Kiwanis International Update

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**Kiwanis story**

Touch and see

Tourists, strolling through the ancient streets of Belgium’s oldest city, Tongeren, can study the Gothic architecture of the Basilica of Our Lady—though they are blind.

The same is true for visually impaired visitors to the Belfry.

And in Bruges, the Cloth Hall in Ieper and the 17th century town hall tower in Sint-Truiden.

The Kiwanis clubs of Brugge, Tongeren Amicitia, Ieper Vlakke Land and Sint-Truiden Haspengouw hired sculptors to build scale models of their cities’ most famous architectural structures.

Now people who cannot see the architectural marvels with their eyes can explore the artistic design with their hands.
One Day countdown

Kiwanis One Day 2010 is only seven months away. And entries for the media contest are due to Kiwanis International by January 15—less than four months away. Request the entry form (please indicate the language needed).

Sponsor tools

When it comes to developing young service-minded leaders, no one does it better than Kiwanis, and the strength of its Service Leadership Program is in the local Kiwanis clubs. Here is a toolbox of resources to help you lead and support your SLP clubs.

Convention Updates

Leno live

Stand up and laugh when talk show host Jay Leno headlines the 95th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas, June 24–27, 2010.

Leno is the longtime host of NBC-TV’s The Tonight Show and now host of primetime’s The Jay Leno Show.
Save the dates

The Kiwanis International Board approved two North American host cities for future conventions. Future convention dates and cities are:

2010: Las Vegas, Nevada, June 24–27
2011: Geneva, Switzerland, July 7–10
2012: New Orleans, Louisiana, June 27–July 1
2013: Vancouver, British Columbia, June 26–30

(In an impromptu survey conducted during the House of Delegates at the 2009 Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, 60 percent of respondents replied they plan to attend the Geneva convention.)

Eso es fabuloso

Kiwanis International now offers its Terrific Kids materials in Spanish. That includes planning manual as well as giveaways like buttons, certificates and parent brochures. Learn more (Spanish).

President’s message

There are no past leaders in Kiwanis
By Don Canaday, Kiwanis International President

Are you a past Kiwanis leader? I don’t think so!

Have you served as a club president, lieutenant governor, governor or in any other Kiwanis leadership position in the past? If you have, that doesn’t mean you’re a past leader.

Your term as a president, lieutenant governor or governor may have ended, but you’re still a leader. Your club, your division and your district still need you to be a leader. You gained some extremely valuable experience and knowledge as a leader, and Kiwanis now needs you to share that knowledge and experience.

You can mentor current and upcoming leaders with your tactful counsel, support and encouragement. But don’t force it upon them. Nurture them as leaders, encourage them, empower them. Help them feel comfortable about asking you for advice and direction.

Let them know you want to be on their “team” and that you’re willing and available to assist them any way you can. And be available to them when they call. Be a resource for them. Be a friend.

Let your success as a leader help them succeed as leaders. Your Kiwanis club, division and district—and the children of your communities and the world—will benefit.
CEO Message

Hi-tech voting
By Rob Parker, CEO, Kiwanis International

At our 2009 International convention in Nashville, Tennessee, we had an opportunity to vote electronically for our amendments and election of officers. This allowed us to see results almost instantly. It was quite a departure from our hand ballots, which we used to collect after each vote. Though there was an expense associated with renting the electronic units, it was more than offset financially by the savings of setting up only one business session, rather than two or sometimes three, as we have done in the past. If you were in attendance at the convention, send me your comments on the electronic voting. I’d enjoy hearing your thoughts.

Dates to remember

October 1: Deadline for Worldwide Service Project proposals
November: Kiwanis Family Month [Link is to 2007 news release]
November 4-10: Key Club Week
January: Kiwanis Public Awareness Month
January 15: Deadline for Kiwanis One Day Media Contest entries
January 31: Early registration deadline for 2010 Kiwanis International Convention