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Dear Kiwanis-Friends,

this is the last update before the European Convention in Berlin from 29 May to 2 June, 2013.

This Convention promises to be very interesting: Beside the agenda of a convention – reports on activities, projects, financial matters, presentation of the next location of the European convention we have elections. We have three candidates for the office of Vice-President KI-EF – Ralph Castellan (Norden), Martin Poesen (Netherlands) and Ernest Schmid (Austria) – and two candidates for the office of KI Trustee – Salvatore Costanza (Italy/San Marino) and Marcel Kreienbühl (Switzerland/Liechtenstein). I am pleased about the great interest of the European districts in participating in these elections and giving the General Assembly the chance to choose.

My colleagues in the European Board and I will welcome all of you who participate in Berlin in the workshops, Meeting the candidates, Opening session and General Assembly and in the evening dinner parties to meet friends and to make new friends.

Of course, the European Federation does not consist of the Convention, only. You find in this update a report of the 50th anniversary of Brussels and reports about activities in the Kiwanis Nation UK and in the Districts in Pre-Formation Romania and Poland.

And our Campaign Chairman Randy de Lay is reminding us of a most important date: 23 May as worldwide report day for Eliminate.

Again, when you are interested in the most impressive results of fundraising for our Eliminate Campaign come to Berlin. You will meet there the



European and American Representatives of this campaign as well as our Unicef Partners.

Best wishes and kind regards

Ernst von der Weppen

KI-EF President 2012/13



You can find the convention brochure and the election certificate on our homepage under "Kiwanis Events 2013".

Please attend the following workshops during the European Convention 2013 in Berlin on Friday, 31 May, 2013:

Hall 4 + 5 - London:

09.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. **Growth**
 10.15 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. **Women Growth**
 11.30 a.m. - 12.30 a.m. **Junior/SLP**

Hall 7 - Vienna:

09.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. **Training**
 10.15 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. **Committee on Convention**
 11.30 a.m. - 12.30 a.m. **ELIMINATE**

We kindly ask you to register for one or more of these workshops.

Convention Host Committee

**Greetings Kiwanians,**

The second half of this Kiwanis Year is building momentum for performing altruistic service. As we prepare for our annual Kiwanis International convention in Vancouver and as we conclude the process for multi-year strategic planning, we embrace the vision of Kiwanis as a dynamic family network with a positive influence in communities worldwide.

In this membership month of May, we once again focus our attention on inviting new members to join our clubs. To fulfill the fifth object of Kiwanis and to build better communities, I ask you to think about the impact additional members will have on your club and in your community.

If you believe as I do that one can make a difference, then let's strive to enroll many new members so that more children will receive the benefit of Kiwanis service.

Last month, Bellarmine University in Louisville Kentucky hosted the First Annual Kiwanis Conference on Early Childhood Development. For more than 20 years, Kiwanis has and will continue to make the first 2000 days of a child's life an important priority.

This conference demonstrated how Kiwanis is on the forefront of one of the most important issues facing the United States and the world. Kiwanis is making its impact on "our children, their future".

Sincerely,

Tom DeJulio
2012-13 Kiwanis International President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom DeJulio".





NEWS FROM UNITED KINGDOM

"The Stevenage/ Welwyn Kiwanis Club support a group called Cancer Hair Care. Cancer Hair Care provides a support system for children who are likely to be undergoing chemotherapy for a number of types of cancer where the treatment is likely to result in loss of hair. That support extends to helping children to understand what is likely to happen to their mothers if those mothers have to undergo similar treatment. The charity not only provides attractive hair pieces and wigs but also conducts respite fun days for the children and assistance in explaining to them the effects that their treatment will have on them or their parents. The cancer hair care charity operates in our local hospital. One of the ways in which our members wives have helped in by knitting Cancer Hai Care Dolls. The charity can then either sell them or offer hem as raffle prizes The initiative was launched by Sue Greene , wife of the club Secretary. The dolls that are made out of oddments of wool, are topsy turvey dolls which means that if you hold them up one way the doll's head contains a full spread of hair whilst turned upside down it presents itself as a doll with no hair. Knitted hats are an accessory to show how the addition of a hat is an attractive way of hiding the baldness

The patterns and pictures for the dolls are attached

This idea is not too dissimilar to the Kiwanis doll in that they help to allay fear of the unknown but we feel that other clubs might be willing to take up the idea in their local children's hospital. it appeals to knitters so many Kiwanian wives or members of our ladies clubs might wish to take up the challenge and produce some

The Stevenage/ Welwyn club recently presented a cheque for £1000 to Cancer Hair Care. from funds raised through an "ELVIS" theme night the club also gave the charity 5 of the knitted dolls and other knitwear to help with future fund raising

The Stevenage / Welwyn club are holding on June 7th another fun night , the proceeds of which will go to "TRACKS" the local preschool for younger children with Autism. These events are held in the social Club of Astrium, the major aerospace and satellite developer and manufacturer who very kindly offer us their premises free of charge".



