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# Kiwanis

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

After Christmas parties and celebrations, you return to work and, here nobody stands with your hands in your hands! Now it's the turn of the committees on Formula, on New District Building (NDB) and on SLP / Young Professional.

Growth, the situation is very positive: some Districts are doing a great job and are not only opening new clubs but also increasing the number of members inside the clubs. Similarly other Districts that have several clubs in formation and others have planned to open new clubs. Romania deserves special mention as it plans to become the 10th European District and is working to open 12 new clubs and increase the number of members of over 150 units!

The growth committees are working hard as well: Jon Fadri Huder and the members of the Committee are preparing the Growth Meeting in March in which, this year, we will be testing a new formula. Therefore, I had a prior approach with the Districts and another with the various Chairs of the Committees. With all of them, we agreed a growth program which would be verified in the middle of the year and lead to an adapted growth program that could be adjusted and perfected to reach the year-end goals.

What, then, will happen in March: all together we will verify the results obtained in the meantime; then we will see the cases of success and, if there were failures, all together we will help to find out what didn't work and we will apply, always together, to help, where difficulties have been encountered, by example, by suggestion, and by the best practice. And we will do it as a group because **Together we can!**

In the same way we can also act with the NDB Committee – chaired by Johan Henderix - who is very active in areas where Kiwanis is weak and where there are not many clubs. About that, if you have friends,

acquaintances, relatives or other in those areas, please give Johan their names at [johan.henderix@telenet.be](mailto:johan.henderix@telenet.be) and tell them that they will be contacted by Johan.

The Committee SLP / Y.P. is operating on two/three fronts.

SLP is trying to involve the Tikiro clubs existing in Romania in the structure, and is focusing its attention also to other realities existing in the various Districts. Young Professional, is trying to acquire within the structure some Junior Clubs existing in Italy and no longer supported by the KI-EF, and is also operating an active policy of attention towards JCI, for which some Districts have signed collaboration agreements. In addition, the committee is very busy working with Camp leader Ilonka Löhmer and the Austria Governor Kurt Breth in the preparation of the next Summer Youth Camp.

I take this opportunity to give to all of you, your families and your loved ones, my best wishes for a great 2018 in the name of wonderful service for children.

**Best wishes for 2018 and don't forget ....**

**.....Together we can!**

**Piero**

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## **HAPPY CHILD REALIZATIONS January 3, 2018**

**Some fresh news of realizations from ...**

### **Belgium-Luxembourg District:**

The Happy Child Project Syria, in collaboration with SOS Children Villages, was endorsed unanimously by the first meeting of the Board. Generally, the Project received a favorable welcome and good results have followed: since October 1st by now, more than 8,000€ has already been raised! A National press conference will also be organised soon.

### **Romania, provisional District:**

Jeana Spranceana, pediatric doctor and responsible Happy Child For Romania, will, with the clubs of the region of Galati, Moldavia, take care of the children in a provisory camp for refugees where nearly 50 children live, not only take care of their health but, with her team, control their occupation at school, take care of the integration in school and social life, guarantee a normal life for this hurt children and provide them, depending on their age school materials, sweets, fruits.

### **Italy San Marino District:**



The Board Committee approved on November 17, 2017, the Happy Child Fundraising Plan with a guideline to achieve the goal of 67,500 euro by September 2019.

A collaboration with Choco Modica was set up to sell appropriate chocolate bars for Happy Child and a lot a clubs have already organised successful actions. The amount of donations collected so far for Happy Child is about 5,000 euro.

#### **Other Districts:**

like France-Monaco and Switzerland-Liechtenstein have important board meetings on this subject in the upcoming weeks.

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## **TRAIN THE TRAINERS**

The TTT conference was the usual success. Amongst lots of other useful information on how to best serve their districts, the District trainers learnt more about how KI-EF is going to an independent structure called Kiwanis Europe.

Above is a photo of the participants who gave up their free time for a training conference on an unusual staircase in freezing cold Prague.

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## **WELCOME NEW CLUB IN AUSTRIA**

Since the beginning of the year, there have been 17 new members in Innsbruck, Austria, who want to get involved for the benefit of the children in Kiwanis. Past Governor Gerhard Gschwentner, founding father of the new club emphasised the special importance of younger members in our organization at the humorous inauguration ceremony. The visitors from neighbouring clubs, but also from afar (Eric from KC Cologne) had a lot of fun and the initial shyness between the "old" and the "new" passed in no time.



## **BECOME A FAN OF KIWANIS EUROPE ON SOCIAL MEDIA, GET RESOURCES AND IDEAS**

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## What's Occurring

**Kiwanis International Board Meeting (19 -21 Jan 2018)**

**50 Year KC Mulhouse, France (27 Jan 2018)**

**50 Year KC Linz, Austria (31 Jan 2018)**

**Executive Committee Meeting & District Officers Training (2 – 3 Feb 2018)**

**50 Year KC Halden, Norden – 50 Year KC Sarpsborg, Norden (12 Feb 2018)**

**50 Year KC Risor, Norden (16 Feb 2018)**

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

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