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"Ice and Fire"
Reykjavik Convention May 2019!

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As European Kiwanians are urged to consider attending the 2019 KI-EF Reykjavík convention, it can be revealed that this is not the first convention the IceFar district has hosted. Actually, some 51 years ago the first independent KI-EF convention was organized in Reykjavik. But that´s another thing!

Reykjavík today is at its peak! The world´s northernmost capital, is known as a vibrant, quirky place, that melds a small town vibe with big city living.. People flock to see its cultural sites, enjoy its festivals, appreciate the cuisine and nightlife, and to use it as a base to see the rest of an enchanting Iceland. More visitors than ever are arriving and enjoying its sites, opportunities, and culture and now Kiwanians are invited to join the tribe!

Any day now, or already, you will have seen our first communication about the event. Be sure more info will follow! We aim to make the convention as Icelandic as we can, but certainly without casting a shadow on the special European Kiwanis comradery that typifies our KI-EF conventions.

Still, have you tried Faroese festival dancing? Bring your best dancing shoes! Does rotten shark and Black Death not whet your appetite? Be ready to swallow your gastronomic pride! Have your ever tangled with an Icelandic Viking? If not head for the gym and get in shape!

Dear friends we hope to see you here, because we want you to be Inspired by Iceland and Kiwanis.

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News From Happy Child Syria
Autumn 2018

Our « Child Friendly Space » is more active than ever. We welcome on a daily basis one hundred unaccompanied minors as well as abandoned street children due to economic or social difficulties of the parents. They benefit from the services offered by a health check and we ensure, through our reception center, to offer them psychological support and to organize fun and educational activities so that they can simply become children again and take again the school path.

Currently, we are developing a family strengthening program with the help of the EU, called "FSP program". We are aware of the socio-economic situation of the families of Tartous and other regions, family strengthening becomes even more important. This FSP would provide tailored support to 60 families in terms of rent, microfinance, food allowance, medical care and capacity building.

Read more:

https://youtu.be/Ry9SvmmuFmo

SOS official visits Tartous (Fr - Nl)

European Young Kiwanis Summit
Lisbon, 22 - 24 March
Embrace the future

Let's be honest. Getting long term commitment of Young Kiwanians, the millennial generation for Kiwanis is not easy. They are busy, always trying to find a healthy work-life balance. On the other hand, research has shown this generation is very purpose driven. They want to contribute to good causes in their own way, their own time. We need them. The children of the world need them.

"The future depends on what we do in the present."

Mahatma Gandhi

They will invest in their leadership and project management skills. Learn about smart fundraising and share best practices. A new European network of young Kiwanians is created. A young advisory board will be developed and installed. The young board members are mandated to provide solicited and unsolicited advice to the KIEF board.

The European young Kiwanis Summit 2019 Lisbon is open for European members, aged between 18-35.. Participants get an attractive discount, paid by their local district, also meant to fund the airline ticket, which means you can have a fantastic weekend for a small fee.

The Young Kiwanis Summit 2019 is looking forward meeting you!

European PR Coordinators Get Tools To Tell The Kiwanis Story

In an effort to develop or improve skills at conveying the Kiwanis image and message, PR Coordinators across Europe gathered in Prague last November for a PR training. From corporate identity to messaging, social media and event staging, participants could gain knowledge on how to instill emotions, words and actions to a wide audience, for Kiwanis to have a bigger impact on communities.

After an intense one and half days of training, KI-EF President Óskar Guðjónsson commented: "Knowing that branding is important is one thing but bringing it to life is another one. Having attended this very first edition, I can tell you that I was myself amazed of how much effort is

needed to portrait a professional image to better reach those who will helps us improve ultimately the lives of kids"..

Adding on to Óskar's remarks, KI-EF President-elect Chris Decorte said "Setting up a new kind of training is a challenge. But when I saw how PR coordinators interacted during the various sessions, I knew they would be able to go home with additional tools to tell the Kiwanis story. Now, I strongly believe that it doesn't stop here! We need to transmit this knowledge within our teams in each district, nation and club. ~~R~~

Have a look at the TIPS &TOOLS to tell the Kiwanis story. It will soon be available in German, French and Italian. Stay tuned!

European Team at 2018 Governors-Elect Education Conference

The 2019-20 class of Kiwanis governors attended leadership training at the Kiwanis International Office in Indianapolis, Indiana, United States, in early November, gearing up for their year as governor under President-elect Daniel Vigneron.

With a combination of general sessions and small group discussions, the governors-elect education conference embraced important areas of their future responsibilities such as membership and engagement, communications, finance, policies and procedures. Referring to the European team, KI-EF President-elect Chris Decorte said: "In our small group discussions, we exchanged a lot of ideas to continue to grow our Kiwanis family in Europe. I look forward to animating and leading what I consider, in view of the very productive discussions we've had, is a strong class of governors".

One session was very special as governors-elect were asked to bring books for children to donate to a hospital, as a gift from Kiwanis. Have a look at how governors-elect help children read, learn the Kiwanis way.

Request For Input - GREAT SOCIAL ACTIONS

During our PR Coordinators Training in Prague, the participant District PR Coordinators suggested that publishing great stories of club realisations would bring more interest from readers to our Newsletter.

We want to try this out ! Has you club, division or district recently realised an action that goes far beyond the usual ones, please send us your input in a 10 lines article together with a picture of good quality, before Dec 25th at newsletter@kiwanis.eu

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Calendar of Events

KI-EF EC & District Officers Training (DOT) (24-26 January 2019)

KI-EF EC & Board Meeting (15-16 February 2019)

KI-EF Young Kiwanis Summit (22-24 March 2019)

View full calendar here

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