Kiwanis International Update

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News

DeJulio, Gasser, Button elected

Delegates attending the 2012 convention in New Orleans elected Tom DeJulio, Gunter Gasser and John Button to serve as officers of the 2012-13 Kiwanis International Board.

DeJulio, who is a member of the Fordham, Bronx, New York, Kiwanis Club, was elected president. A former Key Club and Circle K member, he has been a Kiwanian since 1973 and has served as a distinguished club president, lieutenant governor and New York District governor, before joining the Kiwanis International Board in 2005.

Gasser, who was chosen as 2012-13 president-elect, is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Spittal an der Drau, Austria.

Vice President John R. Button is a member of the Ridgetown, Ontario, Kiwanis Club.

Also elected to the 2012-13 Kiwanis International Board were:

**Trustees for U.S. and Pacific Canada** (three-year terms): Dennis M. Oliver, Gulfport, Mississippi; James M. Rochford, Peoria, Illinois; and Elizabeth M. Tezza, East Cooper, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolinas.

**Trustees for U.S. and Pacific Canada** (one-year term to fill the position of Oscar E. Knight III, who passed away this past April): Kevin Dean, Suncrest Area, Morgantown, West Virginia.

**Trustee for the Canada and Caribbean Region:** Colin Reichle, South Edmonton, Alberta, was elected for a three-year term during the 2011 Western Canada District convention.

**Trustee for the Europe Region:** Óskar Guðjónsson, Kopavogur-Eldey, Iceland, was elected to a three-year term during the 2012 Kiwanis International-European Federation Convention.

News

Amendment results

Kiwanis club representatives approved 14 amendments to the Kiwanis International Bylaws, including several to Club bylaws updated

Kiwanis clubs will soon have
allow implementation of a new Standard Form for Club Bylaws.

Here is a summary of results from the House of Delegates:

**Approved**

No. 1. Redefine the age requirement for membership from 18 to “adult.”

No. 2. Provide that a member must maintain good standing status with his/her club to receive the rights and privileges of club membership.

No. 3. Allow clubs to schedule regular meetings once per month.

No. 4. Expand the membership classes clubs may use, letting each club determine and define membership types that best meet the needs of potential members in its community.

No. 5. Clarify provisions about the role and purpose of districts.

No. 6. Set minimum standards for districts regarding government and financial reporting.

No. 7. Set minimum standards for federations regarding government and financial reporting.

No. 8. Separate provisions about regular vs. special meetings of the Kiwanis International Board.

No. 9. Align reporting duties related to Kiwanis International finances.

No. 10. Include the vice president on the Kiwanis International Board Executive Committee.

No. 11. Provide that clubs will investigate an allegation that a member has committed “conduct unbecoming” and appropriately discipline that member if the allegation is found to be true.

No. 12. Clarify discipline of Kiwanis International officers.

new bylaws. A revised Standard Form for Club Bylaws, which will become effective early during the 2012-13 Kiwanis year, will allow clubs more flexibility in their operations. The changes also simplified the standard form, with increased global application. This past June, the House of Delegates approved four Kiwanis International Bylaws amendments that allow the new club bylaws to be implemented (see amendments 1-4 in the "Approved" list at left)

Six other amendments, approved by the Kiwanis International Council this past January, also helped effect these club bylaws changes. (See amendments 1-6 in "Council Adopts Bylaws Amendments," February 2012 Kiwanis International Update.)

In accordance with the Kiwanis International Bylaws, which states that all clubs must conform to the accepted standards for clubs, all clubs are urged to adopt the new club bylaws sometime during the 2012–13 year. A fillable online version of the new club bylaws will be available approximately October 1.
No. 14. Extend the freeze on tiered dues rates.

No. 17. Establish the minimum number of members to charter a new club at 15.

**Defeated**

- No. 15. Add a new Kiwanis Object.

- No. 16. Establish a new Kiwanis International standing committee of past Kiwanis International trustees.

**Referred to committee**

- No. 13. Increase membership dues.


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**Kiwanis stories**

**A week of Kiwanis stories**

In just one week—April 29 to May 5—115 stories of Kiwanis-family activities crossed our desk. Here are a few samples:

- **Australia**: District Kiwanis clubs encouraged people to honor mothers by making a donation to The Eliminate Project.

- **New Caledonia**: The Kiwanis Club of Ralia-Koumac planted an endangered species of tree on a former chromium mine site that's being transformed into a walking trail.

- **North Carolina**: The Lake Norman club introduced a new after-school enrichment program, MusicalMinds, which inspires social change through intensive classical music instruction.

- **Antigua**: The Kiwanis Club of St. John's hosted its first parenting fair, where families learned about nutrition, home budgeting, dental hygiene, gardening and more.

- **Colorado**: Every school day, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Estes Park volunteers at the Estes Park Elementary School cafeteria to help serve breakfast and interact with the children.

Share your service, fundraising or membership achievement; email a summary to shareyourstory@kiwanis.org.

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**The Eliminate Project**

**Call for club coordinators**

The Eliminate Project leadership team is almost complete. As we return from the 2012 Kiwanis International convention in New Orleans, inspired and excited to advance the campaign, we're focusing on recruiting club coordinators—the final piece of our volunteer leadership team. The club coordinators fill
an essential role in the campaign because they have direct contact with club members.

If you are interested in a leadership role—and if your club has not yet secured a club coordinator—contact The Eliminate Project campaign office at campaign@TheEliminateProject.org or call +1-317-217-6213.

The Eliminate Project
Huge success in New Orleans

This year's Kiwanis International convention was a huge success for The Eliminate Project. Hundreds of Kiwanians attended workshops on getting involved with this lifesaving work and making their efforts as successful as possible. In addition, 44 Kiwanians became members of the Walter Zeller Fellowship, each saving or protecting more than 690 mothers and their future babies.

