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# What Kiwanis Is: Goals and Opportunities for Personal Involvement in Community

Kiwanis is a worldwide service organization appealing to men who have the desire to become personally involved in making their communities better places in which to live. As a group, these men achieve what individuals cannot do alone.

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international understanding and goodwill. Whatever their goals may be, Kiwanians are motivated by a common desire to serve and to achieve and appreciation of good fellowship.

## THE OBJECTS

The six constitutional objects of Kiwanis are:

- 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 exam-

ple, 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 the sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and goodwill.

**Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would like to have others do unto you."**

Patriotism means fidelity to native and adopted lands which permit individual liberty and spread of intentional and local good will.

## OPPORTUNITIES OF MEMBERSHIP

As a Kiwanis member, a man can help pinpoint his community's need and work with men of similar persuasion to meet those needs.


As a Kiwanis member, he can achieve the enormous personal satisfaction that comes from contributing in a worthwhile way.

As a Kiwanis member, he can take pride in affiliation with an organization of hundreds of thousands of men and women, around the world, who feel as he feels, and act as he acts.

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On behalf of the Laconia Kiwanis Club, I want to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of the Lakes Region for supporting Kiwanis projects for the past 65 years.

In order to be successful, any service club such as Kiwanis requires the participation of the community, as well as our own membership with fund raising and community improvement programs.

The focus of Kiwanis is:

- TO promote the importance of human and spiritual rather than 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 high social, business, and professional standards
- TO develop by example a more serviceable citizenship
- TO form enduring friendships and to build better communities
- TO create, promote, and maintain justice, patriotism, and good will

With your assistance, we will continue to serve and promote the Lakes Region for another 65 years.

*Paul Cotton*  
Paul Cotton, President  
Laconia Kiwanis Club

## Acknowledged for Past Service Presidents of Laconia Kiwanis Club

- |                        |                         |                               |                              |
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| 1940<br>D.S. Beane     | 1959<br>R.H. Morrison   | 1972-73<br>Richard Puleo      | 1986-87<br>Roger Ballantyne  |
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| 1943<br>D.J. Wilkinson |                         |                               | 1989-90<br>Norman C. Foster  |
| 1944<br>K.D. Hopkins   |                         |                               | 1990-91<br>Dave Varney       |
| 1945<br>C.W. Booth     |                         |                               | 1991-92<br>Paul Cotton       |
| 1946<br>G.P. Ames      |                         |                               |                              |



# Kiwanis Club Notes and Quotes

The first Kiwanis Club was chartered on Jan. 21, 1915, in Detroit, Mich.

The name, "Kiwanis," was coined from an Indian word, "Keewanis," meaning "to make known."

The motto, "We Build," was adopted at the Portland, Ore., convention in 1920.

The New England District was formed on Nov. 15, 1918.

New Hampshire was designated as a separate division, No. 8, of the New England District, in September, 1928.

In September, 1930, northern Vermont was added to Division 8, and in September, 1931, Division 8 became Division 9.

The Laconia Club was chartered on June 1, 1927.

The headquarters office of Kiwanis International is at 520 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.

## A FEW NOTES

1. The first vice-president was then mayor of Laconia.

2. A member accepted a 25th anniversary pin due to the death of his father just prior to the celebration.

3. Laconia Kiwanis Club was the first in what was District 7 to sponsor a Key Club back in 1947-48 with the full support of the high school principal, a Rotarian.

4. A good number of past Kiwanians and present Kiwanians have served in city government.

5. Laconia Kiwanis Club was

unique due to the fact that at one given time, it had a U.S. Senator, Tom McIntyre, and a U.S. Congressman, J. Oliva Huot, in the club at the same time.

6. Laconia Kiwanis sponsored a ski bus to the Gunstock Area for young people for many years.

7. The dental clinic sponsored by the Kiwanis Club has provided service to many needy children over the years.

8. Laconia Kiwanis has been involved with the Santa Fund since its inception.

9. It is estimated that over the past 65 years, the Laconia Kiwanis Club has raised and expended for the benefit of the community a little over a half million dollars.

10. The Laconia Kiwanis Club

sponsored the organization of the Meredith Kiwanis Club who received their charter on July 20, 1980. This young and very viable group has made its mark in its short history.

