The following list of service, social and fundraising projects has been generated from a variety of sources. The listed projects are general suggestions, which can be adapted in a way that best suits your club. Use this list of ideas when planning your year. Remember, all projects need good planning, enthusiasm and club support.

**Activity board**
Buy an activity board for the school. One member can be assigned to maintain it throughout the week, announcing all school activities and sports events. Sell advertising on a weekly basis, with all revenue to be used to pay for the board.

**Aluminum cans**
Collect cans and flatten them in a race to see who can collect the most for the recycling center. The money from the center can be used to treat contest winners to prizes and to purchase recycling containers for the school. Provide recycling containers at the cafeteria exits so students can throw discard aluminum cans. Once a month, take the cans to the recycling center. Store the cans in a trailer or bin outside the school.

**Bake-off**
Sponsor a bake-off, perhaps between the middle school athletic teams, clubs and faculty. This could become a fundraiser where your club could charge an entry fee. After the competition, sell the baked goods during a school lunch hour or after school.

**Bake sale**
Builders Club members bake food and arrange to sell treats at school or at local events. This project is most successful when planned for the holidays.

**Barbecue dinners**
This is an especially good project to do during the early fall. Food usually can be secured wholesale. This project would be ideal before a school sporting event. Sell tickets prior to the dinner. Make sure you promote the event.

**Birthday kits**
At the beginning of the school year, send a direct mail order to students’ parents, selling "birthday kits." The Builders Club can deliver birthday cakes, donuts, cookies, balloons, or something similar to students celebrating birthdays. If the club does a one-time sale, it alleviates an on going problem of accurate ordering. This project would require strong committee organization.

**Buttons**
During sporting events, sell buttons with pictures of athletes in uniform.

**Candy and nut sales**
Caramels, chewing gum, hard candy, nuts, chocolate and other treats are excellent sale items any time, but especially during the holiday season.
Car washes
Shopping centers or gas stations usually will provide a place for this sure profit maker. Sell tickets in advance, and promote the event heavily.

Carnival night
A hall or auditorium can be decorated to suit the theme of the carnival. You can offer a range of activities, such as a cakewalk and weight guessing. Sell refreshments and provide entertainment too.

Chili cook-off
These are very popular. Whether your club just participates by being an entry in a cook-off or actually organizes a contest, you can raise funds. Involve your Kiwanis club in the planning of this type of event. These can be fun but will require a lot of work and planning.

Holiday Christmas trees
The sale of Christmas trees involves a good deal of money and a lot of planning. It is best when done with the help of your sponsoring Kiwanis club.

Coat checks
Have members of the club offer this service at middle school functions. This project offers 100 percent profit, though one can’t expect a huge amount of money from any one function.

Concession stands
Many clubs operate concession stands for parades, fairs, festivals, athletic events, plays, or other school functions. This activity can be very lucrative and should be investigated as a possible project. You may wish to divide your proceeds with the sponsor to demonstrate your support and appreciation for allowing you to be a part of its event.

Daffodils
Purchase daffodils from the American Cancer Society in March, and then give them to teachers. Contact the society to see if your club could "sell" the daffodils.

Desk blotters
Many clubs make a considerable amount of money from this project. Ads are sold to local merchants, the school store, or even school organizations wishing to advertise. The ads are printed on a standard-size blotter, along with schedules of football and basketball games, a calendar for the year, class officers, and anything else you want. Ads should cover the cost plus profit, and blotters can be sold at a minimum cost or simply distributed to the students.

Donate time to PTA
Help parent/teacher associations with projects, baby-sitting, or fundraising.
**Donuts and pizza**
Through arrangements with donut shops and pizzerias, food can be brought in at a relatively low cost when bought in large numbers. Best results have been achieved by selling donuts before classes or during lunch. Pizzas sell well at evening event that draw large crowds.

**Holiday Easter bunnies**
Selling chocolate bunnies at Easter time can be a successful project. Contact a local vendor. Selling with a pre-order, pre-pay basis can cut down on surplus bunnies.

