



Dear Kiwanis Friends

During the years that I have had the pleasure and honor to work on the top level of our fantastic organization I have come to know quite many of you and I have seen that you are a dedicated and hard working group of people.

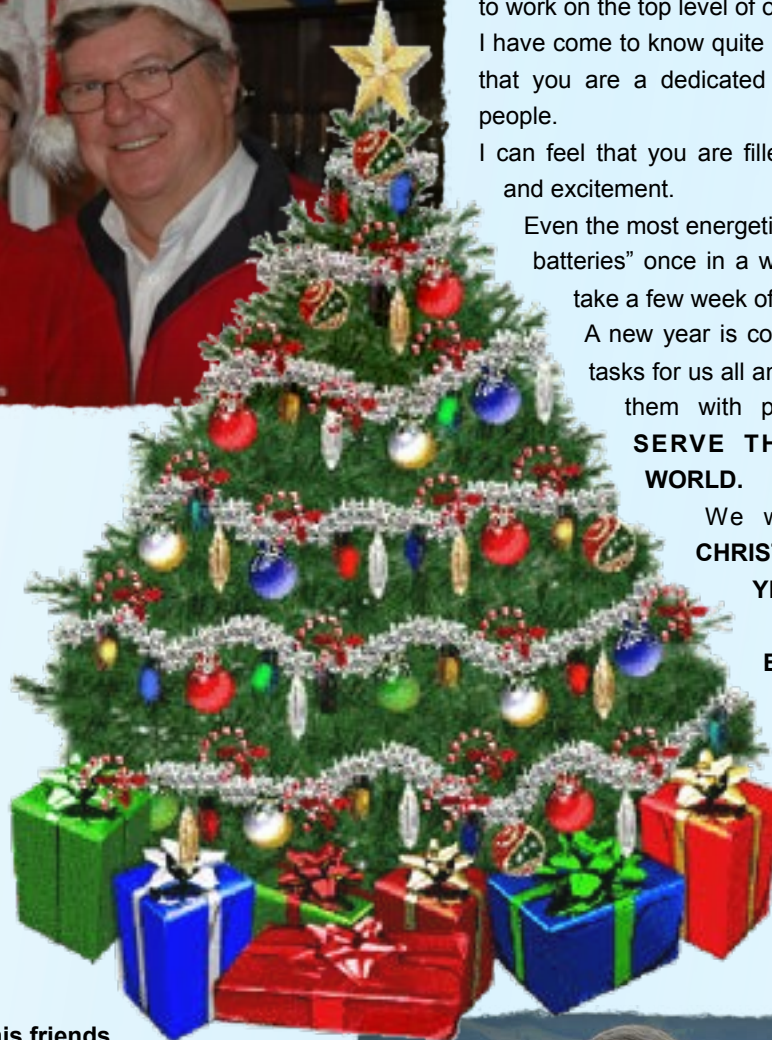
I can feel that you are filled with enthusiasm, courage and excitement.

Even the most energetic people have to "reload their batteries" once in a while and I hope that you will take a few week of rest with your loved ones.

A new year is coming with a lot of interesting tasks for us all and I am certain that we will do them with pleasure in our efforts **TO SERVE THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD.**

We wish you all **A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

Best regards Kari and Paul Inge



Greetings to all our Kiwanis friends in Europe.

It is a great time to be a member of Kiwanis. Everyday our members and clubs are performing service projects that improve the lives of children and families in our communities. In addition, we have a lot of fun and fellowship as we serve. Each of you is making a difference locally and in our Kiwanis world.

We wish you and your families good health and happiness as we end one year and begin another. Have wonderful Holiday Season!!

Alan and Jeri Penn, 2011-12 Kiwanis International President and First Lady



Recruit new members

Your club does so much good for the community, why wouldn't someone want to join? Maybe that someone doesn't know about Kiwanis. Maybe that someone needs to be invited. Recruiting new members is about sharing the Kiwanis message, telling of your club experience and asking them to join you in service. These tips and tools will show you how.

