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message from the editor...

HIGHLIGHTS

**KIWANIS/AFRICA
partnership...**

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Hello Fellow Kiwanians

First, I must apologize for my tardiness in getting out my newsletter. I started a new job in September and it has taken a good deal of time to settle in. So, I will try to make up for it in this newsletter.

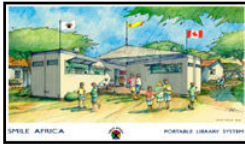
I have included information from International Trustee Sylvester Neal's Newsletter – Kiwanis/Africa Partnership.

If you are interested in more information about this project, please contact Trustee Neal. I have included his email.

Thank you to **Curt McCann**, Newsletter Editor, **Kiwanis Club of Corvallis – Sunrisers** for submitting an article about the club's international **TOUCH** project.

And, of course, a small reminder about my pet project **"Smile Africa"** which fits nicely with Kiwanis International project "Read Around The World" – February 1st to March 3rd, 2007.

Contact Smile Africa International
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existing Kiwanis PNW projects...



Listed here are just a couple of the international projects already in existence.

Websites are included for you to seek out further information.

African/PNW Partnership Pilot Program
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S.O.S. PNW District Program
<http://www.pnwkiwanis.org/PNWKIResources/Club/SOSPpackage.pdf>



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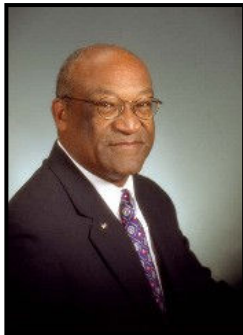
Will that one be you?

Sylvester Neal, International Trustee

THE Pacific Northwest District KIWANIS / AFRICAN PARTNERSHIP

Kenya, Africa

Message from **S. Neal, Editor,
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PARTNERSHIP**



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There is just so much to report on that I might have to do this monthly. You may notice that I cut and paste messages I receive from our partners, rather than me trying to re-write their words. Clubs in the PNW have partnered with 8 clubs in Africa to support and help their efforts to be more effective in their communities. We are trying to build bridges of International fellowship & friendship while mentoring to the needs of the African clubs who are isolated without much support. Our goal is simply to empower them to grow and help them meet the needs of children.

If you want more detailed information on the whole partnership pilot program, please let me know.

This program is not District sponsored, but I simply took it on as a need that I could not resist. A special thanks to Rob Parker for his blessing for me to continue this un-official program.

Sylvester Neal

New Kiwanis Club In Mombassa, Kenya (South Coast)

A new Kiwanis club held its charter celebration on November 10, 2006 at the Sai Rose hotel in Mombassa. The new Charter President is **Ruth Florence Epeni**. Following is her exciting announcement I received on October 3, 2006

*October 3, 2006
Hello there Sylvester,*

Thanks very much for your mail. I am sorry I was not in a position to respond fast enough because I did not have access to the internet.

First of all let me introduce myself properly. I am a lecturer at one of our tertiary institutions in Mombassa. I am glad you have been informed of our club. We are celebrating our charter ship day on 10th November this year at a hotel in Mombassa called Sai Rose. We wish you people could be there.

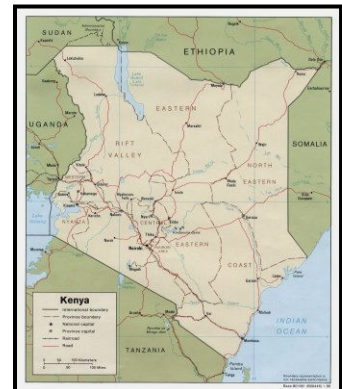
We as an upcoming club, we surely need your support and direction so that we can be able to grow to fulfill our dreams and vision. We would be very grateful if we got more partners to work with.

After our celebrations we shall send you the photos of the day so that you can see.

We also would like to invite you to come to the celebrations if you can or come if you chance to have a tour in Kenya, do not hesitate to come over and see us. The main project that we have for now in the club is fundraising for school fees for orphans and the needy children who are in high school and colleges.

We are currently targeting to raise about 4 million Kenyan shillings for this purpose. Otherwise we welcome any ideas that can help us come up and any partner clubs that we can work together with for the betterment of our children.

Ruth Florence Epeni.
Thanks and may God bless you abundantly.



Kiwanis INTERNATIONAL projects...



http://www.kiwanis.org/service/y_cpo.asp

Young children: priority one is the ongoing service program of Kiwanis international, addressing the needs of children prenatal through age five. All clubs are urged to carry out at least two projects each year—one addressing a local children's need and one supporting the worldwide service project to eliminate iodine deficiency disorders.

February 1 – March 3
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Key Club INTERNATIONAL projects...

UNICEF: Kicking HIV/AIDS Out of Kenya

For more information visit:
<http://www.keyclub.org/keyclub/service/mep2.asp>

Click on the above website to see a streaming video about the Kicking HIV/AIDS out of Kenya program.

Recently, Key Club delegates visited Kenya with the U.S. Fund for UNICEF on a fact-finding mission. While there, they observed first-hand just how *Kick HIV/AIDS Out Of Kenya* is making inroads. After spending time with the girls and hearing what the program means to them, it became clear *why Kick HIV/AIDS Out Of Kenya* is not just fun and games but a life-saving measure.



