

# The Six Permanent Objects of Kiwanis

The six permanent Objects of Kiwanis International were approved by Kiwanis club delegates at the 1924 Kiwanis International Convention in Denver, Colorado. Through the decades, they have remained unchanged.

- To give primacy to the human and spiritual<sup>i</sup> rather than to the material values of life.
- To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.
- To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.
- To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.
- To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and goodwill.

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<sup>i</sup> From Kiwanis International: “Regarding the Object that references spirituality, there was a lively debate about the word spiritual when the Objects were adopted in 1924. Here’s what the committee tasked with writing the Objects said about using the word spiritual: “Our thought on spiritual has nothing to do with theology. Instead, it refers to the qualities of character-like courage, imagination, integrity, and hope.”