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INTRODUCTION

**Let us then be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.**

Longfellow

Kiwanis in Action tells what Kiwanians are “up and doing.” They are meeting the needs they find with the enthusiasm and good cheer that overcome the “fate” encountered by so many of the people they help. Read these accounts and discover the wide range of service programs through which members and clubs, divisions and districts, are working to make things better for those less fortunate.

From contributions that make possible the wonders of medical science, rehabilitation, and technology, to the contributions of time and imagination that serve individual and community needs, Kiwanians declare their dedication to service.

And when Kiwanians finish a project, they do sometimes step back and “wait,” as the poet penned—wait to watch the fruition of their efforts. It might be a playground that soon becomes populated with laughing children, or the excitement of a student who finally feels mastery of a subject he has struggled with.

The stories in this booklet provide only a glimpse at the tremendous contributions that Kiwanians have made in the past year. But from these examples, which were selected from hundreds of outstanding examples, it is evident that Kiwanians the world over are “still achieving, still pursuing” the service goals set forth in the Objects of Kiwanis more than 60 years ago.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Culture and Community Improvement

When a railroad decides to demolish a depot, an average community might mourn the loss. But the Kiwanis Club of **Onawa, Iowa**, decided to do something to preserve the building: move it.

With the ultimate goal of establishing a county museum in the depot, the club undertook a county-wide letter campaign to raise funds. In a year's time, more than \$29,000 was raised from some 600 contributors.

The depot has been moved now to a site leased from the city of Onawa, and the club has developed a plan for a historical community, with the depot, a caboose on tracks, country school, church, and a museum.

"This park has never looked so good or been so well equipped as it is now," said a resident of **Waynesville, North Carolina**. His comment was prompted by the efforts of the Waynesville Kiwanis club to refurbish East Street Park. After years of heavy use and some vandalism, the park was unattractive and no longer serving the needs of the community. The club installed a new concrete-based picnic shelter, high-pole flood lights, a multi-purpose blacktop area, a fenced-in playground, and assorted benches and picnic tables. After some grading and reseeding, the park was ready to serve several more generations of children and adults, for picnics, games, and pleasant strolls.

In the oldest section of the township cemetery of **Columbia Station, Ohio**, headstones were toppled, broken, and scattered by vandals. After elementary school students brought this to the attention of the local Kiwanis club, the club joined with two troops of Boy Scouts to remedy the problem.

The club learned how to repair the headstones from a monument company. Then, members prepared a map of the cemetery and made sure that each of the vandalized headstones was put in its proper place. Each stone was laid in a bed of concrete in its original location.

Support for cultural enrichment is one of the key concerns of the Kiwanis Club of **Andes, Colombia**. In the past year, the club has funded the painting of a mural on a wall at the entrance to the city, provided costumes for the city folk dancers, and recorded the official songs of the city and a local school.

Helping the Needy

Bethany House has long served **Cincinnati, Ohio**, as a temporary shelter for displaced and homeless women. By the fall of 1986, Bethany House needed to move to a larger facility, but the only location with enough space, a 100-year-old mansion, required complete renovation.

To the rescue came the **White Oak-Monfort Heights** Kiwanis club. The club spent \$3,500 of club funds to purchase building materials, and 30 members put in time on weekends and evenings. The tasks included plumbing, masonry, and electrical work; knocking out walls; installing fire doors; and hanging drywall. And the club had only 90 days to get the job done!

Some 1,500 service hours later, the first tenants arrived, and on Mother's Day 1987, the new Bethany House was dedicated. The facility can now accommodate 20 mothers and children at once, and served 245 persons in its first three months of operation.

The Kiwanis Club of **Cedar Falls, Iowa**, saw a depressed local economy affect basic needs of local residents. As winter approached, the club assembled 75 "window weatherization" kits. Each kit provided the materials to seal three windows. An organization that works with the needy distributed all of the kits in a few days.

The club also undertook a collection campaign to provide the needy with groceries and funds for heating fuel. Club members set up a "Liquor Store Hold Up," soliciting contributions in front of the state liquor store on the eves of Christmas and the New Year. The result was a \$1,200 fund to help the needy.

Most clubs support food banks with donations of canned foods and dry goods. This makes the approach of the **Queen City, Regina, Saskatchewan** club particularly "fresh." The club plants a four-acre site and harvests more than 5,000 pounds of vegetables during the summer. Of course, that is possible only after some 120 hours of weeding and watering, as well as \$1,488 in expenditures. The local food bank, day-care centers and other service groups enjoy the fruits of the Kiwanians' labors.

In the **Philippines**, the Kiwanis Club of **Industrial City, Iligan City** proved its commitment to the underprivileged by helping the 60 families on tiny Bayug Island. Very little can be transported to the island, which is joined to the mainland only by a rope bridge. No community structure had ever been built. The ground water is so salty that the island cannot support agriculture, contributing to malnourishment in 80 percent of the children.

The Industrial City club addressed these problems by developing a plan for a community center and providing building supplies. Working with residents, the club built a community center that is used as a daycare/preschool, a feeding center for malnourished children, a lecture hall for family planning presentations, and a social hall. Just as important, the project helped develop community spirit, as residents learned that they could help themselves.

The 915 shacks comprising **Riverton City, Jamaica**, housed unemployed and underemployed citizens who often needed to rummage through garbage to find food. Although there was a building designated as a school, the area had no water, sanitary facilities, or health care providers. The **North St. Andrew** club decided to build a school for the 120 children in the community, with



sanitary facilities that would serve both the school and the rest of the community. The building, which cost \$175,000, also houses a soup kitchen, which feeds 300 residents each day, and a meeting place for religious, social, and civic activities.

After members of the club planned the building, Kiwanians and Key Clubbers invested more than 680 hours in the construction of the facility. The club paid area residents to work on the project. The business community, United Way, and the Council of Voluntary Social Services worked with the club to raise funds for the project. Manufacturers donated cement blocks, paint, cleaning compounds, and disinfectants. Besides improving the hygiene and encouraging better health habits, the facility has changed the atmosphere of Riverton City. Violent confrontations have declined, relationships with the business community are more positive, and the number of children attending school has risen 50 percent.

Health and Safety

The night a helicopter had to deliver two small children to Goodall Hospital, in **Sanford, Maine**, the police and fire vehicles had to form a ring in a field to light a landing area. Kiwanians in the Sanford club realized they had to provide a safer way for helicopters to land. Goodall Hospital has the only hyperbaric chamber north of Baltimore, Maryland, so

patients are brought in from all over New England.

