Kiwanis Convention is coming to you

Have you heard the news, %%FIRST%%? The 2011 Kiwanis International Convention is coming to Geneva. Will you be there?

With the convention so close to your home, here’s your chance to experience the global scale of our organization and help your district show the world Kiwanis in Europe. You’ll also meet old friends and make new ones. Attend helpful workshops. Get fundraising tips and learn about The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus. Hear great speakers, such as British Primatologist Jane Goodall and activist and actress Jamie Lee Curtis. Be stunned at the dramatic theatrical sensation Mummenschanz. Help select the next leaders of our great organization.

Kiwanis is on its way to Europe. We have an exciting show planned, and we really hope to see you there.

Spread the word. Tell your friends! The Kiwanis International Convention in Geneva: It’s the place to be this July!

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Kiwanis stories
Water ways

According to 2009-10 annual reports, several Kiwanis clubs head for the water — swimming pools, rivers, lakes and such — to conduct service projects:

**Panama:** The Kiwanis Club of David sponsored a noncompetitive swimming event for children of ages 2 to 12 years old. Eighty-five young athletes participate, and everyone won prizes.

**Illinois:** The [Kiwanis Club of Aurora](mailto:kiwanisclubofaurora@kiwanis.org) organized a One Day clean-up of the banks along the Fox River and Indian Creek. About 330 volunteers, including fellow Kiwanians from the Golden K, Aurora club, cleared about four 30-yard trash containers. Aurora Kiwanians coordinated bus transportation and lunch.

**Australia:** The Kiwanis Club of Waverly, Victoria, ran a 24-hour Megaswim to raise money for the fight against multiple sclerosis. In 2010, the club raised AUD$10,500.

**California:** The [Kiwanis Club of Highland](mailto:kiwaniscalifornia@kiwanis.org) provided bathing suits for first- and second-grade students enrolled in the YMCA's water safety course.

**Cayman Islands:** The Kiwanis Club of Caymanas Business District sponsored one of the nation's swimmers to the Special Olympics Latin American Games. "Our team won two gold medals and one silver," member Beulah Bartholomew reports.

**France:** The Kiwanis Club of Barentin Agnes Sorel sponsored a trip for disadvantaged children to visit to the aquarium Nausicaa ([English](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nausicaa), [Français](http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nausicaa), [Nederlands](http://nl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nausicaa)) in Boulogne-sur-Mer.

**Convention update**

**Just a one-hour drive**

Are you interested in exploring the regions surrounding Geneva before, during or after you attend the 96th Annual Kiwanis International convention, July 7-10? From Nyon, Switzerland, and...
Offer travel insurance coverage to Geneva for the convention. To apply, please complete the online registration form.

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Switzerland’s wine country

its castle (a short train ride) to a wine route, your host committee has compiled a list with options for half-day trips in Switzerland and in France (Deutsch, English, Français). You can venture out on your own, or some of the destinations are available as part of the Kuoni travel tours.

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Convention update
Join the Hit Parade

Does your club or division have a successful service project you would like to share with Kiwanians from all over the world? If so, let us know by May 27, 2011.

Kiwanis International will devote a section of the exhibit hall in Geneva to showcase some of Kiwanis’ best service projects and most outstanding fundraisers. The Kiwanis Hit Parade is an opportunity for your club to share your success story!

- Exhibits should be limited to table top displays.
- Materials, such as handouts, brochures and leaflets, are encouraged.
- There is not a charge to exhibit, however, all members staffing the booth must be paid registrants for the convention
- Hit Parade Exhibits are informational only. No sales of any kind should be made from this booth.

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Convention update
Online registration ends May 25

If you’re planning to attend the 2011 Kiwanis International convention and haven’t yet registered, now’s the time to make those plans. The deadline for online registration is May 25. After that date, registrations will only be accepted on site in Geneva.
Kiwanis magazine

Exporting service

In a land where poppy fields flourish and the atmosphere is as harsh and unforgiving as the Taliban who rule it, conditions are miserable at best, and they have been for decades. War, natural disasters, poverty, hunger and a lack of basic necessities rule the day.

This is Afghanistan, and this is where Kiwanian Lou Cuypers focuses his attention to helping farmers take back their land.

