

**Kiwanis
family
relations**

Circle K International is just one part of the Kiwanis Family organization. Kiwanis International, Key Club International and Builders Club are also members of the our family. Together we form one of the largest and most effective service organizations in the world.

Developing and maintaining good relationships between all elements of the Kiwanis Family should be one of the primary objectives every Kiwanis, Circle K, Key, Builders, K-Kids, and Aktion club has. We all share a common goal: service. By working together, this organization can expand its scope of service.

What Is Kiwanis International?

Established in 1915, Kiwanis International is one of the largest service organizations in the world. More than 350, 000 members in over 7,500 clubs serve their communities in 80 nations. Kiwanis' primary focus is children. The major emphasis program of Kiwanis International is Young Children: Priority One. This program addresses the needs of children prenatal through age five.

The mission of Kiwanis International is to build a better world by making Kiwanis service, precepts, and objects available to all peoples and to improve international understanding by developing Kiwanis in accordance with the mores and customs of the area concerned to the maximum degree possible consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of Kiwanis International.

The reason for Kiwanis International's existence can be defined by its objects:

- To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life
- To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships
- To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards
- To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship
- To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities
- To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will

What Is Key Club International?

Key Club International is a high school based organization with more than 180,000 members who are dedicated to helping others, serving their schools and making their communities better. There are nearly 4500 high schools around the globe with service-minded members of Key Club.

The objects of the organization are:

- To develop initiative and leadership
- To provide experience in living and working together
- To serve the school and community
- To cooperate with the school principal
- To prepare for useful citizenship
- To accept and promote the objects of Kiwanis International

What Is Builders Club?

The first chartered Builders Club was sponsored in 1975 by the Kiwanis Club of Ashland, Kentucky, at the Coles Junior High School (now known as Verity Middle School). The original concept of Builders Club (known as "Young Builders" in the 1930s) was to provide a guidance program to combat disruptive behavior at the junior high level. From this evolved the idea of a service organization to develop leadership skills in junior high/middle school students interested in making a personal contribution to their home, school, and community. The idea slowly spread throughout the United States, and in 1975, Builders Club grew to become a sponsored program of Kiwanis International.

- To provide opportunities for working together in service to school and community
- To develop leadership potential
- To foster the development of a strong moral character
- To encourage loyalty to school, community and nation

What Is Builders Club?

The K-Kids' motto is "We Build." The objectives of K-Kids are stated in the K-Kids' Standard Form for Club Bylaws:

- To provide opportunities for working together in service to school and community
- To develop leadership potential;
- To foster development of a strong, moral character; and
- To encourage loyalty to school, community, and nation.

What Is Aktion Club?

An Aktion Club is a community-service group composed of adults who live with disabilities. A Kiwanis club, composed of leading business and professional people of the community, serves as the Aktion club's sponsor. Aktion Club Service Projects can address needs of the community and of the supporting agency. Kiwanis members focus on not only the social and emotional needs of the clients through Aktion Club, but they also help the agency purchase materials and equipment. Aktion Club members strive to return to their communities the benefits, help, and caring they have received, while at the same time developing important skills.

How to Support Kiwanis Family Relations

There are many ways to promote Kiwanis Family relations. Keep in mind that the common goal of all members of the family is to provide service to the community. Chances are that your club is surrounded by local Kiwanis clubs, Key clubs, Builders clubs, K-Kids clubs, and Aktion clubs. The following is a list of ideas to be used in promoting Kiwanis Family interactions and relations.

Interclubbing—Have four or more members from the Circle K club attend a Kiwanis, Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids, or Aktion Club meeting. While attending the meeting, ask if anyone would be interested in being a program or visitor to your club. Members should give a report on the visit.

Newsletters—Promote Kiwanis Family events in club newsletters. Remind readers of what Kiwanis club is the Circle K sponsor. Highlighting event dates will offer members an opportunity to perform service hours aside from club projects.

Public Speaking—Circle K members should promote the awareness of other Kiwanis entities such as the Kiwanis International Foundation which matches CKI district scholarships and the Worldwide Service Project to eliminate iodine deficiency disorders.

Co-sponsorship—Partner with a Kiwanis club to sponsor a Builders club or adopt a sister Key Club and perform joint projects.

Quad K divisional social, service project or rally—Work with the Kiwanis and Key Club Lt. governor to plan a divisional event. Be sure to invite all members of Kiwanis, Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club (and their parents), K-Kids, and Aktion Club to the event.

Phone Calling—Encourage CKI officers to call their Kiwanis Family counterpart and wish them well during their year.

Dates to Remember:

Kiwanis Family Month November
Kiwanis International Foundation Skip-A-Meal Week April 25 – May 1
Key to College Month October
Circle K Change of Office (district) April 1
Circle K Change of Office (international)
International Convention
Kiwanis International Change of Office
 October 1

Presenting a Successful Kiwanis Family Program

Presenting a program to a Kiwanis, Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids, or Aktion Clubs can greatly increase the knowledge and appreciation that Kiwanis Family members have for Circle K International. A club program can be presented at any time throughout the year.

When presenting a program highlight the following areas:

- What is Circle K
- How many members are involved
- What the organization can do for your club
- What projects and programs Circle K has been involved with
- Results of involvement
- Fund raising efforts
- Highlight Kiwanis club obligations of sponsorship
- Service projects

Benefits of Presenting a Club Program

- Enhances understanding of what Circle K is and how each Family member can work together more effectively.
- Offers an opportunity to show appreciation for continuous support from Kiwanis Family members. Kiwanis clubs often offer financial support, Key Clubs, Builders Clubs, K-Kids, and Aktion Clubs offer time and resources for projects.
- Increases interaction between Circle K and all members of the Kiwanis Family.
- Provides experience in collaborative work with Family members.
- Sparks interest in Circle K International.
- Promotes unity of Kiwanis International on all levels

How to Show Appreciation

- Host an appreciation meeting
- Send the club president a letter thanking the club members for their support
- Buy a "Thank You" add in the district bulletin
- Host a "Key Club" reunion on campus
- Invite family members to CKI meeting on campus



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