

KIEFupdate

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Dear Kiwanis Friends,

in a few weeks a successful and busy year for our organization will end...

What was the most remarkable event for you? Meeting friends at the national conventions or the European Convention in Bergen/Norway or did you attend the International Convention in New Orleans? Certainly you will have had a lot of fun and were glad to see colleges of "your year" again? Made new friends?

Or was is your work in committees, in a board that was satisfying you most despite some trouble that you certainly experienced when striving for the right direction?

Or were you so happy to see a child smiling at you when you gave it a lucky moment? Or did you collect money for Eliminate knowing that you will save lives with such donation?

Regardless what you have done I hope you are content with your work and efforts. And if not – think of the next year 2013 – there is always a chance for improving...

Remember: The year 2013 will be an extraordinary one: Kiwanis – 50 years of service in Europe.

On behalf of my colleges in the European Federation I am thanking you most sincerely for all your work and involvement in 2012. I send my best wishes to you and your families for a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ernst

KI-EF President 2012/13



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EUROPEAN FEDERATION
KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL
1963 2013
50 YEARS OF SERVICE

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

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Registration is open at www.kiwanis.eu



Hallo Kiwanians

With the holiday season in full-swing, it's the perfect opportunity to pause and "live" the first Object of Kiwanis: to give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than the material values of life.



Amidst a bombardment of holiday advertising, with retailers vying for your spending on material things to make someone "happy", Kiwanians who live the first Object know this is the season for "giving back"—to impact communities in need.

My thanks to Kiwanians who are giving back not only to their own communities, but who are also "connecting" to my home district of New York and other areas bombarded by the recent storm disaster. They recognize that all the world's children, and especially vulnerable newborns infected needlessly by tetanus, deserve to live healthy, happy lives.

I encourage you to continue your impact on your local and global community this month by [living the first Object](#). Find those most in need of the light of Kiwanis this season, and give them the inspired gifts of the heart. Then, tell us about it. Email your plans to shareyourstory@kiwanis.org.

Rosemary and I wish you a joyous holiday season..



District France Monaco



Divisions 32



Clubs 249



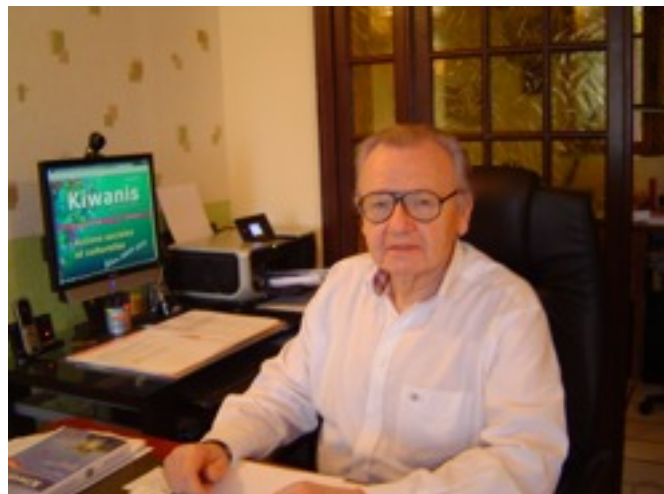
Members 4.665

Men 3.792

Women 873

Governor 2012-2013 Pierre BOURGOUIN

" Solidarity, Commitment, Pleasure to be kiwanian, to serve the Children of the World" That is the slogan of Pierre BOURGOUIN governor who took over from Bernard TESSE, for the year 2012-2013.



The partnership with the association CHIRURGIE SOLIDAIRE, which will be the topic of our next article, is a complementary action to the project ELIMINATE, and will be one of the key actions supported this year within the district FRANCE MONACO.

Estonia



**Representative 2012-2013
Marika Ivandi**

Our largest International projects:

- Kiwanis International Youth Camp since 2003 Estonian Kiwanis Clubs organize a 3 – 7 days long camp for young people between the ages of 14 – 25 in Estonia or in a country we are cooperating with. The aim of the project is to introduce Kiwanis club and its field of activity through socializing, teamwork, playing sports and games, and therefore promoting the launching of new possible Kiwanis Junior clubs. In 2012 Kiwanis International Youth Camp took place from the 3th until the 8th of July in Poland. 10th Kiwanis International Youth Camp will take place from the 21th until the 28th of July 2013 in Germany.
- Partnership with Germany since 2009 – Estonian club representative has been invited each year to the Germany Convention. Germany has supported financially the organization of the youth camps, the establishment of new clubs in Estonia and neighboring countries. In 2011/2012 two Estonian and a German club signed a friendclub memorandum.

