



Dear Kiwanis Friends,

Welcome to the first issue of our newsletter! Honoured and proud to be your President, I'm looking forward to starting this new Kiwanis year with new programs, new (and old) faces and new goals. In Europe, an important situation has become a priority: every day, refugee children without parents arrive in our countries. Before they fall prey to criminal organisations, let's put our forces together to initiate "Happy Child", the new – and biggest ever – European Service Project.

As to our **new legal entity** Kiwanis International Europe (K.I.E), we've been talking about it for a long time and now it's time to make it happen. Negotiations with the International Board will start from well-defined and clearly outlined points. **Growth** is another important goal, not because we have to be more, but because if we are more, then we can help many more children. And in terms of **programs**, administrative transparency and communication will be the cornerstones of this coming year. Everyone must get to know everything important and quickly. Last but not least, you will see some **new faces**, some are really young new entries, some slightly more mature but equally enthusiastic and then the evergreen pillars of the Federation. So, let's work all together for this; let's work with them; let's get to the finishing line; let's save a child. Let's do it together because, dear friends, **Together we can!**

Piero

[Read the full message](http://www.kiwanis.eu/2017/10/02/together-we-can/) of 2017-2018 KI-EF President Piero Grasso at <http://www.kiwanis.eu/2017/10/02/together-we-can/>



### The European Project

A new Kiwanis Year brings a new project...**Happy Child!** Which is a large scale European project initiated last November and which will be emerging in the coming months. The project is aimed at **ensuring that no child grows up alone** and is a response to **the refugee crisis in Syria**. Since March 2011, 13.5 million people have been affected, of which **5.8 million are children**.



In the coming months, *News For You* will provide regular updates on this European project to demonstrate its usefulness and motivate more clubs/members to participate in our action against child precarity .

### Editor's Voice

We hope you are enjoying the first issue of **News For You** newsletter edited by me, O'Cheng Bloomfield!

Every six weeks this newsletter will arrive in your inbox sharing some exciting content from educational information, club and project spotlight features, helpful hints and tips, to events, and news from Kiwanis Europe and related activities in our communities. **News For You** is simply a tool to help us share your stories, ideas and experiences in a way that's right for you - our Kiwanis European members. Therefore please do drop us a line with your thoughts, stories anything you would like to share. We want this newsletter to be valuable for you so *please, please* [share your feedback and suggestions](#) to help us improve. Together we'll make 2017/18 the best Kiwanis year yet as we continue to serve our children!

Sincerely, O'Cheng

### What's Occurring

We have as usual some great Kiwanis events lined up over the next few months. To kick-start the new Kiwanis year we have:

**\*\* Prague KI-EF EC, Board meetings and Function Passing, October 13-14, 2017**

For a full list of events please see our calendar of events at <http://www.kiwanis.eu/events/>.

Please [send us your events](#) too and don't forget to share!

### The 2017-2018 European Leadership Team

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