**Face painting**
Set up a face-painting booth at games, carnivals, etc.

**Flea market**
Collect "junk" from members, people in school and Kiwanians to sell them at a flea market.

**Florida fling**
Sponsor a Florida Fling—a dance with a Sunshine State theme. Write to cities in Florida and travel agencies to get posters to decorate the gymnasium. When students buy tickets to this event, they receive a shirt with the Florida Fling logo on it. Participants come to the dance ready for the beach. Similar themes include Caribbean Cruise, Mexican Fiesta and Hawaiian Luau.

**Hairy leg contest**
Advertise the contest well ahead of time. Contestants’ legs are photographed, and the pictures are fastened to glass jars. One vote costs a quarter, and the money is placed right in the jar. The Builders Club can arrange for prizes to be donated by local merchants to ALL entries.

**Halloween party**
Sponsor a community Halloween arty for kids in a local gymnasium. Urge parents to allow the kids to attend the party, and provide an entertaining evening for everyone. Donate your collections to a UNICEF fund.

**Haunted house**
Work with a mall to see if it has an open room. Choose a theme. Work with your sponsoring Kiwanis club to secure materials, assistance in building and working the event. This makes a great fundraiser around Halloween.

**Holiday bazaar**
A holiday bazaar open to the public is a great fundraiser. Secure a location, sell spaces—including concessions area, arrange for setup and take down helpers, decorations and a radio announcement. Local craftsmen count on the same date each year, which seems to ensure a successful turnout. This project has minimal costs to Builders Club and is financially beneficial.

**Jukebox**
Work with your school administration on the plan of buying a jukebox for the cafeteria. Not only does this bring in money, but it also provides students with an environment in which to enjoy lunch and socialize with friends.
Just like the good old days
Homecoming week is a great time to sponsor a community picnic. All school groups and clubs set up booths to sell food or products (such as T-shirts). The picnic is open to the entire community. It serves as a kickoff for Homecoming, as well as a popular fundraiser.

Builders Club/faculty sporting events
Determine an event that would be most popular in your school’s community. Ask the most popular teachers to participate, sell tickets, promote the event heavily, and enjoy your success!

Lights, camera, good-bye
Give each senior 45 seconds in front of a video camera to say farewell. The tape can include shots of the prom and graduation. Students can have their one copy if they supply a blank tape. This is virtually a cost-free fundraiser.

Lock-in
Have an overnight at the local YMCA. Watch movies, go swimming, have fun. This event takes a great deal of planning and adult support, so make sure you’re organized.

Lost and found auction
Conduct an auction with the school’s large number of lost and found articles. In most cases fantastic deals are available to students.

Miracle mile of quarters
This is an easy project to do on a daily basis in a middle school setting or for a district project/district convention. Determine the charity or receiver of funds and advertise this well. Make "paper quarters," and for every $.25 donated, post a paper quarter, perhaps by beginning in the lunchroom or corridor. Determine a goal and end date.

Music week
Take a week to celebrate different musical eras. One day could be music from the 50s, and the next day could celebrate music from the 1800s. Students dress according to that day’s era. At the end of the week, transform the school’s tennis courts into a little Hawaii. Games (pie throwing, dunking machine, wheel of fortune) abound, flower leis are distributed and Hawaiian music is that day’s theme.

Old book and CDs sale
Collect old books and CDs to be sold. Limit the hours of the sale, and try to sell out during the allotted time. Many clubs run a regular used bookstore and exchange center for their school.

Pancake breakfast
A pancake breakfast can be a high profit fundraiser. It also can be fun, easy to organize and an excellent joint Builders Club-Kiwanis project. Don’t overlook the sale of placemat advertising. The income derived from ad sales often exceeds the breakfast receipts.
Peanut day
Involve all club members by accepting donations on street corners in exchange for a bag of peanuts. Some clubs attach small handbills to the bag, explaining the purpose of the club and how the money will be used. For complete information on organizing such an event, contact: Kiwanis Peanut Day Inc., 900 Jorie Blvd., Oak Brook, IL 60521.

