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“Half-finished work generally is labor lost.” Abraham Lincoln, 16th president of the United States, wrote these words in a letter dated July 13, 1849. The concept rings true for Kiwanians, not only at this midpoint of the Kiwanis year, but also for the overall picture of a club’s service relevance and membership strength.

Half-finished work is labor lost when a Kiwanis club is not engaged in serving the children of the world and building the future through our Kiwanis family. If your club is merely meeting weekly and hosting an occasional fundraiser, I urge you to do more. Kiwanis International has resources to help your club fulfill its potential and make a more meaningful impact.

Half-finished work is labor lost when a club provides service but does not grow to increase its ability to serve. May is Membership Month, and now is the time to plan for a fun challenge with a focused goal and time frame to strengthen your club. When Kiwanians follow through with prospective members, clubs grow to make a difference.

Half-finished work is labor lost when new members are not provided a proper orientation, meaningful induction and immediate involvement in activities. We must shepherd the transition from new member to Kiwanian. During this midpoint of the year, please renew your commitment by encouraging a start—and a finish—to the proven ways Kiwanis clubs can be successful.

“Half-finished work generally is labor lost.”

Paul Palazzolo
Kiwanis International President
He’s a winner! Derek Furukawa, faculty advisor for the University of Nevada Las Vegas Circle K Club.

Win big
Come to the 95th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas.
When you bring it all home to your club, everyone wins.
www.KiwanisOne.org/convention

He’s a winner! Derek Furukawa, faculty advisor for the University of Nevada Las Vegas Circle K Club.
Kiwanis International has narrowed the field of candidates for its next Worldwide Service Project to, from left, neglected tropical diseases, maternal and neonatal tetanus and malaria.

Worthy causes

Kiwanis International will announce its second Worldwide Service Project this June at the organization’s annual convention. From nearly 200 proposals submitted this past year, the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees has selected these three finalists.

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Neglected tropical diseases

The Global Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases proposes to treat and prevent the infections caused by any of 13 parasites and bacteria known as Neglected Tropical Diseases. Currently 1.4 billion people, including 600 million school-aged children, suffer the ill effects of these infections, which can cause malnutrition, blindness and even death, all of which can be treated and prevented with modern medicine. Global Network proposes that a 10-year, US$150 million investment will leverage $1 billion globally to eliminate these diseases from an entire generation and beyond.

Maternal and neonatal tetanus

UNICEF proposes to protect 129 million mothers and babies from tetanus, a deadly disease that kills one baby every four minutes and could be prevented with three doses of a vaccine. The project would raise $110 million to eliminate a deadly disease and save mothers and their future babies.

Malaria

Malaria No More and the Canadian Red Cross propose to end malaria deaths in Africa by 2015. The project would raise $60 million over six years for mosquito net distribution, training and technical assistance and awareness, eliminating this disease, which kills 3,000 children in Africa every day.

Learn more about these causes at www.kiwanis.org/wsp.
It happened in Haiti. A powerful earthquake rocked Port-au-Prince on Tuesday, January 12. Kiwanis clubs went straight to work. Here’s what a few of them did.

**Malaysia**

The Kiwanis Club of Pandan Jaya added a fundraising appeal to its installation dinner. Generous members and guests donated RM 23,000 (more than US$6,700).

**Jamaica**

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Providence-Montego Bay helped a nearby Salvation Army post sort and ship items that had been donated for use in Haiti.

**Florida**

The Kiwanis Club of DeFuniak Springs, Florida, worked with Compassion Services International (CSI), collecting “Buckets of Blessings.” Donors filled five-gallon buckets with a list of basics such as toothbrushes, rice and matches for families. Medical team buckets were filled with aspirin, gloves and gauze. CSI coordinated the transportation and distribution of filled buckets.

**Washington**

The Kiwanis Club of Tri-Cities Industry supported the Surgical Implant Generation Network (SIGN), which has been active in two Haitian hospitals since 2006. The net-

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**Welcome relief**

When disaster strikes, Kiwanis clubs rally to help rebuild lives.

Kiwanians around the world helped Haiti with needed funds—and much more. They gave their hearts and hands.
Consider the candidates

These Kiwanis members have announced their candidacy for the Kiwanis International Board. Officers and Region 1 positions will be elected at the 2010 Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, June 24–27.

**President** (Elect one)

Sylvester “Syl” Neal, *Pacific Northwest District*

**President-elect** (Elect one)

A. Alan Penn, *Ohio District*

**Vice president** (Elect one)

Thomas E. “Tom” DeJulio, *New York District*

Randolph “Randy” DeLay, *Texas-Oklahoma District*

**Trustees**

**REGION I—UNITED STATES** (Elect three)

Steven T. Hill, *New England District*

**REGION III—EUROPE** (Elect one at European Federation Convention in Taormina, Italy, June 4–5, 2010.)

Göran Hurtig, *Norden District*

Sjoerd R.J. Timmermans, *The Netherlands District*

**REGION IV—ASIA-PACIFIC** (Elect one at ASIAPAC Convention in Taipei, Taiwan, March 12–14, 2010.)

Wen-Pin Su, *Taiwan District*

Johnny Johnson, *Georgia District*

Oscar E. Knight III, *California-Nevada-Hawaii District*

Susan A. “Sue” Petrisin, *Michigan District*

—Curt Seeden

**ObjectLesson**

**Object 4:** To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship

In his 1949 “interpretive record of Kiwanis,” *The Widening Path*, Oren Arnold tells a story of a town in need of a doctor. The Kiwanis club recruited and paid a doctor. The doctor needed a house. The town also needed a druggist, dentist and a power plant. The Kiwanis club understood what its town needed and made it happen.

The members who crafted Kiwanis International’s fourth Object knew Kiwanians could greatly influence their cities—even their nations—for the good.

Kiwanis founders wanted to play a part in how civic life was conducted, locally, nationally and even internationally. They still do.

**What They Say**

**WHAT DOES “CITIZENSHIP” MEAN TO YOU?**

“The term ‘citizenship’ implies community participation and responsibility. Kiwanis clubs are great avenues for members to practice citizenship.”

—Paul Palazzolo, International President

“Citizenship in Kiwanis means upholding my duties, responsibilities and the values of this organization.”

—Sylvester Neal, International President-elect

“As Kiwanis members, through the service we perform within our communities, we demonstrate good citizenship. We see a need. We follow up with action.”

—A. Alan Penn, International Vice President-elect

What does Kiwanis service mean to you? Send your thoughts to magazine@kiwanis.org.
Stan D. Soderstrom, who served as Kiwanis International’s interim executive director since November, was named executive director of Kiwanis International and the Kiwanis International Foundation by the Board of Trustees this past January.

As Kiwanis’ chief executive, Soderstrom is responsible for supporting the Kiwanis International Board and providing leadership and direction to Kiwanis staff and members. He’ll also work alongside foundation executive leaders as they administer giving programs and grants aimed at improving the lives of children.

Soderstrom has been active in the Kiwanis family since 1974 when he joined the Kiwanis Club of White Rock, Dallas, Texas. He served as a Texas-Oklahoma District administrator for both Key Club International and Circle K International.

He joined the Kiwanis International staff in 1997. In his previous roles, which include administrator for Key Club and Circle K and chief impact officer for Kiwanis, he focused on the successful growth and development of Kiwanis International’s youth and adult leadership development programs around the world. He also has been involved in strategy and board governance for Kiwanis International, Key Club and Circle K.
Socially successful

Facebook funding

The Kiwanis International Foundation was the proud winner of a US$25,000 prize, thanks to the votes of many Kiwanis-family members and supporters. During an eight-day period in January, the foundation received enough Facebook votes to qualify in a Chase Community Giving contest to finish in the top 100 charities among 500,000 nominated groups.

