

KIWANIS CLUB OF EAST BOSTON, EST. 1947

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2009-2010

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Report on the 2010 International Convention

Mayor Goodman & Showgirl ▼

Opening Session:

The opening session was an afternoon of welcomes, recognitions, announcements, videos, etc. – too numerous to detail! The series of events included:

- Welcome to Convention from International President Paul Palazzolo
- Welcome to Las Vegas by Mayor Oscar Goodman.
 - National anthem sung by cast members of the “Jersey Boys”
 - Introduction of Kiwanis District Governors from all over the world
 - Keynote Speaker Colin Powell, former U.S. Secretary of State
 - Video of Kiwanis IDD worldwide project presented by actor Sir Roger Moore
 - Announcement of new Service Project by actress Tea Leoni (see details below)
 - Video of New Worldwide Service Project



Business session

Number of Delegates: 4,042 representing 2,086 clubs all over the world.

Amendments - Kiwanis club delegates attending the 95th Annual Kiwanis International Convention presented, debated and voted on 14 proposed Bylaws amendments. The following are the results:

- **Adopted**
 - **Amendment No. 2:** Eliminate unintended contradictions regarding discipline of International Officers and allow the International Board the ability, if deemed appropriate, to bar someone removed from office from filling other offices or appointments.
 - **Amendment No. 4:** Return the title of the top staff position in Kiwanis International to “Executive Director.”

- **Amendment No. 5:** Accommodate districts that wish to have an additional year of training and orientation for the person who eventually will serve as governor.
- **Amendment No. 7:** Make more effective use of electronic methods of communications and information distribution.
- **Amendment No. 8:** Allow federation conventions to be held within the stated 20-day prohibition period for good reason if deemed appropriate by the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees.
- **Adopted as amended**
 - **Amendment No. 1:** Change the designation for regions from numbers to names.
 - **Amendment No. 3:** Require criminal history background checks for all incumbents and candidates for International Office and for all offices in direct line of succession to district governor in order to ensure the highest standards of leadership in Kiwanis.
- **Defeated**
 - **Amendment No. 6:** Allocate the costs to hold Kiwanis International conventions equitably among the member clubs of the organization.
 - **Amendment No. 9:** Add a preface clause that summarizes each of the Kiwanis Objects and restate the Objects in summary form.
 - **Amendment No. 12:** Allow club members who are not delegates to sit with their club delegates in the House of Delegates at international conventions.
- **Withdrawn**
 - **Amendment No. 10:** Allow districts the option to restrict voting at district conventions and division conferences to clubs that are at least one year old, based on the date of charter presentation.
 - **Amendment No. 11:** Allow districts the option to determine the number of club delegates (from one to five) based on club size and provide that all delegates must have been club members for at least one year before being elected by the club to represent it.
 - **Amendment No. 14:** Create a new class of “family members” providing that up to three relations of an active member may have the same benefits and obligations as active members but pay reduced dues and fees.
- **Failed for lack of a motion**
 - **Amendment No. 13:** Reduce dues for members age 65 and over by 50 percent.

Elections:

International President: Sylvester Neal was elected 2010-11 International President and will take office Oct. 1, 2010.

President-Elect: Alan Penn, Medina Breakfast, Ohio

Vice president: Thomas E “Tom” DeJulio, Fordham, Bronx, New York

Pres. Designate Sylvester Neal & Marisa ▼

Trustees:

- Johnny Johnson, East Cobb County, Georgia
- Oscar E. Knight III, La Mesa, California
- Susan A. “Sue” Petrisin, East Lansing, Michigan
- Wen-Pin Su, Tainan, Taiwan (elected at the 2010 Kiwanis Asia-Pacific Convention)
- Sjoerd R.J. Timmermans, the Netherlands (elected at the 2010 European Federation Convention)



Returning Trustees:

- John Button, Ridgeway, Ontario
- Pam Fleming, Sheffield, Alabama
- Piero Grasso, Bergamo Orobico, Italy
- William E. “Ed” Hutchinson, Cape May, New Jersey
- James S. Jennings, Santa Ritas Green Valley-Sahuarita, Arizona
- Tadao Oda, Sendai, Japan
- Jerome E. “Jerry” Peuler Jr., Waldorf, Maryland
- Stewart L. “Stew” Ross, Mankato, Minnesota
- Robert Vande Rieviere, Tielt, Belgium

International Trustee Piero Grasso w/wife Italy Gov Valeria & Marisa ▼



Workshops

Over 90 workshops were offered throughout the course of the Wednesday through Saturday official Convention days. Most of the workshops were standing room only; a few had to turn away participants due to the overwhelming attendance.

Entertainment



Various entertainment opportunities were made available at the convention, in addition to the entertainment provided at both the opening and closing sessions (magic, juggling, contortion, etc.):

- Jay Leno Comedy Show
- Breakfast with Jerry Mathers (Beaver of “Leave it to Beaver”)
- Cirque du Soleil’s “KÀ”



Closing session

The Closing Session included:

- Presentations of many awards and recognitions
- A video detailing the wonders of Geneva and encouraging Kiwanis members to attend next year’s convention there
- Message from International President-Designate Sylvester Neal - “Year of the Fire”



ELIMINATE

Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus



Kiwanis International President Paul Palazzolom, UNICEF’s Ambassador Téa Leoni and U.S. Fund for UNICEF President & CEO Caryl Stern celebrate the announcement of The Eliminate Project.

UNICEF Ambassador and actor Tea Leoni delivered the announcement of the new Kiwanis Worldwide Service Project at the 95th Annual Kiwanis International Convention. With the ELIMINATE Project, Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to save the lives of babies and their mothers by eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus (MNT), a disease that kills an estimated 60,000 newborns and 30,000 mothers each year. The effects of the disease are excruciating — tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch.

To eliminate MNT from the Earth by 2015, 129 million mothers and their future babies must be immunized. This requires vaccines, syringes, safe storage, transportation, thousands of skilled staff and more. It will take \$110 million — and the dedicated work of UNICEF and every member of the Kiwanis family.

Partnering with UNICEF, Kiwanis successfully completed its first global campaign for children to virtually eliminate iodine deficiency disorders (IDD), the leading cause of preventable mental

impairment. Kiwanis raised and leveraged more than \$100 million, which helped change lives in 103 nations. The number of households estimated to be consuming iodized salt has jumped from less than 20 percent in 1990 to more than 70 percent, and the effort has been heralded as one of the most successful health initiatives in the world. Now, they are eliminating MNT from the face of the Earth. And in doing so, the project will reach the poorest, most neglected mothers and babies with additional lifesaving health care. The end of this one disease means the beginning of better health for so many families.

Kiwanis will devote the 2010-11 administrative year to educating its members about MNT and the Kiwanis campaign, preparing for the campaign launch at the 2011 international convention in Geneva, Switzerland, July 2011.

Misc. Vegas photos

