

**Human and
Spiritual Values**

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Kiwanians are like the "yeast" in society, making a discernible difference. Yeast makes things rise. Without it some basic foods would be less than palatable. With it there is added value and enjoyment.

Yeast is recognized as an agitator. It can stir things up, leaving a better result when its work is finished.

Kiwanians infuse society, acting as agents of wholesome change. They should not be isolated as a remnant but should be everywhere as leaven, as yeast.

That's the Kiwanis difference. Kiwanis means moving out with a transforming message of power. It is an active implanting of the love of God in

the lives of individuals and societies. It is the way to elevate life and to improve and enhance the human situation and experience. That's the Kiwanis mission.

To fulfill such a mission there obviously must be implementors.

So, what is a Kiwanian? Given our first understanding of the Kiwanis difference -- that it relates to introducing a certain leaven into life -- on the negative side we can say a Kiwanian is not a person restricted to a single profession. Kiwanis service is not restricted to the exclusive province of the board or a particular committee. Speaking positively, Kiwanis service can be and ought to be performed by each and every member of the club.

A Kiwanian is everyone who serves as a consequence of being profoundly moved to share the love of God in their heart. Such service obviously can be anywhere; it can take many forms. But it is service, and it springs from lives moved and touched by love.

Service is the witness to love, and the Kiwanian is identified by that love.

He or she interprets his or her activity in that context, openly, unashamedly, and joyfully. Organized or spontaneous service effort at its best is characterized in these terms. It is an expression of loving service, people to people, anywhere in the world.

Is there still a need for the leaven in society which the love of God brings and a need for individuals everywhere to live on the basis of that love?

Only the cynic would deny such needs. Most people would admit that there is plenty of room for the Kiwanis difference, meaning the transforming power of God and his love. It indeed has validity for our day. No other ingredients in the human situation have proved capable of saving and helping us.

This ingredient is needed now more urgently than ever before. Kiwanians ready to make the Kiwanis difference are the people of the hour. So, share that love inside and outside of your communities. Make the Kiwanis difference. Be the yeast that makes the world rise. Share the love.

**Pediatric Lyme
Disease**

**DPG John
Gridley**



How do ticks survive and find their hosts? Most ticks go through four life stages, egg, six-legged larva, eight-legged nymph, and adult. After hatching from the eggs, ticks must eat blood at every stage to survive. Ticks that re-

quire this many hosts can take up to three years to complete their life cycle, and most will die because they don't find a host for their next feeding. Ticks can feed on mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians. Most ticks prefer to have a different host animal at each stage of their life.

Ticks find their hosts by detecting animals' breath and body odors, or by sensing body heat, moisture, and vibrations. Some can even recognize a shadow. In addition, ticks pick a place to wait by identifying well-used paths. Then they wait for a host, resting on the tips of grasses and shrubs. Ticks

can't fly or jump, but many tick species wait in a position known as "questing".

While questing, ticks hold onto leaves and grass by their third and fourth pair of legs. They hold the first pair of legs outstretched, waiting to climb on to the host. When a host brushes the spot where a tick is waiting, it quickly climbs aboard. Some ticks will attach quickly and others will wander, looking for places like the ear, or other areas where the skin is thinner.

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**DeJulio Appointed
Counselor to District**

Kiwanis International Vice President Thomas DeJulio has been appointed counselor to the New York District.

DeJulio replaces International Trustee Jim Jennings, who participated in the district's convention last August, because Jennings has left the International Board.

DeJulio previously served as counselor to New York when he was an International Trustee.

The roles of board counselor to districts, as well as the role of International Committees, are currently being evaluated for their effectiveness.

Counselors act as consultant, communicator and cheerleader.

DeJulio will be presenting a "Face the Nation" workshop Feb. 26 at the district's Mid-Year Conference.

2010-11 Events

Feb. 24-27, 2011:
Mid-Year Conference, Albany

March 18-20, 2011:
Circle K Convention

May 12-14, 2011:
Kamp Kiwanis Work Days,
Open House

July 7-10, 2011:
International Convention,
Geneva, Switzerland

Aug. 10-14, 2011:
District Convention, Westchester Marriott, Tarrytown