The results earned the foundation a chance to compete for further awards, including the $1 million top prize. Using e-mail, social media and Web sites, the Kiwanis family spread the word. Though the foundation did not receive additional prize money, supporters lifted the foundation to a 25th place finish overall.

It pays to read

Especially if you’re reading Kiwanis magazine. Five Kiwanis members recently won a free registration to the international convention in Las Vegas by taking part in our December issue’s digital scavenger hunt. Readers navigated through Facebook, cruised through the KiwanisOne.org/community and discovered a meeting ground where other Kiwanis members share stories of service and best practices.

Each participant who completed the hunt was automatically entered into a drawing. Congratulations to the winners: Joanne Magoon (East San Diego County-Kiwanianne, California), Brian Rodgers (Homewood-Mountain Brook, Alabama), Jo-Ann Meserve-Coles (East Bridgewater, Connecticut), Rhonda Cameron (Early Risers-Yuba City, California) and Emily Wageman (Fremont, Nebraska).

Reach out

May is Kiwanis Membership Month. That means you have 31 days to focus on reaching out to potential members and sharing what you love about Kiwanis. Get ideas for who to invite and how to make the right impression with resources from the Reveal campaign on www.KiwanisOne.org/reveal.

Once you get growing in the right direction, every month will be Membership Month.

Bragging rights

Is your club’s Kiwanis One Day project worth bragging about?

Go to www.kiwanis.org/shareyourstory to tell everyone what your club accomplished on this special day of service. Don’t forget to post a great action photo of your event.

Convention countdown

The 95th Annual Kiwanis International Convention is just two months away, and the excitement is building. At press time, registration had already surpassed 5,000. So register now and join the party. Don’t forget: May 25 is the deadline for online or mailed registration. After May 25, you’ll need to register onsite in Las Vegas.

Cory’s courage

Born with cerebral palsy and suffering a stroke at age 11, Cory Johnson faced many challenges in his upbringing. At age 17, he was hired by Kamp Kiwanis near Bragg Creek, Alberta, as a volunteer counselor. Johnson credits his Kamp Kiwanis experience with building his confidence to live life to the fullest. He now encourages others to do the same.

Now serving as lieutenant governor in the Western Canada District, Johnson knows a lot about overcoming adversity to become a leader. Plan to hear his message on this topic at the Leadership Luncheon at the Kiwanis International convention on Friday, June 25. (The luncheon is an optional US$45 ticketed event.)
Happy birthday, Key Club!

Key Club turns 85 in May. Celebrate with your local Key Club by reflecting on these milestones in Key Club’s illustrious history.

1925 First Key Club forms at Sacramento High School in California
1939 Florida association becomes the first Key Club district
1943 Key Club movement achieves “International” designation
1967 The first Key Club outside the United States and Canada is chartered, at Government High School in Nassau, Bahamas
1977 Female students are admitted into Key Club membership
1998 Key Clubs raise more than US$1.2 million to fight iodine deficiency disorders
1999 Membership tops the 200,000 mark

Read more at www.keyclub.org/magazine.
Gear up to grow

May is membership month. Use these tools to reach your club’s membership goals. Hint: They work great year-round.

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Address change?

Make sure people can find your club’s new Web site. Your secretary now can change your club’s Web address directly from the secretary dashboard in the member site. Log in at www.KiwanisOne.org/login. Web address editing is in the upper right. Updates go live the following Tuesday.

What else is new? Easy changes to club meeting information and access to other critical club data at a glance. Check it out!

How many of your friends won’t join Kiwanis?

100% of the friends you don’t ask.

Ask a friend to your next club meeting. Every Kiwanis member can make an impact by inviting just one person to join. Keep them engaged, too.

Make service projects, socials and meetings fun. Capture recruits’ passion to make their experience meaningful. And get creative—kick off a contest or membership campaign. Get started today! Ask a friend to your next club meeting. Learn more at www.KiwanisOne.org/reveal.

When to do it: May

www.KiwanisOne.org/reveal
Your financial advisor.
Your co-worker.
Your son’s soccer coach.
Your next-door neighbors.
Your fishing buddy.

walk the talk       stay flexible       reach out       keep it in the family

www.KiwanisOne.org/reveal
In accordance with Kiwanis International Bylaws, the organization presents its 2008–09 financial statements. For a copy of the audit report, send your written request to Kiwanis International, Attn: Audit Report, 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, Indiana 46268, U.S.A., or e-mail your request to Finance@Kiwanis.org.

### Kiwanis International

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| **EXPENSES**                     |            |            |
| Membership and club development  | $2,562     | $2,152     |
| Marketing and communications     | 1,122      | 1,007      |
| Service leadership programs      | 2,291      | 2,420      |
| Global services                  | 1,250      | 1,204      |
| Merchandise sales and expenses   | 1,826      | 2,315      |
| Magazine                         | 1,256      | 1,284      |
| International convention         | 1,366      | 987        |
| Liability insurance              | 267        | 1,532      |
| Operations                       | 2,183      | 1,753      |
| Governance                       | 338        | 323        |
| Currency exchange, interest and other | 85   | (18)       |
| Depreciation and loss on disposition | 540 | 890 |
| **TOTAL EXPENSES**               | $15,086    | $15,849    |

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## Kiwanis International

**Years ended September 30**

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| **LIABILITIES**|       |       |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | $1,442 | $1,692 |
| Accounts payable to affiliates    | 160   | 110   |
| Funds invested for Key Club International | 887     | 1,179 |
| Liability insurance claims     | 629   | 1,954 |
| Other liabilities               | 342   | 506   |
| **Total Liabilities**           | $3,460 | $5,441 |

|                |       |       |
| **NET ASSETS (DEFICIENCY)**     |       |       |
| Operating/Service Leadership Programs | $9,557 | $5,657 |
| Magazine                     | 2,952 | 4,096 |
| International convention     | (141) | 5     |
| Liability insurance          | 8,760 | 6,924 |
| Property                     | 5,321 | 5,321 |
| **Total Net Assets**         | $26,449 | $22,003 |

|                |       |       |
| **Total Liabilities and Net Assets** |       |       |
|                | $29,909 | $27,444 |

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You’ve worked with Key Clubbers all year. Don’t forget them this summer.

This July, Key Clubbers and advisors from around the world will gather in Memphis—the "birthplace of rock ‘n’ roll" to celebrate the past year and enjoy speakers including UNICEF ambassador Clay Aiken and Kiwanis’ own Bo Shafer.

Encourage the Key Club you sponsor to send delegates to this highlight of the Key Club year—and make plans to join them. Learn more or register online at www.keyclub.org/convention.
This page contains the 2008–2009 annual financial statements for Circle K International and Key Club International.

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The Kiwanis International Foundation Board and staff present the foundation’s 2008–09 statements of financial position and activities.
Family matters

A focus on families—and serving children—helps a Virginia club grow

In the early 1990s, when Marvin Leslie joined the Kiwanis Club of Marion, Virginia, the club boasted between 60 and 70 members. Yet those numbers steadily dropped over the years, stabilizing most recently around 40 members. This past year, Leslie, who was his club’s membership growth chairman, decided it was time to reverse the trend: He’d stage a growth campaign centered around a special informational dinner event and summer social.

It wasn’t a new idea. Leslie learned about the strategy during a Capital District workshop and came away with a plan, plenty of sample materials and ways to tweak the formula to fit his club’s needs. The plan was basic: Send letters to prospective members inviting them to a special dinner meeting, follow up and stage a social dinner meeting.

“What was different for us was that we included spouses and significant others in the invitation,” Leslie says. “That, in my opinion, was the most significant aspect of our success, because the decision to affiliate with a civic organization—or really anything—is often a family decision.”