After raising \$10,000 and persuading 16 building contractors to contribute in-kind services, the club secured permits from the Federal Aeronautics Administration and its state counterpart. Following construction plans developed by the Kiwanis Club of Salem, New Hampshire, the Sanford club provided the manual labor needed by each building contractor. The club estimates that local contractors and other businesses contributed \$20,000 in service and materials.

On weekends, a group of doctors in **Brazil** provides free treatment in churches in poor neighborhoods. The doctors are happy to donate their time, but they cannot afford to provide all the medicines and other medical supplies. So the Kiwanis Club of **Campinas** provides the materials the doctors need.

The **Cheboygan, Michigan**, club had a great asset when it set up a public forum on AIDS. The club member who ran the forum is a pathologist and AIDS expert. The club invited clergy, school officials, and members of all other service clubs in the community. The presentation informed and motivated the local school system to establish an AIDS policy.

The **Pottstown, Pennsylvania**, health fair featured free tests of lung capacity, anemia, blood pressure, diabetes, nutrition analysis, cancer risk, stress assessment, and much more. How could all this be free? Residents of Pottstown have their local Kiwanis club to thank.

The club spends \$3,000 on the health fair and involves the local hospital, the Key Club, the Visiting Nurses Association, the local medical center, and the senior citizens center. Last year, 89 booths provided tests, counseling, and informative demonstrations to the 6,000 people who attended the health fair.

A project of the **Medicine Hat, Alberta**, club, the Kiwanis Emergency Alert System, provides radios to persons with life-threatening health problems who still live at home. A base unit for the radio network is kept at the hospital, and the paramedic team responds to any call for

help. This provides elderly persons with a great sense of security and on several occasions has probably saved a life. The club has invested \$6,500 in equipment and still cannot meet all the requests to join the system. An added benefit to this project comes during the monthly maintenance checks on each radio. Many clients look forward to the monthly visit from their new Kiwanis friends.

Police officers deserve recognition for the risks they take to ensure the safety of the community, concluded the **Edmond Breakfast club in Oklahoma**. Club members felt the local police deserved better treatment from the public and sought a way to develop more positive interaction. After discussions with the police department, the club developed two annual awards, "Officer of the Year" and "Meritorious Service." Department supervisors nominate officers, and the chief of police chooses who will be honored. The club formally presented the awards at its installation banquet and made sure the local newspaper printed pictures of the honored officers. Though the project required very little time or funds, the club is pleased with the positive public exposure for the police.

Helping the Handicapped

A group of young adults with cerebral palsy had organized the Silver Wheels football team, but after two games, they were in the red. The Kiwanis Club of **North Buffalo, New York**, came to the rescue with a proposal for a game between the club and the Silver Wheels. Each club member had a goal to sell at least 10 tickets, and the club arranged transportation and a post-game pizza party for the teams. A capacity crowd at the community center watched the Silver Wheels score a lopsided victory over the North Buffalo club, but the club scored with a \$600 profit in ticket sales, which it donated to the Silver Wheels. Everyone concluded the project was a winner.

The efforts of the Kiwanis Club of **Obwald, Switzerland**, have resulted in a service event so large and impressive that it is being adopted as a district-wide project. The Kiwanis Cup cross-country event for handicapped skiers includes a 2.5 kilometer race for women, a 5 kilometer race for men, and a 7.5 kilometer relay race. The racers are usually wheelchair-bound and race in toboggans. In only three years the event has grown to such significance that the winners qualify for the world championships for handicapped skiing. Many Kiwanians who worked at the event were impressed by the strength, expertise, and pride of the handicapped skiers. Others noted the warmth and friendship that developed in the evenings between competitors and Kiwanians. Commented one Kiwanian, "This event puts into practice our slogan to take time to care."

The Meru School for the Disabled, in **Nairobi, Kenya**, has a new dormitory and clinic thanks to the **Olive Branch** Kiwanis club and the **Kiwanianne** Club of Kenya. Working on various fund-raising projects, the clubs raised a total of \$90,000. The new dormitory will allow the school to take in 100 additional children from their waiting list of some 300. The clinic will provide medical treatment at the school for the first time, putting an end to difficult trips to consult a doctor.

Each year the **Republic of China** District holds an unusual sort of birthday party for Kiwanis International. On the anniversary of the founding, January 21, clubs donate wheelchairs to the Kiwanis Wheelchair Warehouse. Since 1985, the district has collected hundreds of wheelchairs for loan to handicapped persons.

The **Montana** District Foundation has organized a state-wide system to provide needed equipment to victims of multiple sclerosis. Whenever a regional director of the Multiple Sclerosis Society decides that a client needs equipment, such as a motorized chair or lift equipment, the director contacts the Kiwanis district secretary. If the item is not in stock in the equipment bank, the district foundation purchases the item, with assistance from Medicare. The lieutenant governor and club nearest to the patient coordinate delivery, and the club handles any routine maintenance. When the item is no longer needed, it is returned to the equipment bank for future loan. The **Billings** club provides clerical assistance for this program.

Aid to the Elderly

According to the U.S. Institute on Drug Abuse, 10 percent of the people over age 65 now consume one quarter of all medications taken in the country. This means that the elderly are at greater risk to abuse their medications. To deal with this serious problem, the Kiwanis Club of **Cabool, Missouri**, ordered a program titled "Using Your Medicine Wisely: A Guide for the Elderly," available from the American Association of Retired Persons. The club enlisted a local pharmacist to help in the presentation. More than 70 senior citizens attended, and each received a copy of a booklet on using medicine wisely.

For eight long, cold hours, on a Saturday in January, 13 Kiwanians worked on a leaky roof. They had volunteered for this task when a local minister told them that a blind woman who lives alone had severe leaks in her roof and no hope of financing a new one. The minister had approached the **National Trace** club of **Pickerington and Reynoldsburg, Ohio**, because he had only been able to raise \$400 for a new roof, and he needed both an additional \$200 and volunteers to remove the old roof. The club jumped to the challenge, donating the funds

and securing a donation of shingles and sheathing. By the time the club finished the job, 13 shivering men had installed the entire roof at a cost of only \$150. The minister and his congregation were so impressed that they donated the other funds they had raised to the club.

