (Kearney, NE)	Dave Hessman (Spencer, IA)
- Past Governor:	Kim Wermersen (Okoboji, IA)	Phil Rooney
- Secretary:	Bill Morrison (Elkhorn, NE)	Ron Randall (Harlan, IA)
Business Office:	8611 Blondo St., Suite #2 Omaha, NE 68134 Phone: 402-571-6600 Fax: 402-571-7181	602 Cyclone Ave Harlan, IA (712)-235-6455

Email addresses: governor
governor-elect
treasurer
pastgovernor @nikiwanis.org
secretary
webmaster

District web page: www.nikiwanis.org

District is divided into 24 divisions of 6-13 clubs per division and administered by a Lt. Governor.

My Division # is: _____

My Lt. Governor is: _____

My Division Council meetings are held: _____

Other clubs in my division are: _____

IV: Kiwanis International:

Headquarters: 3636 Woodview Trace
Indianapolis, IN 46268-3196
Phone: 800-KIWANIS (549-2647)
Web page: www.kiwanis.org

Regional Centers: Gent, Belgium
Manila, Philippines
Taipei, Republic of China
Bogotá, Columbia

8250 Clubs organized into 48 Districts

82% membership in North America, 11% in Europe, and 6% in Asia/Pacific region

82% Male, 18% Female

Average age 55

Leadership:

	<u>Currently</u>	<u>Effective 10/1/04</u>
- President:	Bob Moore (Florida)	Case Van Klief
- President-elect:	Case Van Klief (Wisc/Upper Mich)	Steve Siemens
- VP/Treas:	Steve Siemens (NE-IA)	Nelson Tucker (CA/NE/HA)
- Past President:	Ito Torres (Philippines)	Bob Moore
- 15 Trustees		
- Executive Director:	Eyjolfur Sigurdsson	

WHAT DO WE DO?

I. We work under the following six permanent Objects of Kiwanis:

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

II. Our number one priority is young children (YCPO). This covers prenatal through age 6 with programs concentrating on four general areas

A. Maternal and Infant Care:

- Prenatal care, health, nutrition
- New parent education
- Program to eliminate Iodine Deficiency Disorders worldwide
- Immunization clinics
- Food and supplies distribution

B. Child Care and Development:

- Childcare facilities
- Head Start programs
- Family literacy
- Baby sitter training/registration

C. Parent Education Support:

- Parenting newsletters
- Parenting fairs
- Shaken Baby Syndrome programs
- Child abuse prevention/care
- Building parent/teacher relationships
- School supplies distribution

D. Safety and Pediatric Trauma:

- Bicycle education and helmet distribution
- Children's Hospital Support
- Pediatric kits for fire and rescue units
- Children's Miracle Network
- Kids In Cars Program
- Swimming/water safety programs

III. Youth Services Programs: This is for youth age 7 to 18.

- Adopt A School
- Teacher Aid Programs
- Terrific Kids Program
- BUG Program
- Camp OK
- Mentoring Programs
- Reading Programs
- Book collection/distribution
- Special Olympics

IV. Community Services:

- Meals on Wheels
- Food Bank
- Meals at Ronald McDonald House and Community Shelters
- Salvation Army (meals, ringing bells, Christmas distributions)
- Highway clean up
- Habitat for Humanity

V. Fund Raising Activities:

- Pancake Days/Soup Suppers/etc.
- Concession Stand Operation
- Fireworks/Christmas Tree Sales
- Peanut Days

VI. Fun and Fellowship:

- Good meetings/programs
- Golf outings
- Dining out
- Bus tours
- Conventions

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

Kiwanis international organized in 1914 as The Supreme Lodge Benevolent Order Brothers
Initially strictly a fraternal club for young professional businessmen with annual dues of \$5

First club under name of Kiwanis was Detroit Number One, January 21, 1915, official birthday of KI
First Kiwanis International president was George F. Hixson
Name means "We Trade" or "We Have a Good Time and Make Noise"

Motto, "We Build" adopted 1920
Six Objects of Kiwanis adopted 1924

First club outside US/Canada 1962

Elimination of gender requirement for membership 1987

First club chartered in the Nebraska-Iowa District was in Omaha, NE, (February, 1919) followed by
Lincoln (March 1919) and Des Moines (June 1919). Our newest club is South Sarpy County in
Springfield, NE organized October 2003.

District originally named the Western Iowa District but changed to Nebraska-Iowa in 1922