The invitation stressed two points:

1. The club helps children and youth in the Smyth County area.
2. They were being invited to join fellow members of the community who have a shared interest in serving the community.

“We didn’t ask them to respond,” Leslie says. “The next step was to have members follow up with the people they had recommended.”

Of 50 invitations mailed, 15 prospective members—plus their spouses or significant others—attended the special dinner event.

“We had a great speaker and talked about our service projects, such as our Snack-in-a-Pack program that provides nutritious snacks to underprivileged children,” Leslie says.

Six new members joined. That boost, combined with another two members who joined prior to the event, gave the club an 18 percent membership increase. —Amy Wiser

New members say they join the Marion Kiwanis Club because they’re inspired by its dedication to serving children. They’re impressed by club service projects, such as stuffing kids’ backpacks with nutritious snacks.

Planning to grow

3 months out: Ask each club member to provide the names and addresses of three prospective members.

1 month out: Send a letter to prospective members, explaining what your club does and that you will be inviting them—and a guest—to an informational event.

10 days out: Ask club members to follow up to answer questions and gather RSVPs.

Event day: Encourage guests to ask questions, take materials home, read through them, complete the membership form and join.
Scientists have made significant contributions to the safety and well-being of the human race. They have identified laws of nature that explain the functioning of the universe, Earth’s flora and fauna, and especially of the physical activities of Homo sapiens. But “why” planet Earth and its occupants exist is still an admitted mystery to them. What follows explains an important part of that mystery.

For millennia great developmental progress has taken mankind from a simple desire to survive to our present complex systems of social laws and inherited customs. Most readers would agree that despite those man-made systems, human affairs are still in a state of confusion with problems and trouble growing daily.

We have races pitted against one another, political groups pitted against one another, as well as individuals who pit themselves against one another in their careers, marriages, and sports to name a few obvious areas.

An appropriate question is, Why? Our answer follows: From the beginning people have been living by their own laws of behavior and inherited customs, but those man-made systems contradict a natural law, causing people to get wrong, troublesome results.

That natural law was identified by Richard W. Wetherill almost a century ago and was presented in his book, Tower of Babel, published January 2, 1952. It is a law of behavior that Wetherill called the law of absolute right, indicating that rightness in all human activities is required for successful outcomes.

As a result of Wetherill’s identification of the law, he developed a program called humanetics to explain the wrongness of people’s attitudes and behavior and how to correct them. Wrongness has not only been destroying people’s lives but also increasingly is damaging the environment that supports the life of the planet.

When scientists identify natural laws, they apply their principles to better human existence and well-being—that is, usually, until the nuclear age developed. Scientists could now investigate nature’s behavioral law and help to inform people of its principles. Wetherill used words to describe right behavior such as rational, honest, logical, and moral but cautioned that words are just symbols. The law is the final arbiter: Right begets right results; wrong begets wrong results.

What are society’s results? Are people rational and honest? Or do they act on their own motives to do, be, have, get, and become whatever they desire?

People know they must obey nature’s laws of gravity, friction, and all the other laws of physics, but for nearly a century scientists, religionists, educators, and the public have resisted acknowledging creation’s law of rightness, calling on them to be rational and honest.

Albert Einstein defined insanity as doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result. For millennia people have reasoned from man-made laws and inherited customs over and over again, expecting a different result. Instead, over and over again, humanity has been getting incaulcable wrong results. Is that sane?

Visit our colorful Website www.alphapub.com where essays and books describe the changes called for by whoever or whatever created nature’s law of absolute right. The material can be read, downloaded, and/or printed free. Also press a button to listen to each Website page being read aloud with the exception of the texts of the seven books.

As people worldwide conform to the behavioral law, they join those who are already benefiting. This public-service message is from a self-financed, nonprofit group of former students of the late Richard W. Wetherill. We are putting this information where it is available worldwide, and we invite your help to direct others to our Website so that they, too, can learn that conforming to this natural law creates a life that truly is well worth living.
It can seem like an impossible mission. The need to heal the hurt of children born into poverty, homelessness, broken families and despair never seems to go away. Yet, remarkably enough, neither does humankind’s ambition to right what’s wrong and fix what’s broken.

In the Ukraine, the Savior’s Home Ministry provides a godsend of services for some of the estimated 50,000 to 70,000 homeless children living in Kiev. Founder Valeriy Pavlenko, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Kiev, his wife, Lora, and a few dozen fellow members and other volunteers collectively chip away at the seemingly overwhelming task of helping these children.

“Most of our members and the other volunteers work in state organizations engaged in work with children, so we use our skills and experience to benefit the ministry,” says past club President Lora Pavlenko. Club members include the director of a rehabilitation center for homeless children, a lawyer at a children’s center, teachers, a psychologist and the leader of a group that teaches sewing in children’s homes.

Rather than focusing on one area of the city, they spread their assistance to children all across Kiev. The sheer number of homeless children almost demands this type of wide-ranging effort.

“Savior’s Home Ministry is not a home where children live,” Pavlenko explains. “Rather, it provides different programs for children on the streets and at various orphanages. For example, we have a creative group in our club that makes items from beads for exhibitions, ornaments for women and other works. We call ourselves ‘the club of hands.’ They also make souvenirs at one of the centers with children who live on the streets. We sell these works to buy meals for the children. Our last project raised about 2,500 hryvnia (US$300).”

In addition, Kiev Kiwanians collect vegetables and fruit for the children’s homes, gather toys for Christmas and Easter holiday parties, teach girls ages 17 to 25 to read and write and instruct young mothers how to care for their infants and children—an activity they hope will help break the cycle of despair. A volunteer psychologist who helps the Kiwanians also works with young mothers to help them cope with the stresses of parenthood.

There will, perhaps, always be children who need a helping hand to tackle homelessness and poverty. But in Kiev, children are getting a boost from the club of hands called Kiwanis. —Nicholas Drake

Connect with kids

Kiev Kiwanians offer this advice to other Kiwanis clubs that work directly with children:

- Consider a broad-reaching program instead of single project.
- Chip away at overwhelming challenges one day at a time.
- Think small. You don’t have to raise a lot of funds to make an impact.
- Tackle big issues by empowering people to be responsible.
- Tap into the talents and skills within your club.
- Solicit outside volunteer help from young professionals.
Polish King Wladyslaw VI would have been proud. Widely credited with bringing the first Italian opera to Poland in 1628, the music patron’s legacy sang forth again in 2009 when Kiwanians in Poland staged a series of charity concerts with famed Italian tenor Francesco Malapena.

“The concerts were a great success, bringing gushes of emotion, euphoria and even some tears,” says Poland District-in-Formation Governor Mira Harman. “It was a herculean effort from the Kiwanis Clubs of Koszalin and Slupia in Slupsk. The concerts brought enormous attention to Kiwanis due to all the media focus. (Newspapers and TV stations promoted the events, along with advertisements.) Everyone in the area knows what Kiwanis is now.”

Invited by his friend and Kiwanian Halina di Filippo, Malapena performed four sold-out concerts, resulting in more than 34,000 zlotych (US$12,000) raised for children who are either blind or partially sighted. Among the beneficiaries were Ania, a blind and autistic girl who received a piano, and Basia, a young poet who landed a season ticket to Koszalin’s Drama Theatre. Special books, glasses, magnifying lenses, training sessions, classroom equipment and other items also were purchased to benefit more than 400 children.

Malapena not only performed, he also visited the area Centre for Blind Children, where he and his young hosts enjoyed Italian pizza and a large cream cake. “It was heartwarming to see the smiles on the children’s faces and hear their laughter,” Harman says.—Nicholas Drake

Try these tips when using a popular performer for your next fundraiser:

• Use your Kiwanis club members’ contacts. Somebody may have connections.

