

What is Kiwanis?

Kiwanis is a worldwide service organization formed in 1915. Kiwanis is composed of over 3,000 community-oriented clubs. Each club is dedicated to improving the quality of life and fostering a better community for the citizens of the local community, state, nation, and world. The Kiwanis Club of Niceville – Valparaiso has proudly served the Twin Cities since 1975.

As an involved member of our community, you may wish to share our passion for our community through membership in our club. Your active participation in our club will benefit those in our area all the while bringing you that special satisfaction of knowing that you made a difference in the lives of our youth, the elderly, and those unable to help themselves.

We are Involved!

The work and services of our club are well known in the Twin Cities area. Monies collected through our fundraisers go directly into community support activities. Some of our more recent activities are:

- College scholarships for area youth.
- Support of the Children’s Advocacy Center.
- Sponsoring youth clubs at local schools.
- Assisting the Head Start Reading program.
- Youth Motivator Program at local schools.

- Saturday Storytime at the Niceville Library.
- Programs at the Niceville Children’s Park.
- Sponsoring youth sports activities.
- Support of Caring and Sharing.
- Home repairs for elderly and needy.
- Show Your Pride – Display the US Flag
- Many, many more...

We Have Fun!

Fun is one of the objectives of our weekly meetings. We meet for breakfast every Thursday at 7:00 a.m. at the College Mall (Building K) on the Niceville Campus of the Okaloosa—Walton Community College (OWCC). Informative and entertaining programs of local interest are presented and exceptional camaraderie abounds at our one- hour meeting.

Our Members are Leaders in the Community!

Our membership roles read like the Who's Who of the Twin Cities area. Virtually every profession is represented: dentists, lawyers, merchants, educators, military members, civil servants, city and county personnel, business owners, real estate professionals, financiers, retired persons, and the list goes on. It's a superb mix of talented and dedicated people with a common interest -- service through Kiwanis.

Our officers and directors are elected annually and

any member can serve. The officers, directors, and committee chairs meet on the last Tuesday of each month to deal with budgets, vote on new member applications, and most importantly, discuss proposed actions to meet community needs. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend all Board of Director meetings.

Committees and Activities!

Committees are the backbone of the club. The innovation and creativity of our committee members make all our service projects highly successful. A member may join any of the standing committees or numerous project teams. A committee is formed for each activity. Currently, our club has the following standing committees: Awards, Budget & Fundraisers, Club Meetings, Community Services, Human & Spiritual Values, Interclub & Networking, Membership , Public Relations & Newsletter, Scholarships, Sponsored Youth, Tennis Tournament, Young Children Priority One, and Youth Services

How Do You Join the Kiwanis Club of Niceville — Valparaiso?

All Kiwanians want to share the experience. If you know a Kiwanian, let that person know that you are interested. If you don't know a member, call our president or the membership chairperson ... or better yet, come join us for breakfast at our Thursday morning meeting at OWCC. If you are not familiar with Kiwanis, we suggest you attend at least two of our meetings to check us out. Please don't hesitate to ask any member any question about Kiwanis — you will get answers to

all your questions. If you decide that you would like to join our club, ask any member for a Membership Application. Complete and submit the form to your sponsor, the Membership Chair, a club officer, or any club member. Your application will be considered at the next Board of Directors meeting. After Board approval, you will meet with a Membership Committee representative who will conduct a detailed orientation of Kiwanis to acquaint you with Kiwanis' history, organization, policies, and projects. Formal induction normally takes place at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Finances and Costs

All costs associated with administration of the club such as meals, membership pins, awards etc., are paid solely by the members through the quarterly charges. Currently, the one-time initiation fee is \$40 and the quarterly charge for dues, meals, and other expenses is approximately \$95. Quarterly charges may vary based on meal costs.

The costs of our service and community projects are covered by fund raising activities such as auctions, pancake breakfasts, peanut sales, Mullet Festival food and beverage sales, and Tennis Tournament sponsorships. Service funds are always separate from club administration funds.

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further information, please contact

Membership Chairs:

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College Mall (Building K)**

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***Come join us, be involved.
It is a rewarding experience!***