

FACTS ABOUT KIWANIS

- Kiwanis was organized in Detroit, Michigan, USA, on January 21, 1915.
- Kiwanis focuses on the needs of ordinary people and children to create extraordinary life-changing moments.
- Kiwanis and its Service Leadership Programs boast a membership of more than 600,000 men, women, and youth in nearly 16,000 clubs in more than 70 countries and geographic areas.
- Members of Kiwanis and its Service Leadership Programs volunteer more than 21 million hours and invest more than \$113 million in their communities around the world.
- Kiwanis is taking itself from a good organization to a truly great organization that defines excellence for service and leadership and builds leaders through service opportunities.
- Kiwanis International is the only service organization that builds leaders at every level from the youngest Kiwanis Kids all the way through several youth programs and adult programs.
- Kiwanis' impact on the world will be measured by the 10 million young leaders it nurtures, rather than by the number of members it attracts.
- Kiwanis continues its service emphasis of "Young Children: Priority One," which focuses on the special needs of children from prenatal development to age 5. In a typical year, "Young Children: Priority One" service projects involve more than US\$14 million and 1 million volunteer hours.



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KIWANIS CLUB HISTORY: Pictured above are members of the Toronto club in their annual fun night. PHOTO COURTESY OF ELMER FRANCY

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Kiwanis Legacy

- Kiwanis was founded in Detroit, Michigan, on January 21, 1915.
- In the early years, Kiwanis clubs focused on business networking, but even then, members were serving the needs of the poor.
- By 1919, the organization had changed its focus from business to service.
- Kiwanis became an international organization in 1916 with the organization of the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario.
- Kiwanis limited its membership to the United States and Canada until 1962 when worldwide expansion was approved.



Serving the
Children
of the World



What is a Kiwanian?

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

The name “Kiwanis” means “we trade” or “we share our talents.” It was coined from an American Indian expression, Nunc Kee-wanis.

Kiwanians are volunteers changing the world through service to children and communities. Kiwanis members help shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, mentor the disadvantaged, and care for the sick. They develop youth as leaders, build playgrounds, raise funds for pediatric research, and much more. No problem is too big or too small. Why? Because working together, members achieve what one person cannot accomplish alone. When you give a child a chance to learn, experience, dream, and succeed, great things happen! As Kiwanis clubs and members, we see it everyday!

Membership About 8,000 clubs in 96 countries More than 260,000 adult members Approximately 320,000 youth

Mission To serve children of our local community and the world. *Toronto Coats for Kids, THS Scholarships THS Top Ten Luncheon*

Service Each year, clubs Sponsor nearly 150,000 service projects. Raise more than \$107 million.

KIWANIS TORONTO, OHIO

Meets every Wednesday at noon at
Margaret's Restaurant

Annual Social Events
Steak Fry & Christmas Party

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Objects of Kiwanis

The six permanent *Objects of Kiwanis International* were approved by Kiwanis club delegates at the 1924 Convention in Denver, Colorado and have remained unchanged.

- 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.