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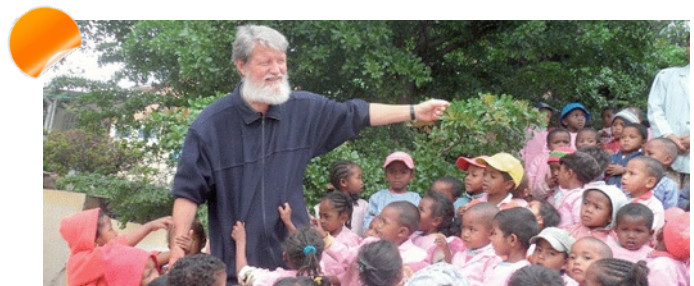
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The KIEF president message

Dear Kiwanians,

the often announced stage of the celebrations of anniversaries of Kiwanis Clubs which are 50 years old in this year, starts in a few days:

My question: Where do we meet in March?

Answer: In Vienna – for the 50th anniversary of the organization of KC Vienna Europe 1!

The preparations are in full swing. First comments make me expect that the number of participants in Vienna can hardly be exceeded by that of the European Convention in Berlin. So – at least two top events in Europe – and we do not know yet whether the other “birthday kids” will attract high numbers of participants as well.

Can we hope for more than those big events in Europe? And - please do not forget the International Convention in Vancouver (page 4 and 5 of this edition).

On pages 6 -8 the KC Vienna and the District Austria present themselves with their model charity project “Akamasoa”; the leader and head for many years, Padre Pedro Opeka was recently nominated by Slovenia for the Peace Nobel Prize 2013.

On the following pages we report on the very successful Training for leading officers 2013/14 that took place in Prague two weeks ago (page 9) and on activities of KC London, KC Poprad Slovakia and KC Slupia Polen.

And we report again on the Eliminate project. Again and again we have to point out how important this



commitment is for the lives of innumerable young mothers and their babies and for our own reputation as one of the greatest service organizations.

At the end one suggestion: Quite some European Districts do not use the chances to report on themselves and their clubs on this website. I kindly ask you for your participation and thank you in advance!

Kind regards

Ernst, KI-EF President 2012/13



46. European Convention May 29 to June 1, 2013 in Berlin

Dear Kiwanis Friends,

In the year 2013 we are commemorating a special anniversary – the first clubs in Europe will celebrate their 50 year existence – Vienna, Basel, Brussels, Frankfurt ...

The highlight of this Kiwanis year will be the European Convention from May 29 to June 1, 2013 held in Berlin. To this event I would like to invite you sincerely.

Berlin is the federal capital and the same time seat of the federal republic of Germany. Berlin is with 3.5 million inhabitants the most populous city and also the biggest town in Germany.

Berlin is considered a capital of culture, politics, media and science. At the same time it is world

known for its history, the nightlife, the architecture and the various lifeconditions.

The District Germany and the Kiwanis Clubs in the Region of Berlin are proud to welcome you 2013 in Berlin. Together with the Host-Committee we will make your stay in this city an unforgettable experience.

I am looking forward to your coming.

Ernst von der Weppen
KIEF President 2012/2013



Registration is open at www.kiwanis.eu



Greetings Kiwanians,

A February tradition is to celebrate love.

It is also a month to celebrate the gift of love Kiwanis gives daily to the children of the world.

We do this by the impact made by thousands of service projects in our local communities, and the continuation of our global campaign to rid the world of maternal and neonatal tetanus.

Over the past 12 months, The Eliminate Project has experienced tremendous success. We've raised US \$22 million in gifts and pledges, and the number of countries reaching elimination status has increased to 29. But even with this progress, MNT remains a deadly threat in too many more impoverished locations. Mothers and newborns need our help quickly. When any human life is threatened, Kiwanis is compelled by its six Objects to respond with a great sense of urgency.

Let's ensure that funding is available. Please renew your commitment today to protect the connection between mother and child.

Sincerely





KC Vienna Europe celebrates its 50th anniversary

The first Kiwanis club outside of North America was founded in Vienna in 1963 with the KC Cleveland, Ohio as a sponsor.