## FROM THE SCRAPBOOK...

*Evening Citizen, May 6, 1927*

### Kiwanis Club Being Formed

Dr. C.E. Rowe of Lakeport, former mayor, has been named as the president of the Kiwanis club which is being organized in this city through the Concord Kiwanis Club. Other officers named are: Major Charles J. Hayford and Councilman N.J. Harriman, vice presidents; E.J. Roberts, treasurer; John H. Merrill, secretary; Rev.

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# Kiwanian of the Year Named Since 1970

In 1970, the Education and Attendance committee of the Laconia Kiwanis Club recommended that a "Kiwanian of the Year" be selected on an annual basis. Richard Cilley, chairman of the committee, and his committee formulated the guidelines for the annual recognition award. The selection committee would include the president, past president, first vice president, second vice president, and club secretary.

Guidelines for selecting the "Kiwanian


of the Year" include attendance, participation, helping with projects, meetings, interclubs, and committee assignments. The committee attempts to select the Kiwanian who best exhibits a commitment to all of these areas.

The original trophy was dedicated in the name of Ned Roberts. He was a charter member of the club and past president in 1935. He managed to achieve 35 years of perfect attendance in the club. The past "Kiwanian of the Year" roster includes the

following:


- Roger LeBlanc, 1970
- John Newton, 1971
- Al Mesropian, 1972
- Bob Turner, 1973
- Ben Williams, 1974
- Leo Sasseville, 1975
- Dick Pulco, 1976
- Gerry Bolduc, 1977
- Dick Breton, 1978
- Bob Hussey, 1979

- Bill Holman, 1980
- Dave Chisholm, 1980
- Charles Smith, 1982
- Roger Ballantyne, 1983
- Robert Beaulac, 1984
- Jim Fortier, 1985
- Warren Mitchell, 1986
- Maurice Gouin, 1987
- Charles M. Smith, 1988
- Bill Plante, 1989
- Paul Cotton, 1990
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# Local Kiwanis Club Started With a 'Bang'

By EDWIN CHERTOK

I was 11 when I overheard dad talking to mother describing a club that was being organized in Laconia with some strange name. A few months later he came home with a framed certificate which read "Charter Member Laconia Kiwanis" which was hung on the wall in the front hall.

The Laconia club was sponsored by the Concord Kiwanis Club. Charter night was a ladies night held at the Laconia Tavern Hotel. The master of ceremonies was a young, active, up and coming Concord member by the name of Styles Bridges, who later became a Y.M.C.A. etc — an outstanding, well loved man—he did so much dentistry for free, pure charity—actually he died a poor man. However Styles made an impressive speech emphasizing the fact that the new Kiwanis Club would have many important speakers and that they should treat the speakers with courtesy and furnish a proper rostrum—and a glass of water for the benefit of the speaker in case his throat got parched.

As a gift to the new club the Kiwanis Club of Concord had purchased this "Antique" Bavarian Water Service consisting of a glass tray, pitcher, and several glasses. He explained that the Concord Club had gone to great expense to find such a set because they were so proud to sponsor a club in Laconia. As he finished that speech he reached and picked up the water set and presented it to Dr. Rowe.

Just as Rowe was about to accept it somehow Styles stumbled—the glass set slipped out of his hand and crashed into a "million" broken pieces on the terrazzo floor. The audience was horrified, some of the women shrieked, some almost fainted, others were speechless.

After a long pause, someone finally realized that it was a put up joke. The Concord club had spent exactly \$1.99 for the set but Styles did such a good job of embellishing it that he was able to convince the audience it was something of great value. Later in life as governor of

New Hampshire and U.S. Senator he continued to display his great forensic ability.

Thus Laconia Kiwanis was born. It was a great singing club. Clarence Mooney, an accomplished musician, played the piano for the Laconia club. Mooney was a Rotarian and he was paid for his weekly playing at the Monday night Kiwanis meetings. They sang songs between courses and through the years they developed a lot of camaraderie singing together.

As I was going through high school there was many a late Monday afternoon

when I would be working after school at the store when dad would say "Sonny come with me to the Kiwanis meeting tonight." He would proudly introduce me to the members and I got to know them quite well always addressing them as Mr. Gove, Mr. Roberts, Mr. George, etc. The Laconia Kiwanis Club was the first in the state to sponsor a Key Club, but that came much later. The impression the Kiwanians made on the mind of this boy going through school has remained with me and I considered it a privilege to join the club later in life.