Hat for Knitted Topsy Turvey Dolls

Material: Oddments of DK yarn, size 10 needles

Cast on 56 sts

Rib 4 rows

St st or garter stitch 18 rows

Next row: K2, K2tog to end of row

Work another row

Next row: K1, K2 tog to end of row

Work another row

Next row: K2 tog to end of row

Break off thread and run through remaining stitches

Fasten off and sew up the back seam.

Variations

Stripes: vertical or horizontal

Spots, checks

Embroidery: flowers – cross-stitch

Crochet edging, flowers

Beads, sequins, buttons.



CARING HAIR – KNITTED DOLL

MATERIALS

3.25 mm (No 10) knitting needles (to give a firm texture)

80 g (3 oz) stuffing

Wool: 50 g colour A dress (or stripes of colour)
50 g colour B dress (or stripes of colour)
25 g colour S – skin tone, from dark brown to cream
Oddments for hair, eyes, lips

BODICE AND HEAD

The two bodice and head pieces are worked in the same way but in different colours.

Begin at waist edge and using colour A cast on 40sts loosely. St-st 12 rows.

Break off colour A and join colour S.

Shape shoulders

Next row: K6 (K2tog) 5 times, K8 (k2 tog) 5 times, K6 (30sts)

St-st 7 rows

Shape head

Next rows: (K1, inc K wise into next st) to end (45sts)

St-st 23 rows

Next row: (K1, K2 tog) to end (30 sts)

P1 row

Next row: (K2 tog) to end (15 sts)

Break off yarn, thread it through sts left on needle, pull to gather tightly then fasten off.

Make another bodice and head using colour B.

To make up

Join row ends of each bodice and head piece. These seams will be at the centre back of the doll. Turn each piece right side out and stuff. Each head should measure 21 cm (8¼ in) around.

Place the open cast-on edges of the pieces together, matching the centre back seams. Over-sew the cast-on edges together but leave a small gap in the seam. Now continue stuffing through the gap in the seam to fill out the bodices. The doll should now measure 20 cm (8 in) around the waist when the pieces are joined. Over-sew the gap in the seam.

To shape the neck

Using colour S, gather around the second knitted row below the head shaping row. Pull up gathers tightly and knot ends of yarn. Pass one end of yarn around the neck and knot again. Sew yarn into neck.

Faces

Eyes: mark the eye positions with pins, 11 rows above head shaping row, leaving 4 clear sts between the pins. For each eye, using black, brown or blue yarn work a backstitch above the marked position starting at marked position and making the stitch 2 knitted rows in height. Repeat the backstitch twice then fasten off. Work other 3 eyes in the same way.

Mouth: Mark centre of mouth 5 knitted rows above head shaping row. Use red or pink yarn to work a small V-shape with the centre of the mouth at the marked position.

SKIRTS

*Begin at lower edge, using colour A, cast on 129 sts and st-st 7 rows

Work picot hem edge

Next row: K1, (yrn, K2 tog) to end

Beginning with a K row, work a further 56 rows (7 in from picot row).

Shape waist

Next row: (K1, K2 tog) to end (86 sts)

P1 row

Next row: (K2 tog) to end (43 sts). Cast off.

Join row ends for centre back seam. With wrong side of skirt outside, fold up hem at picot edge. Catch cast-on edge to the wrong side of the g-st. Turn skirt right side out.

To sew skirt in place

With right side of skirt outside, place it on the doll so that the matching bodice and head are above matching centre back seams. Pin waist edge of the skirt just above the cast-on edge of the bodice. Sew waist edge of skirt to doll.

Waistband

Using contrast colour, cast on 44 sts and K1 row. Cast off. Place around the doll's waist and over-sew the row ends together at centre back. Sew waistband to doll. **

Make second skirt starting with colour B and complete from *to ** as before.



