

How and Why I Became a Kiwanian



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I am glad to have your enquiry, "How and why I became a Kiwanian." We seem to accept all good things without much thought or appreciation, but your question forces me to **consider** Kiwanis.

"How?" Upon returning home from overseas in 1918, my employers advised me to join a new organization called Kiwanis. Kiwanis even seven years ago had made a favorable impression among the business men in the east, and the firm concluded that a man would be more valuable to them if he were a student of and practised Kiwanis ideals. In due course I was accepted to membership.

"Why?" Seven years ago I would have answered: I simply wish to know more congenial men around town, and Kiwanis is recommended as the club in which I should be most at home. Now I answer: I am happy in being a Kiwanian and wish to be a growing one, for I find in the club all that a man can appropriate in building character, and also an unlimited opportunity to express in service any native ability or achieved power he may be blessed with. Think of it—250 of the better men of Vancouver, all glad to be friendly with you and who name you as the folks do at home; 250 men ready to spend time, give money, offer ability and experience and smilingly cooperate either as a big family of brothers or quietly in small committee groups to do some useful, kindly service **for others** in this city.

Kiwanis is organizing the better men of our towns and cities to practice frankly and professedly the Christian virtues which are all wrapped up in the Greatest Command, that we "Love one another," and on this alone rests not only the success of Kiwanis but the hope for a happier, healthier, safer, saner civilization.

Yes, I am happy indeed to carry the responsibility of being a Kiwanian, and to thus belong to the Aristocracy of Kindness.



By
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One of the world's most powerful forces is without doubt **EXAMPLE**. It is frequently the example of another which inspires one to emulate or urges to refrain.

One whom I knew as a somewhat retiring, reserved, self- and home-centred man, became a Kiwanian. After three years intermingling with those who strive to practice "The six objects of Kiwanis international," he admits he is a different and better man, having a happier view of life and a wider vision of humanity's doings; he can now find "sermons in stones and good in everything." He says the change has been brought about through seeing things as a Kiwanian.

This friend urged me to join Kiwanis, and, with his example before me, I had no hesitation in filling out an application form the first time the opportunity presented itself.

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By
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The Kiwanis Club and its activities were first brought to my notice through hearing so many of the boys I knew talking "Kiwanis." I felt that any objective causing such enthusiasm among its members must surely be worth while.

Having always been engaged in educational work myself, I was naturally interested in the objects of a service organization such as I found the Kiwanis Club to be. As my classification was filled at the time, my application was held over for a short time, when finally I was elected to membership.

On account of the many opportunities for public service afforded and the many valued friendships fostered through its various activities, I consider the highest compliment that can be paid any business man in Vancouver is to be called a "Kiwanian," and I value my membership accordingly.



By
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I joined Kiwanis for two reasons, the first, a personal viewpoint; the second, an altruistic viewpoint.

From the personal side I joined because of the opportunity it offered of contact and association with a select circle of business men, selected for membership because of their business standing and their sympathy with the conduct of their business along high ethical lines.

From the altruistic viewpoint I joined because it gave me an opportunity, through organized effort, to do my small part in community and public service work along lines and in a manner which, as an individual, I could not hope to do.

As one of the charter members of Vancouver Kiwanis, I had, at the outset, a very imperfect understanding of the work of public service clubs. I have found, however, that the reasons which led me to join are sound and that in Kiwanis they are attained. I have further found that to the greater degree a member is active in its work, to the greater degree does he enjoy benefits from the organization, whether personal or from the broader viewpoint of public service.

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By
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In the course of calling in a business way on a well known retailer in Vancouver, I was struck by his enthusiasm for this (at that time) new movement called Kiwanis. Showing an interest in his remarks I was invited by him to a Kiwanis luncheon, and right away I found out the reason for his enthusiasm. Kiwanis had me sold right from then on, and I never bought a better thing in my life. That is the **how** of it, and the reason **why** I am a Kiwanian is that Kiwanis is the finest medium for a business man to try help his fellow man, his community, his country, and himself. In the ordinary run of business life one does not get many chances to do up-