



57th EUROPEAN CONVENTION

Luxembourg, 18-20 May 2024

KI-E President
Josy Glatigny





Dear Kiwanians,
My dear friends,

It is my pleasure and honor to welcome you to Luxembourg, the headquarters of our KI-E organization in the heart of Europe and a founding member of the European Union. A city to (re)discover, with its friendly airport, its clean, efficient, fast and free public transport, its history, its many parks, fortifications and other remarkable places.

Luxembourg 2024 will be a first-rate Convention with a fine agenda: our Back to the Race programme, multiple vice-president and KI trustee elections, a presentation of amendments to our Articles of Association to bring them into line with Luxembourg's (recently enacted) A.s.b.l. regulations, as well as new procedures and guidelines for our internal regulations.

Luxembourg 2024 will also be an opportunity, once again, to illustrate the motto „together we can do things we couldn't do alone“.

Thus, our Convention will be an opportunity to measure what we are doing in Europe for the Children of the World, in particular but not only for the children victims of the war in Ukraine, the beneficiaries of our new joint European social project.

Last but not least, Luxembourg 2024 promises to be a great place to meet friends from all horizons, with, among other things, a free walking lunch for participants as a prelude to our House of Delegates. Free of charge? Yes, you read that right!

Our Host Committee has set itself the target of a great Kiwanis event at an affordable cost for participants. As a result, all offers - including a fabulous dinner cruise on the Moselle on the Princesse Marie-Astrid boat, which was the venue for the signing of the Schengen Agreement - have been carefully negotiated under the expert guidance of our past International President Daniel Vigneron and his team.

The Convention programme includes official sessions, a meeting with the candidates and the usual training sessions.

The Host Committee is delighted to offer you an interesting, cultural and entertaining programme to make this a memorable Convention.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Josy Glatigny
KI-E President 2023-24

Executive Committee



Josy Glatigny
President



Gunstein Björnsson
President-elect



Elio Garozzo
Vice president



Josef-Peter Schachermayr
Imn, past President



Michel Tefnin
Secretary

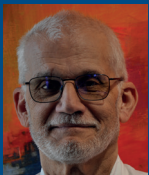


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Communication



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Chair European Social Project



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past President



Josef-Peter Schachermayr
Chair past Presidents
Committee

Trustees



Vincent Salambier
until 30 Oct 2023



Ellane Ott-Scheffer
KI-Treasurer



Martien van der Meer
since 16 Dec 2023



Guests



Katrina Baranko
President Kiwanis International



Lee Kuan Yong
President-elect KI



Michael Mulhail
Vice president KI



Sujana Shrestha
Chair ASPAC



Amy Zimmerman
President Kiwanis Children's Fund



Paul Palazzolo
Executive Director KI & KCF

57th EUROPEAN CONVENTION PROGRAMME

LUXEMBOURG, 17-19 MAY 2023

All meetings take place at Parc Hotel Alvisse unless otherwise specified

Friday, May 17

14:00-18:00	Registration	Pina
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Saturday, May 18

09:00-17:00	Registration	Pina
10:30-12:00	Executive Committee	Ansembourg
14:00-18:00	Kiwanis shop	Fischbach
13:30-15:30	Board Meeting	Wiltz/Vianden
17:00-18:30	Opening ceremony	Europe A
19:30-23:00	Friendship dinner	Europe B

Sunday, May 19

09:00-12:00	Registration	Pina
09:00-17:00	Kiwanis shop	Fischbach
09:00-09:40	Workshop Back to the race: European social project	Wiltz
09:40-10:20	Workshop Back to the race: Keys to grow membership	Diekirch-Echternach (level -1)
10:20-11:00	Workshop Back to the race: Talking about rejuvenation	Wiltz
11:00-12:00	Meet the candidates	Diekirch-Echternach (level -1)
12:00-14:00	Walking free lunch	Europe C or outdoors, weather permitting
14:00-17:00	House of Delegates	Europe A
18:30-23:30	Transfer to gala dinner venue	Meeting point: Lobby of Parc Hotel Alvisse