Prospect lists

Using these prospect points, create a list of people you know who would benefit from membership in this new club. Be sure to include names you've gathered during community analysis interviews. Can't figure out who to ask? Use these prompters to fill your guest list.

Customized club brochure

Educate your community with a customized club brochure. We'll provide an easy-to-use template.

Recruitment tips

Here are a few ideas for recruiting new members.

- **Take a systematic approach.** Focus your growth efforts using the steps and timeline outlined in the Reveal Your Growth Potential program.
- **Plan a formal membership drive.** Follow the steps outlined in our Call to Kiwanis from getting the board of directors' buy-in to developing a guest list to mentoring your new members.
- **Set clear goals.** Hone your skills in setting and achieving your recruitment goals with the Planning Your Club's Success tool.

Look the part. Wearing your Kiwanis apparel is an easy way to promote Kiwanis and get the attention of prospective members. Be ready with your elevator speech if someone asks about Kiwanis.



The History of European Federation

The beginning of the European Federation

Kiwanis International was more than forty years old before it was accepted to extend the organization to other countries. Many discussions took part before it was accepted and some were heavier than others. The men had fought endless battles over this issue. The main disagreement was on the cost that this would most certainly bring the organization. The ballot at the Convention in Toronto shows that disagreement was deep, but the conclusion was that 2394 said "aye" and 1762 said "nay". Following is a summary of the guidelines for International extension adopted by the Board at that July-August meeting 1961:

- Clubs shall be permitted to exist only in nations that permit freedom of assembly, expression and action.
- Each Club shall adopt and adhere to the Objects of Kiwanis International and shall pay on the same basis as all clubs of Kiwanis International such dues and fees as shall currently be required.
- The assistance, guidance and promotion of such clubs at all times shall be under the direction, supervision and control of the Board of Trustees of Kiwanis International.
- Every aspect of control shall be vested in the Board of Trustees of Kiwanis International.



International President Merle Tucker speaks at the charter night celebration of the first Kiwanis club in Europe-Vienna, Austria

On May 15 1962, the Kiwanis Club of Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico, received its charter from Immediate Past KI

President J.O. Tully Jr., as the first Kiwanis club organized outside the United States and Canada.

Past International President Tully who seems to be one of the strongest supporter of expanding the organization reports to the International Board in October 1962.

"Statement re Federation Plan" and "Reports on Organization Structure and Policies."

Especially pertinent to the discussion is the following statement from Past President Tully:

"I think we must recognise the fact that, in order to make it possible for Kiwanis to exist in other countries, that having set up this course of action, the only sound decision we can make upon that choice is to financially support that action to the limited and relatively small extent that would be necessary to embark it upon a federated plan or affiliated plan of organization."

He went on to state that any other approach would result in inadequate support for clubs organised. Such clubs would have limited opportunity for success. President Tully was fully aware that the influence from the Mother Organisation should be as limited as possible. Each country and Continent should design their club to their own needs and customs within the limits of the KI Constitution.

In the meantime extension continued. The Kiwanis club of Nassau, the Bahamas was organised on December 13, 1962, becoming the first club in the Caribbean and the second outside of Canada and the United States. Growth in Europe was not far behind with the Vienna club, Austria, being organized February 25, 1963, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Cleveland, Ohio. Next came Basel, Switzerland, April 1, 1963; Brussels, Belgium, April 9, and Zürich, Switzerland, September 17. Anticipating this growth in Europe KI President Tucker proposed a European Tour sponsored by Kiwanis International. It would take place at the time of the chartering of the first European club.

Train the Trainers Conference in Prague

During the last weekend Prague was the place to be for the Train the Trainers Conference. For the first time the event took place in the Prague Parkhotel.

Some 40 Kiwanians from all over Europe attended a fruitful meeting under the lead of President Elect Ernst von der Weppen en coordinated by Vincent Salembier, Chair Committee for Training.

