

Kinsmen Club involvement is unlimited

The Kinsmen club record of community involvement is limited only by the range of human imagination.

From running a mammoth band festival in Moose Jaw, Sask., to collecting used books for cystic fibrosis in Port Elgin, Ont., the scope encompassed by community service projects by Kinsmen would form a compendium of "1,001 Things to Do With a Lot of Energy."

Even a partial list of recent projects provides a revealing overview of what makes up the Kinsmen club:

OLDS, ALTA.: When fire destroyed a good part of the town, surrounding communities came to the aid of Olds residents. Among the contributions, area communities donated ice time to young hockey players. But the minor hockey program hinged on transportation. Enter the Kinsmen Club of Olds, which acquired a 1970 54-passenger bus, sanded it down, tuned it up and had it painted. The club members manned the steering wheel and the hockey season was saved.

CORNWALL, ONT.: The Kinsmen Club of Cornwall assisted in establishing a community residence for mentally retarded adults. The project drew the praise of Ontario Community and Social Services Minister Keith Norton.

PORT ELGIN, ONT.: Kinsmen of Port Elgin collected and sold 2,000 used books in a vacant downtown store donated by a local businessman. Proceeds went toward cystic fibrosis research.

BRANDON, MAN.: The Brandon Kinsmen club has completed a \$200,000 commitment to the Jeux Canada Games held in Brandon in February 1979 when the club presented the final \$50,000 to the Winter Games committee. In recognition of the effort, the 50-metre swimming pool located in the Canada Games Sports Plex was named the Kinsmen Pool.

MISSISSAUGA, ONT.: The Kinsmen Club of Erin Mills came up with a way to beat the February blahs in 1979. During a 10-day period, they held their Klondike Night, with 200 tickets sold, their first blood donor clinic, a Kinettes craft sale and a skate-a-thon, which raised \$8,000 for cystic fibrosis

and handicapped children.

MONTREAL, QUE.: A 21-hour telethon participated in by eight Montreal Kinsmen clubs raised \$1.4 million for research into children's diseases. The Chateauguay, North Shore, Pointe Claire, South Shore, Fleur de Lys, Ville D'Anjou, Delson and St. Jerome Kinsmen clubs helped man and organize the telethon. Donations included \$5,000 from the Kinsmen Clubs of Champlain and Maisonneuve.

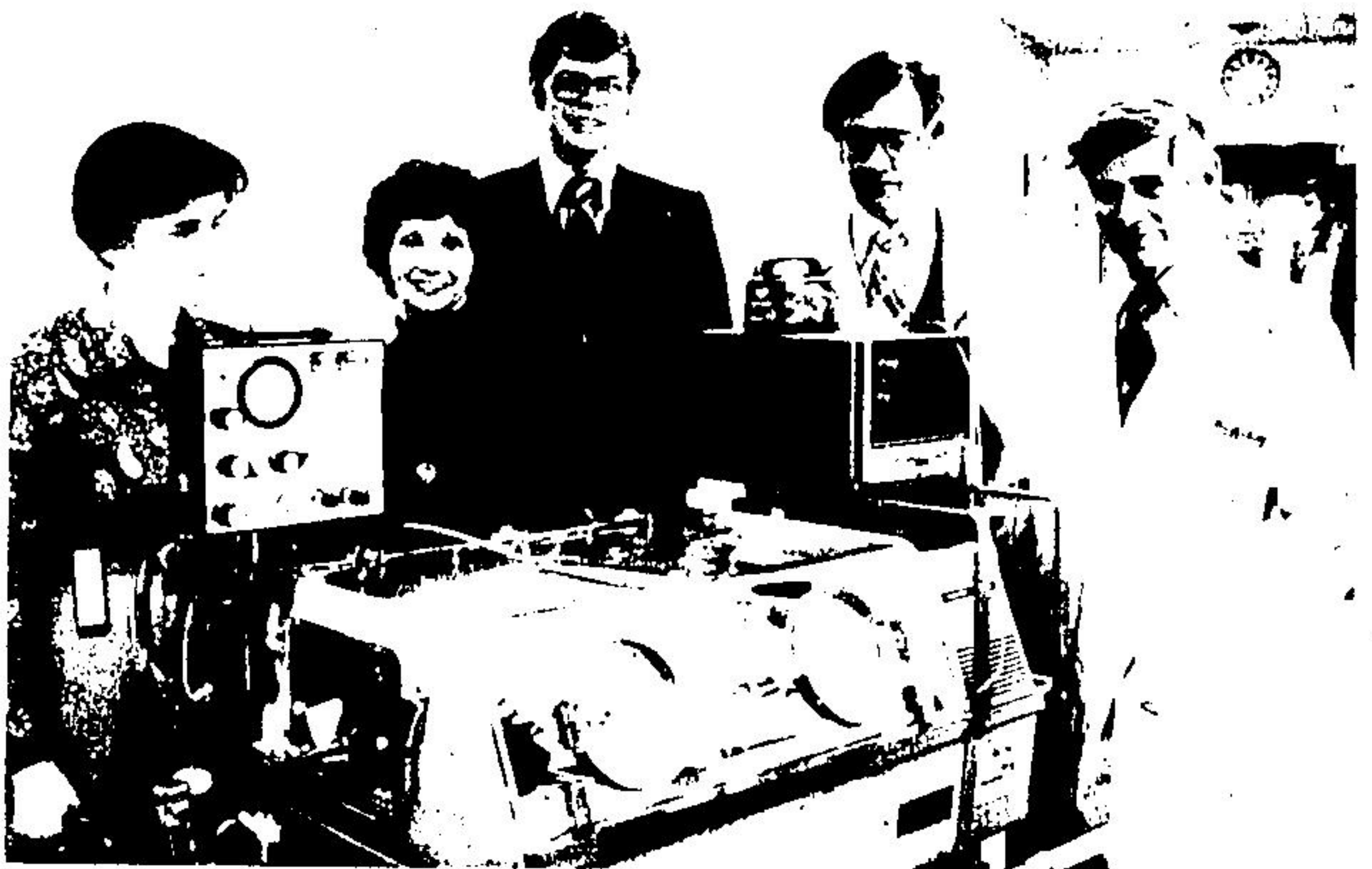
CORNER BROOK, NFLD.: The Kinsmen Club of Corner Brook invested more than \$16,000 in the purchase of a bus presented recently to the city as a community bus. Kinsmen and Kinettes will pay off the remainder of the money owing on the bus.