Partner programme

Saturday

09:30-16:45	Luxembourg city's old town	Meeting point: Lobby of Parc Hotel Alvisse
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Sunday

09:00-16:45	Echternach and Beaufort Castles	Meeting point: Lobby of Parc Hotel Alvisse
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57th EUROPEAN CONVENTION

LUXEMBOURG, SUNDAY, 19th MAY 2024

HOUSE OF DELEGATES AGENDA

1) Opening of the Convention*

- a. Opening by KI-E President Josy Glatigny
- b. Moment of silence
- c. Talk and greet with KI President Katrina Baranko and Executive Director Paul Palazzolo
- d. Talk and greet with KCF President Amy Zimmerman
- e. Talk and greet with other international guests

2) Administrative decisions

- a. Approval of the recording of the meeting
- b. Nomination of members and chairs of Committee on Credentials & Elections
- c. Approval of the standing rules of the House of Delegates
- d. Approval of the final order of the day
- e. Report and voting procedures
- f. Approval of minutes of the 56th European convention in Amsterdam

3) Report on the KI-E activities

- a. Report on the KI-E activities for 2023-24 by KI-E President Josy Glatigny
- b. Report of international KI Trustees
- c. Report of KCF President Amy Zimmerman

4) Presentation of amendments and Policies, Procedures and Guidelines (PP&Gs)

4b) Report and determination of the existing quorum

5) Report on the financial situation 2022-23

- a. Summary of the results and remarks by Martien van der Meer, KI-E immediate past president, with detailed explanations by Ralf-Otto Gogolinski, KI-E treasurer 2022-23
- b. Auditors' report and acceptance of the annual accounts with discharge of the board

6) Election / Confirmation of KI-E officers - Trustee

- a. Confirmation of the KI-E president
- b. Confirmation of the KI-E president-elect
- c. Election of the KI-E vice president
- d. Presentation of the KI-E treasurer and KI-E secretary
- e. Election of KI Trustee for 2024-25
- f. Election of KI Trustee for 2024-27

7) The year 2024-25 by KI-E President designate Gunnsteinn Björnsson

- a. Presentation of the goals and objectives
- b. Presentation and approval of the budget
- c. Presentation of the European Board
- d. Presentation of the city for the 2025 European Convention
- e. Nomination of the two auditors for 2024-25

8) Delegates, remarks and questions

9) Miscellaneous

10) Closing remarks by KI-E President Josy Glatigny

11) End of meeting

* Should the qualified quorum not be reached, a second convention with the same agenda will be immediately convened.

BALANCE SHEET FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023*



Kiwaniis International-Europe A.S.B.L.	30.09.2023
Expenses carried forward next near	9.312,63 €
Debtors	6.771,07 €
Bank	603.754,51 €
Total assets	619.838,21 €

Reserve operations	278.910,42 €
Reserve Convention	228.775,00 €
Total reserves	<u>507.685,42 €</u>
Creditors	1.937,64 €
Payables current year	102.000,00 €
Result 2023/2024	8.215,15 €
Total liabilities	619.838,21 €

