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New Year Cheers To All!



Fellow Federation Kiwanians, dear friends,

Yet again another new year stands before us. Right now, it's just like a book waiting to be written, as the pages are all white and empty. It's up to you, up to us to write the story, chapter by chapter. In relation to our Kiwanis story may it be one of always trying and giving our best, altruistic service rendered at local and global level, making the world a better and safer place for children in need, positive changes made, goals set and reached and ultimately success in our personal, professional and Kiwanis lives.

As Kiwanians, our purpose is to serve, serve the children of the world in a way that no other service organization does. Although reality and the status of current world affairs does not reflect so, we must nevertheless believe that the essence of life is to care, the opportunity is to serve, and the beauty of life is to give. All over the world children are in need, and it is estimated that 10 million children die each year, most from preventable causes and almost all in poor countries. It is obvious that we cannot help everyone, but one can always help someone! So the plan to support the Happy Child project, support your local Foundations, and last but not least support the Kiwanis Children's Fund (KCF)!

A new year is around the corner. We welcome 2019 and embrace its multitude of things that have never been! It's also the time to acknowledge the people in your life who make a positive difference – so we take this opportunity to salute our personal and Kiwanis friendships. May Federation Kiwanians have a successful year in all aspects of their undertakings, and together solve the challenges that face us!

New year's cheers to all

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Read the full story here:

<http://www.kiwanis.eu/2018/12/31/14866/>

Coming Soon...



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52nd European Convention 2019



May 24 – 26 • Reykjavík, Ísland

Within a very short time the practical information about our KI-EF Convention In Reykjavik will be released.

So stay tuned! And visit daily our Facebook page [@KiwanisEurope](https://www.facebook.com/KiwanisEurope) as well as our website kiwanis.eu

Sad News

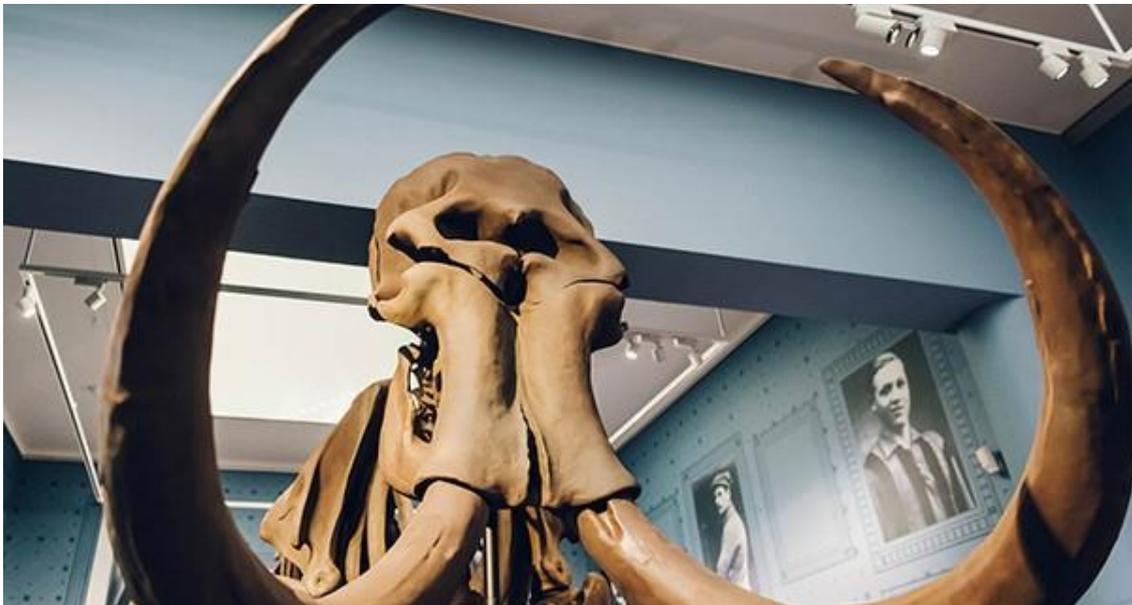
The Kiwanis world is mourning the passing of Jaak MICHIELS, aged 68, on Friday, January 11th. The Belgium Luxembourg District loses in him a devoted Governor who had a “window on the future” and a great heart for children.

The Federation loses in him a Board member with simple principles to make things move.

We are all affected by this sad news and our deepest thoughts go to his spouse Linda and his family. We will remember Jaak as a great Kiwanian with a membership of nearly 40 years.



A Prehistoric Mammoth Returns Home in Belgium



When a group of workers stumbled upon a pile of bones during a Belgian construction project on a late-February evening in 1860, they at first tossed them away as rubbish. Night was fast approaching, and the bones, resting 10 meters deep in the ground, impeded their progress of digging a diversion canal for the Nete River in the Belgium city of Lier.

Read the full story at http://www.kiwanis.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/p024-029_KIM_0119_Mammoth.pdf

Thanks to Julie Saetre (reporter) Nanna Dis (photographer) and Kiwanis magazine

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](#)

Help Europe Shine in Florida!



At next Kiwanis International convention in Walt Disney World, Europe will get a **unique opportunity** to present its projects and cultural specificities with a prime location for its booth. As a matter of facts, with Daniel Vigneron as our next worldwide president of KI, many

convention participants will be curious to learn about **what makes Europe so different**. So, let's **gather print and video** material from the **most significant projects** that your clubs/districts are carrying to showcase them during the convention. Think also about some typical items or **small goodies** from your country/district that can be given away to visitors.

For more information and coordination please contact either Dolores Muniz from the Member Support Center in Ghent at dmuniz@kiwanis.org or Piero Grasso, Immediate Past President KI-EF at avv.piero.grasso@gmail.com.

And If

During this past festivities you did have a thought for the ones in despair and you thought of doing a donation to the Kiwanis Children's Fund, to Eliminate or to Happy Child... THANK YOU for your contribution and if you haven't but still wish to give a helping hand, please feel free to do so!



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Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus



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