Special guest at the conference was Jane Erickson, current International Trustee, former KIF President and professional trainer. Her Kiwanis luggage combined with her professional lead to some extraordinary passages in the conference which only can be expressed by saying "**TADA**".

The meeting that lasted one evening and one day was full of diversity because all different themes got their part and all in a different way, which showed the possibility to bring variety in training. The newly built pilot powerpoints were demonstrated and participants got a lot of information about Eliminate, our new worldwide service project for which a nice amount was collected among the participants.

The conference was closed on Saturday evening with the visit of a local cellar, because fun should be an important point in Kiwanis.

Vincent Salembier, Chair Committee on Training



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Let us know European Districts & Nations



District BELGIUM – LUXEMBOURG

Our district counts for the moment **4129 members. Men: 3532 Women: 597 and 17 divisions.**

We also have 3 languages which are spoken into our district: Dutch, French and German.

The 4 strategic topics of our Governor are:

- Expansion
- Marketing
- Education
- Communication

Next to these we also further work with the Kiwanis doll and our cultural actions like 'Christmas in the city', 'Special Olympics Belgium'.

And finally, our district also does the sponsoring nations for UK and Tsjechië in which we support them to further grow.

Our Gouvernor for 2011-2012 is Joseph Ruwet from the club Welkenraedt.



Kiwanis Estonia Nation

Estonia is one of the non-district countries in KIEF.



First Kiwanis club in Estonia was founded 20 years ago in February 1992 in a small town Keila not far from the capital of Estonia. Since that time the Kiwanis concentration in Keila has been constantly rising. Today there are three Kiwanis clubs in Keila: Keila Kiwanis Club, Kinake (the women's club) and Youth Club. Therefore we call Keila the capital of Kiwanis in Estonia. In the beginning of this year a new club was founded also in Tallinn. There are altogether 75 members in these 4 clubs.

Main projects:

Kiwanis Youth Camp – The eighth Kiwanis youth camp was the collaboration of Estonian and Finnish Kiwanis clubs and was held on July 25-29, 2011. The previous youth camps have been held once in both Finland and Latvia and five times in Estonia.

Kiwanis Dolly Project – since November 2000 until today kiwanians in Keila have made over 10 000 dolls. In December 2010 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Dolly-project in Keila local kiwanians invited their friends from Keila, Tallinn, Saaremaa and clubmates from Cecis Kiwanis Club to make Dolly-dolls. More than 80 people made in three hours 368 dolls.

Haiba orphanage – Kiwanis clubs of Keila have several joint events with the children of the orphanage throughout the year starting from planting flowers to having Christmas party with presents.

Our representative in KIEF is Tõnu Toomsalu.



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District Austria



Divisions: 11 (with 9 Lt. Governors)

Clubs: 87 (59 gentlemen's clubs, 13 ladies clubs, 15 mixed clubs)

Members: 2.606



District Service

The Austrian district is characterized by the creative diversity at the club level. Each club annually supports at least one large project and in many cases, some locally and regionally as "quickhelpers". In some divisions, there are also inter-club projects where the participating clubs support the disadvantaged of our society. Just to mention one project: Last year 2 Lt. Governors joined forces and their divisions provided stuffed animals for all ambulances in the county Upper-Austria. These soft toys will be given to infants if they will be transported to hospital to take away the fear and to calm them. The 2 divisions donated last year more than 2.000 stuffed animals and decided to extend the project for at least another year.

The entire district of Austria supports the world-project ELIMINATE and there are already some clubs who have donated in the very first year, the total levy. The Austria-wide coordination of the project and in particular the information by the district coordinators running at full speed.

20 years ago the Austrian district has established the first Hungarian club at Miskolc. As a sponsor district, Austria supports the efforts of the Hungarian friends to become a district of KI-EF with training sessions and also participates in the cost of a language school for young people.

