“Dead in seven days“. That’s not the title of a crime thriller, but the cruel reality for newborn babies and their mothers, if the Tetanus bacterium, which is mainly in the ground, gets its way through the open wound of the umbilical cord. And there is only one help: to get the tetanus serum in time, prior to the injury. Convinced of the Eliminate Program and its importance to mothers and their newborns, the four Allgäu Kiwanis Clubs in Immenstadt, Kempten, Oberallgäu and Oberstdorf (Bavaria, Germany) decided to organize together an evening lecture about Eliminate. The evening was open to public and we hoped to collect money to support the Eliminate Project. The management of the Kempten hospital supported us by using the modern lecture room free of charge. The local press was informed and helped by articles to inform the public about the event and the problem.

When the evening came, we were glad to see the lecture room nearly completely filled. The program was opened by the Chairman of International Relationship Peter Wüllenweber. He introduced the Kiwanis ideals and the ideas behind the Eliminate Project. He was followed by Dr. Marita Anwander, a medical doctor, who had worked for “Doctors without borders”. She had already seen the unbelievable unhygienic conditions, under which women in poor countries have to give birth. She called Tetanus
the “Seven Days Death”, as it takes about seven days from the infection to death. She described very impressing how horrible the dying of tetanus is that the mothers cannot do anything for their babies. The audience was deeply touched by the lecture of Dr. Anwander.

The collection of the evening lecture and the support of our four Allgäu clubs helped us to give €5.850 for The Eliminate Project.