The Kiwanis Club of LEWISTON, Niagara Frontier North Division - first began their Peach Festival in 1958. The festival originated as a means of honoring the Niagara County farmer and the bountiful crops, which they harvested each fall.

One of the highlights of the Peach Festival is the now famous Lewiston Peach Shortcake. This year, as in the past, they ran out of peaches after serving some 12,500 pounds (more than 6 tons).

The Lewiston organizers left no stone unturned. They sell advertising and publish a Souvenir Program. They rent booths and other Kiwanis clubs benefit from selling food.

The profits from this elaborate event go right back into the community. In the past 10 years, some $450,000 in goods and services have been contributed to more than 50 organizations.

To encourage attendees throughout the weekend, Lewiston Kiwanians have a parade, hold a Peach Blossom Contest (girls), Peach Fuzz Contest (boys) and a Peach Queen Contest. There are tremendous rides and great things to eat. It is truly a family event where everyone benefits.

Governor Peter, probably the tallest kid of all, enjoyed every ride at the Peach Festival. He especially liked the wild ones, the more they tossed and turned the better he liked it.

Kiwanians from the Niagara Falls Club sell Roast Beef on a Weck. Yummy!