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The ELIMINATE Project

Let’s save more lives

Having saved millions of lives through its campaign to virtually eliminate iodine deficiency disorders, Kiwanis is set to battle another scourge that kills 160 children: every day: maternal and neonatal tetanus. The new global campaign for children was announced this past June 24 during the Opening Session of the Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Joining forces with UNICEF, Kiwanis and its 600,000 family members will raise US$110 million to eliminate this disease that kills one baby every nine minutes.

Tetanus spores are found everywhere—in the air, soil and contaminated objects. Bacteria can enter a mother’s body through an open wound and pass through a newly cut umbilical cord. The effects are excruciating—tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and become hypersensitive to light, sound and touch.
Even a mother’s soothing voice and comforting caresses are unbearable.

Kiwanis will devote the 2010-11 administrative year to educating its members about the disease and the Kiwanis campaign, preparing for the campaign launch at the 2011 international convention in Geneva, Switzerland, July 7-10.

Learn more.

Convention updates

Vegas votes

Kiwanis club delegates attending the 95th Annual Kiwanis International Convention presented, debated and voted on 14 proposed Bylaws amendments. Full details are online, but here’s a summary of the results.

- **Adopted**
  - **Amendment No. 2:** Eliminate unintended contradictions regarding discipline of International Officers and allow the International Board the ability, if deemed appropriate, to bar someone removed from office from filling other offices or appointments.
  - **Amendment No. 4:** Return the title of the top staff position in Kiwanis International to “Executive Director.”
  - **Amendment No. 5:** Accommodate districts that wish to have an additional year of training and orientation for the person who eventually will serve as governor.
  - **Amendment No. 7:** Make more effective use of electronic methods of communications and information distribution.

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**In Aubrey’s memory**

Kiwanis delegates approved a memorial resolution to honor Past Kiwanis International President Aubrey Irby, who died July 11, 2009. Read the resolution (go to page 34).
- **Amendment No. 8**: Allow federation conventions to be held within the stated 20-day prohibition period for good reason if deemed appropriate by the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees.

- **Adopted as amended**
  - **Amendment No. 1**: Change the designation for regions from numbers to names.
  - **Amendment No. 3**: Require criminal history background checks for all incumbents and candidates for International Office and for all offices in direct line of succession to district governor in order to ensure the highest standards of leadership in Kiwanis.

- **Defeated**
  - **Amendment No. 6**: Allocate the costs to hold Kiwanis International conventions equitably among the member clubs of the organization.
  - **Amendment No. 9**: Add a preface clause that summarizes each of the Kiwanis Objects and restate the Objects in summary form.
  - **Amendment No. 12**: Allow club members who are not delegates to sit with their club delegates in the House of Delegates at international conventions.

- **Withdrawn**
  - **Amendment No. 10**: Allow districts the option to restrict voting at district conventions and division conferences to clubs that are at least one year old, based on the date of charter presentation.
  - **Amendment No. 11**: Allow districts the option to determine the number of club delegates (from one to five) based on club size and provide that all delegates must have been club members for at least one year before being elected by the club to represent it.
  - **Amendment No. 14**: Create a new class of "family members" providing that up to three relations of an active member may have the same benefits and obligations as active members but pay reduced dues and fees.

- **Failed for lack of a motion**
  - **Amendment No. 13**: Reduce dues for members age 65 and over by 50 percent.
Your 2010-11 International Board

Sylvester Neal was elected 2010-11 international president by delegates at the International Convention in Las Vegas this past June. Syl, a member of the Kiwanis Club of the Valley, Auburn, Washington, will take office on October 1, 2010.

Also elected to the 2010-11 International Board in Las Vegas were:

**President-Elect:** Alan Penn, Medina Breakfast, Ohio

**Vice president:** Thomas E “Tom” DeJulio, Fordham, Bronx, New York

**Trustees:**
- Johnny Johnson, East Cobb County, Georgia
- Oscar E. Knight III, La Mesa, California
- Susan A. “Sue” Petrisin, East Lansing, Michigan
- Wen-Pin Su, Tainan, Taiwan (elected at the 2010 Kiwanis Asia-Pacific Convention)
- Sjoerd R.J. Timmermans, Den Haag, the Netherlands (elected at the 2010 European Federation Convention)

Returning to the International Board are:

**Immediate Past President:** Paul Palazzolo, Springfield-Downtown, Illinois

**Executive Director:** Stan Soderstrom, Pike Township, Indianapolis, Indiana

**Trustees:**
- John Button, Ridgetown, Ontario
- Pam Fleming, Sheffield, Alabama
- Piero Grasso, Bergamo Orobico, Italy
- William E. “Ed” Hutchinson, Cape May, New Jersey

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*Sylvester Neal*

**Pick up your tools**

Kiwanians returned home from the Las Vegas convention well-equipped with PowerPoint presentations, brochures, templates, videos and other tools to help them grow their clubs and serve their communities. Find it all in the convention website’s “Download” section.
• James S. Jennings, Santa Ritas Green Valley-Sahuarita, Arizona
• Tadao Oda, Sendai, Japan
• Jerome E. “Jerry” Peuler Jr., Waldorf, Maryland
• Stewart L. “Stew” Ross, Mankato, Minnesota
• Robert Vande Rieviere, Tielt, Belgium

Save the date

Mark July 7-10 on your calendar, because you’ll want to be in Geneva, Switzerland, that week for the 96th Annual Kiwanis International Convention.