50 years later, from March 15th to 17th, 2013, the Kiwanis Club of Vienna Europe 1 is not only celebrating its own 50th Anniversary but will also mark 50 years of Kiwanis in Europe. Details can be found on www.vienna2013.org

We have two wishes: that your district, your division and your club as soon as possible publishes this event in your Kiwanis magazine or -circular as well as your webpage. And that your secretary kindly informs each and every member in your area that booking is now open. Members in Austria and Belgium will by the way be contacted directly.

For the purpose of publishing we attach press releases in three languages and two photos of the Vienna City Hall where the main event will take place. The copyright rests with KC Wien Europa 1 and hence no credits need to be printed with the photos.

We shall be pleased to answer questions and provide additional details and if required also translations into additional languages. And we shall of course be very pleased about each and every guest from your country, district and club and like to express a warm welcome to all Kiwanians for March 2013.

Many thanks for your kind support in this matter

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The "Project" Akamasao



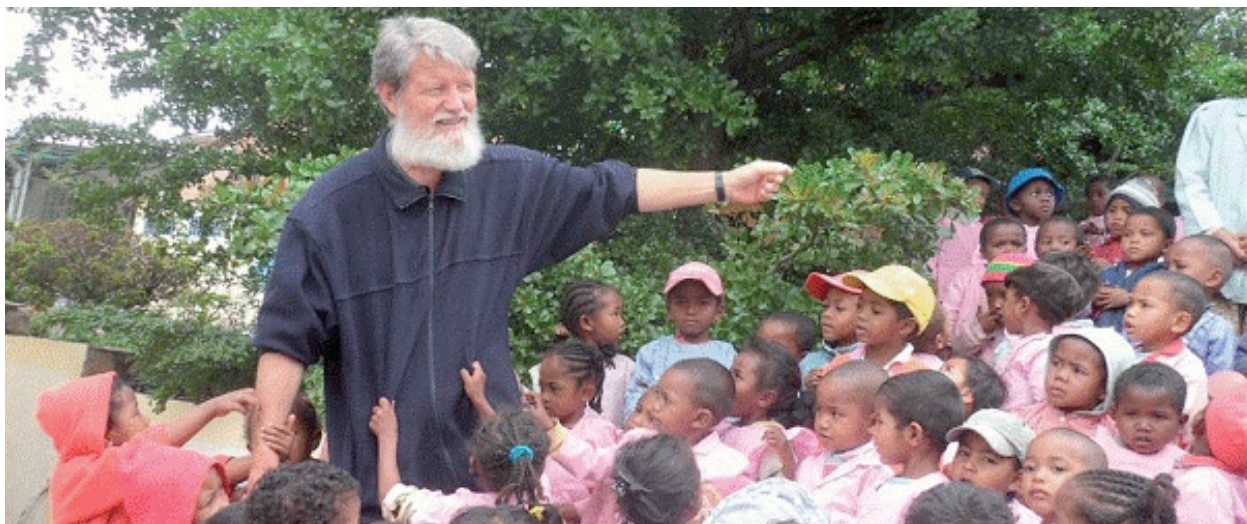
Father Pedro fight against poverty began 1989. When he came to the dumping grounds, the people and especially the children living there in extreme poverty. They died in this place of suffering without any sympathy. Seeing this injustice, innocent and especially children suffer in this way, he has rebelled. He has not gone back, has remained with these people, lived with them. The idea to help was born kneeling in a hut made of cardboard and plastic.

So Akamasoa was founded. Whole families wanted to escape the misery. They begged Father Pedro and his colleagues not longer have to live in the garbage and the street. Should we deny the family the right to escape hell? Having shared the life of these poor people it was decided to change their destiny with their help - with a simple idea: help immediately and directly! But you had to be honest with them and so three conditions were asked: work, school, discipline. The only way they can defeat poverty.

Father Pedro told them, "If you love your children you have to do something. If you still feel some strength in your body, get up. You are able to create a better future for your children, you can take your destiny in your own hands. We have no easy answers, we do not even have money. But together we can achieve anything if we want it!" And so the most disadvantaged have roused because of their children!

Today, these children attend school, they can read and write, or make their final exams and even study. They have regained the dignity that their parents had lost. They pray for all the children of this world. So much wealth, so much wisdom springs from their hearts! "I see their faces and recognize it as a light, I can feel the joy, the grace. Every child has a right to a future, to dignity.", said Father Pedro. One gets the whole of humanity, if you save a child. Children are the future of our planet.