• Publicize the artist’s most famous accomplishments, honors and most notable works.

• Arrange a high-profile meeting between your star and the children you hope to help and invite the news media to attend.

• Involve people with experience in staging such performances.

• Stage concerts at multiple venues to reach audiences in many areas.
Leader Speak

Smart passion

Key Club alum Felice Gorordo
turns enthusiasm into action

Inspired by his passion to serve and lead, Felice Gorordo co-founded Raíces de Esperanza (Roots of Hope), a Florida-based nonpartisan organization that connects young Cubans and Americans. Here, he talks with Kiwanis International executive director Stan Soderstrom about the influence the Kiwanis family has had in his life.

Soderstrom: How would you describe your leadership style?
Gorordo: First and foremost, I’m a servant leader. I hope others describe me as empathic, which goes one step further than being compassionate. It means putting yourself wholeheartedly in the shoes of the people you serve.

Tell us about a defining moment in your life.
In seventh grade, a friend was diagnosed with leukemia. When he stopped coming to class, I tried to understand what was causing him to be sick, and I learned he needed a bone marrow transplant. At 13, I couldn’t be a donor, but the parents of my classmates could. I went from homeroom to homeroom and told the students to ask their parents to be tested. I passed out fliers I typed out on a typewriter. I spoke at churches, and out of that, we started doing blood drives. It was very personal to me. I had to do something to help.

What qualities do you seek in the people at Roots of Hope?
Passion. We’ve coined a phrase: “smart passion.” Cubans are very passionate people, and passion is a good thing, but the smart application of passion is what we search for. Passion can drive us to do many things, but when it is channeled for good, we can accomplish the unthinkable.

What advice would you give to adults, specifically those who work with Key Clubs?
My Key Club advisor at Belen Jesuit Preparatory High School in Miami, Florida, Aimee Busquet, and Key Club International Administrator Mike Downs invested a lot of time in me. Aside from my parents, they’ve had the greatest influence in my early development. I urge all Kiwanians to seize that opportunity, take up that responsibility and understand what an incredible impact they can make in the lives of young leaders at an early age.

What inspired your success?
I am who I am today because of the experiences and the individuals who have helped shape me along the way. I’m very fortunate to have had the opportunity to have been part of Key Club and to have worked alongside some amazing Kiwanians who helped me become the person I am today.
As a Kiwanian, you know what leadership is all about. That it’s more about service than glory. That it starts with young people. And that people who help others—and build others’ leadership skills—are the most valuable leaders of all.

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earth daze

In the Kiwanis family, where every day is Earth Day, saving the planet is one surefire way to unite members of all ages. Here are some ideas to help you and your club get started.

By Dick Isenhour
A sedimental journey

Soil scientist Gary Muckel knows dirt. As a Kiwanian, he cultivates a similar appreciation among children in Lincoln, Nebraska. Under his direction, the Lincoln Kiwanis Club’s Soils for Kids program provides 140 first-grade classrooms with samples of clay, topsoil, organic matter and sand to study and experiment with. “Children learn to respect and appreciate the environment by observing and understanding the fundamentals of nature,” Gary says. “This project helps them appreciate soil as a fundamental building block of nature.”

This past year, the club purchased and packed copies of The Diary of a Worm with the soil kits. It also has built outdoor classrooms for two schools and partnered with the Audubon Society, Lincoln Children’s Zoo, Nature Conservancy and 4-H on other environmental projects for kids.

Barrels of fun

The Sierra Vista-San Pedro, Arizona, Kiwanis Club and Buena High School Key Club have given Carmichael Elementary School students a down-to-earth look at water conservation. The clubs installed a system of gutters, downspouts and barrels to collect rainwater, which K-Kids and garden club members use to tend their school’s garden. “(Kids) need to get their hands in dirt,” says kindergarten teacher Yvonne Vick. “They need to learn how and why things happen and how they have an impact; how they can change what happens.”

Meadow magic

They’re not magicians, but members of the Kiwanis Club of Avelgem, Land van Streuvels, Belgium, turned a barren field into a meadow. “The owners’ children have disabilities,” notes Kiwanian Vincent Salembier. “They dreamed of an environmentally friendly area where the kids could ride horses.” To make the dream come true, Kiwanians brought in heavy earth-moving equipment to fashion a paddock, poured a concrete pathway to accommodate wheelchairs and landscaped the surrounding meadow.

A green thumbs up

The Builders Club at Martin Middle School in Tennessee has a great earth-friendly project: It maintains the school’s flower beds and landscaping. This project takes the green thumbs of each club member because the landscaping goes all the way around the school. “We had an expert come in to teach us what to plant during what season and how to plant,” says club Advisor Misty Menees of the Martin Kiwanis Club. “The Builders mulch, trim, pull weeds and clear leaves that have fallen, then we plant new flowers.” “It keeps the school beautiful and teaches the Builders to appreciate their environment.”
Fresh face for the fort

Trash and leaves used to be part of the landscape of the courtyards, playgrounds, front and back of Fort Caroline Elementary School in Jacksonville, Florida. But they’ve been replaced by flowers, plants and mulch, thanks to the second annual “Freshen up the Fort,” an Earth Day project of the school’s K-Kids club this past April.

“We wanted to take an active role in making our environment a better place,” club President Cameron Young told the local newspaper.

More than 700 kindergarten through fifth-grade students spruced up their school. They did a lot of work and had fun, especially when they started a “trash war” to see which grade could pick up the most trash, leaves and fallen branches.

Cameron says he hopes his fellow students will have more pride in their school when they step back and take a look at how they helped make Fort Caroline Elementary—and the world—more beautiful.

How a garden grows

The K-Kids Club of King’s Ridge Christian School in Alpharetta, Georgia, celebrates Earth Day by planting flowers on the grounds of their school. The club used to take care of a garden in a city park, but when the school opened a new building, the club could no longer work at the park.

As a result, the school administration gave the club an area near the playground to turn into the new “K-Kids Garden.” Faculty advisor Carmen Prezzano and club members gladly got to work planting flowers and transformed the area of pine straw into a green achievement.

Minnow-friendly

Third-grade classes in Wellsburg, West Virginia, gain an appreciation for nature during field trips conducted by the Wellsburg Kiwanis Club. The club typically arranges for park rangers to lead a tour of Mingo Park in Pennsylvania, where the students learn about springs, spiders, crawdads, tadpoles, plants and trees. They also cook hot dogs over a log fire, make s’mores, sing songs and spend the day having fun and learning about nature. Afterward, the children write of their adventure and share their experiences with their parents.

Drain cleaners

It’s surprising what people use storm-water drains for, laments Glen Irby, city manager of Umatilla, Florida. To stop the flow of empty bottles, yard waste and other debris there, Umatilla Middle School Builders Club members and other volunteers stenciled bright yellow signs on local storm drains. Their message reminds citizens that there should be “only rain down the drain.”

“We did something really good,” Builders Club member Giancarlo Ayabarreno said proudly.
Children of Panzaleo used to spend four hours a day walking to and from school. Thanks to Kiwanis, they now have their own school—and their own town.
THE TOWN KIWANIS BUILT

Here’s a club that built a school that built a town that changed the lives of Ecuador’s children who go to the school that Kiwanis built

Story by Jay Stuller • Photos by Marcela Illinas

The air is thin and often cold on the skirts of rocky Mt. Rumiñahui in the northern highlands of Ecuador, about 50 kilometers (31 miles) south of the capital city of Quito. For many centuries, the scattered families that lived there scraped out a living growing their own food on farms. And just a half-century ago, children who wished to attend school walked for nearly two hours to the nearest village of Machachi … and back for another two hours at the end of the day.

