Kiwanis International Update

November 2010

Kiwanis stories - Barbados

Silver trail

Bridgetown, Barbados' Independence Square took on a shiny new look recently. The Kiwanis Club of Bridgetown temporarily paved the walkways of the popular gathering area in silver—silver dollars, that is.

The annual fundraiser aims to raise JMD$120,000 to be shared with eight charities. Schoolchildren, Kiwanians, passersby, politicians, businesses, churches and other contributors deposit their coins on the sidewalk or hand over larger contributions.

Share your Kiwanis story
Kiwanis story - Australia

Tree haulers

The Kiwanis Club of Tea Tree Gully, Australia, has been cutting, carting and delivering Christmas trees for more than 20 years. In addition to adding about AUD$4,000 to the club's service account every year, the project has added a member to the club's roster.

In early December, the Kiwanians rise before the sun for an eight-vehicle (one truck and seven cars) caravan to a tree farm 27-kilometers away in the Adelaide Hills. "There's a flurry of chainsaws, carrying and loading of vehicles before we descend on Civic Park, our meeting place for the weekend," reports member Brian Emery. "We have a database of past customers and ring them to let them know our pick-up details. The pick-up services have grown considerably over the years and we now sell approximately 80 to 100 trees from Civic Park."

While driving the truckload of trees for the Kiwanians, Bert Kampes enjoyed the camaraderie so much he showed up the next day to help sell the trees and eventually accepted an invitation to join the club.

The Eliminate Project

Teach your club

As Kiwanis International prepares to launch its next global campaign for children, now's a good time to start educating your fellow club members about The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus. And Kiwanis International has developed a PowerPoint presentation to help you (English).

Also, check out The Eliminate Project website for videos and other resources.
Convention update

10 reasons to go

Here are 10 reasons you should attend the 96th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Geneva, Switzerland, July 7-10: You'll be part of history when Kiwanis officially launches its new global campaign for children, The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus.

1. **Free breakfasts** are available for conventioneers who book their hotels through Kuoni Travel.
2. **Free local-travel cards** are presented by Geneva Tourism and Convention to all Kiwanians staying in Geneva hotels. The travel cards are valid for the length of your stay.
3. **It's an international convention**, with forums, delegate session and the opening and closing sessions offered in English, French and German. Presenters will come from all over the Kiwanis world.
4. **Centrally located**, Geneva is close to popular European destinations. Kuoni Travel offers excursions into nearby Belgium, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, Austria, as well as Switzerland and Geneva itself.
5. **New friends** from all corners of the world are eager to meet you.
6. **The forums and workshops** have helpful ideas and advice to help your club succeed in service, membership and fellowship. Be present as Kiwanis International launches The Eliminate Project. Educational opportunities will be offered in English, French and German (see below).
7. **Your club's ideas and advice** are needed to help other Kiwanis clubs succeed in service, membership and fellowship.
8. **You'll have fun!** Join your fellow Kiwanians during the gala dinner on Thursday, partake in the Wednesday reception in the exhibit hall, take a boat ride on the lake and enjoy the entertainment at convention sessions.
9. **You'll have plenty of pictures** to share when you return home. Situated between mountains and a lake and boasting of its reputation as a quaint, old town, Geneva will astonish you with its discreet and elegant charm.
10. **Your club needs a voting representative** in the House of Delegates.
Convention update
Airfare savings

Gant Travel Management, Kiwanis International’s designated travel agency, has negotiated special convention rates with airlines serving Geneva. “Star Alliance” is the official airline network of the 96th Annual Kiwanis convention. Participating airlines are offering discounted rates (minimum 10 percent for economy class, up to 20 percent for business class) when reservations are made directly with Gant Travel:

  Toll-free: 1-877-613-1192 (U.S. & Canada)
  International: +1 011 630-227-3873
  E-mail: KIGENEVA@gantttravel.com

Convention update
Car rental savings

Kiwanians and guests attending the 2011 Kiwanis convention in Geneva can take advantage of a 15 percent savings on Hertz car rentals in Switzerland. See details online.

