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Worldwide Service Project

Tune in

Log in to www.kiwanis.org/wsp at 3:15 p.m. (PDT) Thursday, June 24, for the live announcement of Kiwanis International’s new Worldwide Service Project. The announcement will air in Chinese, English, French and Spanish. It’s all part of the Opening Session at the 95th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. You'll be one of the first people to hear about the new campaign to serve and save the world's children. Plus you'll get a glimpse into the excitement of a Kiwanis International convention.

The convention schedule may change, so check the website on Wednesday, June 23, to confirm the time. There, you'll find a countdown clock that will help you determine when to log in.
Shauntae’s story

When Shauntae Savage was born, she was blue. Nurses quickly whisked her away to the pediatric intensive care unit, where she stayed for a month. Her Jamaican doctors found the culprit: a hole in her heart. Luckily, Shauntae’s doctors had Kiwanis connections. Read the rest of Shauntae’s story and more in the June 2010 issue of KIWANIS magazine in digital format or pdf.

Kiwanis stories

Cultural enrichment

Women in kimonos and men wearing happi waved cherry blossom branches while they sang the traditional Japanese folk song Sakura Sakura.

The act, involving 96 dancers and singers, claimed first place for the Japan District at the 35th annual Kiwanis Asia-Pacific Convention’s cultural performance contest.

Japan District Kiwanians perform their award-winning folk song at the 2010 Kiwanis Asia-Pacific Convention in Taipei, Taiwan.
Convention updates

Shaping our future

Kiwanis club delegates attending the 95th Annual Kiwanis International Convention will have the opportunity to set the course of Kiwanis’ future. The House of Delegates will consider 14 proposed amendments to the Kiwanis International Bylaws, as well as a proposed memorial resolution honoring Past International President Aubrey Irby, who died July 11, 2009. Full details are available online, but here’s a summary of the proposed amendments:

**Amendment No. 1:** Change the designation for regions from numbers to names.

**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. 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.

**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. 6:** Allocate the costs to hold Kiwanis International conventions equitably among the member clubs of the organization.

**Amendment No. 7:** Make more effective use of electronic methods of communications and information distribution.
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.

Amendment No. 9: Add a preface clause that summarizes each of the Kiwanis Objects and restate the Objects in summary form.

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. 12: Allow club members who are not delegates to sit with their club delegates in the House of Delegates at international conventions.

Amendment No. 13: Reduce dues for members age 65 and over by 50 percent.

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.

Go global

There are plenty of reasons the Kiwanis International Convention is called "international." Here are a few examples you'll discover in Las Vegas this year:

- Simultaneous interpretation in Chinese, French and Spanish will be offered during the Opening and Business sessions.
- Attendees will meet new friends from all parts of the Kiwanis world as they collect autographs for the Signature Contest.
- Friday morning's forum, "A World of Growth," is an open discussion of growth strategies from clubs members in more than 20 Kiwanis nations.
- Another Friday morning forum, titled "Much More Than English," will explore the growing library of Kiwanis resources available in Chinese, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Japanese and Spanish.
• Saturday's panel discussion, "Kiwanis Around the World."
• "The State of the World's Young Children," a Saturday morning forum that looks at how Kiwanis club projects are addressing the needs of young children everywhere.

Get ready for Geneva

Kiwanians worldwide will gather in Las Vegas later this month for the 95th Annual International Convention, but afterward, attention will turn to Geneva, Switzerland, which will host the 2011 celebration. To help you get ready, here's a quick Swiss quiz:

1. Which is not an official language in Switzerland? English, French, German, Italian, Romansh?
2. Switzerland’s a healthy place to live. It ranks second in life expectancy in Europe. What nation ranks first?
3. Texas-born actress Renée Zellweger has portrayed a British woman in Bridget Jones’s Diary, gave voice to an angel fish in Shark Tale, but what’s her connection to Switzerland?
4. Why do peacocks roam the ground surrounding the United Nations European headquarters in Geneva?
5. Why was William Tell forced to shoot an apple off his son’s head?

Answers

Dates to remember

• June 24-27 95th Annual Kiwanis International Convention, Las Vegas, Nevada
• June 24 Live online announcement of the new Kiwanis International Worldwide Service Project, at 3:15 p.m. PDT. Confirm the time the day before and tune in at www.kiwanis.org/wsp.
• July 7-11 67th Annual Key Club International Convention, Memphis, Tennessee
• August 4-7 55th Annual Circle K International Convention, St. Louis, Missouri
• October 1 Start of the 2010-11 Kiwanis administration year
Swiss quiz answers

1. English is not an official language in Switzerland, but its use is widespread.
2. Iceland’s overall life expectancy is 81.8 years; Switzerland’s, 81.7, according to the United Nations World Population Prospects (2006 revision).
3. Renée Zellweger’s father, Emil, was Swiss.
4. The land was bequeathed to the city in 1890 by Gustave Revilliod on the conditions that peacocks must be maintained on the property.
5. William Tell of Bürglen, Switzerland, refused to bow to his overlord’s hat, which was placed atop a pole in his village.