Our most important charitable projects:

- Dolly dolls – each year make all Estonian club members, sometimes friends from Latvia, Lithuania, Finland and residents of town Keila Dolly dolls for children's hospital, more than 10,000 dolls have been made.
- Activities for children in Haiba orphanage – Kiwanis members made their own Christmas gifts for the children, playing with the children, drawing, handcraft, hiking, 2-3 children will take part of Kiwanis International Youth Camp.
- Activities for the benefit of our hometown – Christmas trees are collected and burned on a large bonfire. During Keilas cities birthday we bake pancakes and sell them for charity, so we can buy the children of Haiba sport equipment and other things that are needs, also organizing charity concerts. Cleaning our city every spring.



Training for Governors Elect in Indianapolis

Marie Jeanne and Vincent are back from Indy where was held the Governor Elect Education Session.

The session was successful, the atmosphere was quickly relaxed while remaining focused on the serious work. Overall, there has been a growing influence of women in the team 2013-14.

The European influence through International President Elect Gunter Gasser was evident in the organization, although the "American way of working" was very present: this did not bother our Governors Elect! They have shown great enthusiasm for the discovery of Kiwanis Headquarters. Many sessions were, however, quite classic, because some issues are needed every year to be dealt with.

A very interesting initiative is to be noted: every morning, the first session was devoted to the presentation of the Kiwanis in a part of the world. We had the honor to present the European Federation on the first day!

This new European team is open minded, relatively young. They were fast and well integrated into the overall group, they actively participated in all activities with evident pleasure. The translators were very efficient for the French and the Italian Gov. Elect.

Regarding the European session held on Wednesday (morning and afternoon), we sent all the documents in advance that would be presented. We had the satisfaction of seeing that the documents had been read in advance, questions and suggestions were very relevant. We made sure to clearly answer all questions. A friendly atmosphere settled immediately which is a good sign for the future...

The Team 2013-14 is ready to lead active work. Next meeting will be the DOT Conference end of January.

Marie Jeanne Boutroy and Vincent Salembier





KIEF: Train the Trainer 2012, Prague

End of November KI-EF held its annual Train the Trainer session for the KI-EF districts and nations in Prague. 5 KI-EF coaches educated 17 participants from 14 countries and the unanimous opinion of all participants was extremely positive. The main focus was on the content of information, communication and motivation. The trainees intensely exchanged their experiences with each other on some issues and even the KI-EF trainer team has learned from the insights into districts and European nations. In addition to important training contents the participants found time to socialize and had a lot of fun. They especially strengthened existing friendships and made new ones. Thanks to the perfect organization by Jan Radon, all the participants got to know Prague a little better and enjoyed the entertaining program in the evening.

The members of the Executive Committee were satisfied with the outcome of the training and congratulated Joe Nopp and his great team. Many thanks to Paul Henon for the perfect handling of the travel logistics.

Good news from Austria

Tyrolean clubs organized student exchange

17 children of the Special Education Centre Wörgl spent, thanks to the initiative and organization of the 10 Tyrolean Kiwanisclubs, a week as guests of the Belgian Kiwanisclubs St. Vith in the German Eifel region of Belgium.

After the official welcome and reception, attended by the Belgian Minister of Education Oliver Paasch, began for the children the interesting and entertaining program.

They visited the schools of Elsenbom, Eupen and St. Vith, undertook a trip to Brussels and were invited to have a round trip with the trike riders from eastern Belgium through the picturesque towns Bütgenbach and Büllingen. Furthermore many sport activities were on the program and, as a sweet climax, a visit to a chocolate factory

KC Salzburg1 celebrates a good start into 2012/13

On the occasion of the 1st District Board Meeting in club year 2012/13 in Lienz ELIMINATE Clubcoordinator, present Manfred Schitter the Governor Gerhard Gschwentner and Imm Past Governor Walter Plieseis a \$ 10,000 cheque from the revenues of their golf tournament for TheEliminateProject.



