Rashale and her family first sought medical assistance at their village's health post.

Join Rashale on her journey for a cure

When leg cramps kept 8-year-old Rashale Arana awake at night, nobody in her hometown of Silk Grass, Belize, had any answers for her. And when the swelling in her left knee continued to grow, she and her aunt traveled 150-plus miles to Belize City, only to be told nothing could be done for her there.

Rashale has cancer.

Kiwanis International invites you to accompany Rashale on her journey for a cure. Her quest has crossed paths with Kiwanis in the Carolinas District, and her story will unfold in future issues of the Kiwanis International Update newsletter.

End of Year Reporting for Kiwanis Clubs

Clubs are asked to complete an Annual Club Report via the KiwanisOne website. The Annual Club Report is now an online form that allows clubs to report service and administrative activities for the 2007-08 year.

Members can choose to fill out the form in one of 8 languages: Chinese, Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese and Spanish.

Clubs are asked to complete this on or before November 15, 2008.
In the event that a club secretary is unable to access the internet, two options exist. First, encourage the club to locate another Kiwanis member in the club or division who can assist; using the online form will expedite the club’s reporting. Second, a paper copy can be printed from an electronic version available from Kiwanis International’s Member Service Center. However, a mailed paper form will delay the reporting process.

Portrait of a hospital doll

Drawn on the doll’s arm was a crude-looking needle—like the one that fed medicine into the young boy’s arm.

Across the doll’s head were a few thin black lines—like the few thin hairs that remained on his head after chemotherapy treatments.

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Siete Lagos, San Pablo, the Philippines, met the young boy at the Community General Hospital while distributing 100 Kiwanis dolls to the children being treated for ailments such as leukemia, diabetes, kidney disease, and dengue fever. The Kiwanians had cut, stuffed, and sewn the dolls in a rainbow of colors: beige, blue, pink, orange, and green. Then, they visited each child, leaving a doll, a marker, and instructions to decorate the dolls any way they wished.

"It was an amazing sight to see the children trying to draw with one little arm tied to an IV," says immediate past club president Aleli Belen.

We’re loving it

Children worldwide love Kiwanis. It’s easy to understand why. In France, Kiwanians take kids to an amusement park where they have the rides and games all to themselves. In Michigan, a Kiwanis club dedicates an entire day to the celebration of youth. International President Don Canaday has dedicated the 2008-09 year to building new clubs and increasing Kiwanis membership so more kids will be served by Kiwanis. The October 2008 issue of KIWANIS magazine (English) contains these stories and more. Read it, and you’ll love Kiwanis too.

Lights! Camera! Action! Capture your One Day project on film!

If a picture were worth a thousand words, the value of video would be enormous. And a video of a special project such as Kiwanis One Day would be priceless,
especially as it relates to storytelling potential, emphasis on service and focus on
the benefit that Kiwanis clubs bring to children and their communities worldwide.

Your One Day project could be the subject of that professionally shot video, or of
specialized coverage in KIWANIS magazine, through the Kiwanis One Day Contest.
If chosen for the video shoot, your club will receive a copy of the video, which you
can use to share your club’s service story, to recruit members, or just to share the
good work you do, and Kiwanis International will retain a copy for use in its
marketing and publicity programming around the world.

To enter, log on and enter the pass code that appears on the page to use the
electronic form to describe your project, or describe your project in a letter and send
it to:

Kiwanis One Day Contest
Attn: Elizabeth Warren
3636 Woodview Trace
Indianapolis, IN 46268-3196
USA

The submission should be as complete and comprehensive as possible, providing
specific details about your planned project and its impact upon and benefit to the
community, including its primary beneficiary audience(s). If Service Leadership
Programs (K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K, Aktion Club, Kiwanis Junior)
will be involved, explain how, and whether or not your club needs additional
financial assistance. If financial assistance is needed, please explain the need and
how the funds will be utilized.

Include information on prior Kiwanis One Day projects, including details about the
work and the benefit, and provide, by mail, any photographs and/or videos of or for
the project. Also include samples of media coverage from the past year and
examples of how your project helped raise awareness of Kiwanis and children’s
needs in your community.

Submissions for the Kiwanis One Day video contest must be received at the

The materials will be reviewed by a committee comprising members of the Kiwanis
marketing and branded program staff (“committee”) to ensure the project accurately
and dynamically represents Kiwanis International’s vision, mission, and values.

The committee will select finalists and submit the finalists’ project materials to the
Kiwanis Executive Management Team (“EMT”), who will select two winners from the
finalists. All decisions by the EMT are final, and an announcement of the winner is
expected by January 30, 2009. One winning club will have its project professionally
videotaped and the second winning project will be included in KIWANIS magazine.

Kiwanis reserves the right to discontinue the contest if Kiwanis, in its sole discretion,
determines that the projects submitted for consideration do not meet the selection
criteria. In the event of such determination, contestants will be notified on or before

File your form

The United States’ Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has new forms and new rules for
tax-exempt entities such as Kiwanis clubs. New rules apply for Kiwanis clubs with
gross receipts of $25,000 or less. The new form for smaller clubs is the electronic
Form 990-N. All clubs must file a Form 990 by February 15, 2009.
What makes a Kiwanis club?

Could you have a Kiwanis club without a gong? Without a banner? Without a meal or a recitation of Kiwanis' Objects?

A guided discussion about the essential qualifications of a Kiwanis club may be an interesting experiment for your club. Simply follow these three steps:

1. Ask your group to identify the common traits among Kiwanis clubs. Answers usually mention the gong, gavel, banner, songs, meals, speakers, and service projects.

2. Then direct your group to review one-by-one the organization’s Objects and how Kiwanis fulfills each of these six statements. Again, responses tend to describe traditional practices, but participants begin to view their clubs from a different angle, asking questions such as “How else can you demonstrate the Golden Rule?”

3. Finally, have your group describe what a new kind of Kiwanis meeting would look like and what a Kiwanis club “can be.”