LADYSMITH, B.C.: A Kinsmen Club dream is on its way to reality after a referendum here cleared the way for a pool and community centre valued at \$558,800. The Kinsmen there have been involved with an investment of \$42,000 and will also build a ParticiPark.

GRAND BANK, NFLD.: The Kinsmen Club of Grand Bank, Nfld., assisted by Kinettes, helped the community mark Heritage Day in a big way. Old sea captains from Grand Bank and Fortune were gathered together for a party of senior citizens. The club sponsored an essay contest and arranged for film showings in area schools.

KAMLOOPS, B.C.: Kinsmen Club of Fort Kamloops and their Kinettes found an unusual way to raise money. They picked pine cones from the crowns of felled trees and were paid by the bag. Poor weather put an early end to the project but it was declared a successful money-raising idea and an educational venture.

KINGSTON, ONT.: Kinsmen donated \$2,400 to the Canadian Red Cross in Kingston for the purchase of two first aid mannequins. The mannequins will be used to teach first aid to some 600 people year-round. Doctors, nurses and medical students from Queens University will also make use of the training aid to learn cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.



KINSMEN AND KINETTE CLUB RAISED MONEY

Kinsmen and Kinettes Clubs of British Columbia raised \$5,400 to purchase this transport incubator for the Vancouver General Hospital's intensive care nursery. The project started when the child of a Kinsman and Kinette

from Richmond, B.C. received treatment in the nursery and they realized how valuable the work of the hospital was. The incubator is used to transport infants to treatment facilities accompanied by a medical team.

Telemiracle aids the handicapped

Kinsmen and Kinettes of Saskatchewan last year produced one of the biggest Kinsmen projects on record. It was called Telemiracle 3 — a 20-hour telethon on six television stations covering most of the province.

The effort raised \$1.4 million for the Kinsmen Foundation for the Handicapped.

Telemiracle has become an annual event involving months of preparation. More than 1,400 Kinsmen and Kinettes volunteered their services.

The preliminary work and staging was the responsibility of a 13-person steering committee made of Kinsmen and Kinettes from the Saskatoon and Saskatoon-POW City clubs.

An Edmonton producer was hired along with technical and production crews from the local stations.

Nationally and internationally known entertainers appeared on the show along with Saskatchewan musicians and personalities.

The telethon took place in March. Plans were afoot for another this year.

WOODSTOCK, N.B.: Every year, the Kinsmen club of Woodstock, N.B. holds a Christmas Miracle radio and cablevision appeal for funds to help needy families during the holiday season. The club works in co-operation with local Jaycees. "We are totally delighted with the success of the effort," says a club spokesman.

KEMPTVILLE, ONT.: The Kinsmen of Kemptville boast construction of the second longest skating rink on the Kemptville Creek. It's a mile long and took 250 man-hours to remove snow, sweep and flood. Then, a power sweeper was purchased and lights installed, resulting in an upsurge in popularity in night family skating and skating parties.

CAMPBELLFORD, ONT.: The Kinsmen club received a parcel from the Apex Club of Queensland, Australia. Among the articles in the parcel were several books on Australia and the Kinsmen decided to share the wealth by donating them to the Campbellford library. Campbellford Kinsmen have sent off a parcel, including books on their own area, to Australia.

CALGARY, ALTA.: The Kinsmen Club of the Foothills City made the largest donation in its history — \$34,247 — to the University of Calgary recently for geriatric research. Funds were raised in a two-day casino.

ORANGEVILLE, ONT.: The Orangeville Kinsmen Club has established a \$500 annual bursary to a student graduating from a local high school. The bursary will be awarded on the basis of academic merit and need.

BRANDON, MAN.: Brandon Kinsmen have fulfilled an \$18,000 committee to the Keystone Centre for installation of new boards and plexiglass in the Kinsmen Arena, used mainly for minor hockey. In preparation for the Jeux Winter Games in Brandon, the club donated 600 man-hours of labor in scraping, sanding and repainting the entire interior of the arena.

SUTTON, ONT.: The Kinsmen Club of Sutton can turn its local pot-holes and politicians into a worthwhile fund-raising cause. The club sponsors an annual comedy and music show to raise money for local projects. Local institutions, personalities and situations take it on the chin, all in good humor, in front of a packed house.

DRAYTON, ONT.: The Kinsmen lost but the Kinettes won when Kinsmen took on a local radio station in a benefit hockey match. Kinsmen took a 7-6 loss but the Kinettes collected more than \$200 for cystic fibrosis research.

INGERSOLL, ONT.: The Ingersoll and district Kinsmen Club held one of its most successful projects in 1978 when, with the help of a Young Canada Works grant, it completed sponsorship of a gymnastics and physical fitness program for elementary students. Three secondary school students interested in teaching gymnastics approached the club for sponsorship. When the program got off the ground, classes were filled to capacity with youngsters aged five to 12. Kinsmen helped with guidance and bookkeeping, then honored the three students for their dedication.

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