



Dear European Kiwanis Friends

When writing this message to you, a large part of Europe is still feeling the cold hands of winter around us. In spite of the cold weather I am still overwhelmed of the warmth we can feel from the hearts of our Kiwanis family, From the fantastic work we are doing in service of the children of the world.

Maybe we should all wear the little nice pin we have of the red heart with the Kiwanis logo. IN wearing this pin we are telling the world:

Yes, I have a warm Kiwanis heart and I am proud of the service we are providing to the world!

Winter is also the time of the year when we are looking forward, looking forward to the great possibilities we as Kiwanians have to come together to load our batteries, to be inspired with great ideas to become even better than we already are, and last but not least to meet old and new friends from our great global Kiwanis family.

All our KIEF Districts and many of the European Kiwanis Nations will arrange their own Convention during spring and summer where we shall have our business sessions and also friendly gatherings. In addition to these events we will also have a chance to meet at the international Conventions in 2012.

The first event is the KIEF 45th Convention arranged in Bergen, Norway June 8th – 10th , 2012. The official call and additional information about the city of Bergen as well as

the Kiwanis event will be sent to all European clubs very soon and I am very pleased to inform you that

REGISTRATION FOR THE BERGEN CONVENTION are now possible at the KIEF website: www.kiwanis.eu

I can guarantee you that you will have a wonderful experience in a very beautiful city in Western Norway, the city is also called "The Gateway to the fjords!"

You will already find a very nice photo presentation at the KIEF website under /conventions/ KIEF Convention 2012 Bergen





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Are you perhaps planning a trip to the United States of America this summer ?

If you are I will highly recommend you to take the opportunity to participate at the 97th Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana

taking place June 28th – July 1st 2012.

If you go to the Kiwanis International membership website : www.kiwanisone.org and then press the Convention 2012 New Orleans-field to the right

It will be to the world of New Orleans and to this wonderful Kiwanis event. Four days of adventure, fantastic JAZZ-music, a wonderful world of a culinary

taste and flavor. Meet the international family of Kiwanis in this most European city in the States.

At the New Orleans Convention website you will also find the REGISTRATION pages. Please be aware that you can save US\$ 55,- if you register before March 29th 2012!



As a responsible leader of our organization I am of course aware of the fact that many of our members find that our conventions are quite expensive.

Please remember that it is by attending the General Assemblies/Business sessions at the conventions you have a vote in our organizations different levels.

The clubs can send a set number of delegates to the conventions – and this is YOUR VOICE that is brought forward.

From this reason I urge the clubs and the members to read and discuss the different business items that are on the agendas for these sessions. The business

to be dealt with at the conventions are, according to our laws, presented to the clubs in due course before the assemblies.

Conventions as a rule are events that is happening towards the end of the fiscal years, they are very important as democratic gatherings of our Kiwanis.

Dear Kiwanis friends , these thoughts are written for the February issue of the KIEF Update.

Let us not forget that we have 7-8 months left of our year.

We have plenty of time to reach the goals we have set, time to build the new clubs we want, time to get our clubs back to charter strength, and most important

Time to provide lots and lots of service to the children of the world. Let our service be seen in our local communities, at the district levels and also in our support

to our great service task The Eliminate Project.

HAVE A WONDERFUL YEAR, EVERYBODY !

Grow & Build Clubs

Strong Kiwanis clubs with many involved, dedicated members mean more children in your community, your state, your country, and the world can benefit. Just as importantly, larger clubs have the opportunity to inspire more neighbors, friends, and strangers who see Kiwanians selflessly working to make a difference. Here are some tips for keeping your club healthy and growing.

Stay and serve. Always have a group of members at every club service project or event from beginning to end. That way, the club always has a presence and someone who can “talk up” Kiwanis.

Throw a party. Send out personal invitations for a Special Guest Day, then follow up with phone calls and e-mails. Why not invite special guests to your club several times each year?

Be flexible. Consider changing your meeting times and

frequency. Some clubs meet only every other week. Some meet online.

Reach out. Participate in every community activity and event you can. It's great publicity. Learn more about how public relations can help you grow.

Learn from the best. Visit other clubs to get ideas. Get involved at the division, district, and international levels. Find a club now.

Connect online. Learn more from other Kiwanis members.

Read your magazine. Read your magazine. KIWANIS magazine regularly features articles on growth. Check it out!



The History of European Federation

A world secretariat

Although there was a general agreement that a World Federation should be established to bind all clubs together and to facilitate discussion of mutual problems and administration no specific action was taken until 1968 when James M. Moler became KI President. He called a meeting of a special committee at the Marriott Hotel near O'Hare International Airport in Chicago to consider structure. The date and place of the meeting call up bittersweet memories for those in attendance. During the session the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was announced. Even so, the work of the meeting had real significance. It resulted in the drafting of a charter for the World Secretariat, which was approved by the Board at its May 1968 meeting. This Board meeting also saw approval of the Kiwanis International-Europe Constitution and bylaws. The purposes of the World Secretariat which held its first meeting. June 9-11, 1969, were to:

- Safeguard the six permanent objects of Kiwanis
- Act as the advisory body co-ordinating the functions of Kiwanis International as these are related to all of its affiliated bodies.
- Promote unity of purpose and common understanding of the fundamental principles of Kiwanis throughout the world.
- Suggest activities of mutual interest to all affiliates.
- Preserve the unique character of Kiwanis in community service.
- Explore and evaluate problems and concerns referred to it by Kiwanis International or other representatives of its affiliated bodies.
- Refrain from action that shall violate the autonomy of any of the affiliated bodies.