The Lennox Senior Center in **St. Louis Park, Minnesota**, found itself chronically short of volunteers, until the town's **Golden K** club made a commitment to support the many programs at the center. Each month the center's director attended a club meeting and explained where he needed help. Members would volunteer for the activities they felt they could best help with. Through the year, members assisted at craft classes, transported residents to activities, produced birthday parties, and supported bazaars, dances, and receptions.

Citizenship

The biggest event to celebrate the centennial of the city of **Coeur d'Alene** was the picnic sponsored by the **Idaho Panhandle** Kiwanis club. The club secured five music groups for the day, to ensure a variety of styles for the audience. Another committee set up old-fashioned games such as three-legged races, an egg toss, a greased pole climb, and a watermelon seed spitting contest. The club planned awards for past mayors, active citizens, involved companies, and service clubs. To round out the activities, the club set up a chili cook-off.

The Kiwanis planners had anticipated attendance of 3,000, but they developed such an exciting set of activities and advertised it so well that more than 15,000 attended, more than half the people in the city.

The **Sandy Springs** Historical Society, in **Georgia**, was restoring an old house as the first step in developing a "historical" farm and park. The Sandy Springs Kiwanis club first joined in the process by painting the house and removing

heart pine flooring from another building for use in the restoration. The club also raised \$1,310 for the restoration project by holding two garage sales. Now, club members police the grounds of the park where the house is being restored.

In **Calgary, Alberta**, the Kiwanis club arranged for a court session to be held in a hotel, so that forty new Canadians and their families could be officially welcomed into citizenship. The new citizens were presented with their papers, Bibles, and a scroll titled "Understand Canada." After the ceremony, the new citizens and court personnel had lunch as guests of the club, while they learned more about the history of Canada and Kiwanis from the judge and club president.

In the **Japan** District, the twenty-second annual "Japan Kiwanis Culture Prize" was awarded to Genzaburo Yoshizuka, an artisan who makes a traditional Japanese lute, called the chikuzen biwa. Each year the Japan District awards its culture prize of 500,000 yen to a little-known artisan who preserves the traditional culture of Japan. The prize is nationally recognized and brings the winner considerable prestige.

When the Kiwanis Club of **Keyser, West Virginia**, first sponsored the community's Fourth of July celebration many years ago, they did so for three reasons: to encourage patriotism, to keep people off the highways during the holiday, and to provide safe holiday activities for the children. Of course, these reasons still apply, but for the club and the community, it is now a cherished tradition, attended by thousands each year.

The festivities last all day, starting with old-fashioned games and races on bicycle, foot, and water. Hundreds of adults settle in for a few hours of more sedentary pastimes, such as bingo. Musical groups perform throughout the day, appealing to different tastes. Almost everyone enjoys watching the water battles between local fire companies. Of course, the celebration concludes with a fireworks display.

YOUTH SERVICES

Fun and Recreation

The Kiwanis Club of **Bitter Root Valley, Hamilton, Montana**, wanted to treat local youngsters to something they didn't get to do often, so they organized a Fishing Derby. A farmer donated the use of his pond, which the club stocked with 250 fish. Flyers were distributed to elementary schools, inviting students and their parents to the event.

The Fishing Derby has been so successful in the last two years that the number of youngsters attending has doubled, and the club has gained two new members. The club is looking forward to extending the derby to a two-day event if the number of interested students and parents continues to grow.

The **Rocky Mountain District** of Kiwanis has established a tradition of helping talented teenagers develop their full potential by sponsoring the annual "Stars of Tomorrow" amateur talent contest.

Contestants from age 13 to 18 are given the opportunity to compete against their peers in traditional or contemporary arts. They compete in classical arts like piano, violin, or cello recitals, ballet, and opera. Contemporary acts include pop music, tap dancing, comedy, and magic.

Rocky Mountain clubs hold local Stars of Tomorrow contests to determine winners who are sent on to the division level. Division winners compete against one another in the third and final stage, the district contest. The district reports 90% club participation.

The first place winner of each category receives a \$750 scholarship and sometimes goes on to receive international exposure at the Kiwanis International Convention.

For more than 50 years, the Kiwanis Club of **Topeka, Kansas**, has held an annual Pet Parade that brings the whole city out to watch.

High school marching bands participate in the parade through downtown, along with the



fire department, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and city and county officials. Several hundred children enter the parade each year to show off their pets and pride of ownership. Prizes are awarded in several competitions, and everyone enjoys a day of fun and celebration.

Kite making and flying are traditional pastimes in the **Philippines** for the young and old alike. Kiwanis clubs interested in preserving this tradition and in providing productive activities for youth during school vacations have turned this national hobby into festival celebrations.

The Kiwanis Club of **Davao City**, for example, holds a kite contest, heralded by a parade down Main Street and highlighted by a sky-diving exhibition. Local businesses help sponsor the event and donate prizes, and the whole city turns out to see the colorful display.

Since 1978, all clubs in **Belgium's** Hainaut division have pursued a joint project. Each year during a school break, clubs unite to send underprivileged boys and girls on a week's vacation to the Belgian coast.

Members transport the youth in vans, feed and lodge them, and chaperon a multitude of activities that are planned for their enjoyment. Between 80 and 160 children annually enjoy sports, walking, and tourist attractions — all in the beautiful beach area. More than 1,000 children have had a real vacation, thanks to these Belgian Kiwanians.

Helping the Handicapped

A member of the Kiwanis Club of **Phoenix, Arizona** noticed that physically and mentally handicapped youth were unable to participate fully in State Fair activities because large crowds prevented access to most rides, shows and exhibits. To solve this, Kiwanians negotiated with the Arizona Coliseum Board to open the fair one day from 9:00 a.m. until noon solely for the enjoyment of handicapped youngsters.

Kiwanians, Key Clubbers and other community volunteers supervised small groups through the animal barns and a petting zoo, on specially selected amusement rides, and treated them all to a traditional fair lunch and a prize before returning home.

The number of handicapped youth who benefit has grown in just two years from 1,000 to 2,460, and more youth request to come all the time. Many club members look forward to the day because of the personal satisfaction they get watching these special children enjoy things that most people take for granted.

For more than half a century, the **Washington** Kiwanis club of **North Central, Seattle**, has maintained a summer camp for handicapped children to which few other camps of any nature can compare.