In 1970, however, two seemingly unrelated events changed everything.

When a highlands woman passed away with no descendants, she left her land, called Hacienda Panzaleo, divided among several farmers and a foundation.

Back in the capital city, a second event was unfolding. The Quito Kiwanis Club, the first of its kind in the country, was established.

When the heads of the Mt. Rumiñahui farm families asked officials if a better educational option might be possible for their children, a Kiwanis member learned of the need. The new club had its first project.

Engineer Luis Homero de la Torre, the club’s founder and a road builder, lent equipment to level the ground on the foundation’s land. With help from area residents, Kiwanis members built a school and equipped it with furniture and supplies. When opened with one teacher and 18 students, the new facility bore the name Escuela Fiscal Mixta Kiwanis.

“By the time construction had started, families were already starting to move their homes closer to the school,” explains Marco Benítez Proaño, 2008-09 governor of the Ecuador District in Formation. “Within a few years, there were enough families living close by that the village of Panzaleo was born.”

The relationship between Kiwanis and the new town has continued to bring positive
change to Panzaleo and other communities in the region.

Over the past four decades the town of Panzaleo has evolved into a much different place. Due to the growth of the village, the government built a road that now connects Panzaleo to Machachi, over which farmers can now transport excess products to market for extra income. They’re growing additional crops, thanks to advice from the school’s teachers, and enjoying the benefits of programs such as the twice-annual, Kiwanis-sponsored Dental Care Days and medical campaigns to combat parasitic infections.

The Quito club has continued to make improvements at the village and school, installing septic tanks and water pipes, paving the playground and building a fence that safely encompasses the school. It also now has a large common hall, with a dining room and kitchen that’s used for community events. Two years ago, a new classroom opened a kindergarten program.

With a well-stocked library and computers donated by Kiwanis, Panzaleo is producing graduates with options that simply weren’t available to their parents and grandparents. Indeed, several students have gone on to professional careers in electrical engineering, accounting and agronomy. Some now attend Central University, the University of Cotopaxi and other institutions of higher learning.

What’s more, Panzaleo is no longer the Quito Club’s only school. In the village of Tandapi, seven kilometers up a mountain, was a dilapidated school house. Teachers slept at the school since the climb to the nearest sleeping quarters was impossible. The Quito club refurbished and equipped the schools, built two apartments for the teachers and installed a water tank for the community.

“At first we wondered how the teachers and the community knew about Kiwanis,” recalls Marco Benitez Proaño. “And one of the teachers replied, ‘We used to be pupils at the Kiwanis School of Panzaleo, and we know that you all work for the good of people like us.’”
Where would your town be without your club?

Is your club making a difference in your town? Before you kick off the same old service project, put it to the test. Take this quiz to your next Kiwanis club meeting. Let the discussion begin.

First, choose one of your club’s most important service projects. Then score your answers based on this scale: 1 = 1 point, 2 = 2 points, 3 = 3 points.

Is there another group in your community offering the same service?
1. No. We’ve cornered the market.
2. Yes. And we work together to meet the needs.
3. Yes. And they take every opportunity to let us know they do it better than we do.

Score: __________

Are there a significant number of people being served?
1. There are so many we can’t count them all.
2. Not really. But a few people are profoundly affected by our service.
3. No. But 20 years ago, it was really popular.

Score: __________

Does the project promote Kiwanis too?
1. Yes. In the dictionary, this project and Kiwanis are synonyms. Look it up!
2. Somewhat. We displayed our “Kiwanis” sign and wore “Kiwanis” shirts.
3. We don’t like to boast.

Score: __________

Would anyone notice if your club decided to kill the project?
1. Yes. Our local newspaper would have to publish an extra edition to print all the complaint letters.
2. Some. But we’d have more time to watch TV.
3. We might be doing them a service by killing the project.

Score: __________

Has your club assessed your community’s needs lately?
1. Yes. We talk to local leaders, school administrators and service agency representatives at least twice a year.
2. I think our club secretary does that for us.
3. No. With our annual projects, we can’t take on new stuff.

Score: __________

TOTAL SCORE: _______________

So where does your project rate?

Score:
12–15 points Do something else.
9–11 points Fix it or deep-six it.
5–8 points We have a winner!

Find resources to fully assess your club’s service impact at www.KiwanisOne.org/communityanalysis.
Mel and Betty Peterson both have a soft spot in their hearts for children. That’s why they give so passionately of their time and treasure to Kiwanis and the Kiwanis International Foundation.

“We get a lot of satisfaction from working on club projects that benefit our community, especially those dealing with children,” Mel says. “Through Kiwanis, we’ve also been able to travel around the world and see firsthand the benefits Kiwanis provides to children in need.”

As members of the Kiwanis Club of Moline, Illinois, the Petersons coordinate programs for children, including the club’s Young Children: Priority One initiatives. And Mel, a retired chemistry professor, still advises the Circle K club he founded at Augustana College 15 years ago.

Since 2007, Mel and Betty have led their club’s participation in the foundation’s Annual Club Gift Campaign. Under their direction, the club consistently exceeds the suggested $5 per member goal and its giving ranks it among the top 10 Kiwanis clubs in the world.

Like Mel, Betty relishes interacting with people through Kiwanis.

“But doing for others, especially children, is the best part,” she says.

Read more about the Petersons, and learn how you and your club can help the foundation at www.kiwanis.org/foundation.
When Amirah Awatif was born, she was diagnosed with Down syndrome. Her parents loved and cherished her, but worried about her future. Their concerns ended, though, when a social worker introduced them to the Kiwanis Down Syndrome Foundation. Founded by the Kiwanis Club of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, the foundation is committed to the welfare and education of children with Down syndrome. The club relies on funding from many sources, including Kiwanis International Foundation (KIF) grants. Earlier this year, it was among a number of KIF grant recipients, including:

Seeds of Peace • Kiwanis Club of La Hormiga, Bucaramanga, Colombia • Provides a healthy environment for children in need.

Centro Medico Hombro a Hombro (Shoulder to Shoulder) project • Kiwanis Club of Santo Domingo los Colorados, Ecuador • Furnishes transportation for patients.

Snack Packs for Kids • Oakridge, Oregon, Kiwanis Club • Provides take-home snack packs to students on the free lunch program.

Believe in Belize • Chaminade Juliene Key Club, Dayton, Ohio • Seeks to improve the quality of medical and educational services for villagers of Belize City, Belize.

St. Alexius Medical Center • Bismarck, North Dakota, Kiwanis Club • Will be used to refurbish the Children’s Unit Fun Center.

Child’s Path to a Healthy Relationships • Valparaiso-Sunrise, Indiana, Kiwanis Club • Will underwrite classes for parents of newborns and children up to the age of 3.

Shoe Boot Program • Des Plaines, Illinois, Kiwanis Club • Supplies shoes for children from disadvantaged families.

USC Mobile Dental Clinic • Kiwanis Club of Hollywood/Los Feliz, Glendale, California • Provides dental care for children.

Books for Children • Kiwanis Club of the Peninsula at Oyster Point, Newport News, Virginia • Will help purchase books for Central American children.

Bring Children into the Light • Miles City, Montana, Kiwanis Club • Will be used to help develop a youth department at the Miles City Public Library.

Key Leader • Kiwanis International • Funds will be used to continue Kiwanis’ successful leadership education program for students, primarily in high school.

Go to www.kiwanis.org/foundation to read more about these grants and how to contribute.

Matt’s back!