Governor: Walter Plieseis



Kiwanis delegation meets with head of UNICEF Sierra Leone, Mahimbo Mdoe



The K-day in the Kiwanis district Iceland – Faroe Island.

Every third year, the Kiwanis district Iceland – Faroe Islands have a day called the K-day. Usually it has been in October but now the sale was in May. This time, one of the members in the K-day committee, Hördur Baldvinsson, got the excellent idea to sell an ordinary house key, decorated with the Kiwanis logo and each buyer could have it cutted after their own key to their home. The sale was very successful and the district was able to give money to three different fields. At the 10th of October which



is The International day of the issues concerning mental health, the district gave 8,5 million kronur to physiatrist ward for young people and 8,5 million kronur to organization for parents and children; with specially focus on depression after child birth. Saturday the 12th of November the Kiwanis district gave 5,5 million kronur to a home for people with mental illness. The home is called „Lautin“ and is in Akureyri which is in the north part of Iceland. All Kiwanis members in the district can be proud of themselves and of the result of the sale.



Emelia Dora Gudbjartsdottir
Distric secretary and a member of
the K-day committee



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Kiwanis clubs build a future to the children of Africa

The Kiwanis Club Percussions Mazan is a recently created club constituted by young music enthusiasts.

These young people, filled with humanism, philanthropy and culture undertook a few years ago the building of an arts center for the orphan children of Sourou in the Burkina Faso and to make it live.

This year, they went there to bring pencils, pens for the pupils and also clothes, shoes, glasses medicines, and even cultural exchanges: dances, djembes, balafons

This young club received, during the national

Congress in Arles in 2011, the Price Bernard Schmitt who rewards the most beautiful social action.

In parallel, the oldest club of the district, Kiwanis Club Metz Doyen of France, supports since a few years the association Friends de Gandiol, so participating in the construction of a school to Nianing in Senegal, in the creation of a library, with the objective to build a healthcenter.

Young students supported by clubs of the District France Monaco bring their help to the local populations during the raid 4L Trophy.

These actions will soon be relieved by clubs created in Africa such as the Kiwanis Club Pointe Noire in Congo sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of Mouvaux and of Bordeaux Médoc.



Annick CARMET



In Romania Kiwanis means FRIENDSHIP



This year **KIWANIS Club of GALATI** has celebrated 15 years of existence and enjoys the friendship of other 18 clubs all over the country, taking part in many of their events. We have organized important events of Kiwanis Club Federation of Romania, we have participated, as a special guest, in the Conventions of France-Monaco District, of KI-EF and, lately, in the KI Congresses. We have so many friends and we feel so wealthy!

As far as the beneficiaries of the "target group" are concerned, they are our family, as for 15 years, groups of 30 pupils with excellent results in education, coming from modest families, have received a monthly scholarship!!

A beautiful tradition of the club is celebrating the Francophonie Day, when high school students present literary writings, short plays, music in Moliere's language, all these according to the theme of the year (April 2011/ Dis-moi dix mots qui nous reliant). And these events take place at the French Library of Galati, to the equipment of which the friends from Kiwanis France-Monaco contributed as well.

We can state that we are also familiar with the new social problems of the Romanian society and we have approached the

issue of the children from villages abandoned because of their parents' going abroad for work. For instance, such children from Liesti are selected by the local village hall and we offer them a day full of surprises and entertainment in Galati. But, as it is said, "the good deeds follow you" and this is how we found children suffering from the down syndrome; for them and their families we felt the need to do something, for the moment just offering them presents.

Everything we have mentioned above has always been advice in the local press and Kiwanis does represent a brand in our city. Maybe that is why in Galati two more clubs have appeared: CK Galati Tineret (Youth) and CK Smile (being chartered at the moment) and CK Braila in the neighbouring city. The regular visit exchanges with the neighbouring clubs (CK Husi and CK Vaslui) are very important if we really want to develop and make Kiwanis Romania a district.