The Clubs outside N-America did not have equal status to the clubs in N-America. In order to gain this

status the clubs in Europe had to unite and stay united through whatever disagreements there were.

Annual spring meetings of the World Secretariat continued through 1977 when the need for such sessions seemed unnecessary because of the change of the status of clubs, especially those of a Kiwanis International-Europe. It was apparent that there were advantages in the Federation Plan for Europe with its many countries all fairly close to each other. Disadvantages also existed, as pointed out by the clubs themselves. The Europeans wanted equal status with all other Kiwanis clubs. That would allow all clubs to take full advantage of the years of experience inherent in the organisation. It also would provide for uniform leadership education procedures and equal service by Kiwanis International to all clubs.



Egon Kuzmany KC Vienna. The first european international trustee

1. **Why did Kiwanis International choose maternal and neonatal tetanus?**

Kiwanis International chose to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT) because there is already a proven action plan in place, the results are measurable and Kiwanis could partner with a successful organization. In addition, Kiwanis will be a leader and global health advocate on this issue.

2. **Why is combating MNT so important now?**

Every day in the developing world, 22,000 children die of preventable causes—before reaching their fifth birthday. The United Nations and other organizations have made it a priority to decrease this number. Kiwanis International is eliminating a disease that kills one baby every nine minutes. By targeting the poorest, most underserved women and children on Earth, The Eliminate Project will pave the way for other interventions that will boost maternal health and child survival.

3. **What about sustainability?**

A woman who receives three doses of tetanus vaccine is protected against tetanus for the majority of her childbearing years. When an immunized mother gives birth, she passes her immunity along to her child. The baby will require booster shots to remain protected. A portion of the funds raised by the Kiwanis family will be devoted to ongoing education and sustainability efforts.

4. **How will the funds be used?**

Funds are given to the Kiwanis International Foundation (KIF), KIF makes grants to UNICEF, and UNICEF works with their partners in each country to direct funds to the MNT elimination efforts specific to each country.

5. **What percentage is taken out for fundraising expenses?**

Approximately 10 percent of the budget will be used for fundraising-related expenses. This is a common, if not low, percentage for campaigns of this magnitude.



DOT Conference in Prague Jan 27-29th

Last weekend of January is the reserved date where all incoming European officers meet In the District Officers Training. This time held in Prague.

Some special guests joined the company: Rosemary and Tom de Julio, our current International President Elect, and Lenora Hanna, well known from the Eliminate introfilm. For the first time delegates of Turkey and Bulgaria joined the group, so, and that despite some late cancellations, little more than 50 Kiwanians gathered and enjoyed the meeting.

The content was split up in three parts: a Friday evening completely dedicated to Eliminate, a Saturday morning full of knowledge stuff and a Saturday afternoon full of fun and activity. In this last part a lot of new items were treated, such as Social networksites, Photo shooting, Non districted nations and more.

On Saturday evening the company enjoyed two things especially: the trip with an old timer tram to the City and the taste of Becherovka after or during the meal.

Fifty motivated Kiwanians left Prague early Sunday morning, some remembering one of the Saturday exercises hitting their own head from left to right.....

Vincent Salembier
Chair Committee on Training



Tom DEJULIO with His Euro Governors

February 1987 - Women were admitted in Kiwanis

United Press International, 6 february - NEWARK, N.J. — A federal judge Thursday voided Kiwanis International's male-only membership rules and barred the businessmen's service club from punishing a New Jersey chapter for admitting a female member.

“A membership sign of ‘Men Only’ can be as offensive and repugnant as the sign ‘Whites Only,’ ” U.S. District Judge H. Lee Sarokin said in his 39-page opinion.

The ruling, based on New Jersey's anti-discrimination law and applicable only within the state, involved a Bergen County Kiwanis chapter and Julie Fletcher, 45, a self-employed art consultant who joined the chapter in June 1984. Fletcher's attorney, Marcia Bear, said the judge's “beautifully written and reasoned” opinion might become the basis for similar rulings in other states with sex discrimination laws as tough as New Jersey's.

“We're so excited,” Fletcher said. “It's a tremendously supportive victory. It's been a strain do to this. I'm sure we'll ultimately win the appeals.”



Julie Fletcher

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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

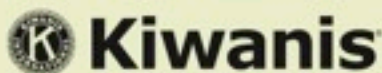


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Stimulate your senses

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!



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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