*Subject to approval of the financial statements by the KI-E Board

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023*

OPERATIONS	YEAR 2022/2023 30.09.2023		YEAR 2022/2023 Budget		Difference	
REVENUES	130.709		175.000		-44.291	
KI-E dues		123.118		120.000		3.118
Dues previous year		1.376				1.376
other income		5.579				5.579
Adjustments previous years		636				636
Out of the reserve				55.000		-55.000
TOTAL REVENUES		130.709		175.000		-44.291
EXPENSES	165.519		140.000		-25.519	
Office Fees MSC Gent		11.904		11.000		-904
Directory + fanions		330		3.000		2.670
Translation meetings		3.436		1.000		-2.436
Translations		0		500		500
Postage & Mailing		305				-305
Telephone Fax & Email		0		500		500
Bank charges		155		200		45
Accounting fees		411		300		-111
Audit Expenses		201		2.000		1.799
Insurances		2.006		2.300		294
Miscellaneous		1.554		1.000		-554
Expenses previous years		1.924				-1.924
President expenses		13.570		13.000		-570
President-elect expenses		6.810		6.000		-810
Vice President expenses		5.398		5.000		-398
Imm Past President expenses		3.296		4.000		704
Secretary expenses		0		4.000		4.000
Treasurer expenses		3.369		3.000		-369
Advisors expenses		3.399		4.000		601
Trustee expenses		1.109		4.000		2.891
Representation Conventions Expenses		0		500		500
Board Travel Expenses		16.505		17.000		495
Board Lodging Expenses		37.838		14.000		-23.838
Board Meal Expenses		23.602		7.000		-16.602
Board Meeting Facilities		7.957		6.500		-1.457
Executive committee expenses				6.000		6.000
Board Guests expenses		1.982		3.000		1.018
Transition Task Force expenses		908				-908
Grant districts		8.617				-8.617
SLP Service Leader Programs		74				-74
Board Standing Committees				1.000		1.000
Young Kiwanis Summit 50 % part KI E		8.195		20.000		11.805
BMC Training		663		0		-663
Sales Marketing materials		1.255				
SUBTOTAL EXPENSES	166.774		140.000		-25.519	
Provision for unexpected expenses				35.000		-35.000
TOTAL EXPENSES	166.774		175.000		8.226	
RESULT OPERATIONS		-36.064		0		

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023*



CONVENTION	Year 2022/2023 30.09.2023		Year 2022/2023 Budget		Difference	
REVENUES	95.867		119.000		-23.133	
Convention dues		95.867		95.000		867
Out of the reserve				24.000		-24.000
TOTAL REVENUES		95.867		119.000		-23.133
EXPENSES	51.587		95.000		-43.413	
Rent convention Hall		5.699		10.000		-4.301
Decoration Convention Hall				4.000		-4.000
Opening Session Entertainment		491		21.000		-20.510
VIPS - KI+KI-E Lodging & Meals				5.000		-5.000
VIPS - KI+KI-E Transportation		343		5.000		-4.657
Gifts (participants)		784		6.000		-5.216
Audio & Video Equipment		17.944		10.000		7.944
Interpreters & Equipment		3.826		5.000		-1.174
Outsourcing Handling				1.000		-1.000
Convention Host Committee		2.987		5.000		-2.013
Promotional actions				1.000		-1.000
Charges MSC Gent				7.000		-7.000
Convention Brochure & Other Materials		2.933		5.000		-2.067
Postage & Mailing		60		1.000		-940
Insurances				1.000		-1.000
Bank Charges Registration Participants		941		1.000		-59
Miscellaneous		1.383		5.000		-3.618
Gala dinner less contributions		11.038				11.038
Thursday evening dinner		3.160				3.160
SUBTOTAL EXPENSES		51.587		95.000		-43.413
Provision for unexpected expenses				24.000		-24.000
TOTAL EXPENSES		51.587		119.000		-67.413
RESULT CONVENTION		44.280		-		44.280

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NOTES

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CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF
PRESIDENT KI-E 2024-2025

Gunnsteinn Björnsson

District Iceland-Faroes



Age	57
Family	Married with Sigga, 4 children and 5 grand children
Education	Degree in agriculture, degree in tanning, administration and sales
Occupation	Tanning Consultant and sales agent for several tanneries
Hobbies	Social affairs, fishing, reading, much interest in culture and History
Club	KC Drangey
Division	Óðinssvæði

Club

President 2003-04 and 2017-18 Secretary 4 times

Division

Lieutenant-governor 2012-13

District

Governor 2015-16, District PR Coordinator for 3
years

Europe

Member of PR Committee

International

Kiwanis International Trustee 2019-21

Personal motivation

I joined the Kiwanis Club Drangey in the year 2000 and I very soon realized that this was something for me. I found an organization that was ready to support the weakest members of our society, I later learned about all the great projects that were done in the name of Kiwanis worldwide. To keep this work going is my motivation, to be part of an organization that represents the interests of those in need and does something about it.

