



It's time to sum up!

Dear friends,

It's been a year since, all together, we started the Kiwanian year that saw us as protagonists.

It is time, now, to sum up and see if we have achieved the goals we had set ourselves or not:

- **Growth:** At an international level we have grown, although slightly, with about 3.5% more members than the previous year. I would say, if you agree, it could have been better!
- **Service Happy Child:** The Service is developing in almost all the districts. I thank my successor Oskar for having decided to continue in this service, I hope next year this service will develop. Goal achieved!
- **KI-EF Convention:** Who was there can say that it was a beautiful convention that saw the participation of about 650 people including 480 delegates. A positive note is the economic balance of the convention. Goal achieved!
- **Youth Camp:** The new rules of the camps work, so I hope, in the future, that those camps will grow in the number and they will be organized by many different districts. Goal achieved!
- **B&M + Communications:** This year the communication was very important for my team. I am sure that the communications, today, arrived at a particularly high level and I hope they will continue in this way in the next years. Goal achieved!



Therefore, we can say that, together, we have achieved almost all the objectives so we can consider ourselves moderately satisfied.

For this I must thank all the members - none excluded - of the Executive Committee, of the Board, of the Committees: without their everyday work done in the shadows and without asking anything, we would not have been able to get where we are now.

Thank you all, really thank you.

It ends this year, but not the Kiwanis.
Only the captain changes, not the needs of less fortunate children.

But let's do it all together because...

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

Piero

[Read the President's full message](#)

Happy Child Update



We are approaching the first anniversary of the startup of our Happy Child project.

The flow of refugees towards Europe has not stopped yet, to suppose it would stop ever. The news from the Syrian war scene are not good either for the civilian population.

Happily, our Kiwanis Europe Happy Child Project for Refugees Children is going on and will bring (some) relief to the young refugee children. The program for Syrian Refugees in the region of Tartous in collaboration with SOS Children Villages, inside the common EU-UNICEF-SOS and KI-EF has been endorsed by now by the following Districts: Belgium-Luxembourg, France-Monaco, Iceland, Romania and Switzerland-Liechtenstein.

We are not yet at the end of our Kiwanis year and it is evidently too early to make an end of year report, but we can by now already estimate a fundraising amount of 35.000 €.

On the other side, the Italy-San Marino project with UNICEF has raised 45.000 €,

making them the champions of Europe! Congratulations to the Italy-San Marino District. You can read their realized projects at <http://www.kiwanis.eu/2018/09/09/distretto-italia-san-marino-recolted-45000e-happy-child/>

Dear Kiwanians,

The story is not yet finished, let's go on!

So many refugee children, who have lost almost everything need us.

If you or your District has not yet taken part, it is still time to do so.

Children over there need our support for shelter, protection, care and education!

Please find below a link on what is done in Syria.

<https://youtu.be/WRgdU9Hpung>

Yours in Service,

Marily Santoro, A diva at the KI-EF Convention

At the Gala of the 51st KI-EF Convention in Baveno, Italy, President Piero Grasso welcomed a special guest in the person of Marily SANTORO, an upcoming star in the Italian Opera World.

Time to know more about this extraordinary nightingale of Italian Art World by reading



<http://www.kiwanis.eu/2018/08/25/marily-santoro-diva-ki-ef-convention/>

City of Light (Paris) to City of Lights (Vegas)



Thousands of Kiwanians flocked to the bright lights of Vegas, Nevada for the Kiwanis International 103rd Annual Convention 28 June –1 July, housed in exquisite Hotel Paris and Ballys. The city did not fail to provide all we were looking for and more from increasing membership through President Jim Rochfords' membership drive on the strip to big wins for the Eliminate Project as [The MNT Challenge](#) started during the convention added another \$502,282.72 and continued to chart our progress in Eliminating MNT worldwide.

Celebrations of success, new friendships found and the story of Dina* our Accidental Star couldn't help but bring a tear to the eye. The Kiwanis International Convention the Las Vegas Edition

drew to a close with the confirmation of Poly C. Lat as Kiwanis International President 2018/19, Daniel Vigneron Kiwanis International President Elect and a look to the future for the next installation of the Kiwanis International Convention 2019 in Disney World, 27 – 30th June 2019 and the continuation of our great work in our communities.

*Dina Buno - A Pennsylvania Kiwanis Aktion Club member and the star of an award-winning documentary, DINA. Read her story here: <https://kiwanismagazine.org/2018/04/02/accidental-star/>

EC & Committee Chairs prepare for 2018-19

This last August, KI-EF's leaders and the committee chairs met in Lisbon to EC & Committee Chairs prepare for 2018-19



Under the motto of “Embrace Change”, KI-EF's 2018-19 President Oskar Gudjonsson, presented a first draft outline of a strategic plan for Europe. There were many interesting and fruitful discussions during the plenary session, which allowed the various committees to address the issues and/or opportunities in their respective areas during the breakout sessions.

As priorities for next year, mainly the increasing of Kiwanis footprint and awareness, a will for more transparency and a “dare to change” culture truly came out of the discussions within the groups. These outcomes will be further incorporated in the draft for the next discussion during the KI-EF board meeting in October and further on during the year.

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A KI-EF President Designate is wondering

.....what have I gotten myself into? Is this a feeling that overwhelms me some mornings looking in the mirror, facing the fact that I will be KI-EF President next year?

On the contrary, I'm dazed by the reality that I have been given a unique opportunity to follow the footsteps of all the pioneer Kiwanis leaders that have hitherto lead us and left their everlasting footprints on this organization we call our Federation. I'm sincerely humbled and hope that I will be given a chance to leave the organization in a better place when in due time, I must take my last bow.



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all who have contributed to Kiwanis Europe News
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We look forward to your continued contribution in the
new year.

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