

Kiwanis: What's in a name?



A shout out to the Golden Triangle Kiwanis Club who graciously invited me to be a guest speaker at one of their breakfast meetings last month. I spoke on how digital technology can help us preserve our memories and build a legacy for our families. (And on a side note: the photo infused thank you card was a nice touch. Class move there Kiwanis.)

The Kiwanis are an international, coeducational organization dedicated to serving the needs of children within their local communities through fundraising and participating in local service projects.

The original motto for the Kiwanis was "We Trade." It was changed by a vote of its members in 1920 to become "We Build," which stood as its motto for the next 80 years. Recently, a new motto was voted in to better reflect the goals of the organization. "Serving the Children of the World" is its current motto and it is what the Kiwanis are all about.

Oddly enough, the word Kiwanis comes from the Ojibwe language and, according to Wikipedia, can be loosely translated to mean "I fool around." Whether that is true or not, based on the

camaraderie exhibited at the meeting I attended, the members there do know how to entertain themselves while, at the same time making a pretty significant impact in the lives of some local kids.

If anyone is looking for volunteer opportunities to help make this world a better place for our children, the Kiwanis Club may provide you with the perfect platform. Search out a local chapter near you.



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