In 24 years, they have built villages, schools, created a sewer, freed the former locations of the exclusion of God, built a clinic and a hospital with a maternity ward with the help of KIWANIS. 250,000 people were incorporated in the community, they built 17 villages, nearly 2,500 homes offer 15,000 residents protection. 3,000 jobs have been created, 8,500 children go to school instead of in the trash or on the street to beg. A quarry, a construction company, a machine shop, a carpentry, an embroidery or a basketry provide an income for thousands. 280 young Malagasy, teachers, professors, doctors, midwives, dentists, engineers, ... are the small army of Akamasoa.

We prove that Madagascar has enabled decent and responsible young people. You just have to find them and provide the means for further development. They are an example for all young people in the country. So they have found dignity and responsibility, and are forging their own destiny.

What we have realized in Akamasoa can be repeated anywhere. You have to believe in the people who forgive, show patience, face the problem of street children and defenseless. If you look at things yourself leaves, solutions are difficult and the price is higher. Finally, our "recipe": We have approached the defenseless, respected them and their children each and every day.



KIWANIS District Austria is supporting Father Pedro and his project for many years.

District Officer Training 2013 in Prague

On the last weekend of January more than 60 Kiwanians attended the annual training of the next district leaders in Prague. The incoming Governors, Secretaries and Treasurers of the Districts and the Representatives of the Districts in Formation, Districts in PreFormation and Kiwanis Nations worked hard for a day and a half and were coached about a variety of topics in various meetings. A total of eleven trainers prepared them for their upcoming tasks, with all the rights and duties they imply. Furthermore, next to specialized trainings there were also some general training courses on strategic issues such as marketing and branding, growth, public relations, public speaking and conflict management.

The content of the DOT was planned and the training session directed by our Austrian Kiwanis-friend Joe Nopp, who as KIEF Chairman on Education and Training declared modestly: "Even if I was congratulated on the success of the training, I must honestly say that the quality of this training depends on the right selection of the lecturers. Even the best organization doesn't guarantee good results without a motivated team of trainers and experienced supporting KIEF Officers."

A significant factor in the harmonization of European Districts is providing an informal basis for the exchange of information among participants. Besides informal talks during the breaks at the conference, an entertaining and very sociable evening program was provided in Old Town Prague.

KIEF President-elect Marie-Jeanne Boutroy and KIEF Vice President Vincent Salambier were satisfied with the outcome of the training and summed it up as follows: "If over 60 officials attended the DOT in 2013 and embrace the contents taught we have made a valuable contribution to each individual country in which we provide our services to the community as active Kiwanians."

Districts: Austria, Belgium-Luxembourg, France-Monaco, Germany, Iceland-Faroe, Italy-San Marino, Netherlands, Norden, Switzerland-Liechtenstein

DIF | DIPF | Nations: Roumania, Poland, Baltic & Finland, Czech & Slovak Republic, Hungary, Turkey



London's New Year Parade 2013 Kiwaniis Central London "Hats off to London"



Members of Kiwanis Central London, Wandsworth, 2 volunteers one KCL President's Sister Valerie Taylor, Vishal a staff member from Kings College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, the Mayor of Southwark other



charities and the Pearly Kings and Queens from Bermondsey had the pleasure of joining KCL member The Worshipful Mayor of Southwark Councillor Althea Smith on the London's New Year Day Parade 2013. We paraded alongside a variety of other charities, marching bands from the UK, America and Canada walking from Piccadilly along the streets by passing Trafalgar Square, Downing Street, down Whitehall ending at the House of Commons in Westminster.

The theme for the day was "Hats off to London". Although it was cold crisp morning, it turned out to be a bright, dry, sunny day. We all donned on our chosen head gear as illustrated in the photographs and being the 01:01:2013 the parade team as well as the crowds who came out in their thousands to

see us were in high festive spirits as we joined in the celebrations to welcome the New Year.

We all presented our buckets to the crowd, flashed our smiles as we collected funds to aid Club building, and for our 3 main projects Kings College



Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Dolly Parton Imagination Library and ELIMINATE.