The membership of the organization has been going down for several years and that is something to worry about! I want to do whatever I can to bring more people to Kiwanis and let them know what Kiwanis really is, show them how much can be changed through such an organization whilst having fun doing that work. We need to get the message across that it's fun to be in Kiwanis and that you can do meaningful service, both within your community and worldwide.

Our weakest point as an organisation is how we promote ourselves. I want to work on changes in promotion both externally and internally so we may be known for all the wonderful work we do.



CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT-ELECT KI-E 2024-2025

Elio Garozzo

District Italy San-Marino



Age	62
Family	Two sons
Education	Law degree; various Master's diplomas in legal subjects.
Occupation	Alternative dispute resolution expert, accredited by the Italian Ministry of Justice; business activity in the tourism sector.
Hobbies	Sailing; tennis; passionate about history and Sicilian folk traditions.
Club	Catania Est
Division	2. Etna Patrimonio (Sicily)

Club

Joined Kiwanis in 1982; President of Kiwanjunior club Catania Centro; KC Catania Centro adviser and secretary (3); founder member of KC Catania Est; president (2)

Division

Lieutenant-governor; K.I.A.R.

District

Founding governor of Kiwanjunior (KJ) District Italy; KJ Administrator; K.I.A.R.; Host Committee; Trainer; Member of Constitution and Bylaws Committee; Chair for cyberbullism service(2); Governor 2014-15; District Strategy and Program coordinator; Conventions (25)

Europe

Chair Host Committee KI-EF convention; Conventions (7)

International

Member of KI Leadership Programs Committee and International Youth Service Committee; KI Trustee 2018-2021 (EC; Marketing; Public Relations; Membership; Leadership Development Vice-chair); participation in Kiwanis Amplify; Conventions (5)

Honors

Distinguished Club President; President Zeller Fellowship; Tablet of Honor; Distinguished Governor

Personal motivation

My vision of Kiwanis: a large worldwide network of friends and volunteers joined in service to children and their community.

I believe that some topics are crucial to a successful strategy:

- Resilience (the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties and to find new opportunities).
- Growth, maintenance, rejuvenation: a planned strategy with clear goals to achieve results.
- Promoting the adoption of best practices: consistency and continuity in our actions.
- Impact and "Appeal" to attract young professionals.
- Innovation within tradition: Evolution YES, Revolution NO.
- Think global, act local

Key word: Continuity, awareness

Motto: Let's liberate our energies

CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT KI-E 2024-2025



Karl Lippittz

District Austria



Age	47
Family	Daniela Sigl, 1 son, 1 daughter
Education	University – Social Management, MSc
Occupation	Executive in an NGO
Hobbies	Soccer, Skiing, Hiking, Travelling, Kiwanis
Club	KC Lavanttal (since 1997); KC Likasi (since 2020); KC Villach Triquetra (since 2023)
Division	Division 170 Carinthia

Club

President (3); Secretary (1); Chair member database management (20)

Division

Lt. Governor (2005-06)

District

Governor (2019-20); District Secretary (3); Chair Kiwanis Austria Relief Fund (2012-2018); Kiwajunior Governor (2002-03)

Europe

European Conventions (5)

International

Kiwanis International Convention (1); Committee Growth Africa

Honors

George F. Hixson Fellow (since 2021); Distinguished Governor; Distinguished President

Personal motivation

Today we stand here united, not as individuals, but as part of a larger movement that wants to change the world. We are here to share a message as old as humanity itself, yet as timely and urgent as ever: the responsibility to care for our community and especially our children.

Let's look around: The world we live in is characterized by challenges. From poverty and inequality to environmental degradation and social injustice, the list of problems is long. But at this moment we must not despair, we must raise our voices and act together. Why? Because we owe it to our children and grandchildren. Because we are the guardians of the legacy we inherited from the generations before us. Because we are the architects of the future that we want to build for future generations.

The call for a sense of community is not a call for passivity. On the contrary – it is a call to action. He calls us to rise up and use our skills, resources and passions for the good of those around us.

