Kiwanis stories
Grant recipients

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A new schedule
You'll be seeing more of your Kiwanis magazine this year. The publication has added two issues to its annual calendar:

- October/November
- December
- January/February
- March
- April/May
- June/July
- August
- September

Happy holidays, world

December: 'Tis the season of barbecue and holiday music.

In the southeastern Australian community of Mooroopna, grilling and singing are front and center during December’s holiday season, especially for a group of individuals who go by the name of Kiwanis.

When your December Kiwanis magazine arrives next month, you can read more about how Kiwanis members celebrate the holidays through service ... in Australia, as well as Albania, Austria and Wisconsin.

Convention update
Rise above with John O’Leary

[John O’Leary](#) is proof of the power of the human spirit. As a nine-year-old boy, John was burned on 100% of his body and given less than one percent chance to survive. Despite the odds, he not only survived—but Kiwanist thrived.

O’Leary will speak during the opening session of the [98th Annual Kiwanis International Convention](#) in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, June 27–30, 2013.

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More than 1,000 children and adults join Australian Kiwanians every December for a community celebration called "Carols by Candlelight."

Spanish Riding School

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Convention update
Register today for the Vancouver convention

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Register now for the 2013 convention to be eligible for monthly prize drawings, including plane and train rides, hotel stays and a whale-watching boat trip.

Registeration is open for the 98th Annual Kiwanis International Convention, as well as online booking for hotels and tours. So make your arrangements today to be in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, June 27-30, 2013.

Vancouver’s scenic skylines, picturesque waterfronts and majestic mountains will provide the perfect backdrop for our Kiwanis convention in 2013.

Discounted fees are available now through April 1, 2013.

The Eliminate Project
Eyewitness to success, challenges in Guinea

“The Eliminate Project's efforts are paying off. The vaccines are arriving, women and babies are being protected, and the most important element—education—is having a tremendous impact,” shared Robert Allen, M.D., during his recent trip to Mali, Guinea.

Allen, who is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Botetourte County, Trouteville, Virginia, joined a Kiwanis delegation this past September on The Eliminate Project field visit to West Africa’s Guinea-Conakry, formerly known as French Guinea. As with previous trips to Cambodia, Indonesia, Sierra Leone and the Philippines, participants visited clinics to experience UNICEF's tetanus immunization efforts.

“What I saw was amazing,” Allen reported. “Hundreds of women walked for miles to receive their vaccinations. Each of the women I spoke with knew more about tetanus—its effects, causes and prevention—than an average person in the United States.

“Much work needs to be done until every baby in this country has a fair chance at life. But after watching The Eliminate Project in action, I know these problems can be solved.”

UNICEF has helped eliminate MNT in 9 countries since Kiwanis became involved in the campaign, but as Allen pointed out, there's still much work to do.

Read more about Allen’s life-changing experience and learn how you can save lives by raising much-needed funds for women and children in the most poor, most remote areas of the world.
Member tools

Annual reports due November 30

Clubs that have not filed monthly reports online all 12 months are asked to complete a separate Annual Report. No login is required, and it's available in nine languages. Get more or log in to begin your report now.

Member tools

KiwanisOne for beginners

Help your new members feel welcome, informed and inspired. Start by helping them navigate online member resources at www.KiwanisOne.org. Why not give a refresher to all club members once a year?

Key areas for newbies include:

- Home page news
- About Kiwanis
- Training—self-paced including New Member Orientation
- Webinars
- Kiwanis magazine

Kiwanis Store

Share the peace

These unique cards are a creative way to share good wishes from your club—or yourself. Share them during the holidays—or any special occasion. The front of each card says “peace” in eight Kiwanis languages. The back says “Serving the children of the world” in eight languages. Blank inside. Sold in packages of 12 cards and envelopes. US$6 per package.

Member tools

Dates to remember

November 30, 2012: Club Annual Report is due

January 21, 2013: 98th anniversary of the founding of Kiwanis International

March 1, 2013: Kiwanis One Day plans due

March 7-9, 2013: 38th Annual Kiwanis Asia-Pacific Convention, Hiroshima, Japan

March 15-17, 2013: 50th anniversary of Kiwanis in
Europe, Vienna, Austria

April 1, 2013: Deadline for early registration for the 2013 Kiwanis International convention in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

April 6, 2013: Kiwanis One Day

May 30–June 2, 2013: Kiwanis International-European Federation convention in Berlin, Germany

June 26–29, 2013: Circle K International Convention, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

June 27–30, 2013: 98th Annual Kiwanis International Convention, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

July 3–7, 2013: Key Club International Convention, Washington, D.C., United States