

Kiwanis Club Mistakenly Accused, Proves Not Santa's Clearinghouse

A number of Fairbanks Kiwanis Club members were understandably upset last week when a story in the TUNDRA TIMES blamed them for Christmas packages which some people expected and then didn't get.

Last week we reported a phone call which we received from a Mrs. Josephine Van Reenan who said that the Fairbanks Kiwanis Club had planned to bring her neighborhood a great deal of Christmas goods, but never did bring that many.

Well, our TUNDRA TIMES reporter (who will remain unnamed because her friends will give her enough grief without advertising) assumed that Kiwanis Club was somehow connected with Santa's Clearinghouse, a local campaign to raise money to distribute Christmas

goods and gifts. (It isn't.)

Well, the reporter goofed, Mrs. Van Reenan wasn't available to corroborate her story. Nobody ended up picketing and the Kiwanis club received a wholly undeserved black eye.

For all of that, my apologies.