Beds for kids

Every night, children in the Philippines don’t have to sleep on a dirt floor, because they have mattresses from Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW). Every night, children in India don’t have to go to bed cold, because they have SCAW pajamas. Every night, thousands of children around the world go to sleep with SCAW bed kits.

At the 75th Annual Kiwanis International Convention, Kiwanis International recognized the Toronto, Ontario-based Sleeping Children Around the World with the 2010 Kiwanis World Service Medal.

The medal honors a person or organization that has made a significant difference in the lives of the world’s children.

SCAW Chairman Dave Dryden—son of the organization’s founder, Murray Dryden—accepted the medal and also received a US$10,000 Kiwanis International Foundation grant to support SCAW’s cause.

“For putting thousands of children to bed each night, Kiwanis International President Paul Palazzolo presents the 2010 Kiwanis World Service Medal to Dave Dryden, chairman of Sleeping Children Around the World.”

“Sleeping Children is thrilled with this kind acknowledgement by Kiwanis, an organization that, from my dad’s perspective, was always tops,” Dryden says.
A hero’s reward

Gwyneth Anderson, 9, and her 11-year-old brother, Winston, were enjoying a day on a lake near their grandmother’s cottage north of Alpena, Michigan, when they realized their swim raft had drifted far from shore. With plans to swim to shore, the pair jumped into the water and soon found themselves in deep trouble.

On shore, 14-year-old Ginny Courtright saw her cousins’ distress and swam to their rescue. For her act of bravery, the Kiwanis International Foundation awarded Courtright its [Robert P. Connelly Medal of Heroism](#) during a Business Session presentation at the international convention in Las Vegas.

The West Branch, Michigan, Kiwanis Club nominated Courtright for the award.

![Ginny Courtright receives the Robert P. Connelly Medal for Heroism from Kiwanis International Foundation President Elmer H. Austermann Jr. The presentation occurred during the Business Session of the 2010 international convention in Las Vegas.](image)

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**Club tools**

**For U.S. clubs only**

**Protect your tax status**

In recent years, the United States Internal Revenue Service has amended its policies regarding tax-exempt status. As a result, all U.S. clubs must annually file an IRS Form 990. Failure to file will result in a club losing its tax-exempt status. Most clubs have a February 15 deadline.

Filing the form is an easy process.

1. Find your club’s status on the [Urban Institute’s National Center for Charitable Statistics](#) website.
2. Click on your state.
3. Put “Kiwanis” in the “Name” field; do not fill out the “Location” field.
4. Select “All Organizations” in the “Organization Type” field.
5. Check the “Limit to organizations in danger of revocation” box.
6. Do not fill out the “NTEE purpose/activity code.”
7. Click “Submit.”

Here are other things to keep in mind:

- If you can’t find your club’s name, the IRS considers your club in good standing (see next bulleted item).
- You can find a list of organizations that already have filed their returns by following steps 1 through 4 above and removing the “checkmark” from the box titled “Limit to organizations in danger of revocation?” The report will indicate what form has been filed for your club.
- If your club is on the list but you recently filed the form, don’t worry: The IRS does not automatically update the list, so your club’s status may not be updated for up to one month. Check back in 2-4 weeks to see if your club is noted as having filed.
- If your club is on the list and you have not recently filed the form, click the “File Now” link in the right column and follow the directions.
  - Most Kiwanis clubs should have a September 30 year end with a February 15 deadline. If your club’s year end is different, try to enter the year end as September 30. If this is not possible, continue with the current year-end as listed by the IRS.
  - If you click on the club name, it will bring up a window that lists your club’s name followed by your club’s EIN. This is the EIN the IRS and Kiwanis International have registered for your club.
- Remember to file this return annually after your club’s year end. You must remain current with this annual filing.

Kiwanis International does not have your club’s IRS records. The IRS website offers support, including answers to frequently asked questions. You can contact the IRS for assistance by e-mail or by phone at 866-255-0654 (the IRS reports that e-mail messages are preferred). For the Kiwanis International Office, e-mail finance@kiwanis.org or call 800-549-2647, ext. 153 or 146.
Membership resources

Take the shortcut

Sometimes, Web addresses can be quite lengthy, but Kiwanis International has created short URLs to access resources in your language:

- **English** [www.kiwanisone.org](http://www.kiwanisone.org)
- **Deutsch** [www.kiwanisone.org/deutsch](http://www.kiwanisone.org/deutsch)
- **Español** [www.kiwanisone.org/espanol](http://www.kiwanisone.org/espanol)
- **Français** [www.kiwanisone.org/francais](http://www.kiwanisone.org/francais)
- **Italiano** [www.kiwanisone.org/italiano](http://www.kiwanisone.org/italiano)
- **Nederlands** [www.kiwanisone.org/nederlands](http://www.kiwanisone.org/nederlands)
- **中文** [www.kiwanisone.org/zhongwen](http://www.kiwanisone.org/zhongwen)
- **日本語** [www.kiwanisone.org/.nihongo](http://www.kiwanisone.org/.nihongo)

Dates to remember

- **July 7-11** [67th Annual Key Club International Convention](http://www.kiwanisone.org), Memphis, Tennessee
- **August 4-7** [55th Annual Circle K International Convention](http://www.kiwanisone.org), St. Louis, Missouri
- **October 1** Start of the 2010-11 Kiwanis administration year