Considering all these aspects, the members of CK Galati have become a family, as things achieved in a team unite us and practicing Kiwanis golden rule ennobles us!



Kiwanis Club Bratislava organised the 2nd Annual Kiwanis Doll Auction



Kiwanis Club Bratislava is a very young one. It was chartered this very year in May at our Czech and Slovak District Convention in the magnificent mountain resort AquaCity in Poprad – High Tatras.

Nevertheless, its 28 members are very active and prepared a beautiful project centred at our flagship product – the KIWANIS DOLL.

All Slovak Kiwanis Clubs buy the Kiwanis Dolls from Protected Workshops, where they are manufactured by handicapped people. This way the Kiwanis Clubs also directly support our less fortunate citizens by giving them work and contributing to their salaries.

KC Bratislava distributed the Kiwanis Dolls among famous Slovak and Czech artists and in cooperation with BIBIANA – the International House of Art for Children also in the colony of young artists who were invited to a biennale workshop from countries around the world, like Argentina, Columbia, Iran, Indonesia, Peru, Serbia, Syria and Ukraine. All of them let their imagination fly and created 72 beautiful pieces of Art, which are now on display in the halls of BIBIANA to be admired by children and general public.

On Wednesday evening, November 30, in the ambient Radisson Blu - Carlton Hotel in the centre of Old Town

Bratislava, our Club organised the 2nd Kiwanis Doll Auction. The whole event was a great success for Kiwanis in general and KC Bratislava in particular. More than one hundred registered auctioneers created a very festive, colourful and exciting atmosphere and the hotel and its management prepared a worthy surrounding dressed with Kiwanis banners, posters and logos.

Patricia Jariabková led the Auction with great charm and enthusiasm and contributed chiefly to its overall success. Great majority of Kiwanis Dolls were sold to their new and happy owners and the KC managed to collect more than five thousand Euros. Part of the sum will have to cover the cost of the event, but the rest will buy many more new Kiwanis Dolls, which will be distributed to young patients in the Bratislava Cardio Centrum and Children's Sanatorium in Biela Skala.

Once there, the Kiwanis Dolls will finally fulfil their main objective, that is to help the young patients to overcome their fear from the illness they suffer and the unknown treatment they have to undergo and will also bring smiles to their faces.

Karol Balog

Imm. Past Governor Czech Rep.& Slovak Rep.



Kiwanis Art Club of Oradea



Our club was created in May 2010 as a desire to serve the talented children, that unfortunately here are neglected. In our regulations is written that we serve this category of children whose talent and efforts should be acknowledged, encouraged and sustained.

To accomplish our objective, we already organized in June 18 2010, a ceremony near The State Philharmonic of Oradea, where had performed the children that won national and international music competitions. We've invited to participate at the concert young interpreters already known, to prove that it's worth to make the sacrifices that a future musician must challenge. In October 2010, during the Days of the City, we have organized an exercise of street reading, where were included the students from a high school of Oradea and from the City's Library. We have offered books to the citizens that passed through the area, inviting them to the lecture. With this same occasion, we've organized a street exhibition with the works of a very young painter, deaf, that has many economical problems. He sold that time 3 painting and had been offered to him the opportunity to have an exhibition at the City's Library (already realized).

In December 2010, we have rewarded 5 children that won the first prize at national and international musical and arts competitions.

In autumn 2010 we have met at Oradea, during a training, the gentlemen Gianfilippo Muscianisi and Nicolo Russo, that were impressed by our work, and that proposed to us a twinning, project accomplished this summer. In July 17, the partners of the club Giarre Riposto came to Oradea for the twinning ceremony and in September 1, 11 members of Oradea visited Giarre. Our colleagues from Giarre also invited a young singer they heard in Oradea - Vlad Crosman, matriculated at the Baroque Music Academy of Versailles, where he studies already. He is the first awarded child of Kiwanis Oradea, from 2004, when he was a teenager.