Members of the entire Kiwanis family also came together to participate in The Eliminate Project walk, which showcased our message throughout New Orleans. Through the generosity of the Kiwanis family, more than US$72,750 was raised—and more than 40,400 lives were saved or protected. This was truly an outstanding convention! Thank you to every Kiwanian who made this year a success.

The Eliminate Project
Fire up members with club goals

Model Clubs are among the most energizing aspects of The Eliminate Project. Clubs around the world have boosted enthusiasm by pledging a US$750 per-member average. Clubs have raised these funds through a variety of methods, including individual gifts, club gifts and fundraising events.

This energy was on full display at the convention in New Orleans. Several districts in particular stood out. For instance, the Australia District is not one of the biggest worldwide, but it has been a leader in securing Model Clubs. The Ohio and the Carolinas districts have also led the way with Model Clubs—and with 100K Clubs, which commit to raising at least US$100,000 for The Eliminate Project.

See the full list of Model Clubs, where each member saving or protecting more than 416 women and their future babies.

The Eliminate Project
See you at your district convention

On the heels of the Kiwanis International convention, Kiwanis leaders are busy preparing for district conventions. Your district convention is the perfect opportunity to learn about your district’s plans for The Eliminate Project and opportunities for future events.

Reach out to your district coordinator and find out how you
Kiwanis wasn't the only show in New Orleans during the week of June 28–July 1. Circle K and Aktion Club attendees take on tetanus

The Eliminate Project wasn't just prominent during the Kiwanis International convention in New Orleans. It was also a part of the Circle K International convention and the Aktion Club Training and Leadership Conference, which took place in the same city at the same time.

The Eliminate Project was featured in workshops, panel discussions and convention booths—as well as in service projects that raised more than US$1,000, saving or protecting more than 500 lives.

Circle K incorporated The Eliminate Project into its annual Large-Scale Service Project and created paper flowers that were auctioned during The Eliminate Project luncheon.

Aktion Club members created buttons and bookmarks, which were given away for donation during the closing session of the Kiwanis International convention.

The excitement of our Kiwanis-family members was inspiring. Thanks to everyone who supported the members of CKI and Aktion Club in their efforts to raise funds and eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus.

Kiwanis magazine
Doubled up

The Kiwanis Club of Fort Frances, Ontario, was down to 18 members, and it looked like the community was going to lose yet another service club. Rotary and the Kinsman club had
already shut their doors, and now, perhaps Kiwanis too.

“We knew we had gotten to the point that if we didn’t reinvigorate the club, we would need to fold,” says President Shanda DeGagne-Begin. “Our club was deteriorating.”

“It was grow—or die,” echoes member Irene Laing.

In the June 2012 Kiwanis magazine, you can read or download the story of how Fort Frances rescued their club.

Kiwanis magazine
Listen to your magazine

An audio version of Kiwanis magazine is available on disk for members with vision or reading impairments. If you would like to use this service, email your name, club name, state or province and nation to magazine@kiwanis.org. And pass this message to members you think may enjoy the audio magazine.

For members who are not yet magazine subscribers, use this online subscription form and note that you’d like to receive the audio version. (Members of clubs in the United States and of English-speaking clubs in Canada already are subscribers.)

Convention update
25 years of service

Kiwanis hosted an anniversary party at its 97th annual convention in New Orleans this past June, and more than 40 Kiwanians were the
Kiwanis International President Alan Penn and his wife, Jeri, present Legion of Honor certificates and lapel pins to members who were among the first women to join Kiwanis.

The members were among the first women to officially join Kiwanis in 1987, when the organization's House of Delegates voted to open membership to women. Kiwanis International President Alan Penn presented each of the honorees with a Legion of Honor certificate and lapel pin.

The Legion of Honor recognizes members with 25 or more years of Kiwanis service.

Convention update
Vancouver registration is now open

Get an early start on your plans to attend the 2013 Kiwanis International convention in Vancouver, British Columbia. Registration is now open.

Member tools
Kiwanis Knowledgebase under construction

An online support center is being built to help KiwanisOne users with their online duties. Currently we have 7 help articles listed. Read them at www.KiwanisOne.org/help. We are also updating the video tutorials and creating new ones. Bookmark both of these support spots and check back often for new entries.

Member tools
Don't be invisible

Have you Googled your club name lately? If you search and find that your club or district's website link is not as high in the search results as you think it should be (or worse, missing!), there are steps you can take to improve that.
Aim for a spot at the top—read the search engine optimization (SEO) tutorial in the new KiwanisOne Knowledgebase at www.KiwanisOne.org/websiteSEO.

Member tools
Secretaries, log in to your dashboard

Club secretaries, every time you log into KiwanisOne.org, scan your information on the Secretary dashboard. Here's why: The dashboard gives an invaluable snapshot of your club so you'll be well-prepared when you arrive in the system to manage club tasks. (Club secretaries will see the dashboard when you log in.)

At your fingertips, you get:

- Your club's membership numbers
- Link to your club roster
- Button to update your website address (URL)
- Quick links to review or update your meeting information
- List of SLP programs you sponsor (and ability to edit)
- Critical announcements for the month (in red)
- List of most popular downloads
- Frequently-used links

Pay special attention to the critical announcements posted in red; those are hot topics that change whenever there is something you need to know.

Additionally, there is a place at the bottom of this dashboard where you can submit a question to your district office or Kiwanis International for fast service. You can also request a member name change here.

Member tools
Dates to remember

**July through September:** Check your district’s website for the dates of your district convention

**July through September:** Review the webinar schedule and join the discussions on topics that include: district conventions, membership, women in Kiwanis, club leadership, Achieving Club Excellence seminars and public awareness.

**October 1:** A new Kiwanis year begins