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R.W. Roundy, district trustee, directors, Roland Towle, C.J. Pitman, A.W. Simoneau, Reginald Soderlund, Sam Camann, Dr. James Conway and George Collins.

*Evening Citizen, May 5, 1952*  
**Kiwanians Plan 25th Anniversary**

*District Officers Expected to Attend Dinner at Country Club*

The Laconia Kiwanis Club will observe its 25th birthday with an anniversary banquet at the Laconia Country Club, May 12, at 6:30 p.m. Henry J. Healy, chairman of the committee on arrangements, said today plans for the affair are nearly complete.

Among those expected to attend

are Judge and Mrs. James Gallagher, District Governor Dick Dillon of Hartford, Conn., Lieut. Gov. and Mrs. Frank Hill of Manchester and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Penshorn of Boston. Judge Gallagher is a past international vice president and Mr. Penshorn is a past district governor and presently chairman of the International Committee on inter-club relations.

Past President Thomas J. McIntyre of the Laconia club will act as master of ceremonies. Kiwanis Club members were saddened by the death of Max Chertok, one of the charter members. Only a few days ago Mr. Chertok had expressed confidence he would be able to attend the anniversary banquet.

There are four charter members

surviving, all of whom plan to attend the banquet. They are Oscar George, Edwin Shannon, Edwin J. Roberts and Alfred W. Simoneau.

The Concord Kiwanis Club sponsored the local unit when it was organized and a large delegation from that city is expected to be present at the banquet. A dance will follow.

Mr. Healy said the program will include vocal solos by Mrs. Dorothy Buswell and a duet by Mrs. Buswell and Malcom Midgeley.

*Evening Citizen, Aug. 27, 1954*  
**Editorial Comment**

**Industrious Kiwanians**

Laconia Kiwanis Club added \$2,000 to their Underprivileged Child Fund within a week this

summer.

The record is an enviable one. First came a chicken barbecue during the National Water Ski Championships at Opechee Park and next their annual two-day auction at the Elks grounds.

This was a time when that old adage—the same few do all the work—was tossed to the wind. In both undertakings Kiwanians turned out en masse to share the burden and a good many folks not even members of cooperating service clubs did their part in providing auction merchandise. There were few groans under the weight of old iron stoves up cellar stairs or a long day behind a chicken counter.

As a result boys and girls who might never had been given the


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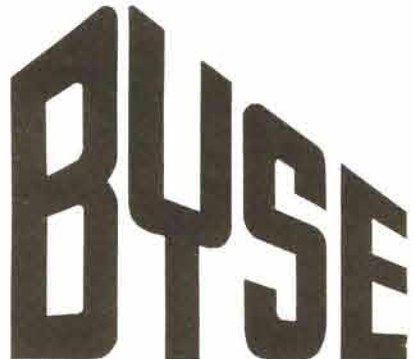
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chance are learning what life at camp is like. It may be a Scout camp or one for diabetic youngsters, or another variety.

Kiwanis President Roger Beane and his associates have started planning now for a bigger barbecue next June at the annual motorcycle events at the Belknap Area.

Their '54 activities were more than just a benefit. They contributed an extra something to round out the community's calendar.

Many thanks Kiwanians for helping to make living or visiting in Laconia more fun during August.

*Evening Citizen, June 23, 1959*

### Kiwanis Gives Scouts Canoe For Camp Mead

At last night's meeting of the

Laconia Kiwanis Club President Bob Morrison, on behalf of the club presented a check to Littleton Ball of Sandwich, chairman of procurement at the Scouts' Mead Base Camp for a canoe to be used at the camp.

The presentation was made also in the presence of Cooper Gilkes, scout executive. Chairman Ball told the Kiwanians that the gift was the first such given by a service club in this area, and that it would be appreciated by the boy scouts using the base facilities this summer.

Kiwanian Hal Gunn, who is also first councilor of the Mormon Church in Laconia, introduced as joint leaders of the evening, Elder Dennis Richards and Elder Hall Ashcroft, who are in this area strengthening the membership of the Mormon Church. In his introduction Hal Gunn pointed out that the membership had grown from nothing to a group of 100 members in five years. The move-

ment is much stronger in the West than it is here in the East, according to Mr. Gunn.

