



WHAT IS KIWANIS?

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

There are about 8,400 clubs in 96 countries with more than 280,000 adult members and approximately 320,000 youth members. Service is at the heart of every Kiwanis club. In a typical year, Kiwanis clubs worldwide organize more than 150,000 service projects, raise over \$100 million for communities, families and projects, and the Kiwanis family members dedicate more than 18 million hours of service.

CHARLESTON KIWANIS CLUB

WHAT DO WE DO?

Kiwanis International, Kiwanis clubs and the Charleston Kiwanis Club focuses on the needs of ordinary people and particularly children and those with disabilities. The Charleston Kiwanis Club does service projects within our community, members volunteer for many good causes and we raise funds so we can help support programs and activities.

WHEN DO WE MEET?

Charleston Kiwanis Club meets the 2nd & 4th Thursday of every month (except major holidays) at noon at What's Cookin'? in downtown Charleston at 409 7th Street. Meetings are adjourned by 1:00pm. We understand that not all members can attend meetings regularly, or that they may need to leave the meeting to return to work before 1:00p.

WHAT HAPPENS AT MEETINGS?

Meetings are a time of fellowship, information disbursement, planning, decision making and a speaker on topics of interest. Members order lunch from the regular menu. Club members can provide programs themselves or invite a guest to the meeting to provide a program. If the club member invites a guest to speak, the member generally pays for the guest's lunch unless some other arrangement is made.

MEMBERSHIP COSTS

New Member Fee: \$75.00 One-time fee when joining.

Dues: \$110 annually

Members have the option to pay \$110 in January of each year, or \$110 in July of each year, or split the dues into two parts - \$55 in January and \$55 in July.

Of the \$110, \$77 goes to Kiwanis International (for dues, insurance fees and Kiwanis magazine), \$25 to the Illinois-Eastern Iowa district and our club keeps \$8 for club administrative expenses.

HOW IS CLUB ADMINISTRATION HANDLED?

A Board of Directors meets once a month to conduct club business such as budgeting, approving cash disbursements, planning activities, etc. The Board of Directors is composed of: President, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 3 Club Directors.

The Kiwanis fiscal year runs from October 1st to September 30th. New officers serve one year and take over on October 1st of each year. The Directors normally serve 3 year terms with one Directors turning over each year. The Board members and officers are nominated and elected by the club's general membership. The Board minutes are distributed to all members on a monthly basis. Any member is welcome to attend a Board meeting.

HOW DO WE COMMUNICATE WITH MEMBERS?

We primarily communicate with members at the regular meetings, the twice monthly regular meeting minutes, the club's website (www.Charlestonkiwanis.org), the club's Facebook page, the monthly Board meeting minutes and periodic email/hardcopy mailings.

HOW ARE WE A PART OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL?

We are part of the Kiwanis family and a portion of our dues go to Kiwanis International and our District. Our club is in the Illinois-Eastern Iowa (I-I) District. Within that district, there are 33 divisions from Illinois and 14 counties in Eastern Iowa. Our club is in Division 26. Division 26 consists of 6 clubs: Charleston, Mattoon, Paris, Robinson, Shelbyville, and Toledo. There is one I-I District Governor and a Lt. Governor for each Division.