You'll meet Cuypers and a few other Kiwanians who export their service beyond their nation's borders when the June Kiwanis magazine arrives next month.

Our fellowship

Reach out to your fans

The Kiwanis Club of Minisink Valley, New York, Kiwanis Club has about 60 members, but it has more than 700 fans.

The club is making a name for itself in the social media world with its Facebook page. Here's some of the reasons their page is so popular:

- They post photos of club activities.
- They share a variety of links, including their website, local news and photos.
- They post news from the Kiwanis International Facebook page.
- They talk about their service projects.
- They "like" and feature other Kiwanis pages.

If your club doesn't yet have a Facebook page, now's a good time to get started.

Kiwanis International Foundation

Serve children in a big way

Help serve children around the world through Kiwanis International Foundation's Sustaining Donor program. It’s the key giving program for individuals who want to make a big impact in children's lives. Your gift makes a huge difference: US$50 = 10 children’s books, US$5 = 7 meals, US$100 = 5 pairs of shoes, US$175 = 1 after-school program for an at-risk child. (These are examples from previous club grants.)

Member tools

Reasons to learn

Here are two reasons to attend Kiwanis webinars:

- You don't have to dress up, because the webinars are conducted entirely online and you can participate from the comfort of your home.

Do you like Kiwanis?

Who will be Kiwanis International’s 9,000th fan. As of May 4, Kiwanis’ 8,298 Facebook users follow Kiwanis International.

Kiwanis International Update will recognize the 9,000th fan by publishing an article about one of his/her club’s service projects.

Visit www.facebook.com/kiwanis and click the “Like” button.

An Afghanistan farmer with his crops.

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• You don't need to study, because there won't be a test.

Here are two great reasons to attend Kiwanis webinars:

• You can learn how to improve your Kiwanis club.
• You can learn how to change the world one child and one community at a time.

Here are titles of upcoming webinars, which give you many reasons to attend Kiwanis webinars:

• May 3, 8 p.m., Signs of a Good Leader
• May 10, 8 p.m. Small Clubs—Great Things
• May 17, 8 p.m., Being an Informed Convention Delegate
• May 24, 8 p.m., Club Meetings with Impact
• June 7, 8 p.m., Quick, Easy Service Projects
• June 14, 8 p.m., Best Practices for Club Websites: Part II
• June 21, 8 p.m., Member Engagement (keeping members active longer)
• June 28, 8 p.m., Signature Projects (great projects that make a difference in the community and world)

Webinar times are Eastern Daylight Time. Visit the webinar web page for more details on these offerings, as well as an up-to-date listing of topics.

Member tools
Be ready to run

If you'll be stepping into a new club leadership role this October, you'll be ready to keep the pace thanks to Club Leadership Education. Club Leadership Education offers you position-specific training, a breakdown of job responsibilities and schedules. Visit your district website for more information or register for the self-guided online learning module.

Member tools
Do more with videos

You might wonder what else you can do with a Kiwanis video file once it’s downloaded to your computer. Kiwanis International allows members to download and duplicate video files for educational and membership growth activities. Here are some options for sharing the Kiwanis message with others:

• Share, through streaming or downloading a Kiwanis video, during a club meeting or presentation—view it from your desktop or laptop screen for a one-to-one meeting, or connect your computer to a projection system for a larger audience.
• With the use of free burning software from www.dvdflick.net, you can burn your downloaded video file to a DVD and play it in a DVD player connected to a television.
• Transfer video files to your iPhone or Blackberry.

Videos to view

Watch these latest Kiwanis International videos:

• Past to Present: 2008-09 International President Don Canaday
• Geneva: President Sylvester Neal
- Download videos to your iPod or iPhone to play on your television.
- Convert a file to a different format if it is not in a format compatible with your preferred device.

[Get instructions and links](#) to perform these tasks.

Member tools

Dates to remember

**May 25:** Deadline to register online for the 2011 Kiwanis International Convention ([Deutsch](#), [English](#), [Français](#))

**May 27-29:** [Kiwanis International-European Federation Convention](#), the Hague, the Netherlands

**June 22-26:** [Circle K International Convention](#), Virginia Beach, Virginia

**June 29-July 3:** [Key Club International Convention](#), Phoenix, Arizona

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

**October 1:** New Kiwanis year begins