There are 1,500,000 members of the Mormon Church distributed through practically every country in the world, he said. The two elders, then gave a resume of the history and precepts of the Mormon religion, extending from the days of early Jerusalem to the present time. The Book of Mormons and the Holy Bible are used as the joint text books. Elder Richards explained that Mormonism is really a sect of its own, is neither Protestant, Jewish nor Catholic.

William Wagner Jr., was the guest of his father, Bill Wagner and G. Walter Varrell was the winner of next week's free dinner. This will be held at the Sanbornton Grange hall, and the members will be served a home made dinner with strawberry

shortcake the piece de resistance.

*Boston Herald, Oct. 14, 1959*

### Kiwanis Promotes Flag

To the Editor of The Herald:

A letter in your paper a few days ago signed by Sgt. James Millmore has inspired our local Kiwanis Club to sponsor a movement to place a flag in every home, and committees have been appointed and a manufacturer of flags contacted to carry out the program.

We plan to carry the campaign throughout New England, through Kiwanis clubs and make a national issue of it.

We believe with the Sergeant that it is a shame that the flag is getting so little attention, so we are going to work.

I do hope the Sergeant reads this item.

A. Lelyveld, Past Lt. Gov  
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# Kiwanis Club Aids Citizen Santa Fund

For over 25 years, the Laconia Kiwanis Club had conducted a successful Christmas Charities Program, but because of the financial commitments to other programs, the efforts were always limited.

In the early 1960s, the *Citizen* started an annual fund drive at Christmas time to help the needy that other organizations could not. As the program grew so did the need for adequate manpower, so the newspaper turned to the Laconia Kiwanis Club for assistance because of its past experience with the Christmas Charities Program. In 1973, the publisher of the paper asked if we would be involved in the overall operation of this charity effort.

Realizing the importance to the community of this project, the board of directors of the club took

three very important steps: first, they set up a separate non-profit trust; second, realizing that the needs of our community did not end on Christmas Day, they expanded the scope of the trust to assist those in need during the entire year, and third, it was decided that rather than spend funds for toys at Christmas time, that the residents and merchants of the area be requested to donate toys for needy children.

At the time the Kiwanis Club board of directors established the non-profit trust, they also appointed a special committee to oversee the receipt and disbursement of funds by the trust. This committee is in addition to our Christmas Charities Committee.

The Christmas Charities Committee investigates requests for assistance and coordinates charity efforts with other organizations in

the area. After a determination is made this committee that a need does exist, the proper steps are taken to provide assistance, and a report of these actions is sent to the Citizen Santa Fund Trust Committee.

The late Louise Killourhy, who gave many hours each year to the charity project, was an honorary member of the Laconia Kiwanis Club.

Because of the unique nature of this project, fund-raising is done separately from the regular fund-raising activities, although our Boys and Girls Committee does donate the money formerly used for Christmas charities to this trust fund.

The major source of funds comes from a special appeals campaign conducted by the newspaper in the name of the Laconia Kiwanis Club,

and donation of toys is in response to a "Toys for Tots" program which the club and a local radio station conduct each winter.

### Toys for Tots

Prior to Christmas, all members of our club participate in setting up a "store" in a vacant building of the toys which have been donated in response to our "Toys for Tots" campaign. On two evenings just before Christmas, Kiwanians man this "store" and it is opened to parents so they can select toys for their children.

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# Pediatric Trauma Institute Treats Injured Youngsters

We hear so much about the untimely death of children from rare diseases that we sometimes forget that trauma — accidental injury — kills more children than all other diseases combined. Every year in the United States, 15,000 children die and 100,000 more are permanently disabled following trauma. Seven hundred deaths and 2,500 crippling injuries are sustained by the children of New England each year. Were some new epidemic to come along and cause a fraction of this death and disability an aroused populace would demand relief yet the public and the profession have been slow to respond to the pediatric trauma problem.

When a child is injured, the normal response is so different from the adult that treatment requires special experience, techniques and equipment. Children sustain different injuries, with involvement of different organs. Children have a unique response to blood loss, so blood must be replaced according to body size. Head injury occurs so frequently that most pediatric

accident victims can't say what hurts and can't cooperate with treatment. Drug dosages, principles of fracture repair, emotional reaction to injury and availability of child-size equipment are other daily problems in pediatric trauma care.