The club leases Camp Casey from a local university at a reduced rate in exchange for Kiwanis help at university events. Full time health care and counseling services are solicited from high school and college students seeking careers in health care. Donations of food and equipment by local merchants keep operating costs at a minimum, and enthusiastic support from schools, the media, and community leaders helps ensure the camp's success.

Each summer, Kiwanians and their select staff of 70 provide a memorable camping experience for 100 handicapped youngsters at no charge to their families.

Music festivals have been popular projects with Canadian clubs for many years. Two clubs

made special efforts last year to put music into the hands of handicapped children, and the results have been music to the heart.

With the help of Cosmopolitan Industries (a sheltered workshop) and a volunteer music teacher, the Kiwanis Club of **Saskatoon, Saskatchewan** formed the Kiwanis-Cosmo Rhythm Band for mentally and physically disadvantaged children. While everyone agrees that performances by the band are a treat to the children and spectators alike, the discoveries of new abilities and hidden talents made during practices are just as important.

Members of the Kiwanis Club of **Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan** had a similar idea when they wanted to provide a new and rewarding experience to youth at a local school for the handicapped. Kiwanians helped the school begin a rhythm band by providing uniforms, instruments, and transportation to performances. The sense of accomplishment and joy these students gain from their experiences with the band is shared by their Kiwanis sponsors.

With a state school for the handicapped and a major rehabilitation hospital nearby, the Kiwanis Club of **Algiers, New Orleans, Louisiana**, estimated that an additional 12 percent of the community's population could benefit if a local park were remodeled to accommodate special recreational needs.

Working with the city government and local experts who were enthusiastic about Kiwanis support, the club raised all funds needed, drew up plans, ordered special equipment, arranged for construction and installation, and set up a maintenance program. More than \$15,000 was spent, with 90 percent club participation in all phases. Members see this as a way of saying thanks for their own healthy children.

Through a similar project, the Kiwanis Club of **Lewiston Orchards, Idaho**, made a dream come true for a local adult/child learning center when Kiwanians built the school's dream playground in place of an obsolete facility.

Club members overcame several unforeseen difficulties and persevered through two years to finish the new playground, which includes all new equipment, sod, shade trees, chain-link fencing, and an asphalt path for wheelchairs.

Health and Safety

The Kiwanis Club of **Berwick, Pennsylvania**, has carried on a tradition of teen safety for 17 years by sponsoring its annual midnight to dawn after-prom party. This year, the club provided the students with a disc jockey for dancing, a movie, volleyball games, and refreshments.

In addition to providing the entertainment, Kiwanians acted as chaperons and took attendance of pre-registered guests, reporting to parents any students who did not attend as planned.

The club reports there hasn't been an automobile accident involving any of its guests for the last 17 years.

Elementary students in **Litchfield, Arizona**, receive eye exams each year through the school nurse. But if problems are found, many families can't afford the cost of a professional examination or glasses. The children continue to suffer with poor vision that affects all areas of their lives.

The Kiwanis Club of Litchfield came to the aid of children with sight problems. The club paid the costs of examinations and glasses for 120 needy students in 10 local schools, at a cost of \$4,456.

Teen Challenge, an international drug rehabilitation organization, needed help to operate its 63-acre farm in **Australia**, and Kiwanis came through.

The Kiwanis Clubs of **Karrinyup** and **Kingsley, Western Australia**, adopted Teen Challenge as a joint project, providing help with electrical, mechanical, and carpentry jobs. Kiwanians organized working bees to repair an irrigation pump, electrical wiring, livestock cages, and a trailer for carrying livestock. The clubs also contributed \$500 cash for the purchase of seedlings and equipment.

These clubs plan to continue supporting Teen Challenge in its work to return productive, drug-free youth back to society.

The Kiwanis Club of **Metro-West, Cleveland, Ohio**, organized a weekend seminar for young people with a program provided by Teen Institute, a local agency that fights chemical abuse. Thirty students, chosen for their leadership qualities, participated with professional counselors, law enforcement officials, teachers, and previous abusers. The goal of the program was to teach students to deal with peer pressure effectively, and help their classmates do the same.

Club members were deeply moved when they joined students in a discussion group after the training. Adults and teens exchanged experiences, questions, and strengthened their common bond to prevent drug and alcohol abuse.

Education

Members of the **Mobile, Alabama**, Kiwanis club were disturbed about the problem of functional illiteracy, which is believed to be a major factor in the 40 percent drop out rate for youth in Mobile County public schools.

Kiwanians chose to take action by coordinating a "Books for Youth" book drive to provide more quality reading materials to these needy youth. A collection center was set up in a major shopping center, and Kiwanians scheduled a pick up service for those who couldn't make it to the mall. Radio announcements and newspaper articles throughout the week helped gain public support.

The club was able to donate over 400 books to the Boys Club's library as a result of the drive. Other books considered inappropriate for youth were donated to a nursing home. The club also donated \$2,565 in cash to benefit the 2,000-member Boys Club.

The Kiwanis Club of **Rochester-Sunrisers, Minnesota** wanted to give recognition to young people who volunteer their time and energy to community service. In its sixth year of honoring youth, the club recognized unselfish young men and women from seven organizations during a weekly club meeting. They presented each recipient with a framed certificate of appreciation and a traveling plaque that will be passed on to next year's winners.

The club hopes that providing this extra personal satisfaction will help keep youth active in volunteer work through their adult life. The award selection process also allows the club to learn more about other volunteer groups in its area.

In **Illinois**, the Kiwanis Club of **Lake View, Chicago**, developed an award program recognizing both students and teachers, which is sought after by all area schools at graduation time.

The club recognizes students for a combination of scholastic achievement and good citizenship, and teachers for excellence in their profession. Nominees are suggested to the club by the school, and the club makes the final selection of recipients. Last year alone, more than 130 outstanding educators and students were recognized at 40 area schools.

The club also filled special needs at eight schools, such as providing transportation for an athletic event, establishing a vocational guidance program, and buying books and equipment for youth whose families couldn't pay the costs.

An elementary school in **Woodside, New York**, has a unique problem that the local Kiwanis club is helping to solve. Students at Public School II are from families who have just arrived in the U.S. from other countries. Of 950 students, 90 percent don't speak English at home and only 31 percent speak limited English.

The Kiwanis Club of Woodside, recognizing the contributions of other cultures to American history, wanted to help these students master English language skills to become successful, productive U.S. citizens.

