

- 300,000 members in 92 nations; and
- WHEREAS, the Kiwanis motto, "We Build", has inspired members worldwide to dedicate over 6.2 million hours of volunteer time and \$100 million in contributions towards hundreds of thousands of service projects around the globe; and
- **WHEREAS**, in 2003 alone, the Kiwanis Clubs of Lombard and Illinois raised over half a million dollars for their local charitable programs; and
- **WHEREAS,** Kiwanis Peanut Days are one of the largest fundraising opportunities for Kiwanis Clubs, allowing them to raise money for their local charitable programs by exchanging a bag of peanuts for donations; and
- WHEREAS, the Kiwanis Club of Lombard has been especially committed to raising funds for helping children in our community through scholarships graduating seniors, the Trauma Teddy program of the Lombard Fire Department, NESDRA, the DARE program of the Lombard Police Department, the Co-Op Nursery School for a new playground, First Things First, Venture Crew 1776, the Helen Plum Library's Summer Reading Program, and the Lombard Historical Society's Junior Historian program.
- **NOW, THEREFORE,** I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim September 23, 24 and 25, 2004 as Kiwanis Peanut Days and encourage all community members to recognize the coordinated efforts of Kiwanis and its commitment to service

William J. Mueller

Village President