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Breakfast Club of Kenosha

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Information about the Kiwanis Club of Kenosha Breakfast and Ivo Garofalo

The first Kiwanis club was organized in Detroit, Michigan, in 1915, as a means of promoting business among its members. Even before that club received its state charter, however, its members were distributing Christmas baskets to the poor. In other words, from its inception, Kiwanis has been committed to community service; its motto is “Serving the Children of the World.”

The Breakfast Kiwanis Club of Kenosha was chartered by Kiwanis International in 1971. (The Club’s formal name is the Kiwanis Club of Kenosha Breakfast.) Ivo Garofalo (pronounced EYE-voh GAIR-oh-FAH-low) was a charter member, and he has been an inspiration to the Club for nearly four decades.

Ivo’s support of community service has created a rich legacy in Kenosha. He helped create one of the Club’s best-known projects, the “Walk With a Friend” safety campaign for school children throughout Kenosha. Club members visit every elementary school within the boundaries of the Kenosha Unified School District—public and private alike—and distribute pencils, stickers, notebook covers, rulers, etc., emphasizing the importance of a “buddy system” when walking to and from school, the playground, and around home. Posters in the schools remind children of the theme throughout the school year.

Now past the age of 90, Ivo remains an active part of the Club. This scholarship honors his efforts to make Kenosha a better place in which to live and work, and the Club is pleased to be able to help younger generations of Kenosha County residents understand the importance of community service.