The club established jointly with the school an English Language Development Program that helps students learn through visual perceptions such as specially designed cartoons and television programs. The club also purchased TVs, VCR stands, and other equipment necessary to make the multi-media program work.

Thanks to this program, Public School II is able to mainstream a greater number of students than ever before into the regular



school system. The success of the program is also evident in the enthusiasm of teachers and warm appreciation of the children's parents.

When it became necessary to relocate elementary school classes in Morton, Maine, some students found themselves studying in a dangerously antiquated building. A new facility was needed to safely house the students during school hours.

The Kiwanis Club of **Dover-Foxcroft, Maine**, formed a building committee to plan and guide the building of a new facility through completion. A new cafeteria, kitchen, and auditorium are being built, and the old facilities will be converted into special education rooms, an all-day kindergarten, and a library.

On the other end of the globe, children in the town of **Jujuy, Argentina**, were receiving no formal education since the nearest school was 20 miles away—too far for the children to travel. Members of the Kiwanis Club of Jujuy decided to build and staff an entire school in their hometown to provide the children with the education they would need to better themselves.

Working under the guidance of the Argentine National Guard, with contributions of personnel and materials from both private and public enterprises, the school was in operation in 60 days. Today, four teachers are giving 70 students a proper education. The Kiwanis club plans to provide permanent assistance to the school it helped build.

SPONSORED YOUTH

When the **Kiwanis Club of Salem, Virginia**, lost two sponsored youth clubs because of school restructuring, it began immediately to rebuild the clubs within the new system.

Special attention was given to student leadership development and training. The club hosted an area Key Club dinner to introduce new officers and advisors, and sponsored their attendance at the district convention and a Key Club training seminar. The new youth clubs were invited also to an annual Sponsored Youth Night, and K-Family meetings were encouraged.

Where the Salem Kiwanis Club had previously sponsored one Builders Club and one Key Club, with renewed enthusiasm they now sponsor a **Builders Club** at Andrew Lewis Middle School, two **Key Clubs** and two **Keyette Clubs** at Glenvar High School, and a **Circle K club** at Roanoke College.

Last year's projects by the youth clubs included working with the school bloodmobile, distributing food baskets for the needy, and donating gifts to area hospitals.

The **Key Club** of Hot Springs County High School, Wyoming, learned that a sophomore girl was to undergo amputation of a leg in an attempt to halt the spread of bone cancer. Key Club members asked their sponsor, the Kiwanis Club of **Thermopolis, Wyoming**, to help them arrange fund-raising projects to benefit the family.

The two clubs agreed to sponsor a rock concert and a two-day speech meet, with all proceeds to go toward the girl's medical expenses. Key Clubbers sold concessions throughout both events, while their Kiwanian partners provided supervision and chaperons. Their efforts resulted in a \$2,000 donation to the family, and served to focus the attention of other local service groups, who donated another \$2,000.

The Kiwanis Club of **Bellflower, California**, wanted to provide the leadership experience and group commitment of sponsored youth clubs to more young people. Working with their three sponsored **Key Clubs**, the Kiwanis club developed a Key Club officers summer training seminar with an emphasis on increased membership. From this seminar, the Key Clubbers and Kiwanians agreed to sponsor a brand new **Builders Club** at Bellflower Junior High.

The fall membership drive of the Key Clubs gained 50 new members in the first year, and 25 youth joined the new Builders Club. The second year, the Key Clubs gained more than 100 new members, and the Builders Club tripled in size.

The Kiwanis Club has spent more than \$10,000 on its sponsored youth clubs, including what are now annual fall and spring training seminars. But members feel sure every penny is worth it.

The Kiwanis Club of **Sparta, New Jersey**, enlisted the Sparta High School **Key Club** to pick up toys during its annual Toys for Tots Drive. While the Kiwanis club organized the event, 60 Key Clubbers provided "foot power," going door to door on a very cold Sunday, asking for used toys for needy children. Key Clubbers were given the opportunity to warm up afterward at a big pizza party thrown by the Kiwanis club.

The Toys for Tots Drive raised 36 percent more than the club's initial goal. Toys and contributions benefitted Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Sussex County, Wallkill Valley needy children, and disadvantaged children of Sparta.

The **Key Club** and **Builders Club** of Palmer School in **Miami, Florida**, got together to host a Halloween party for 30 mentally retarded residents of Haven Center. The youth funded the party themselves; served refreshments, played games, and danced with their guests.

Haven Center residents had met many club members at Special Olympics Bowling the previous weekend, and seemed delighted to see familiar faces again.

Both the Key Clubbers and Builders Club members believe that working with their guests has given them a greater understanding of what it means to serve.

HUMAN AND SPIRITUAL VALUES

Kiwanians in **Glenwood Springs, Colorado**, make spreading good news a Kiwanis trademark with the annual Good News supplementary section in a local daily newspaper.

The club invites local agencies to submit articles and pictures for the publication. Community service groups, including Key Club, present stories about the past year's activities. Other articles feature local citizens and thank them for their contributions to the community. Club members believe that public servants, who work to make the community a better place to live, merit recognition—and recognition of good works promotes more good works.

A local feature writer noted, "When you pick up the Kiwanis edition, you don't hear about what has gone wrong—you learn a great deal about what has gone right with our town. Reading the Kiwanis section will renew your faith in humanity."

The Spiritual Aims Committee for the **San Diego, California**, Kiwanis club organized a county-wide essay contest. Seventy ninth-grade students addressed the topic "Morality vs. Peer Pressures," and both Kiwanians and students learned more about the challenges that face today's teens. A panel of Kiwanians judged the entries.

Members invited selected participants and their parents to a club luncheon meeting, where the winning student read the number one entry. The club gave certificates to participants and monetary awards to first, second, and third place winners.

A club program speaker from the Golden Hours Broadcasting Network suggested a project that allowed members of the Kiwanis Club of **Milwaukie, Oregon**, to reach an audience of potentially thousands of shut-ins and handicapped people.

Kiwanians formed three-person radio-reading teams to read stories from newspapers, books, and magazines, including KIWANIS magazine. They carried on personal chatter in spontaneous on-air programming, and signed on and off as the Kiwanis Club of Milwaukie.

The reading teams, which often were made up of two new participants and an "old pro," built personal friendships, club spirit, and made a valuable community service contribution—with no financial expense.

