

Kiwanis members talk business over lunch

Every Wednesday at about 12:15 p.m., a group of 25 to 30 people in Georgetown gather together for a business lunch of a different kind.

They are the Kiwanis Club and they've been meeting once a week for lunch in Georgetown for the last 12 years.

Internationally such meetings have been taking place now for 75 years.

The Kiwanis Club finds that lunch meetings make the club attractive to self-employed business people who work in town and have a few minutes to spare to serve their community, says John Schaljo, president of the Georgetown Kiwanis.

"In addition to Kiwanis business they talk about their own business and develop business relationships," he says of the Wednesday afternoon meetings.

Kiwanis is an Indian term for "meeting place." In Georgetown, that meeting place is the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

The Kiwanis Club met for the first time in June, 1978 and since then the club's membership has stayed steady at between 25 to 30 members but Mr. Schaljo hopes that number will raise this year.

The ideal new Kiwanis Club member should be a local business person who has been in business in town for quite some time, having the benefit of local services, says Mr. Schaljo. That person should now be in a position to put something back into the community, says Mr. Schaljo.

Kiwanis Club membership crosses the boundary between the sexes. There is one woman member now but Mr. Schaljo is hoping that more women will be attracted to the service club.

Georgetown Kiwanis members are younger than their counterparts in the rest of the world, says Mr. Schaljo. While many clubs have members which are about half retired people and half business owners, the average age of Georgetown members is between 30 and 45. But there's always one exception to the rule. In Georgetown that exception is Charlie Forsythe who's been a member of the Kiwanis for about 40 years.

Mr. Schaljo heads up a list of some well-known past presidents of the Georgetown Kiwanis including Brian MacAdam, David Ashbee, Tom Reed, Grant Isaac, Bill Kort, Brian Goodlet and David Soal.

A typical business meeting runs from 12:15 p.m. to about 1:30 p.m. It includes discussing club business, followed by a guest speaker, usually a local person, says Mr. Schaljo.

The Kiwanis will be launching a membership drive in April and anyone who is interested in joining should contact any Kiwanis Club member. New members will be brought out to a luncheon meeting and introduced to the club. The prospective member is then usually invited into the club shortly after the introductory meeting, said Mr. Schaljo.



The Kiwanis Club tries to make itself known throughout town in special events like the annual Santa Claus parade. Here, these ducks which surrounded the float last year were a sign of things to come. The club is organizing a duck race to raise funds. The race is set for April 28 when 50,000 ducks will be floating down the waters of the Credit River. (Herald photo)



Kiwanis Club president John Schaljo, a Georgetown lawyer, is busy preparing for the big duck race April 28. The club is looking to expand its membership this year with a membership drive in April. (Herald photo)

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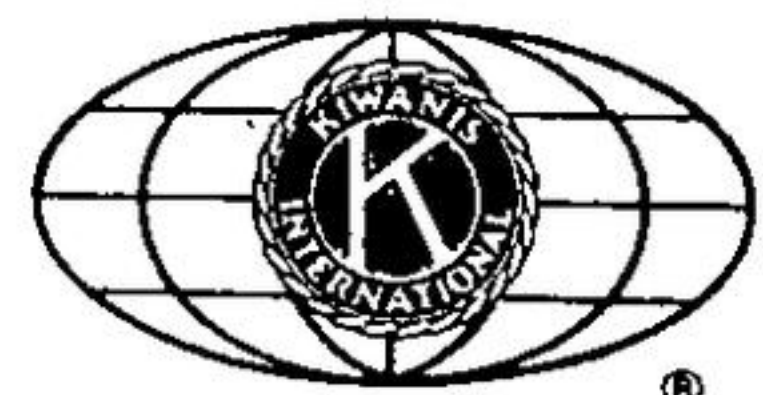
The little fingers pressed down on the ink pad. Then they rolled carefully across the designated spaces on a card. A smile, a wipe of the hands, a free lollipop—and it was over. Within three minutes, the Kiwanis Club of Owasco and Fleming (NY) had made an impression for life. Positive identification for parents to keep and, hopefully, never use.

Over a three-day weekend at a neighborhood shopping mall, 1725 children were fingerprinted. This was the beginning of Operation Ident-A-Kid, a community service effort by the local Kiwanis to aid parents and officials in case of accident, runaway or foul play. Forethought against the unthinkable.

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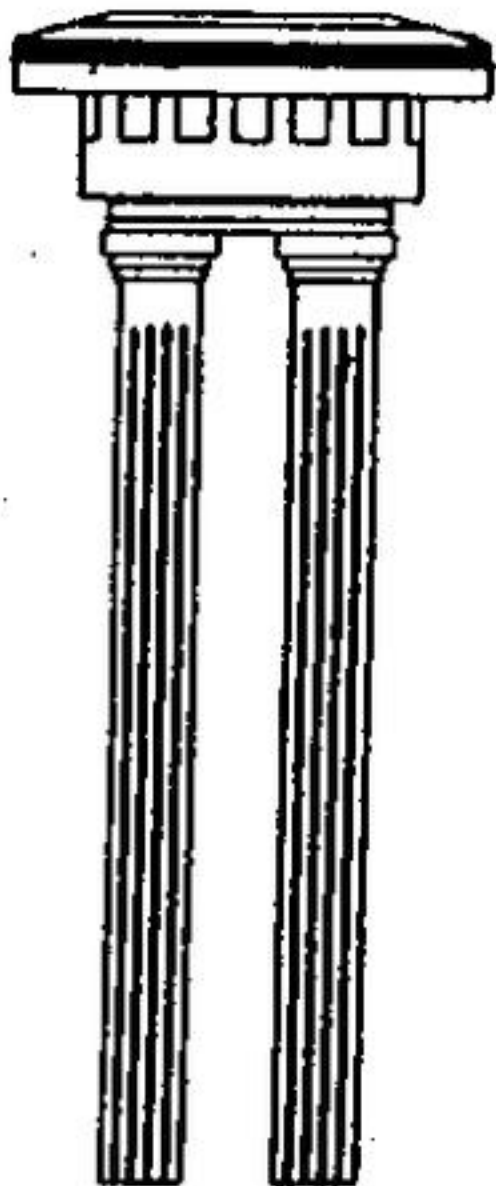
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