There is strength in community. If we join forces, we can move mountains. We can build schools to ensure education for all. We can build hospitals to protect the health of our communities. We can build bridges to overcome differences and create unity.

But that takes courage. It requires sacrifice. It requires the willingness to look beyond our own needs and interests and keep the bigger picture in mind. It may be uncomfortable. It may be difficult. There may be moments when we fail. But let's remember: every single step we take, every contribution we make, every smile we give is a step towards a better world. So I ask you today: What will you stand for? Will you sit back and watch the world go by? Or will you rise up and become part of a community that makes history? The choice is ours. But let us remember: In a world full of challenges, the greatest danger is not that we might fail, but that we would never try.

Let's fight together for a better world. Let's stick together. Let's be the change we want to see in the world. Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress and working together is a success!

KI-E TREASURER 2024-2025

KI-E SECRETARY 2024-2025

Ralf-Otto Gogolinski

District Germany



Age 72
Family single
Occupation Retired. Previously, bank director
Hobbies Travel, photography
Club KC Frankfurt an der Oder
Division Berlin-Brandenburg

Honours

Walter Zeller Fellowship
Distinguished District Secretary
District Life Member

Club

Treasurer (3), Secretary (6)

District

Secretary (3), Treasurer (2), Area-Manager (1),
Lieutenant Governor (2)

Europe

Secretary (1), Treasurer (2)

Jan Boen

District Pennsylvania



Age 60
Family Heidi, 2 daughters
Occupation Senior Director Europe,
Kiwanis Europe
Hobbies Model trains and walking
Club Centennial e-Kiwanis Club

Club

Secretary (2)

Europe

Secretary (3), Conventions (4)

International

Conventions (2)



STANDING RULES FOR THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Rule 1

The official language of the Convention shall be English. Simultaneous interpretations shall be available in several languages.

Rule 2

Only delegates with official delegate badges may be present or speak on motions and vote.

Rule 3

Only delegates may be seated in the area designated for delegates.

Rule 4

The House of Delegates shall not be closed.

Rule 5

Any main motion or amendment shall be written in English, signed by the maker and seconder, and presented to the KI-E Secretary before it is moved.

Rule 6

No delegate may speak more than three (3) minutes at a time, unless allowed to do so by the orders of the day or by a majority vote of the delegates.

Rule 7

No delegate may address the assembly a second time on the same question until all delegates who desire to speak on the topic have spoken.

Rule 8

The maker of a motion shall be entitled to speak first in support of such motion or may immediately yield the floor to another delegate.

Rule 9

Debate shall alternate between those speaking for and those speaking against a motion.

Rule 10

Microphones shall be designated by number. Speakers for the main motion shall use the odd-numbered microphone, and speakers against the main motion shall use the even-numbered microphone. The chair will recognize microphones in rotating order.

Rule 11

A delegate shall not speak for or against a motion and move to close debate on the same recognition.

Rule 12

Candidates for the office of International Trustee shall have a nomination speech not to exceed one (1) minute, and shall personally address the House of Delegates for no more than three (3) minutes.

Rule 13

Candidates for the office of KI-E President, President-elect and Vice president shall have a nomination speech not to exceed one (1) minute, and shall be allowed a two (2) minutes acceptance speech.

Rule 14

Candidates whose remarks require other than simultaneous interpretation shall be allowed no more than six (6) minutes for their remarks and interpretation combined. Candidates must provide their own interpreter.

Rule 15

Any candidate who is unopposed for office may be elected by applause.

Rule 16

Nominating speeches for KI-E officers and International Trustees may not be waived.

Rule 17

Debate on any proposed resolution or amendment to the KI-E Bylaws, including all amendments thereto, shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes.

Rule 18

A motion to move the previous question will not be in order until fifteen (15) minutes of debate has taken place or all microphones are clear.

Rule 19

Any of the above rules may be suspended by majority vote.

CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF KI TRUSTEE 2024-25

Filip Delanote



Koksijde, Belgium
BELGIUM-LUXEMBOURG
Kiwanis Club of Torhout Houtland

Biography

As a Kiwanis member since 1992, I have held various positions, most recently as past president of the Kiwanis Children's Fund. I previously served a three-year term as a Children's Fund trustee and subsequently served as treasurer, president-elect and president. Prior to that, I was KCF ambassador and European vice chairman for The Eliminate Project.

My wife Ann and I live in Koksijde, Belgium. We have five children and 13 grandchildren. Retired since 2021, I have a master's degree in the science of rehabilitation and physiotherapy.

Describe your Kiwanis moment – the moment you knew you were a Kiwanian.

As a Kiwanian, it is incredible to realize that our unique purpose is to serve children. I was fortunate to see what an opportunity it is to guide children anywhere in the world, to support them on Health and Nutrition (Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus (MNT) and Iodine deficiency), Education and Literacy (school books, backpacks...), Development of young people attending school (scholarships, textbooks, etc.). Each time a unique experience to help even more. So many beautiful and unique moments confirmed that Kiwanis membership, commitment to leadership, participation in teamwork gives one child or one community new opportunities.

Why did you decide to run for office?

My enthusiastic participation in world projects such as IDD and MNT was the start of understanding why I once became a driven and motivated Kiwanian. Participating in club building in Europe, taking responsibility and finding the drive to make IDD and MNT an unforgettable fundraising have given me the opportunity to be nominated in my various positions up to the unique function of KCF President. This specific one-year-function - to continue Vincent Salembier's work as Trustee - is the reward for showing even more experienced commitment to KI and KI-E.

What qualifies you to become an officer of Kiwanis International?

More than thirty years of commitment in Kiwanis via Club, Division, District Belgium-Luxembourg, KI-EF & KI-E: as a participant for ten years in EC and Board meetings, as Board and EC member of KCF, collaborating with EC of KI... This long road motivated me to be a passionate representative for our KI-E for one more year.

What do you hope to accomplish during your term in office?

For an organization like Kiwanis, it is essential to be active in all geographic regions and welcoming to different cultures and ways of thinking — knowing that these can sometimes represent a challenge compared to what is lived at home. We must succeed in breaking the negative trend. Basically, Kiwanis needs to become a more modern organization. We must stop being so traditional!

What strengths do you bring to the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees?

I think that teamwork is a strength that has the potential to be undervalued. The ability to work well as a part of a team — taking responsibility where necessary and deferring to others when required — is a skill I am proud to have. Throughout my career, I have worked with a variety of teams on a vast range of projects.

CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF KI TRUSTEE 2024-27



Josef-Peter Schachermayr



Wien, Austria
AUSTRIA
Kiwanis Club of Lentia
Kiwanis Club of Wien-Europa 1
Centennial e-Kiwanis Club

Biography

Kiwanian since 2000. I served as governor of the Austria District in the centennial year and also as European president in 2021-22. At the moment, I am working diligently in the area of marketing for our district and to be a provider of ideas for new marketing campaigns, also in Europe. I have two grown-up children and a 4-year-old toddler. Married to Ruth, former campaign director/Europe.

Describe your Kiwanis moment – the moment you knew you were a Kiwanian.

I was a Kiwanian from day one when my club made the decision to approve my membership. There has been more than one situation at different times over the years that has only confirmed to me that my decision to serve the children of the world was the right one.

Why did you decide to run for office?

Kiwanis needs strong leaders who understand both the Kiwanis structure and the mentality of other countries and their members. In Europe, there is a huge difference in members, both culturally and linguistically. This difference also exists in a similar form between the U.S. and all other member countries. My job is to continue to represent other points of view (other countries) on the board.

What qualifies you to become an officer of Kiwanis International?

My Kiwanis experience and my professional background as a marketing manager and trainer in adult education have already prepared me for the office of European president. Leadership roles at all levels (club, division and district) complement my profile to serve as part of the international board.

What do you hope to accomplish during your term in office?