Kiwanians in the British West Indies bring spiritual counseling, rehabilitation, and education to offenders who are housed at a prison in the **Cayman Islands**.

Members of the Kiwanis Club of **Grand Cayman** counsel prisoners two days a week and provide educational video equipment and books. Club members also conduct weekly Bible studies for the inmates, help with special needs of their families, and find employment for those who are released.

For a low-cost, family-oriented Christmas project that would span social, economic, and racial barriers, Kiwanians in **Louisiana** hosted a caroling party in a rented trolley car.

Fat Tuesday, New Orleans Kiwanians invited their families, nursing home residents, teenage girls from a group foster home, and three sponsored Key Clubs. Members and guests enjoyed the holiday spirit, music, food, and decorations so much that the event will be held again next season.

"In that trolley car, we had the elderly, a six-month-old baby, people of all races, underprivileged youth, the wealthy, veteran Kiwanians and the Kiwanis promise of tomorrow—the Key Clubbers," a club member reported.

Every Sunday, a member of the Kiwanis Club of **Jackson, Tennessee**, presents a non-denominational Sunday school lesson to patients in the Jackson Hospital who tune into the hospital's TV network.

Estimates show that more than 400 patients watch the ministry each week. The club spends no money on this project, and hospital administrators and patients welcome the service.

Being able to deal with the anxious families of patients during a medical crisis is a prerequisite for **Middlesex, London, Ontario**, Kiwanians who serve in an emotionally-charged role.

Some 25 Kiwanis volunteers, who are trained by hospital personnel and serve in three- to four-hour shifts, act as liaisons between the relatives of critically ill patients and the highly specialized staff of the Critical Care Unit at the local hospital.

In addition, club members offer accommodations and transportation for out-of-town relatives of critical care patients.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The international projects of the **Griffin, Georgia**, club spread the name of Kiwanis throughout the world. An optometrist who belongs to the club spent a week as part of a medical team in Haiti, examining patients and making glasses. He also carried with him \$1,000-worth of medical supplies used by the team. Several members of the club who travel internationally have helped provide technical and agricultural advice for farmers, scientists, and universities in 23 countries.

And in a more personal project, the club sponsored a visit to Griffin by two teenagers from Northern Ireland. Participating in the Children's Friendship Project for Northern Ireland, the club arranged for one Catholic youth and one Protestant youth to spend the summer with the family of a Kiwanian. The visitors attended several Kiwanis meetings, and members could see the development of a friendship that would endure even through the conflict in Ireland.



Several years ago, the Kiwanis Club of **Sonthofen-Illertal, West Germany**, learned about the heroic project by the Hong Kong club, to help children in a ghetto. There are hundreds of children in a Hong Kong building complex called the Walled City, the poorest slum on the island. This eleven-story complex has interior alleyways so narrow that only the top five stories receive light. There are few electric lights, and water is so scarce that people line up to get drinks. The living spaces are defined not by walls but with iron bars. Approximately 35,000 people live in the Walled City, which means each resident has one-and-a-half square meters of living space.

The Hong Kong club established a school in the Walled City, so that children could learn the 4,000 characters they must know in order to qualify for public schooling at age seven. If they cannot achieve this, they are not allowed to attend school and are doomed to continue in the squalor of their slum. The cost of a year's schooling and boarding is approximately \$100 (U.S.) for one child, and the Hong Kong club had been able to finance the education of 80 children.

Achim Demsky of the Sonthofen club urged Germans and Austrians to "adopt" children through donations that would finance

attendance at the school for a year. He soon had the assistance of Kiwanians from the Augsburg and Augsburg-Fuggenstadt clubs, and together they raised enough money to finance the education of 80 additional students. This still leaves hundreds more who need "adoption." Achim Demsky is developing a film about the Walled City and the need for support of the pre-school.

In **Maryland**, the **Leisure World, Silver Spring** club supports two continuing programs that encourage international understanding. The club awards cash prizes and publicizes the accomplishments of the best students in the study of Chinese, French, German, Latin, and Spanish. The foreign language teachers nominate students for this recognition.

The club also supports the Great Decisions Program, offered by the Foreign Policy Association. This program involves distribution of a study guide and small group discussions that focus on a new set of questions each year. The questions are topical and encourage participants to learn more about foreign affairs.

It started as a project in a single school, but soon clubs throughout the **New York** District were giving children an opportunity to work for peace. The **Gravesend** club of **Brooklyn** started the program by encouraging students to write a letter to the head of any government, urging the leader to settle differences by peaceful means rather than resorting to war. Each child who participated received an inscribed certificate, and the author of the best letter in the school received a prize of \$25. During the year, many school districts adopted the program, and thousands of certificates were awarded by clubs. And perhaps the thousands of letters that went out to world leaders will move the world one small step closer to peace.



Sleeping Children Around the World, a program based in Canada, works with local organizations to provide needy children with kits that contain a bedroll, pillows, pajamas, and other necessities. The **Antipolo** club in the **Philippines** became the local agent for a Sleeping Children project, finding 380 children who needed assistance and arranging for the local manufacture of the kits. Sleeping Children Around the World funded the project, and the Antipolo club put in 400 hours to ensure successful distribution.

Cyrine Chaabane, a two-year-old Tunisian girl, had only one chance for life: a liver transplant. But there was no facility in **Tunisia** where this operation could be performed, and the cost was beyond the resources of Cyrine's family. The Kiwanis clubs of Tunisia stepped in and worked with Lions, Rotarians, and Travelers to raise more than \$80,000 to send the Chaabane family to Belgium.

The family needs to stay in Belgium for six months before the operation and six months after, to prepare for the surgery and for post-operative care. And in the meantime, the Kiwanians in Tunisia work to raise an additional \$20,000 that they anticipate the Chaabane family will need.

MAJOR EMPHASIS PROGRAMS

Continuing a long tradition, Kiwanis clubs each year accept a special challenge to develop a new service project that helps underprivileged children. This special challenge is called the Major Emphasis Program, and it focuses on a different need annually.

The Major Emphasis Program for 1987-88 is *Our Quest: Their Best*. It focuses on the social and emotional needs of children. Projects can encourage young people to explore their potential, develop citizenship, or build social and emotional skills. On the following pages are some of the projects clubs have already completed for this program.

