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The ladies of Kiwanis play a significant role in the advancement of Kiwanis ideals, particularly on the local level. They often influence and sometimes take a very active part in club activities. They may assist in "get out the vote" campaigns and frequently influence public sentiment in favor of a school, a park, or a city improvement project sponsored by the Kiwanis. They sometimes take a very active part in the preparation and sale of foods.

Such was the case in Eldora in 1959 when ninety-five per cent of the Kiwanians and fifty per cent of the Kweens participated in operating a food stand at the county fair and made a net profit of more than $1100.

Local clubs usually plan for a Ladies Night Banquet and program at least two or three times a year. Sometimes these are planned as Inter-Club meetings in which two or more neighboring clubs join in an evening of recreation and fun. At district conventions, programs of recreation, culture, and amusement are always provided for the ladies. At the convention at Cedar Rapids in 1958, while the men were holding their first official convention session, the ladies went for a visit to
the Amana colonies to tour the woolen mills, meat market, and bakery, the furniture and refrigerator factories, and enjoyed a luncheon at the Ox Yoke Inn.

In the evening Kiwanians and Kweens joined in the all-Kiwanis banquet and musical entertainment. The Tuesday morning election was followed by a joint luncheon and the convention closed with a note of loyalty and good fellowship, in which the ladies played their part.

At the 1960 international convention in Miami many of the Iowa ladies, as well as those from other areas, enjoyed a very interesting and thought-provoking lecture by "Dear Abby." On the final evening Kiwanians and Kweens joined in an all-Kiwanis Banquet.

Thus it is on the local, the District, and the International scene, Kiwanis ladies add much to the enjoyment of Kiwanis.

Here's To The Kweens

Here's to our charming, lovely Kweens —
The wives of Doctors, Lawyers, Deans —
Before it's time to say adieu,
We pause to praise and honor you.

Without your lovely charm and grace,
This world would be a lonely place.
No home would be complete, I guess,
Without your charm and loveliness.
How long would things be neat and clean,
If you were not upon the scene?
How soon would things be all askew,
If it were not for folk like you?

You tell us how to part our hair.
You tell us what to eat and wear.
You say: "We wish you would not go,
Because, you see, we love you so."

You call us "Dear." You call us "Honey."
You even help us spend our money.
Perhaps that plan is very wise.
We might be spendthrifts, otherwise.

With food and laughter you regale us,
And, somehow, seem never to fail us.
You are a wondrous, jolly crowd.
Of you we're very justly proud.

So when it's time to say adieu,
We'll say: "Good Night and God Bless You."