

## ***Kiwanis Club of Missoula***

### Expectations and Responsibilities of Club Membership

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#### WHAT IS KIWANIS?

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. Therefore, Kiwanis is a service club inclusive of all people, not a networking group. Although many personal and business relationships develop naturally, the mission of our club is to provide for the altruistic benefit of others.

#### SPECIFICS ABOUT KIWANIS CLUB OF MISSOULA (OUR CLUB)

Perhaps you discovered us through the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, our Kiwanis Basketball Program, through another Club event, or member, but the best way to learn about the array of things we do is by attending our weekly Club meetings each Tuesday at noon to one o'clock in the historic Florence Hotel, 2nd floor Governor's Ballroom, at 111 N. Higgins Avenue. Our meetings include sharing a meal and conversation with other members and guests, discussing club business, making announcements, sharing Happy Dollars (personal announcements by members), often offering a "cultural minute" of upcoming events in the community, presenting the Students of the Month, and hearing informative and exciting programs presented by guest speakers. Through our outreach, we attract some of the most knowledgeable speakers on a wide spectrum of topics - from biomimicry to politics of the Middle East, from Haitian relief efforts to new developments in our own community.

All of our projects and outreach efforts enjoy the behind-the-scenes support of one or more of our Club's ten committees. Each committee focuses on a specific area: Priority One (children under the age of 5), Youth Services (ages 5 – 18), Sponsored Youth and Adults (Kiwanis-sponsored clubs at Big Sky and Sentinel High Schools, Aktion Club for those with disabilities, and the University of Montana Circle K), and Community Service (benefitting all ages in our community, our administrative committees including those that arrange for our program speakers to present, build membership, develop public relations, oversee service projects, and spearhead our fund raising efforts. We encourage each member to find his/her niche and become engaged with two or more committees while becoming a regular attending member at our dynamic weekly meetings.

#### SERVICE PROJECTS

We expect everyone to assist with the Basketball Program, as this is our most focused service project. We also expect everyone to participate in the minor projects. Family members and friends are welcome to join in the fun as volunteers as well.

<u>Major Service Project</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Minimum Member Expectation</u>
Middle School Basketball Program	early January to March	work 3-4 evenings as a referee, scorekeeper or timer
<u>Minor Service Projects</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Member Expectation</u>
Relay for Life	June	Cook breakfast for Volunteers
Punt, Pass & Kick	September/October	1-2 day event Msla Co. Stadium
Lowell School Students of the Month	October-May	Bestow honor & gift certificate
Reserve Street Clean Up	Twice a year	Beautify a portion of Reserve St
Mountain Home Montana	Once a year or more	Mother's Day gift baskets
Watson's Children Shelter	Once a year or more	Fulfill donation requests

### SPONSORED YOUTH & ADULT MEETINGS.

As part of our commitment to the youth and young adults in our community, our members regularly attend the meetings of our sponsored clubs, including the Key Clubs at Sentinel and Big Sky High Schools, the Circle K Club at the University of Montana, and the local Aktion Club for disabled adults. Although the Sponsored Youth and Adult Clubs Committee members attend many of these meetings, other Club members are expected to help show our Club's support by attending their meetings as needed.

### FUND RAISING PROJECTS

We are fortunate to have only two major fund raising projects each year to financially support our service projects. Without them, we could not offer the assistance we do for children. Therefore, the responsibility rests on all of us to do our part in making our fund raising projects successful.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Minimum Per Member</u>
Pancake Breakfast	Last Saturday in April	Work one shift & sell \$180 of pancake tickets
Missoula County Fair	early August	Work one or two 4-hour shifts in parking lot or take tickets at the gate

### SOCIAL GATHERINGS

In addition to our regular Tuesday luncheons, we host other opportunities to build camaraderie throughout the year, including New Member Socials at a local gathering place. Each year, a Summer Soiree takes place in Kiwanis Park where we invite our families to picnic and enjoy a lazy game of softball or bocce ball. And back by popular demand, a special team of operatives pulls together a Game Day of trivia at the usual lunch hour. Annually, we sponsor a cribbage tournament fund raiser for local and international projects.

### COST

While you contemplate joining our club, we will pick up your lunch tab three times so that you have an opportunity to meet our members and learn about us. Upon joining, you will be billed \$48 per month on an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) basis - deducting that sum directly from your bank account. It simplifies the billing process for our volunteer biller, and you are never late in paying. The \$48 provides \$31 for wonderful, made-from-scratch lunches each week, and \$17 for dues (international, state association, and our local Club). If you prefer, you can instead pay your dues in advance for the year (\$576).

Also, there is a one-time \$45 new member fee to join the Kiwanis organization. This fee should be submitted by check with your application.

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