Matt Morris, who served on the Kiwanis International staff from 1989–1998, has returned as the Kiwanis International Foundation’s chief fundraising officer. In his new role, Matt is focused on guiding the New Beginning Campaign and fundraising for Kiwanis International’s next Worldwide Service project. Matt previously served as senior development officer at the Indiana University Foundation, where he supported major gifts fundraising in the Midwest and Washington, D.C. He can be reached at 317-217-6234 or by e-mail at mmorris@kiwanis.org.

Fill your heart

There’s still time to give to the Kiwanis International Foundation’s New Beginning Campaign challenge and double the impact of your gift. Kiwanis International is matching all unrestricted contributions to the foundation on a $1-for-$1 basis, up to $750,000. The match applies to contributions made through April 30, 2010, so please act now! You can see a progress report on the campaign and give securely online at www.kiwanis.org/foundation/giving.
To celebrate the lives of the late Mary Shafer and her distinguished husband, Bo, the Kiwanis International Foundation has created the Mary & Bo Shafer Legacy Society, recognizing planned gifts of $50,000 or more.

A past Kiwanis International president, Bo earned the nickname “servant with a heart” as he fulfilled many vital leadership roles. He and Mary generously contributed time, talent and treasure to Kiwanis and its foundation, and to many other organizations.

Previous donors or those who wish to include a gift of $50,000 or more to the Kiwanis International Foundation in their estate plans can learn more by contacting Linda Brimmer, Kiwanis International Foundation executive director, at 317-217-6155 or lbrimmer@kiwanis.org.

“Mary and Bo Shafer have exemplified the spirit of philanthropy and volunteerism.”

— Foundation President Elmer Austermann on behalf of the foundation’s trustees

Make a difference.

Join the Mary & Bo Shafer Legacy Society
A Place to Play
From Iowa to the Bahamas and beyond, Kiwanis makes childhood fun for all kinds of kids

Story and photos by Jack Brockley

Kids are always eager to play. Finding the right place, however, is not always so easy. They may spend their time on a couch toggling digital heroes, kicking a can on a busy neighborhood street or waiting on the sidelines for someone to give them a chance to swing a bat. Just once.

That’s why there are Kiwanis clubs. To fix broken teeter-totters. To replace dangerous swings. To build courts, rinks, courses, parks and diamonds.

To give every child a chance—and a place—to play.
Miracle Makers

In Des Moines, Iowa, a group of dedicated Kiwanians gives kids a chance to play ball like never before at a brand new Miracle League Baseball field

Miranda’s rounding third and heading for home.
It’s gonna be a close play at the plate.
Here comes Miranda.
Here comes the throw.
Safe!
Posing exactly in the center of the plate, Miranda stretches her arms wide to embrace the cheers rising from both teams’ bleachers. As her teammates come in behind her to score, she bows to the crowd. Royal and Cub fans alike cry out, “Way to go, Miranda! We love you, Miranda!” With her fingers pressed tightly to her lips, she blows kisses left and right, left and right.

It’s just another ordinary miracle, thanks to a group of not-so-ordinary Kiwanis clubs.

Miranda has Down syndrome. Until two years ago, she and other children with disabilities had few opportunities for playing organized sports in Des Moines, Iowa. No uniforms. No practices and games with friends. No facility to help them make the most of their abilities. Now, Miranda’s an all-star—just one of many miraculous stories that occur every season in Des Moines’ Kiwanis Miracle Baseball League.

It’s a miracle there’s a league at all. A series of miracles, actually. Here’s how it all came together.

With the crack of the bat, MaKayla (above) drives in a run for the Dodgers. For the Cardinals’ Jon (right), pregame warmups involve forging a quick friendship with his volunteer buddy.
Miracle 1

As a result of a club survey and strategic planning, the Kiwanis Club of Des Moines came away with a dream to find a project that would give the club a purpose, serve children and build the Kiwanis brand, with hopes that it would also attract new members. Past club president Al Knudsen remembered watching an HBO Sports documentary about baseball fields designed for children with special needs. He recalls, “I ordered the DVD thinking this could be the project we were looking for.”

The disc arrived with an unexpected bonus: a clip from the *Today Show* featuring Matt Lauer. “The HBO documentary was pretty straightforward,” remembers Bob Mitchell, the club’s strategic planning facilitator, “but Lauer’s piece had the emotional appeal.”

Upon learning there were no other Miracle League Baseball fields in Iowa, the committee took the proposal through a series of presentations: their club, Divisions 16 and 13, the Nebraska-Iowa District Trustees, plus numerous city, county and civic officials. Watching the video and seeing kids wheel around the bases, swinging bats, smiling and laughing was all it took to win their hearts—and approval. A steering committee formed and became a board of directors. Bylaws were written. And the miracles continued.

Miracle 2

The Kiwanians couldn’t begin fundraising until they had a location. No problem: They soon learned that an existing youth baseball field in nearby Urbandale could be converted to a Miracle League Baseball facility with an all-rubberized surface. The park’s $250,000-plus price tag far exceeded anything the Kiwanians had funded before. That’s why they studied every angle. They knew Des Moines has a supportive group of Kiwanis clubs and a generous corporate community. Officials said the city lacked recreational facilities for children with special needs. All the pieces were coming together. Success seemed certain. The Miracle League steering committee was ready to vote on refitting the Urbandale park.

Miracle 3

Club fundraising chairman John Keck mentioned the club’s plans to the Iowa Cubs, Des Moines’ Triple-A Baseball team. Coincidentally, the Cubs organization had a patch of ground next to its award-winning riverfront Principal Park in downtown Des Moines and was looking for something with high visibility for the site.

“We knew if we could get that location, it would be a home run,” says Mitchell, who now serves as the league’s president. “And it was.”

Following a meeting with Cubs owner Michael Gartner and general manager Sam Bernabe, documents for a long-term lease were drawn up and signed.

Growth in girth

In 1979, 12 percent of Canadians 2 to 17 years old were overweight, and 3 percent were obese. By 2004, 18 percent were overweight, and 8 percent were obese.

Source: Statistics Canada/2004 Canadian Community Health Survey: Nutrition
Miracle 4

Building a baseball park from bare ground changed everything. Grading, installing utilities, building a concession stand and restrooms and other necessities more than quadrupled the price to $1.45 million. The video kept working its magic.

“All people had to do was see that Matt Lauer video and the reaction was, ‘Where do I sign up and what can I do?’” says league secretary Carol Stone, who also is a Des Moines Kiwanis Club member.

Variety the Children’s Charity, which serves underprivileged, at-risk children with special needs, was one of the many foundations the Kiwanians approached for funding.

“Kiwanis made a very convincing presentation,” says Variety executive director Sheri McMichael. “They talked about the impact this would have on the kids, not only just on the kids but on the community too. It was a pretty easy decision for Variety to make a rather large commitment—nearly $60,000—for the ballpark’s fencing.”

Other financial gifts came in: $100,000, $25,000, $100, $10, as well as in-kind donations of labor and materials.

The largest and first gift came from the Kiwanis clubs, securing naming rights. “We all gulped when we signed the contract for over $125,000 for the field itself,” says club secretary Jan Burch. Division 13 and 16 clubs, as well as individual Kiwanians generously met the challenge. Now a sign, affixed to the top of the center-field scoreboard, proudly declares, “Kiwanis Miracle League at Principal Park.”

Techno zombies

The average child watches about 3 hours of TV a day and spends 5½ hours daily on a combination of TV, DVDs, nonschoolwork computer time and video games.

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation

Play hard

Preschoolers should accumulate at least 60 minutes of structured physical activity and participate in at least 60 minutes of free play daily.

Source: U.S. National Association for Sports and Physical Education

Build Community

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Kiwanians knew that once the money was collected, they’d need skilled assistance to actually build the facility. Fortunately, member Mary Lou Garcia was participating in the Greater Des Moines Partnership’s annual leadership institutes for young professionals and youth. Each year’s class completes its year of training with a community service project, and Garcia proposed a partnership with Kiwanis on its Miracle League Baseball project. Eager to match the 2007 class’ zoo landscaping project, her 2008 classmates readily answered yes.

