



Kiwanis Club of Manchester

To: Prospective Members
From: Kiwanis Club of Manchester
Re: Club Profile & Information

*With over 86 years of service to the Manchester community, we extend a welcome to members of our community to join with us as we build a better Manchester. The **Kiwanis Club of Manchester** was chartered in 1921, and is the 1st Kiwanis Club organized in the State of New Hampshire. Membership is available to all men and women in our community - we are currently 103 members strong!*

Where and when does the Club meet?

- Chateau Restaurant at 201 Hanover Street in Manchester, NH
- Every Wednesday from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM.

What will membership in the Kiwanis Club of Manchester promise you?

- An opportunity for you to share your experience, your knowledge and your time in serving our Community.
- An opportunity to get away from the hustle and bustle of your business or profession once a week - to relax, converse with friends and listen to an interesting speaker.
- Business and community networking opportunities.
- An opportunity to get "expert advice" from fellow members, who represent a wide spectrum of businesses, professions, trades and backgrounds.

What do we expect of you as a member?

- To attend meetings as often as you can
- To participate in club service projects.
- To serve as an active member on any committee to which you are assigned and agree to serve.

What additional opportunities are there to network and learn about Kiwanis?

- Attendance at meetings of other Kiwanis Clubs
- Attendance at and participation in Committee meetings
- Attendance at Club Board of Directors' meetings
- Participation in service projects and fund-raisers

Where does the Club spend its funds?

- **Manchester Police Athletic League** – An organization sponsored by the Manchester Police Department devoted to children's sports programs.
- **Dental Alliance** -- An innovative partnership between nonprofit agencies, city government and businesses to assist in providing greater dental services to the underprivileged in Manchester.
- **Webster House** -- A "home away from home," for troubled teenagers. Formerly the Manchester Children's Home, this 100+-year-old home is currently a model program of today's group homes.
- **Summer Bridge Manchester** -- This program provides bright disadvantaged 4th and 5th graders in Manchester with the opportunity to study a wide variety of academic courses taught by talented college and high school students in an intensive summer school program.
- **Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute (KPTI)** -- A research and educational program for medical personnel on child emergency care and advances in pediatric trauma.
- **Walk with a Child** -- Club members shop with needy kids and provide them with winter clothing.
- **Fish with a Child** -- Club members spend a morning teaching inner city children how to fish. This is followed by a BBQ prepared by club members.
- **Kiwanis International's IDD program, Babe Ruth Baseball, Kid's Café, New Horizons Soup Kitchen** and other worthy community projects.

How does the Club raise funds?

- Kiwanis Cheerleading Championships since 1984
- Kiwanis Charity Auction at Webster House since 1967
- Kiwanis 10K Dinner since 1998 - A Dinner where you can win \$10,000
- Kiwanis Gumball machines (50+ years)

How much will Club membership cost?

- One time membership fee of \$35
- Annual dues currently are set at \$120 and billed on October 1st of each year. New member dues are prorated based on the above.
- The weekly luncheon costs \$10.00 of which \$1.50 funds the Club's Administrative account.
- Annual membership dues include all International, New England and local Club fees and publications.
- Payment of dues is expected prior to induction into the Club

What publications?

- Kiwanis International Magazine
- Yankiwianian (New England District Newspaper)
- Communicator (Kiwanis Club of Manchester monthly newsletter)
- Kiwanis Club of Manchester Web Page at www.kiwanismanchesternh.org

Who "runs" the Club?

- The business of the Club is managed by the Club Officers and Directors
- The Board of Directors meets monthly

What does the Club do at Club meetings?

- A luncheon buffet is provided with lively conversation at the tables
- The business meeting is opened with the ringing of the Kiwanis bell
- Members sing a patriotic song, say the Pledge of Allegiance and listen to a short invocation.
- The meetings are social, informative and educational
- Topical speakers address the Club
- There are no rituals.

What are induction ceremonies like?

- The Member Induction Committee Chair provides some information about Kiwanis.
- The member's Kiwanis sponsor shares some information about the new member (background, family, interests, etc.).
- The new member is presented with a membership certificate, lapel pin, and luncheon badge.
- Again, there are no rituals and the newly inducted member does not have to give an acceptance speech of any kind

How do you join?

- **Attend a meeting as our guest**
- **Meet several members and ask questions about our purpose and objectives**
- **See what kind of men and women make up the membership of the Kiwanis Club of Manchester, NH**
- **And tell a Club member you want to become a Kiwanian!!!!!!!!!!**

Be sure to visit our web site at www.kiwanismanchesternh.org