Rummage sale
This is a very popular sale of used odds and ends. The collection of goods can be made door-to-door or solicited through ads.

Save or shave
Choose a willing faculty member, who is ready to donate his beard for a fundraiser. Students then vote with money whether the beard should be saved or shaved. It is hopefully shaved at a school assembly.

School bazaar
This kind of activity can be a joint effort with all the clubs in your school. The Builders Club, along with other interested clubs and homerooms, can operate various booths throughout the day. All proceeds can go to a charity or to a school improvement need.

Scooping for money
Host a “Make Your Own Sundae” event. Schedule this project during lunch.

Singing Christmas cards
Set up a booth at a fall parent-teacher conference, sporting events, or after church services to sell “Singing Christmas Cards.” People pay a fee to have carolers go to someone’s home and sing Christmas carols. A card would be given to the recipient with the giver’s name.

Spirit sweats
Sell sweatshirts and pants—printed with the school name, logo and colors— to students. Work with a local vendor to ensure the best price.

Sports programs
Publish basketball game programs for your varsity team. Sell ads to local merchants, and have the programs printed in the school’s commercial office. Distribute the programs at the door free of charge.

Sport tournaments
Host a sports tournament in conjunction with homecoming, spring flings, etc. Many sport tournaments make money, and they can be a lot of fun at the same time. Some suggestions are basketball, baseball, table tennis, golf and pool.

Spring sales
A successful springtime fundraiser is a garage sale. Collect items door-to-door for the sale. Also make advertisements and hand them out at grocery stores.
Students and faculty arrested

"Jail and Bail" is a popular fundraiser. Build the jail out of any available materials like cardboard. Hold students, teachers and administrators during two days of "arrests." Sell arrest warrants for one dollar. Charges can range from skipping class to imitating a student. On the third day, warrants are served during homeroom. "Criminals" must raise $5 bail or spend their free period in the jail, which can be located in the cafeteria.

Talent shows

Host a talent show in conjunction with homecoming, spring fling, etc. With good promotion throughout the school, a successful show can be organized. Have a Builders Club emcee introduce several acts from the school, including Builders Club skits, for a successful variety night. Builders Clubbers usher, serve as doormen and sell refreshments.

Thons

Sponsor a dance-a-thon, rock-a-thon, bowl-a-thon, game-a-thon, swing-a-thon, teeter totter-a-thon, etc. Donate the proceeds to a charity.

Turkey grams/ghoul grams/bunny grams

For a small fee, sell "grams" during various holidays. These grams can be a card with some candy or something similar. Singing telegrams also can be used for a fun project.
Turkey teacher competition
For teachers who are willing to participate, students bring in money or canned food and place it under the name of their favorite teacher. The teacher with the most money and ounces of food wins. That teacher either wears a turkey costume or carries a stuffed toy turkey all day. He or she also wins a turkey dinner. The canned food and money is donated to the Salvation Army.

Ugly teacher contest
Display pre-approved photos of faculty members during the lunch hour. Students could vote for the cutest, funniest, or ugliest photo. Stuffing the ballot boxes IS permitted. Donations are sent to the Heart Fund, Cancer Society, or some other worthy cause.

Ushers
Some organizations will pay very well for ushers at ball games, plays and other events.

Valentine’s Day kisses, flowers, cookies
This holiday provides many opportunities for fundraising. Selling bags of chocolate kisses (and delivering them in school) is an easy project. Also, taking orders for red, pink, or white carnations with delivery (in-school) on Valentine’s Day can be a successful project. Selling Valentine cookies during a lunch period or before or after school also can raise funds.

Weigh and pay
Host a supper or luncheon, preferably a social event, and charge each person a penny a pound for whatever she or he weighs. You need a "Weigh Station" booth at the door. Try this with your sponsoring Kiwanis club.