“Suddenly we had a whole group of people who had the exact expertise we needed,” Carol Stone explains.

Volunteers from within the club’s membership and from the community rushed to be a part of the project. Architectural engineers drew up site sketches to help impress prospective donors. Lawyers helped file permit applications. Contractors trenched and installed lighting.

“We were down here painting the dugout roofs with brushes and rollers,” Mitchell recalls. “And it looked awful. Just awful. A construction company came down, put up some plastics, got out their spray guns and swish-swish, it was done. And it looks beautiful. Just beautiful.”

Miracle League Baseball has introduced many Kiwanis members to the community of people living with special needs. Like most Des Moines Kiwanians, immediate past president Michelle Wall had no previous family or volunteer experience with people who have special needs, but now, as the Cardinals’ coach, she has no trouble recognizing the potential in her players—players like James.

On the mound, James turns his attention to the next slugger in the Cubs’ lineup. No secret finger signals pass between him and his catcher. Instead, his teammate claps, and
James launches the four-inch ball toward the sound. A swing and a miss. The catcher throws to Coach Wall who hands it to her pitcher. James is blind.

“We have a ball that beeps, and at bat, he can really whack it,” Wall says. “But in the field, it’s hard for him to be involved in the game. So I tried him as a pitcher, and he’s really good. He threw out the first pitch at one of the Iowa Cubs games, and it went right across the plate.”

Miracle 7

The Kiwanis Miracle League is breaking down barriers everywhere in the Des Moines community. Serving as an “angel in the outfield”—a buddy to the players—has become one of the most popular volunteer gigs in the area. Burly Barnstormers from the Arena Football League push wheelchairs around the bases. Shriner clowns show off their goofiest batting stances. Lincoln High School Key Club members play pass with the athletes in pre-game warm-ups.

“Some people don’t know how to react when they meet someone with a disability,” says player/volunteer coordinator Joyce Byrne, who also is a member of the Northwest Des Moines Kiwanis Club. “Here, everyone’s having fun. You quickly forget about being uncomfortable.”

Miracle 8

Not once during five two-inning games did someone argue an umpire’s call. In this noncompetitive league, there’s no umpire, everyone gets to bat and every game ends in a tie.

Miracle 9

Owen races in from the infield and tosses his glove onto the dugout bench, eager for his turn at bat. His father steps up to the dugout door and calls an encouraging “good job.”

“Earlier this season, he had hip surgery, so he didn’t play in the spring,” says his dad, Chad. “He’s up and running again, and we signed him up for the fall season as quickly as possible. This means a lot to us: to have him come down here and see him having a good time just running wild.”

Miracle 10

The Kiwanis Club of Des Moines experienced a 22 percent increase in membership while building the Miracle League field.

Miracle 11

Ask Des Moines Kiwanians what the Miracle League has taught their club, and they’ll answer, “Dream big.”

With the first pitch still a couple hours away, Bob Mitchell sweeps the bleachers and hangs new sponsors’ banners along the left-field fence before taking a break to think about the league’s future.

“We did a study and found there were more than 3,100 kids who could benefit from this type of facility,” he says. “We have 150 kids in our league, so there’s a lot more potential out there for other fields like this. This is the first one in Des Moines. The first one in Iowa.

“I think there’ll be more.”


Center Stage

Discover more miracles at www.kiwanis.org/centerstage.

As White Sox opponents cross the plate to score, Royals catcher Zachary tags them with high fives—not outs.

Where to work out?
The major barriers most people face when trying to increase physical activity are time, access to convenient facilities and safe environments in which to be active.

Source: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
How to Play

Experts worldwide agree: Children need 60 or more minutes of physical activity each day. Kiwanis clubs worldwide are doing their part to help children exercise their right to play.

Ready, set, run

In Wilsonville, Oregon, kids are “getting their run on,” and the entire community is seeing the benefits. For the past six years, children have lined up for the annual Wilsonville Kiwanis Kids Fun Run, which combines the opportunity for cool, noncompetitive exercise and a way for the Kiwanis club to raise funds for scholarships and grants.

More than 500 runners crossed the finish line in 2009, and sponsors cover the costs to eliminate entry fees and maximize fundraising. But the fun starts even before the run does.

Kids can get ready for the event by exercising along with specially designed videos on the event’s Web site. A downloadable log tracks their progress.

“The video’s a way to show kids how to warm up appropriately at different levels,” says Sarah Coffman, a wellness teacher at Wilsonville’s Wood Middle School who helped develop the video, “and a chance for the kids who appeared in the video to show what they can do.”

Go outside

The kids at the Ranfurly Home for Children needed a break. A day away from institutional routine. A day of play. So that’s what the Fort Montagu, Nassau, Bahamas, Kiwanis Club gave them.

Ranfurly serves as home to more than 40 children between the ages of 5 and 20 who are orphaned, abused, neglected or abandoned. In keeping with the home’s focus on physical as well as emotional health, the Kiwanians’ “fun day” sent the kids outside to get moving, with playground activities, horseback riding and more.

Make friends

Children and play are a logical fit. But for those with autism, interacting with others doesn’t always come naturally. That’s why the Kiwanis Club of San Carlos, California, trains volunteers to help them facilitate play between children who are autistic and those who are not.

The Kiwanians arrange for volunteers to attend multiple sessions with a specialized trainer, and the result is helpers who are ready to oversee “play dates” on a brand new play structure at the local Burton Park. Kids ages 4 to 8 play for either 30 or 60 minutes at a time.

The program has been advertised in schools, and reaction has been very positive, says club secretary Susan Greenberg.

—Karen Trent

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Olympic glow

The 2010 Winter Olympic Games were played in Vancouver, British Columbia, but the gold medal fervor shone all the way across continent to St. Thomas, Ontario, and the community’s Golden K Kiwanis club.

On its 106-day journey to the west coast, the Olympic torch stopped in St. Thomas, where city leaders organized a special welcome and asked Kiwanians to help coordinate the celebration.

“It really was a community party,” says R.A. “Tony” Stacpoole, whose St. Thomas Golden K Kiwanis Club helped keep the “little kids, big kids and even the really big kids” entertained. “It was a fun day with hot chocolate, souvenir coins, lots and lots of Canadian flags and 5,000 happy, cold faces.”

Where’s your K?

The Kiwanis road sign is such an icon of community life that Universal Pictures used a K emblem in its 1985 blockbuster Back to the Future. Now it’s your turn to put your Kiwanis sign into pictures.

E-mail a large, high-resolution photograph of your road sign to magazine@kiwanis.org. Send anything—from simple snapshots to artistic landscape portraits. Weathered and old or shiny and new. All types of Kiwanis signs are welcome.

Then watch future issues of Kiwanis magazine for a sampler of our K signs.
Birthdays

These clubs celebrate anniversaries in May and June 2010:

75—1935
Roslindale-West Roxbury, Massachusetts, May 2
Beeville, Texas, May 9
Vero Beach, Florida, May 17
McAllen, Texas, May 18
Pikesville, Maryland, May 27
Marianna, Florida, May 31
St. Catharines, Ontario, June 6
Jonesboro, Arkansas, June 11
Crestview, Florida, June 14
Orono-Old Town, Maine, June 28

50—1960
Sebring, Florida, May 3
Dinuba, California, May 4
East Fresno, California, May 6
Greater Brandon, Florida, May 11
Rawlins, Wyoming, May 16
Dryden, New York, May 17
Tobaccoland, Durham, North Carolina, May 19
Estes Park, Colorado, May 19
Silver Bow, Butte, Montana, May 24
Minerva, Ohio, May 31
Westside, West Palm Beach, Florida, June 6
Southington, Connecticut, June 7
South Orlando, Florida, June 7
Franklin, Virginia, June 15
Wolfe City, Texas, June 16
Pinellas Park, Florida, June 21
Denton, Breakfast, Denton, Texas, June 21
Fond du Lac-Lakeside, Wisconsin, June 23

25—1985
St. Louis Park Golden K, Minnesota, May 2
Bull Run-Manassas, Virginia, May 14
Saarbrücken, Germany, May 17

Solid citizens

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L A M O N K O A W D C M I Q S
G H D U P H M L D E V E L O P

All these words relate to Kiwanis’ fourth Object.
Can you find them?

