

CLUB SATELLITE

A club satellite allows an independent group of people to become members of your club for a specific reason.

Forming a club satellite is a good option for clubs hoping to expand into a new area or appeal to a small group with common circumstances. The group may not be large enough to form a new club, but it might be just the right size to become a club satellite.

Adding a satellite club can empower your club to expand its service outreach. By joining the host club, satellite club members enjoy all the benefits of Kiwanis, including elected positions, attendance at conventions, *KIWANIS* magazine and insurance coverage.

How it works

- The host club works with the club satellite to establish the guidelines of the relationship.
- The host club board authorizes club satellite service projects and fundraising efforts.
- The host club maintains the financial oversight to ensure appropriate compliance with local requirements.

There's no minimum number of members needed to initiate a satellite, but if a satellite group reaches 25 or more, it can consider petitioning for its own charter without penalty to the host club. In addition, the host club can have several club satellites in an area, each meeting a unique need.

When it works

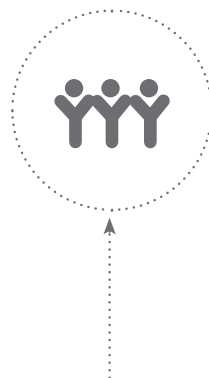
Key Club connection

Your club already sponsors a Key Club. To increase your service reach, you form a club satellite in a neighboring community so new members of your club can sponsor a new Key Club.

Night option

Five Kiwanians are finding it increasingly difficult to make your club's lunch meetings, so they form a club satellite and hold meetings and service projects in the evenings. This option keeps them engaged in your club.

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What are the host Kiwanis club's responsibilities? Members of the host club share advice, encouragement and support. Here are a few ways they stay involved with the club satellite:

- share information about orientation
- offer continued education
- encourage members to participate in host club and district activities
- develop a membership retention and growth plan
- support club satellite activities
- process membership applications

Do members of the club satellite need to attend meetings or functions of the host Kiwanis club and vice versa? Not necessarily. The host Kiwanis club and the club satellite can decide how to interact at the local club level.

How do club satellites determine service projects and fundraising activities? As with other operating committees of a Kiwanis club, the club satellite will propose fundraising activities and service projects to the host club's board of directors for approval.

Can a club satellite sponsor a Service Leadership Program club? Often, a Service Leadership Program is the reason for developing the club satellite. The official sponsor of the program would be the host Kiwanis club, and the club satellite would be the committee to oversee and direct support for the program.

How do we get a club satellite off the ground? It's easy. The members who wish to form the club satellite simply become members of your club and begin working together as a satellite. Dues and fees for satellite members are exactly the same as costs to members of the host Kiwanis club—with the possible exception of meal expenses.

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