HANDS AND ARMS

Using colour S, cast on 14 sts for hands and st-st 14 rows.

Next row: (K2 tog) to end (7 sts). Break off yarn and thread through stitches loosely and leave end for sewing later on.

Make another 3 hands.

Sleeves: (make two alike for each outfit)

Begin at top of sleeve, cast on 12 sts in A or B P1 row

Next row: Inc k-wise into every st (24 sts)

Beginning with a p row st-st 23 rows

Next row: (K1, K2 tog) to end (16 sts)

Garter st 2 rows then cast off

Join row ends of each sleeve for underarm seam. Turn right side out. Bring underarm seam to centre of cast-on edge then over-sew across cast-on sts. Stuff sleeves very lightly.

Push the cast-on edges of hands inside cast-on edges of sleeves so that 4 knitted rows of each hand are inside each sleeve, and hand and arm seams are together. Sew sleeves to hands.

Now sew the edges of sleeves to sides of doll's body just above the last knitted row of dress colour.

Neck edging strip (x2)

Cast on 50 sts and K1 row. Cast off.

Place the appropriate strip around each doll's neck and over-sew row ends together at centre back. Now pin the strips over the shoulders above tops of sleeves and also to top edge of bodice. Sew strip in place as pinned.

HAIR (make 1 piece only)

Begin at lower edge, using hair colour, cast-on 56 sts

Note that first row is right side.

1st row: (K1 P1) to end

Garter-st 17 rows

Shape top

Next row: (K2, k2 tog) to end (42 sts)

Garter-st 7 rows

Next row: (K1, K2 tog) to end (28 sts)

Garter-st 5 rows

Next row: (K2 tog) to end (14 sts)

Break off yarn and thread through stitches tightly.

Over-sew row ends together and turn right-side out. Place on doll's head with seam at centre back just above neck and with centre front just above eyes. To give the illusion of a centre parting, use a pin to pull up the cast-on edge on forehead, 7 knitted rows above the eyes. Work a line of short backstitches at position off 'centre parting'.

You may decide to make a second hair piece as a 'wig', or make a fabric head scarf.

When Dreams Do Come True

K.C. Sfantu Gheorghe, Romania



2008. Our club was hosting the National Conference of the Romanian Kiwanis Clubs and we were all enjoying the performances of a couple of talented little musicians, students of the local Art School . A short, shy, smiling boy approached the huge concert piano. He was barely 1.40 m tall and 11 years of age. I quickly checked my schedule board and announced the next performance : Szöcs Botond-Csaba was going to perform a Liszt Rhapsody and a Bach Suite. I thought to myself: “poor little thing; I doubt it that his feet will reach the piano pedals”. Then, the little “pygmy” started moving his little fingers over the ivories and time stood still. The audience was breathlessly absorbed in the perfect harmony of music and man. When the last notes left the enchanted instrument, the audience applauded wildly, again and again. My eyes slipped to his exulted face and then I saw his worn-out tiny shoes which were no match with his – I later found out – sham tuxedo and, above all, with his incredible talent. A boy had come into the concert hall and SZÖCS BOTOND CSABA left the hall.

After the event we started our investigations on the prodigy who fascinated the audience and decided that

Botond’s talent was not one to waste, since we, Kiwanians, believe in sharing talents. We then found out that Botond was living with his father and two step-sisters in a small unfurnished apartment, but never complained or asked for assistance. The boy was practising 7-8 hours a day at school out of sheer passion for music and spent more than 12 hours a day in the precincts of the local Art’s School to line up for additional practice hours, as he didn’t own a piano, or at least a cabinet piano. He had never had one, and still his virtuosity surpassed all the expectations. We started supporting him and then we decided to pay for his private tuition he couldn’t afford before and which he needed for his arising career, since the teachers of the local school could no longer keep pace with his unfolding talent. Since 2010, Botond, a then 13 year-old, has been the private student of a renowned university professor of the Brasov Music Academy, prof.dr. Stela Drăgulin, and has been reaping success after success ever since then.