Local hospitals, called upon to treat only one or two seriously injured children a year, can find themselves suddenly in an unfamiliar situation. With the training, equipment and medical specialists necessary to respond at the critical moment beyond their resources, community hospitals often transfer patients to regional referral centers.

The first regional trauma center for children opened in 1981. Dedicated to the study and treatment of child accident victims, the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute is a joint venture of the Kiwanis Foundation of New England and the New England Medical Center. Located at the hospital in Boston and supported by the generosity of the 253 Kiwanis clubs in

Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, the Institute receives patients from all six New England states. The facilities and staff of the Institute are dedicated to the special needs of injured children.

The Institute introduced the systems approach to trauma care and believes that its responsibility as the regional center extends to each of the problems created by an accident. Its programs address this entire spectrum:

**Pre-Hospital and Emergency Care** — Treatment should begin at the accident scene before the patient reaches the hospital. The Institute has started a communications net which includes police departments, ambulances, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), and area hospitals. The Institute faculty conducts training courses for police officers, EMTs, and emergency department personnel in the special techniques of handling injured children, and provides community hospitals with consulting services for upgrading facil-

ities, for self-assessment in pediatric trauma, and rehearsing transfer arrangements.

**Transport** — The linchpin of any regional system is the movement of patients safely and rapidly between hospitals. The Institute sponsors a hospital-based medical helicopter, available 24 hours a day.

**Definitive Hospital Care** — The patient's first stop after the heliport is the Trauma Receiving Unit. The pediatric trauma team is composed of a pediatric surgeon, pediatric orthopedist, pediatric neurosurgeon, pediatric anesthesiologist, pediatrician-intensive care specialist, and pediatric trauma nurses. The full services of the New England Medical Center are available to the team. The operating room, x-ray, laboratory, blood bank and pediatric intensive care unit are all on special alert, prepared to respond to any need at a moment's notice.

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Network, provisions are made to help and comfort the child's family, easing the problems of hospitalization during and beyond the critical period. Counselling and pastoral care is made available as needed.

**Rehabilitation** - After recovery from acute injury the need for long-term rehabilitation begins. The pediatric rehabilitation service at the New England Medical Center is one of few in the nation. Specialists address physical needs and begin the educational and emotional rehabilitation necessary to restore the child to his school and family setting.

**Education and Research** - The success of trauma care in the late 1980s and beyond depends on research and professional education. The concentration of experience in one center helps to define the problem which will be addressed at the bedside, the classroom, and in the laboratory. The Institute has active programs in professional education, and clinical and basic research.

**Public Information** - The eventual

solution to the trauma problem is prevention. Through programs in public information and community affairs, the Institute attempts to raise consciousness about the nature, causes and cures of pediatric trauma, and to stimulate community action.

Accidents kill more children than other causes combined. Since local hospitals may be called upon to treat only one or two severely injured children a year, a community-supported regional pediatric trauma center is the best solution. The Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute has provided this service in New England since 1981.

The activities of the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute are very expensive. In the current year, the Kiwanians of New England and the New England Medical Center will commit over \$750,000 to continue these programs. Other support comes from concerned individuals, corporations and foundations. Patients are accepted without regard to their ability to pay.

Modern pediatric trauma care begins at the moment of injury and ends with complete recovery. In addition to

advanced medical facilities, the essential ingredient is commitment to the special needs of injured children, and professional, institutional, and community commitment to providing the needed services and facilities through specialized programs in patient care,

education, research and public information, the New England District of Kiwanis, the New England Medical Center, and the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute seek to be the catalyst for a coherent system of trauma care for the children of New England.

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raised and \$7,910 was expended. This is all in addition to our regular club fund-raising and community service projects.

Some of the services provided with these funds were:

- 110 families were provided with clothing and shoes.
- 8 families were provided with heating oil.
- 47 food baskets were prepared and delivered.
- 42 Christmas gifts were purchased and delivered to two local homes for the aged.
- 47 youngsters were sent to summer camps.

• 7 junior high school students from low income families were sent to a one-week basketball clinic.

• 3 new families who were burned out were provided with new furniture.

• 1 family was provided building materials to make their home livable.

• 1 neglected child was provided room and board for three weeks while awaiting help from a social welfare agency.