Also in this section are projects from *Make Miracles Happen*, the 1986-87 Major Emphasis Program. This program focused on the health and safety needs of children. Clubs undertook safety education projects, counseling and support activities for terminally ill children, and fund-raising efforts for children's hospitals.

Our Quest: Their Best

More than 8,000 students in **New Zealand** participated this year in a nationwide science fair, and on every level Kiwanis clubs were involved. In many communities, fairs were organized by local clubs. In seventeen regional fairs, clubs took the lead in soliciting sponsors and running the events. The Kiwanis district oversaw all expenditures of the \$30,000 budget for the national event. And Kiwanians now serve on the national Science Fair Board. Twenty-one clubs have become directly involved in the science fairs, and others help fund the events.

The New Zealand Science Fair also has one entry from the United States each year because the Kiwanis Club of **San Diego, California**, sends the winner of the city science fair to New Zealand. After the competition ends, New Zealand clubs reciprocate by sending the winner of their fair to San Diego. The clubs coordinate all housing and host families, entertainment and local travel. For the winning students, it is a trip—and learning experience—of a lifetime. For all the students who enter the science fairs, the trips are an added incentive to do their best.

The Community Service Corps of **Greensboro, North Carolina**, provided summer jobs to 26 young people who were under the supervision of the local courts. The job program was financed with a \$5,000 grant from the Kiwanis Club of Greensboro, and a club committee oversaw personal interviews and provided guidance on managing earnings. The program gave the 14- and 15-year-olds a chance to see their potential in the “real” world and helped to build their self-confidence.

More than 5,500 high school students from 58 area high schools attended the college fair put on by the Kiwanis Club of **Columbus, Ohio**. Representatives from 170 colleges and universities paid booth fees that financed the entire event. The schools showed videotapes, provided information on financial aid and admission policies, and answered other questions for two days. The Kiwanis club provided administrative support and publicity.

It all started with a simple question to the **Decatur, Illinois**, public schools. Two members of the **Golden K** club wanted to tutor children in reading. A year later, 80 Kiwanians and Kiwaniannes were tutoring students, funding science and library activities, and changing the entire atmosphere of the schools they adopted. In the words of a school administrator, “an aura of warmth developed that was noticeable to all.”

Club members are asked to spend one-and-a-half hours per week, in half-hour segments, with a student. Most members put in considerably more time, playing educational games, overseeing assignments, helping in research, and simply maintaining the rapport that encourages children to try their best.

The Kiwanis Club of **South Indianapolis, Indiana**, developed a warm relationship with a local high school. Over the course of the school year, the club conducted a variety of projects that encouraged academic success and promoted school spirit. The club sponsored a perfect attendance contest, with a prize of a ride to school in a chauffeur-driven limousine. Club members supported extra-curricular activities by judging floats at homecoming and decorations during Just Say No to Drugs Week and by serving as doormen for the after-prom party. The club encouraged academic success and goal development by sponsoring an academic banquet, holding informal lunch discussions with seniors about life after high school, and sponsoring participants in the Hugh O'Brian youth leadership seminars.

Make Miracles Happen

Equipped with miniature road signs and canvas hose to mark roads, the Kiwanis Club of **Tokoroa, New Zealand**, conducted a bicycle safety rodeo for 89 children, ranging in age from five to 16. Cycle safety helmets and other safety equipment were presented as prizes, paid for by a fast food restaurant. The equipment developed by the club was so effective that the Ministry of Transport Education Officer is now using it to teach bicycle safety in schools.

In **North Carolina**, the **Friendly City, Durham** Kiwanis club saw a serious need at the Lenox Baker Children's Hospital. Children with long-term and chronic health problems often did not receive enough therapy because of hospital understaffing. In addition, many of the children came from homes in other parts of the state and could not have regular visits from their parents. The Friendly City Kiwanians decided they could help by providing play therapy.

Club members volunteered for regular play times with the children, an hour and a half on Tuesday nights, twice a month. Seventy percent of the members participated, devoting 115 service hours to the project. The club made a financial commitment to improve the atmosphere of the children's area by purchasing a playground swing that holds

wheelchairs, acquiring picnic tables with detachable benches, and installing a color television in the intensive care ward. But for all the club has given the hospital, club members say they have received more in return.

A children's health and safety circus drew several hundred children in **Clarksville, Tennessee**, to learn about healthy habits and safety precautions while clowns and Kiwanians entertained. In addition to teaching children about safety, an ophthalmologist, orthodontist, and pediatrician screened the children, making recommendations to parents and sometimes forwarding referrals to family doctors. The Clarksville Kiwanis club put on the fair with the help of a local hospital, the fire department, 20 volunteer nurses, and Key Clubbers who dressed up as clowns.

The Kiwanis Club of **Beloit, Wisconsin**, spearheaded a drive to install smoke alarms in the houses of children in the community. Coupons were printed in local newspapers, and school children were urged to fill them out and bring them to school if their homes did not have smoke alarms. The three Kiwanis clubs in the city collected the coupons from the schools, screened them, and prepared index cards with all the information needed for installation. At a cost of \$2,400, the clubs purchased 500 smoke detectors.

The three Kiwanis clubs and a Circle K club then set out to install the alarms, often installing two or three alarms in a single house to ensure safety. Using 428 detectors, the Kiwanians protected 285 homes. The following August, the same procedure was followed in the kindergarten classes, leading to the installation of 500 detectors in 385 homes.

The families of **New Brunswick** now have low-priced accommodations in the city of **Saint John** when a family member has to be hospitalized. The Kiwanis Club of Saint John has invested \$100,000 and hundreds of service hours to establish the Harold R. Comeau House, where eleven families can have their own rooms. Doctors will refer families of patients to Comeau House, and the club expects more than 1,000 will use the facility during its first year of operation.

FUND RAISERS

Over the years, the Kiwanis Club of **Mill Hall, Pennsylvania**, has had problems choosing which youth organizations it could support financially. But last year, the club had a new idea that would allow it to help more organizations than ever before.

The club donated prizes and printed tickets for a raffle, then gave the tickets to groups to sell for \$1 apiece. Boy Scouts, Students Against Drunk Driving, Youth Soccer, the high school band, handicapped children programs, and other deserving organizations all sold tickets. Each group kept 100 percent of the proceeds from ticket sales to benefit its own programs.

The raffle was a great success, raising \$10,000 for the various youth organizations, and the club plans to make it an annual event.