This was a televised event and members from Kiwanis Central London and Wandsworth present took the opportunity to raise the Kiwanis International "Serving the Children of the World" flag high in the hope of increasing Kiwanis visibility throughout the UK Nation and the world. It is also our hope that this event gained a degree of publicity and raise awareness for Kiwanis in the UK.

KCL President Patsy Morris 09th January 2013

“GOOD ANGEL“ visited Kiwanis Club Poprad, Slovakia



In December 2012, members of the Kiwanis Club Poprad, Slovakia, welcomed a very valuable guest, Mr. Andrej Kiska, the founder of the charity organization “Good Angel” and presidential candidate for next elections in 2014.

“GOOD ANGEL“ is a humanitarian system of the civic financial aid, which regularly on the monthly

establishment and operation he used 1 million EUR from his private pocket.

Till now, Good Angels supported sick children with 16,5 million EUR, they helped 5166 families. It is heartwarming that number of Good Angels (contributors) is growing and in December 2012 exceeded 118 500. Many celebrities of Slovak art, sport, public, politics or business are among them.



basis sends financial pay-ins to families with children where father, mother or some of kids suffers terrible carcinoma disease, or the kid suffers another malicious disease like poliomyelitis, cystic fibrosis, chrical uraemia, Duchenne type MD or Dawn syndrome, and the family got into financial crisis.

Mr. Kiska narrated his whole “story“: In 1996 he established two successful never-never systems to support hire-purchase sales in Slovakia. After years of business he and his friend Igor Brossman started to think differently about life priorities. Mr. Kiska sold his shares in both companies and decided to devote his life and some of earned money for charity. Beginning of year 2006 they established “Good Angel“ and to support

Even famous Dalajlama is the Good Angel!

At the end of the visit Mr. Kiska – Good Angel, got a present from the club – Kiwanis Doll, an exhibit from the November Kiwanis Dolls Auction in Bratislava, made-up as the Angel.

Members of the Club immediately after the visit and chat decided to contribute to the “Good Angel“ and to support its activities by 1000,- EUR and some of members decided to join this charity organization and become „Good Angels“ as well.

PS: Dear Kiwanis friends, think about this as well..... www.dobryanjel.sk

Ladislav Hrivko

Lt. Governor elect, division Slovakia



Because Kiwanis One Day would definitely miss you.



On April 6, Kiwanis clubs around the world will make a positive impact. Think your presence won't make a difference? Think again.

In fact, think of the impact your club can have on your community. And the way your influence could be echoed in communities all over the globe. Join us for Kiwanis One Day. Because that echo will be a little louder with everyone's time and effort.

Get project ideas, contest details and more at www.KiwanisOne.org/oneday

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The Kiwanis Club SLUPIA has been among the leading members of our organization in Poland for many years.



The club was founded in 2003, and from the inception it has proven a strong presence on the Kiwanis map. It is a women's club, and it is comprised of women from various professional walks of life. For the members, charity work is both a passion and a challenge; this range of personal experiences and professional backgrounds is exploited toward helping children. The year 2012 was yet another sequential and important milestone in their activity. To put a figure on this: the club raised and donated to children's causes the sum of 57.578,22 zł (14.394 EU)

The money raised by the SLUPIA club has been devoted to various areas of activity.

The first of these is Support for Sick and Handicapped Children. KC SLUPIA sent a wheelchair and batteries with a total value of 10.900,- zł (approx. 2.725 EU) to a child who had had both lower limbs amputated. A boy who was diagnosed with arthrogryposis received financial support totalling 3.443,10 zł (860 EU). The club also funded the outfitting of bathrooms for the needs of people suffering from multiple sclerosis: for this goal a total of 3.927,21 (981 EU) was designated.

The second area of the clubs action is Supporting Young Talents. In connection with this financial support was given to vocal workshops for talented youth from the Kantele choir and the international NIEMEN NON STOP festival of young talents. The talented young tenor Piotra Pastuszka, a student of the level Music School in Bydgoszcz, received individual aid. The cumulative sum spent on these projects was 6.980 zł (1.745 EU).