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL FOURTH OBJECT
TO DEVELOP BY PRECEPT AND EXAMPLE
A MORE INTELLIGENT
AGGRESSIVE AND SERVICEABLE CITIZENSHIP

Check your answers at www.kiwanismagazine.org/answers.

East Hampton, New York, May 20
Windsor Roseland Golden K, Ontario, May 29
Pratt, Kansas, May 29
Great Bridge-Chesapeake, Virginia, June 6
Aix Dauphins, France, June 11
Cainta Greenpark, Cainta, Rizal, Philippines, June 15
Sonoma Plaza, California, June 19

Sotra, Norway, June 21
Topsail Island Area, Surf City, North Carolina, June 25
Conifer, Colorado, June 26
Piscadera, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, June 27

See a full list at www.kiwanis.org/birthdays.
What’s your idea of ideal?

Here’s an exercise used at Key Leader events to help teens think about the responsibilities of citizenship. Try it yourself at one of your next Kiwanis club meetings. Your mission is to build the ideal community.

- What are the tangible things your town needs, such as schools and hospitals?
- What are the intangibles (diversity, volunteering)?
- Write a vision statement for your town.
- What professions, skills and talents are needed?
- What do the relationships among the townspeople look and feel like?
- How can your club help your real hometown be more “ideal”?

Show the way

If we had to reduce the list of Kiwanis’ six Objects to just one, the fourth—to develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship—may be the one that best describes us.

In essence, the fourth Object tells us we’re committed to our guiding principle of serving the children of the world. In that light, we serve and we lead by example through our service, ultimately making a positive impact on a community of people around us. I’ve understood this Object since my days as a Key Club member, and I’m happy to report we successfully accomplish it every day.

Every day, Google e-mails me a list of incredible local Kiwanis club events, projects and news items. Mostly, these are newspaper and TV stories about Kiwanis members who are committed to serving children, leading by example and influencing their communities. If you’re a Kiwanis junkie like me, I invite you to do the same thing. You’ll be amazed and gratified at what Kiwanis can do as an organization of 16,000 family clubs worldwide.

In late November, I had the privilege of attending the annual meeting for an informal organization called the Service Club Leaders Conference. As its name implies, it’s comprised of representatives from more than 20 organizations that claim community service as their primary purpose. At this meeting, organization leaders share ideas, concerns and challenges. Overall, it’s beneficial to all of us who claim the service club moniker.

My greatest take-away from the conference is that we, as Kiwanis, have an identity, a legacy and future of which we can be both proud and excited. Rotary clubs raise much more money than we do, and Lions clubs are well known for their focus on blindness and vision. But our reputation is firmly established for our youth leadership development and our support of the children of the world.

I am a Kiwanian today because of Key Club. I learned some important life lessons contained within the Objects of Kiwanis. These were my precepts. I became a fan of active hands-on service as a result of the example set by my sponsoring Kiwanis members. And I believe we are all able to demonstrate intelligent, aggressive, serviceable citizenship thanks to Kiwanis.

“I love helping people. I don’t get any money. I do it because I get a good feeling.”

—Larry Selman, a longtime friend of the Kiwanis family whose inspiring story of citizenship is chronicled in the award-winning documentary The Collector of Bedford Street, which is featured during in the Key Leader curriculum.
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*A non-profit, Kiwanis sponsored fund raising program exclusively for Kiwanis Clubs.
When Kiwanis members work with the university students in Circle K International, they discover energetic, passionate and driven young adults. As full-fledged grown-ups, CKI members have the power to make an impact on their world in a significant way. And as a Kiwanian, you can see your advice and support put in action. What’s the secret to connecting with university students in 2010? Turn the page and find out.
What’s in it for you?

You’ll be hard-pressed to find a bigger Circle K International supporter and advocate than Camille Goulet.

“Circle K is rewarding work,” says Goulet, California-Nevada-Hawaii District administrator. “One, giving service as a mentor is a wonderful opportunity to share what you’ve learned through your education and life experience. Two, it’s genuinely exciting and interesting to work with young people who have the whole world at their feet.”

As an attorney, Goulet is equipped with an arsenal of knowledge and advice for CKI members. “As a professional, having the opportunity to share lessons I’ve learned is very gratifying,” she says. “On the other hand, the students have great, creative ideas. And their creativity and enthusiasm is uplifting for you too.”

In the end, working with CKI is a chance to impact the world while working with young adults who take service seriously. And it enriches your own life with friendships that last a lifetime. “I was just at a birthday party for some former students who are turning 40,” Goulet said. “They were all there with their kids, and it was wonderful. It’s like having an extra family.”

CLICK WITH YOUNG ADULTS

Ways to connect with CKI members

1. DON’T THINK OF THEM AS “KIDS.” They may be young, but they deserve the respect you would offer any adult.

2. LET THEM KNOW YOUR LIMITS. They may think nothing of texting during a meeting. If it bothers you, politely tell them so.

3. GIVE GOOD GUIDANCE. Although they’re eager to work, many university students require clear instructions when assigned a task. Spell out directions step by step, if necessary.

4. FACE THEIR FEARS. They have grown up communicating electronically and don’t always handle face-to-face confrontation well. Keep that in mind during tough conversations.

Sources: Jean Twenge, author of Generation Me and The Narcissism Epidemic, and Camille Goulet, CKI advisor and district administrator.

RESOURCE

Generation Me

Why Today’s Young Americans Are More Confident, Assertive, Entitled—and More Miserable Then Ever Before

By Jean Twenge, Ph.D

Jean Twenge’s rigorously researched book explains why, for various sociological and cultural reasons, many of today’s young adults are simultaneously self-centered and self-loathing. Sometimes controversial and always interesting, Twenge’s book offers a look inside the mind of the contemporary university student.
Credit-cravers. Whether working on service projects or school projects, they often aren’t content to be faceless contributors. They want to be difference-makers, and they crave the feeling of validation that accompanies personal accolades.

Drama queens (and kings). Having grown up in the age of reality TV shows, they invite and even enjoy drama in their social and romantic lives. Often, they’re surprisingly comfortable sharing the details of that drama with mere acquaintances.

Reality check. Unlike high school students, CKI members rarely harbor wildly fantastic ideas about becoming famous athletes or globe-trotting supermodels. They aspire to more attainable careers, from dentistry and investment banking to social work and teaching.

Time-rich, money-poor. Although they’re busy with class and extracurricular activities, they still have plenty of time to spare. Money, on the other hand, is in short supply. So when it comes to service, they’re able to give much more time than money.
Informal is normal. Don’t be surprised if a CKI member shows up to a meeting dressed in a “hoodie” and jeans. To them, tattoos are chic. And don’t expect to be addressed formally—many of their professors don’t even expect “Mr.” or “Mrs.”

Diverse city. They are generally tolerant of differences in others, and take pride in their willingness to accept people with different socioeconomic backgrounds or alternative lifestyles. In fact, the only thing they often won’t tolerate is intolerance in others.