Shore School in **Evanston, Illinois**, provides housing, education and training for 343 developmentally disabled citizens. When Illinois cut state funding, it meant an annual loss of \$30,000 and the possible elimination of some programs. Shore School staff approached their long-time friends at the Kiwanis Club of Evanston for financial support, and club members readily agreed to help.

Kiwanians knew they could not raise \$30,000 with one event, so plans included implementing new club projects and assisting the school with existing fund raisers. The kick-off event was a raffle-dinner held at a club member's restaurant. The member donated not only the use of his restaurant, but all the food as well, for a net profit of \$22,000 from a single project.

Other fund raisers included a sold-out basketball game featuring the Chicago Bears in their off-season, and a Thanksgiving appeal to community residents. These three events allowed the club to donate a total of more than \$30,000 to Shore School.

The Kiwanis Club of **Ann Arbor, Michigan**, held its 61st annual rummage sale, fondly dubbed the World's Greatest Recycling Project.



Kiwanians work throughout the year picking up unwanted items from households and businesses, storing them at the Kiwanis warehouse building downtown. During the year, items are given to groups and individuals with special needs. The remaining inventory of furniture, clothing, appliances and plenty of miscellany are sold during the much-publicized, three-day rummage sale. Thousands of people attend, looking for bargains and hard-to-find specialty items. After the sale, leftovers are donated to charitable groups, and the yearlong process begins again.

Last year's event netted nearly \$50,000 for the club. Donations of useful items or money benefitted over 40 other service organizations and programs such as the Salvation Army, the Shelter Association, Motor Meals, scholarships, the Senior Services Center and the district foundation.

The Tenth Pan-American Games, held in **Indianapolis, Indiana**, in 1987, needed publicity to recruit volunteers, sell tickets, and reduce the financial burden on the city. Indiana District Kiwanis clubs needed to meet a pledge to raise money for the Kiwanis Trauma Life

Center at Riley Children's Hospital, which serves the entire state of Indiana.

Two newly-chartered clubs in Indianapolis seized a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet both needs. Their proposal would focus the attention of the international sports world on Kiwanis and, at the same time, gain support for a district project.

The Kiwanis Clubs of **Indianapolis-Crossroads** and **Meridian Hills** proposed to bring the Pan-American Flame from Mexico City, Mexico, to Indiana, then run the flame on an 1100-mile route around the state before delivering it to Indianapolis for the official opening of the games. Businesses and individuals would sponsor torch runners for \$100 per mile.

Despite overwhelming odds against them, members determined to complete the project successfully. They rallied district and state support by making presentations at every gathering they could find and received widespread, enthusiastic media support.

When the torch run concluded, the Indiana District presented Riley Children's Hospital with a check for \$116,710. The two clubs that initiated the project contributed \$22,125, in addition to more than 3,000 service hours worked by members.

Kiwanians are taking the torch to schools around the state now, letting kids hold it and share the warmth and spirit that brought the flame to Indiana.

The Kiwanis Club of **Perth, Western Australia**, stepped in to help turn an annual fund raiser from a loser to a winner for the Cystic Fibrosis Association. Three years ago, the association began an annual event to generate funds called the Crystal Ball, a gala of dining and dancing, an auction, and other entertainment. The association was unprepared, though, to handle a project of such magnitude.

The Kiwanis club became involved with the second Ball eight weeks before the event, and, with careful planning and organization, was able to help the Association raise \$39,000. Last year, Kiwanians were instrumental in year-round planning for the third Ball, raising a new

high of \$47,000 to benefit Cystic Fibrosis research and operation. The money was raised largely due to increased quantity and quality of auction items.

The club not only helped transform the Crystal Ball from a financial loss to a profit-making position, but also helped establish it as an occasion of note on the social calendar. Club members have also given the Cystic Fibrosis Association valuable experience in staging major events.

In **Des Moines, Iowa**, the Area Religious Council needed a new collection and storage facility to continue operating its community food pantry. Kiwanis Clubs in Division 11 of the Nebraska-Iowa District took on the responsibility of raising money to construct a new metal building.

To raise its share of the funds, the Kiwanis Club of Des Moines adopted one member's suggestion that was 'for the birds.' The club agreed to import a truckload of Minnesota birdseed and sell it in 50-pound bags for \$15 each.

The club hit upon another unique idea by asking youth in an education and work program at a low-cost housing project to build as many bird feeders as the club could sell with the seed. Proceeds from bird feeder sales would go directly to the youth program.

Kiwanians sold 300 bags of birdseed and 72 feeders, raising \$6,000 to help build the new food pantry and \$540 for the youth program. An open house held at the site of the new facility allowed club members to see the results of their efforts and receive grateful appreciation for their help.

STATISTICS

The projects described in this booklet stand as excellent examples of the important service Kiwanis clubs provide to their communities. But please remember that each of the projects you have read about is but one representative of a dozen or more projects implemented by each club. Consider also that only 80 clubs are represented in this booklet, and there are more than 8,000 Kiwanis clubs throughout the world.

The service efforts of Kiwanis are simply too large for this short book of narratives to encompass. That is why this final page is left for a statistical summary. It cannot describe the kinds of projects clubs developed, nor can it portray the effects on the people that clubs help. But the numbers presented below may give some sense of the scope of Kiwanis service. Cold though numbers may be, they give some measure of the enormous effect Kiwanis clubs had last year.

SERVICE

	Total	Average per Club	Average per Member
Funds expended	\$46,380,007	\$7,662	\$193
Service hours	6,053,687	1,000	28
Number of projects	119,408	20	—
Scholarships & loans to students	\$6,783,701	\$1,121	\$29

MAJOR EMPHASIS PROGRAM

Make Miracles Happen

Funds expended	\$12,771,441	\$2,110	\$56
Service hours	1,524,829	259	7

CLUB SUPPORT

	Number of clubs involved
Kiwanis Observances	
Family Day	1,463
Farm-City Week	1,190
Kids Day	1,258
Prayer Week	2,439
Other Organizations	
Children's Miracle Network Telethon	1,502
Just Say No Clubs	799
Little League Baseball	2,657
Other Sports	2,128
Students Against Drunk Driving	788
Working with at least one organization	5,362

The statistics listed above are taken from the 1986-87 Annual Club Reports. Of the 8,431 Kiwanis clubs throughout the world, 6,053 filed Annual Club Reports.



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