If we continue on our current path, we will lose members in the near future, and our age structure will continue to age. Kiwanis is still mainly composed of members from the U.S., but the situation is changing from year to year, and we need to start listening to other countries and regions. Increasing and keeping members, securing our financial situation and delivery on our mission is my goal.

What strengths do you bring to the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees?

As president of Kiwanis Europe, I have come to know the concerns and sometimes the fears of all Kiwanians in Europe. Transforming this organization into a new organizational form and, at the same time, managing the coordination of different characters to consider different perspectives and being open to new approaches are just some of the many ways I have learned in my professional context.

How have you helped open new clubs, engage new members and strengthen existing clubs?

Since the beginning of my Kiwanis activities, I have not only been involved in finding new members, but have also helped to create several new clubs — including the founding of the first club in Nepal and as a charter member of one of the first international online clubs. As a trainer for Kiwanis, I motivate our members and provide them with the information they need for a successful membership.

Maura Magni



Brescia, Italy
ITALY-SAN MARINO
Kiwanis Club of Varese

Biography

I live in Brescia, a charming small town on Lake Maggiore, located north of Milan and close to the Swiss border. I have two wonderful nephews who fill me with affection and make my life full of love and enthusiasm for the future. I am a lawyer, and I am very passionate about my work. Helping people in court is a way to give back to our communities as well.

Describe your Kiwanis moment – the moment you knew you were a Kiwanian.

I was attending a Kiwanis event. That evening, they were presenting a book written and illustrated by children for a service project. They explained that the book would be donated to the hospitals for suffering children and that the members would be able to read that book to the children in the hospitals, dedicating some time to others. Then I knew I wanted to be part of that organization.

Why did you decide to run for office?

I decided to run for this office to be able to bring the point of view of the younger generations to our board, to bring new projects and to be a bridge and a link between Kiwanis International and the members. Kiwanis has to be a modern organization if we want to increase our membership and our impact in the communities.

What qualifies you to become an officer of Kiwanis International?

I have learned to work toward objectives consistent with the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and I would like to bring this work experience to the Kiwanis International board as well. I am used to working in a team, and I have the expertise and experience gained over the years in the district services.

What do you hope to accomplish during your term in office?

I'd like to share with the board the idea to emphasize the need to develop the next generation of leaders in the organization (Service Leadership Programs) and to increase our corporate partnerships to further promote the Kiwanis brand and image. Diversity, equity and inclusion at all levels are the keys to the future to make Kiwanis a great and modern organization.

What strengths do you bring to the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees?

I'm an enthusiastic person. Very determined. Serving the children of the world is a priority. I believe that a young professional woman's point of view can be helpful in considering different perspectives when it's time to make decisions.

How have you helped open new clubs, engage new members and strengthen existing clubs?

Being a district trainer, I had the opportunity to engage members in the opening of new clubs, explaining that it must be easy for everyone to join any club. Being a membership coordinator, I focused also on strengthening existing clubs (when it's worth it). This year, we are working on the Two For Two and the "meetup" formulas.



PARTNER PROGRAMME

Saturday

09:30-16:45 Saturday's guided tour will take you to Luxembourg City's Old Town, which has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1994. You will discover a city of striking contrasts between the remains of the fortress and classical architecture from the 18th and 19th centuries, and enjoy spectacular views of a city built on many levels. After a well-deserved lunch and before returning to the hotel, you will have the opportunity to go shopping – there's something for everyone in Luxembourg City!

Lobby of Parc Hotel Alvisse
(transfers by chartered bus)

Sunday

09:00-16:45 Sunday's guided tour will take you to Echternach, the oldest town in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, which has retained its medieval ambience with its labyrinthine streets, remains and towers of the ancient city wall and a marketplace with a Gothic town house. After the lunch break, the visit of the Beaufort site, with its medieval castle and Renaissance palace will bring you back in time. You will also have the opportunity to taste the "cassero", a typical local blackcurrants liqueur. On the way back to the hotel, the bus will pass by the area known as "Little Switzerland" to end the excursion on a high note.

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