Convention update
Prelude to a convention

Get a preview of your Geneva convention by tuning in to a 2011 convention webinar. Host committee Chairmen Robert Jenefsky and Christophe Santschi and chairwoman Lucie Wiesner will guide you to Geneva and answer your questions. Learn more and sign up to join the webinar in either English (November 18), French (November 15) or German (November 19). All sessions are scheduled for 3 p.m. (EST).

If you are unable to join the host committee members live, the webinars will be recorded and posted on the convention website so you can play it at your convenience.
Stay informed

Sign up for the 2011 convention postcard, and you'll receive regular monthly news, information and special offers related to Kiwanis' Geneva convention. The e-mail postcard is available in Deutsch, English and Français.

Get ready to learn

Education ranks as one of the top advantages of a Kiwanis International convention, according to surveyed attendees. The 2011 convention will offer plenty of opportunities to learn. Below are the current lists of forums and workshops planned for the week in Geneva. An asterisk (*) indicates that a forum will be offered in German and French through simultaneous interpretation.
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Kotaro Ando writes a poem in tribute to nature’s harmony.

Nature lovers

There were tadpoles
gleaming black
in cool water.
Sunlight was glittering.
Water was glittering.
Tadpoles
were swimming

Second-grader Wakana Odaka was one of many children who found poetic inspiration during a Kiwanis One Day project organized by the Kiwanis Club of Chiba, Japan, this past April. You’ll read about the nature-preservation project, find more poetry and see samples of the children’s artwork when the December 2010 issue of KIWANIS magazine arrives next month.

Until then, discover how the Kiwanis Club of Peterborough, Ontario, teaches problem solving and teamwork with its annual battling robot competition. Read about it in the October issue of KIWANIS (English).

Service Leadership Programs

Charter changes

Learn more (English) about the new options now offered for chartering CKI, Aktion Club, Key Club and Builders Clubs. For clubs outside the U.S. and Canada, contact Member Services about chartering fees in those nations.

Member tools

Annual club report due November 30

Kiwanis clubs are asked to complete their 2009-10 Annual Club Report online on or before November 30, 2010.

However, if your club filed all 12 of their monthly reports online through the
www.KiwanisOne.org member website, you've already completed your reporting requirements for the 2009-10 year. That's because the monthly reports automatically compile an annual report.

No login is required for the Annual Club Report, which Kiwanis International has made available in eight languages: English, Spanish, French, Italian, German, Dutch, Chinese and Japanese. Remember: the Annual Club Report is no longer available in paper/postal mail version.


E-mail questions to memberservices@kiwanis.org, or call +1-317-875-8755 (worldwide) or +1-800-KIWANIS (U.S. and Canada).

**Member tools**

**Reporting for duty?**

*For clubs in the U.S., Canada, the Caribbean and districts using the Kiwanis One reporting system:*

Bookmark the online reporting overview page on the member website at www.KiwanisOne.org/reporting. There, you’ll find brief details about each report, instructions to change your club meeting information in the Kiwanis International database and how to update your club website in the club locator. Quick links point you to register a new user, login, watch tutorials and more. The overview covers the following critical required reports:

- Monthly club report
- Annual club report
- Member management
- Election report

**Member tools**

**Kiwanis photos on Flickr**

If you haven’t browsed through photos on the Kiwanis International Flickr photostream lately (or yet), you have new reason to check it out. Flickr has rolled out redesigned photo pages to all users, focusing on three key aspects of the user experience: easier navigation, more useful context and and
bigger photo display size. Give it a try and check out pics from the 2010 international convention.

Member tools
Understanding the power of RSS

So what is that funny little orange box with sound wave symbols or those "XML" initials you see on websites? It’s RSS, which stands for "Really Simple Syndication" or "Rich Site Summary." In short, it’s a way for you to collect news about the stuff that's important to you.

Once you set up an RSS feed, you'll receive direct and automatic “soundbytes” whenever your favorite web page is updated.

Learn more (English).

Member tools
Dates to remember

**November:** Kiwanis Family Month

**November:** Check this month's [webinar](#) schedule

**November 1-5:** [Key Club Week](#) (English)

**January 21:** 96th anniversary of Kiwanis' founding

**July 7-10:** 96th Annual Kiwanis International Convention, Geneva, Switzerland ([Deutsch](#) | [English](#) | [Français](#))