This year, we developed an activity that satisfied us very much. With the financial support of the City hall of Oradea, we organized a series of musical events under the title Musical Summer in Oradea. This way we promoted talented children that study in Oradea, but also others that study in other cultural centers, born in Oradea.

We have organized 8 concerts in public places, especially in the Gallery The Black Eagle, representative architectural space of our city. We had the chance to present a national preview, creation of a local young artist, a multimedia show called CONFLUX, well received by the public.

Also this year, we have offered 5 Kiwanis Art prizes, for the young people that proved their artistic qualities.

For the end of this year. in December 4, we have scheduled an Italian opera gala, in collaboration with the Varadinum Opera Center Association and The State Theatre, where the public of Oradea could listen very young interpreters, from the opera of Cluj-Napoca (in our town, there isn't any opera theatre). Some donations will be made there for our club, to buy a piano, because in our city there is the tradition of a very good piano class.

The next year, we'll organize a national competition of painting and graphics with the theme ELIMINATE. There will be invited the children of the cities where exist Kiwanis clubs. The awards will be given in April 17, when it will be organized a concert for the found gathering for the program ELIMINATE.

This is who we are, the members of Kiwanis Art Oradea. 20 ladies, great part of us teachers and professors, with little resources but much interest for the young talented children. We hope we didn't disturb you and waiting for a cordially response from you, I send you our best regards, in the name of the members of The Kiwanis Art Club of Oradea,

Prof. dr. Giuliana Pacurar

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Dear Kiwanis friends !

It is with the greatest pleasure I invite you to attend the 2012 European Convention – taking place June 8-10 2012 in Bergen, Norway. Bergen is the second largest city in Norway, situated at the West Coast of Norway, a coastline also known as "The Fjord Country". With the 2012 K I E F convention, Kiwanis friends will gather in Bergen for the third time, as the city hosted this popular, annual gathering in 1986 and also in 1997.

The 2012 great event will take place at the recently renovated Scandic Bergen City conference center, situated in the heart of the city. The city of Bergen is more than 940 years old, thus rich in historic buildings, as well as modern ones, - among them you will find the UNESCO World Heritage listed - Bryggen - area, one of the best known sites in the city.

Bergen can easily be reached by air, sea and land, as well as by the famous Bergen railway from Oslo, crossing the high Mountain Plateau.

The Kiwanis clubs of the Bergen Region are proud to welcome you to visit Bergen in 2012 and we shall spare no effort to make your stay a memorable one.

Paul Inge Paulsen K I E F President 2011-2012





Stimulate your senses

Indulge in the European flavor of New Orleans.

Experience a history as colorful as its architecture.

Hear music come to life on the streets of the birthplace of Jazz.

Tempt your tastebuds with legendary food.

We're jazzed you're coming. We'll see you in New Orleans!



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June 28–July 1, 2012
www.kiwanis.org/convention
New Orleans website goes live 7/10/2011

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K.I.E.F. Calendar

2011

Nov. 2-6 Indianapolis, KI governor Elect Conference

Nov. 25-27, KIEF Train the Trainers Conference

2012

Jan 13-14 New Orleans, International Council

Jan 21, **KIWANIS BIRTHDAY**

Jan 27-29 KIEF District Officers Training Conference

Feb 17, KIEF Executive Committee

Feb 18, KIEF Board meeting

Apr. 21, **KIWANIS ONE DAY**

Apr 27-28, Convention Romania

May 4-6, Convention Austria

May 10-12, Convention Germany

May 18-20, Convention France-Monaco

May 26-27, Convention Italy-San Marino

May 26-27 Convention Czech & Slovakia Rep

Jun. 8-9 Bergen, KIEF convention

Jun 10 Bergen, KIEF Board meeting

Jun 28-30, New Orleans KI Convention

Sep 7-10, Convention Netherlands

Sep 14-16, Convention Belgium-Luxembourg

Sep 14-16, Convention Switzerland-Liechtenstein

Sep 14-16, Convention Iceland-Faroes



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