

To be a Kiwanian . . .

To be a child is to swim in a pool he did not dig.

To be a Kiwanian is to dig a pool in which he may never swim.

To be a child is to dance to music you did not write.

To be a Kiwanian is to write music to which you may never dance.

To be a child is to sit under a tree you did not plant.

To be a Kiwanian is to plant a tree under which you may never sit.

To be a child is to receive benefits from a community you did not build.

To be a Kiwanian is to build a community from which you may never benefit.

To be healthy, mentally alert, able to walk, talk, think, dance and sing is the need of every child.

To be a Kiwanian is to give that chance to a child.

Paraphrased by Jerianne Mecham from Kiwanis International convention address by Steve Siemens, Co-Chair of the World Wide Service Project