CKI WORLD LINK PROGRAM

CKI INTERNATIONAL projects...

Information in this article available at the following website:

<http://www.circlek.org/circlek/resources/club/worldlink.asp>

Apply to take part in the World Link Program today!

Does your Circle K club need another project? Would you like to learn more about CKI'ers from around the world? Would you like to help strengthen CKI worldwide? Then you definitely should consider becoming part of the World Link Program!

What is the World Link Program?

to provide support for all of the new and/or struggling clubs in our organization, the world link program links these clubs to stronger, more established clubs worldwide. this provides

support for all our clubs in non-districted areas, allowing their membership to feel more connected to the rest of circle k international.

This will aid the international expansion of CKI to include organized districts in areas where there currently are none. In addition, this program may come to include clubs in areas where CKI is weak and where districts struggle to maintain and/or achieve charter strength, thus ensuring the strength of these members and clubs, the most important part of our organization. As a result, post-secondary institutions located in different parts of the world will be able to more easily maintain their status as CKI clubs.

How does this work?

Given the challenges of building Circle K clubs outside of North America (Regions 1 and 2), and given the challenges of

maintaining clubs in struggling districts or non-districted areas, the CKI World Link program will help strengthen these struggling clubs worldwide. Strong clubs can (with the approval of their district) be matched with one of these new and/or struggling clubs. Up to three strong clubs may be matched with each international club.

Each strong club will have a World Link chairperson to organize the relationship between their club and the struggling club. He or she will be placed on the World Link e-mail reflector, which will provide tips and suggestions for their relationship with their partner club. The World Link chairperson also will have a list of suggested activities, along with the responsibilities of the position, available to him or her.

Please contact the current [International Expansion Liaison](#) for more information on the program



TOUCH Article submitted by

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Additional information about The **TOUCH** Project is available at the following website:
<http://www.sistercities.corvallis.or.us>

You may also contact the volunteer Co-Coordinator for more information:

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*Congratulations Kiwanis Club of Corvallis – Sunrisers for your Corvallis Sister Cities **TOUCH** Project.*

The **TOUCH** Project (Take One Ukrainian Child's Hand) was formed as a sponsorship program for Ukrainian children.

Our participation in this international program is very modest in that we sponsor one girl in the New Family Program; and one of our members sponsors a child in the Chaslivtsi Orphanage.

The following description of the **TOUCH** Program was taken from a website dated 2/2/2006.

In 2000, Sabra Killen and Alice Rampton traveled from Corvallis, Oregon to Uzhgorod, Ukraine to help distribute a shipment of humanitarian aid from the Corvallis Sister Cities Association. This shipment of humanitarian aid was one of many projects between Uzhgorod and Corvallis since the inception of their sister city relationship in approximately 1990.

Killen and Rampton visited 3 orphanages and recognized that there were many children with special needs. Upon returning home, they envisioned a program that would help meet some of these specific needs. To help with the support of these children, the concept of a sponsorship program was developed.

The 110 children at the Chaslivtsi Orphanage outside Uzhgorod, Ukraine were the first to receive sponsors. The **TOUCH** Project has grown to include additional

children in Uzhgorod with disabilities, abandoned or neglected children and orphans. There are now over 300 children in the **TOUCH** Project with sponsors for each child. Most of the sponsors are from Corvallis, but there are sponsors now in eleven other states and 2 in Canada. Sponsors include families, individuals, businesses, civic and religious organizations, youth clubs, and school classrooms.

Approximately 75 individuals have traveled from the US to Ukraine since 2001 as part of an annual **TOUCH** delegation to help these children in various ways. These volunteers travel at their own expense. Delegation members meet and visit with the children, take them shopping for school clothes, on outdoor excursions and hikes, and to movies, museums, parks and cultural events. Sponsorship funds are also used to purchase eye glasses, school supplies, food, furniture, toys, books, etc. Additional funds have been raised from **TOUCH** sponsors and other individuals and corporations, including NuSkin Enterprises Force For Good Foundation, to support various projects including the installation of a septic system at the Chaslivtsi Orphanage, a mini van, a laundry facility, 2

computer centers, and 120 beds and bedding. Over \$150,000 has been raised and donated to improve and brighten the life of each child in the **TOUCH** Project.

The **TOUCH** Project has grown to include four sponsorship programs for over 300 children in Ukraine including: The Chaslivtsi Orphanage, The New Family Program, The Medical-Social Rehabilitation Center, Vocational Training Programs (Total 305 children).

Sponsorship Guidelines

- * The **TOUCH** Project is a friendship program, not an adoption agency.
- * Limit of 2 children/sponsor.
- * Each sponsor -\$60/yr.
- * Donations are hand carried to Ukraine by volunteers.
- * Donations are used to purchase needed items for children in the program. The funds are also used to improve facilities where the children live or gather.
- * Each sponsor receives an information sheet and a photo of the child. Correspondence through letters is encouraged between the child and sponsor.
- * All donations are tax deductible when checks are written to the **Corvallis Sister Cities Association**.



Chaslivtsi kids shopping with Pam Hough