KC Lentia: KI-EF's first Gold Club at ELIMINATE

The KC Lentia, the youngest club in the District of Austria is not even chartered, but has committed to donate US\$ 1.000 per member for TheEliminateProject. That makes this young club the first Gold Club in Europe. During the KI-EF function passing ceremony at the Growth Summit in Leuven early October, the club has been honorable mentioned by KI President Tom DeJulio and KIEF Past President Paul Inge Paulsen in their speeches.

Joe Nopp





Imagine, a road leading around an island, past beautiful waterfalls, magical glacial lagoons, over thundering icy rivers, high mountain passes, lava fields and deserts of fresh volcanic ash. Then, imagine a group of courageous and adventurous individuals, endeavoring to attempt something that has never been tried and most likely will never be repeated; a group focused on doing something memorable and unique in the name of Kiwanis service. Put the two together and you get Isgolf2012!!!

The place - Iceland. The group - members of KC Eldey. The quest - play a round of golf along the country's highway. The course - 1380 km long and par 9500. The objective - raise funds for the Eliminate Project, and improve halfway houses for the handicapped in townships around the country. The method - asking individuals, companies and businesses to pledge a per stroke amount to an admirable cause.

KC Eldey's Isgolf2012 preparations started in September 2011. In due time all permits from highway and police authorities were secured. Kiwanis clubs around the country were challenged to partake either/or by soliciting pledges in their communities or by assisting by committing to take part in the actual play. Many clubs did both and pledges were received through 25 clubs. Companies were approached to secure golf and "on the road," necessities for 10 to 30 people. Food, water, golf balls, golf mats, insurance, security equipment and clothing, gasoline, accommodations, private and rental cars and campers, swimming pool and camping grounds permits, mobile phones, radio communications

tools, setting up WP and Fb webpages, printing promotional material, and securing a film crew to document the whole thing. Countless hours were spent on scheduling, mapping the route, organizing trial runs, fine-tuning everything to detail. Are you crazy, how did you even think of this madness. But actually in the pure insanity of the idea lay the challenge and determination to make this happen and that's what primarily convinced so many to flock to our support!

At 23:59:59, on June 17, our national holiday, nine months labor was finally put to the test as the Minister of Welfare took the first shot. Having never played golf before, he did remarkably well, but only after extensive golf lessons by the club! The Isgolf2012caravan was on the road!

Great start, spirits high, great anticipation in the air. Playing through the first night and good part of the next day, making camp in beautiful weather about 150 km from Reykjavik. Tiered golfers taking a well-earned rest, only to wake up in the middle of the night, campsite flooded, high winds and thundering rain, everyone soaked to the bone. The tour was baptized in the headwind and rain, hail and snow which was the menu for the next few days. Tired bodies, dented spirits, but never broken. Eventually the weather became better, as did speed of play as unrelenting the group kept a steady pace, playing golf for 10-18 hours every day and savoring every minute.

We did not play on the road itself but alongside it.



Majority of the participants were experienced golfers. We expected that everyone to hit 120-150 meters so the process was simple; 4 – 10 cars lined up at 150 meters intervals. In each car a driver and golfer, golfer stepped out, teed up and



took his shot, went back to the car, it took off to the front of the chain. The next crew did the same and so on, and on! Safety was a major concern, so while the golfer was preparing his shot, the driver held up different flags to indicate the ball was being hit or traffic approaching. Special front car and rear cars were stopping and informing and warning travelers about what was going on.

The adventure caught considerable media attention as both local and national newspaper and radio and television stations kept regular tabs on the progress. The eyes of the nation was on us, pledges were streaming in and we rose to the occasion. More than ISK 6million were raised. What a great cause and opportunity for other districts to replicate! Through Isgolf2012 the IceFar district will save or protect more than 13,888 lives. Following this huge success Kiwanis club Eldey club has pledged to become the first Eliminate Model Club in the district.

[Óskar Gudjónsson]



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

Konrad

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K.I.E.F. Calendar

2012

Oct 11 - 12 Leuven Board and Growth meeting

Nov 7-11 Indianapolis KI Governor Elect Conference Training

Nov 23-25 Prague Training Trainers Conference

Nov. 23 Prague Executive meeting

2013

Jan 25-27 District Officers Training Conference

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 1 Berlin KIEF Convention

June 14-15 Convention Hungary

June 27-29 Vancouver K I Convention

July 21-28 Wuppertal/Germany - Kiwanis Youth Camp

Aug 17 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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