Kiwanis International Update
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Convention update
Mummschanz: a new dimension in art

Mummschanz, a visual theater group, will fill convention attendees with a sense of wonder and imagination with their magical performance. The
artists turn everyday objects and materials into abstract forms and use simple costumes and expressive masks to engage in a wordless dialogue with the audience.

Convention update
An invitation from President Neal
President Sylvester Neal hopes to see you at the 96th Annual Kiwanis International Convention, July 7-10, in Geneva, Switzerland. Tune in to his video invitation.

The Eliminate Project
Online donations
Kiwanians and Kiwanis friends can start today to protect innocent babies. The Eliminate Project website now accepts secure, online donations, which Kiwanis International will use to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. This cruel and painful disease steals the lives of nearly 60,000 children and a significant number of women each year.

One Day
One Day around the world
Kiwanis clubs were busy serving their communities and the world on Kiwanis One Day last year. Here are a few examples from clubs' 2009-10 annual reports:

Trinidad: Santa Cruz-San Juan
Kiwanians painted the hallways and dorm rooms at a school for blind children, ages 5 to 15.

Canada: The Kiwanis clubs of Greater Victoria Seniors and Oak Bay, British Columbia, partnered with Child Find to conduct ID clinics for children and their parents. "We photographed and printed the fingers, palms and feet of 75 children in 4 hours," reports Greater Victoria Kiwanian Vanna Wells.

Belize: The Kiwanis Club of Belize Central teamed with the Belize City Council and area residents to refurbish a playground, mending benches, painting a basketball court and landscaping.

United States: Sabetha, Kansas, Kiwanians stuffed 3,000 plastic eggs with candy and prizes. Then they spread them over a field for an Easter egg hunt. "It took the kids 180 seconds to collect all of the eggs," reports
Kiwanian Doug Clark.

**Tahiti**: The Kiwanis Club of Aimeho Moorea organized a festive day of soccer for children between the ages of 9 and 11 years old.

**The Philippines**: The Kiwanis Club of the Pearl of Imus celebrated the Easter season and Kiwanis One Day throughout the month of April 2010 by joining with the Builders Club of De Pilar Academy to feed residents and distribute iodized salt and gifts to residents of four barangays.

Kiwanis magazine
Where Kiwanis meets

A club’s meeting place is its castle. But in the Kiwanis world, one club’s fortress just may be a quaint corner café. Kiwanians’ preferences for venues are many and varied, including banks, fire departments, hotels, funeral homes, hospitals, pubs, Boys & Girls Clubs, airports, art galleries, curling clubs, members’ homes and even on the Internet.

In New Zealand, many clubs meet at athletic clubs. Norwegian and Icelandic clubs likely meet at a Kiwanishuset or Kiwanishúsid (Kiwanis house), respectively. The majority of Trinidad and Tobago clubs go to schools.

Take a few minutes to travel the world with Kiwanis magazine and visit just a few of the places ... where Kiwanis meets ([download](#) or [read online](#)).

Kiwanis International Foundation
Skip one meal

It’s almost time for Skip-A-Meal! Kiwanis-family members who send the cost equivalent of just one meal help fund Kiwanis International Foundation grants and other programs that directly benefit children. Imagine how a €10 breakfast, a $15 lunch or 40 Malaysian ringgit dinner could be used instead to change children’s lives. Join the Kiwanis family by skipping just one meal during the last week in April. It’s an easy way to make a big impact.

Use the [secure online form](#) to make your Skip-A-Meal gift.

**Correction**

The February issue of the Kiwanis International Update provided an incorrect link for an article about maternal and neonatal tetanus, titled Clostridium Tetani. Click here for the correct link.
Kiwanis International President Sylvester Neal is asking all members to help strengthen Kiwanis. Catch his inspiring video message.

Member tools
Talking about Kiwanis

When members talk about Kiwanis, it’s important to tell the same story. Two resources—Information and Statistics and Key Messages—are now available in eight languages to help you spread the word about Kiwanis.

Member tools
Online hub for youth leadership weekends

Key Leader is a Kiwanis leadership education program for high school students, which aims to provide a life-changing experience that inspires young people to achieve their personal best through service leadership. A program with such a noble mission needs a website that fully supports that goal. Key improvements were made to www.key-leader.org to provide easier resource categories and fewer clicks to get details on upcoming sessions. Interested families can browse stories, and past attendees can reconnect with their Key Leader friends. Check it out and give the gift of a leadership experience to a teen in your community.

Member tools
Dates to remember

March: Happy 86th birthday, Key Club

March through June: Check the webinar schedule

March 10-12: Kiwanis Asia-Pacific Convention, Melaka, Malaysia

March 25: Key Leader season begins. Check the schedule of events

March 27-April 2: CKI Service Week

April 2: Kiwanis One Day

April 24-30: Kiwanis International Foundation’s Skip-A-Meal

May 25: Deadline to register online for the 2011 Kiwanis International Convention

May 27-29: Kiwanis International-European Federation Convention, the Hague, the Netherlands

July 7-10: 96th Annual Kiwanis International Convention, Geneva, Switzerland

October 1: New Kiwanis year begins