The club's wide range of activities also includes Aid for Local Institutions and Organizations. In 2012 a laptop specially equipped for blind and

visually-impaired children was purchased for the youth club of the Polish Association of the Blind's Slupsk Chapter. An additional 4.000 zł (1.000 EU) was provided to the Special Education Center in Damnicy to help finance the center's activities, as well as 4.800 zł (1.200 EU) for the Integrational Youth Club by MCK to finance extracurricular lessons. The club also actively participated in Poland-wide events which aid children: Szlachetna Paczka 2.300 zł (575 EU) and Wielka Orkiestra Świątecznej Pomocy.



It is also impossible to forget the continuous projects which have become the calling card and best advertisement for the club: two large mass parties organized for children from the city and surrounding areas. Both the Children Flea Market and Halloween were organized for the 7th time (with the grand prize in the latter event's lottery being a computer funded by the party's main sponsor: the company DRUTEX).

Through its activity KC SLUPIA has already become a recognizable brand on the local market. It is perceived as a responsible and transparent organization, which benefits not only its charges but also positively reflects on the entire Kiwanis organization. The Slupsk City Hall gladly collaborates with the club and promotes its work. Last year the club's former president, Elzbieta Krezel, was honored with a national award: the Silver Medal of Service. Such recognition of people performing social work happens rarely and is a testament to the respect accorded to Elzbieta and to the entire club. Yet equally without the work of such people as Aldona Słowik, Grażyna Gierszewska, Grażyna Radomska, Krystyna Polak, Halina Kasperska, Grażyna Tyrkiel, Jola Rozkosz, Ula Papiń, Jadwiga Jackowska, Sylwia Kido, Wanda Rolirad, Ewa Iwańska-Boroszko (and



others), this exceptional range of activity would not have been possible.



FIVE WAYS FOR KIWANIS-FAMILY PROGRAMS TO PARTNER

The Eliminate Project provides a prime opportunity to bring the entire Kiwanis family together. Here are five simple ways to partner with your Kiwanis club and make a big difference for moms and babies around the world.

- 1. Organize a customized fundraising event together.** Plan an event with your Kiwanis club and support each other in organizing and hosting the event. Use our [club toolkits](#) and other [resources](#).
- 2. Raise awareness and present together.** Organize a presentation to your Kiwanis club and share your current fundraising activities to support the campaign. Include updates from the [progress page](#). In turn, invite a representative from your Kiwanis club to present at your meeting. This is a great opportunity to learn from each other.
- 3. Create items for your Kiwanis club to use.** Some Kiwanis-family members like to draw. Others create buttons or flowers. Think of items your club can use for events to raise funds for The Eliminate Project and start creating. From drawings as placemats to tissue paper flowers in vases to buttons and flower corsages for dances, your creativity has no boundaries.
- 4. Ask your Kiwanis club to match your funds raised.** Ask your Kiwanis club to match your donations and make a gift to The Eliminate Project. Together, you can demonstrate your leadership commitment to help save mothers and babies around the world.
- 5. Share your story.** Exchange success stories with your Kiwanis club. And don't forget to [share your ideas and stories](#) with The Eliminate Project campaign team so we can share them with others. Contact the campaign office at campaign@TheEliminateProject.org.

Have additional ideas on ways to partner? Share them with us. [Submit your ideas](#) through The Eliminate Project blog or contact the campaign office at campaign@TheEliminateProject.org.

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K.I.E.F. Calendar

2013

Mar 7-9 Hiroshima Aspac Convention

Mar 15-17 Vienna Board meeting, 50th Anniversary of KC Wien

Apr 12-13 Convention Romania

Apr 20 Executive meeting (provisional/Preparation European Convention)

May 2-4 Austria Convention

May 9-11 Convention France-Monaco

May 24-25 Convention Czech Rep & Slovakia

May 29-June 2 Berlin KIEF Convention

June 14-15 Convention Hungary

June 27-29 Vancouver K I Convention

July 21-28 Germany - Kiwanis Youth Camp

Aug 23 Executive meeting (provisional/Chairs meeting)

Aug 30 Convention UK

Sep 6-8 Conventions Norden - Italy San Marino

Sep 13-15 Conventions the Netherlands - Belux - Iceland-Faroes

Sep 19-22 Convention Germany - 50th Anniversary KC Frankfurt am Main

Sep 26-29 Conventions Switzerland-Liechtenstein - Poland



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