2011 was a dream-come-true for Botond: we bought him a Swedish upright piano and for Christmas he was awarded his first laptop, so he can listen to outstanding performances of famous pianists. 2012 came with the “Victor Giuleanu” National Trophy for him, and the Union of the Romanian Musicians awarded him a one-year scholarship. At the National Inter-School Music Contest he won third prize. The “George Enescu Foundation” of Bucharest awarded him the “Remember Enescu” Grand Prize and then he had several recitals at the Romanian Atheneum and then in Sibiu, Brasov and Targu-Mures. Now you can watch him on YouTube performing with the Sibiu Philharmonic Orchestra. He plays Liszt, Rahmaninov, Chopin, Schumann, Haydn and many more with the ease of a genius who resonates with each touch on the keyboard.



With his agenda fully booked, still practising 7 hours a day, he is sometimes asked what it is like to see his dreams come true and he simply answers, "Music is my life, and life is a lot more beautiful with people like you, Kiwanians. I sure hope I will be able to help as well one day".

What can we say? Botond, life is a lot more beautiful with children like you, who can keep modest, hardworking and passionate in spite of the growing appreciation they are gaining. Goethe said "Talent develops in solitude, character develops in the stream of life". We love to serve and we enjoy building characters who can and will be worthy carriers of the Golden Rule.

By Silvia Puskas





NEWS FROM POLAND



Dear Friends,

Time flies in a mad pace and we are trying to follow!

In our club we have a lot of energy and project ideas and we are trying to accomplish them one by one. Today our club members: Longina Kudelska, Iwona Kruk and Malgorzata Oporska – Walach visited the hospital together with the basketball players AZS Koszalin, to give the children there, a Kiwanis doll .

This project attends in KC Koszalin since many years but from December 2012 it is realized every second month with the Board of AZS Koszalin and the players. The hospital staff is supporting us and the players are giving the children a lot of joy! Young fans have an incredible chance to get to know their idols , to ask questions and to benefit from the invitations to matches but above all, to forget about their illness and pain for a moment! We are helping families with sick children once, monthly and long-term.

This year we would like to actively engage the ELIMINATE project.

The 23rd of June there will be a theatrical representation, play, in which well- known businessmen and women, actors not to

mention our talented club members. Donations from this event we will be for the ELIMINATE project. At the beginning of May we will have the pleasure to invite all friends supporting our actions.

I wish everybody a lot of pleasure in putting projects into action!

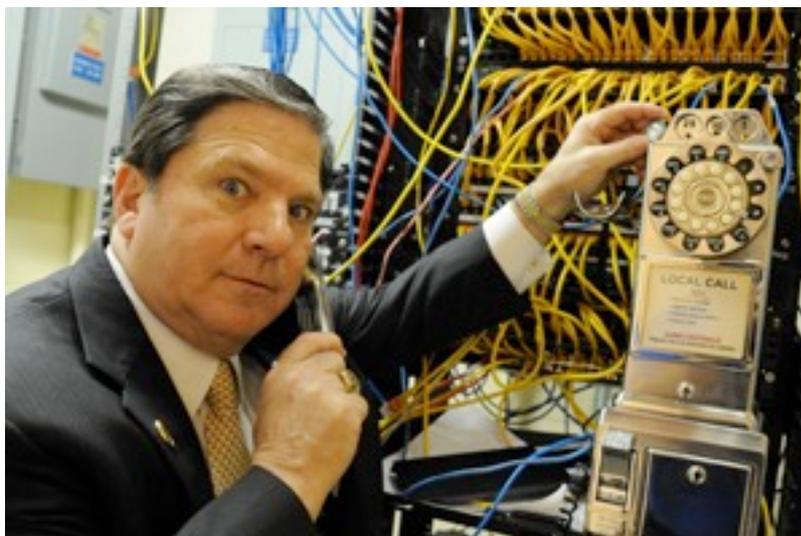
With warm regards,

Edyta Podsiadly

Elected District Representative Poland DIPF for 2013-2014

President Elect KC Koszalin 2012-2013

HOW ARE WE DOING IN OUR QUEST TO RAISE FUNDS TO ELIMINATE MATERNAL AND NEONATAL TETANUS?



See the latest stats and find fresh information about our progress on May 23, 2013, during the third Worldwide Report Day. Districts will call in to report their fundraising progress and share goals with Campaign Chairman Randy DeLay. Throughout the day, we'll update the Worldwide Report Day webpage and share special messages from the campaign chairman and clubs around the world.

Mark your calendar now for May 23 so you can watch for these updates and join in the celebration from your computer or phone!

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K.I.E.F. Calendar

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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