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### Kiwanians Help Out At Special Olympics

New Hampshire Special Olympics, a non-profit organization that provides sports training and athletic opportunities to more than 1,200 mentally handicapped and developmentally disabled citizens of New Hampshire, is proud to have the Laconia Kiwanis Club as one of their major sponsors.

The association of the Laconia Kiwanis Club and NHSO has been a long and mutually beneficial one. Dick Breton, past president and past Lt. Governor of the Kiwanis Club, has served on the board of directors of NHSO for the past five years, most recently serving in the capacity of treasurer on the Executive Committee. Breton's financial expertise has been an invaluable asset to the organization.

Along with assisting in the organization of regional area games, formerly held in Plymouth, the Laconia Kiwanis Club has been the key event directors for the softball throw at the annual summer state games for the past ten years. The softball throw is one of the most popular and well attended events of the summer games.

The Kiwanis Club has also been very active in fund-raising activities to benefit NHSO.

## Key Club Active for 48 Years

Key Club as a teen counterpart to the Kiwanis Club was first organized by the class of 1949. It was one of the few in the state. It is a public service organization designed to help the community. In the last 43 years the club has done many projects. A major emphasis project is a project that the Key Club sets as a goal to do to help the community for that year.

Some of the major emphasis projects that Key Club has done are:

- three years repainting the whole Memorial Middle School
- the Big Brother program in which a Key Clubber takes a child and acts as a brother to them.
- visits to the State School with some of the residents who didn't have any family to come and visit them.
- Perhaps the most visible major project is the walkway behind City Hall which extends all the way up to the Laconia Spa. The club spent a whole year working on this project which was designed to help the elderly and the handicapped. It was a very important project and brought the club a lot of recognition from the city.

The Key Club also does things to help the community and to give themselves a good time. One of the things they still do today is

leave pick-up. This is a day when members gather up some truck and go around gathering all the bags of leaves people would leave out by the side of the road. This is well liked around the Community because it gives us a good time and it saves many citizens a trip to the dump.

Another popular program is once every month when the Kiwanis and the Key Club get together and go to church. But the catch is that the group with the fewest people to show up has to take the group out to breakfast. This gives time for both groups to get together and exchange business.

Another objective to help keep the Key Club going strong is fundraisers. We have done many different fundraisers over the years, some are running dances at the school, doing concessions at basketball and football games, but now the Student Council has taken over the basketball concessions so we substituted that by taking over doing the program books for each game. Another important fundraiser that helped both us and the community was called Slave Day. This was a day where people from the community could come in and rent a new Key Club member to help them on some odd jobs.

Key Club is still going strong.

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## Dental Program Revived By Laconia Kiwanis Club

In 1990, the Dental Program in area schools was revived by the joint effort of Laconia Kiwanis and local dentists. Long stymied by lack of funding at the state level and the lack of a hygienist willing to work in the schools, the program was inactive for many years when the club picked up the ball.

Spearheaded by local oral surgeon, Dr. Louis Ricciardiello, participating dentists include Drs. J. Downing, Peter Eckel, T. Finn, V. Fournier, J. Gage, R. Gust, R. Mooney, D. Patten, and L. Sanfacon, as well as Ricciardiello. These professionals supervise the activities of the hygienists in the schools.

The program works like this: Qualified dental hygienists — funded by Laconia Kiwanis — using portable equipment purchased by the club, visit area elementary schools. They provide each child with a cleaning, fluoride treatment and basic oral hygiene instruction. The cost is \$10 for each child; however, no child is refused service because of inability to pay. That's where the club can

help. The dentists not only supervise the work of the hygienists, but also provide their service when needed at roughly half their usual rates. Dental work for needy children is funded by the club also.

The Laconia Kiwanis Club budgeted \$15,000 for the Dental Program in 1991-92. Fund-raisers such as an annual gun show, an annual pancake breakfast and raffle ticket sales have been performed throughout the year to raise this amount.

The first year of the program saw over \$10,000 worth of emergency dental care performed by dentists mentioned above. This work was billed at roughly \$5,000 and was paid for by the club. Many children in need had not had their teeth inspected for quite some time.

Through the efforts of the Laconia Kiwanis Club and area dentists, and the cooperation of school officials in Laconia and Gilford, the youth of our communities will be provided basic oral hygiene regardless of financial ability.

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