



## NEWSLETTER

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### **INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADORS GUILD aish**

Welcome to the third edition of the newsletter and it is hoped that you will enjoy it, please send any contributions, including dates of events, to the editor care of [ambassadorsguild@gmail.com](mailto:ambassadorsguild@gmail.com) .

This newsletter comes later in the year as many people were involved in the World Conference.

It is planned to offer the opportunity for members coming to the General Assembly on 22 April 2018 to join with other members for a weekend in Brussels. In 2018 we celebrate the **20<sup>th</sup> Birthday of The Ambassadors Guild**, the provisional plans are to meet on Friday evening for a Celebration Dinner, then on the Saturday an excursion, and on Sunday afternoon the General Assembly followed by a meal together. If you are interested in the weekend, please email Bjorg Walstad at [ambassadorsguild@gmail.com](mailto:ambassadorsguild@gmail.com) for further details by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

#### **Message from The Ambassador's Guild Chairman, Bjorg Walstad.**

The Ambassadors Guild welcomed 10 new members as a result of the presentations during the world conference in Bali October.

The new members are: Christos Kouzis from Cyprus, Dr. Abdulla Almusharrakh from United Arab Emirates, Angela Dernbach Germany, Mida Rodrigues Portugal, Anne Margrete Berentz Norway, Anne Hastrup-Nielsen Denmark, Harriet Meinander Finland, Lena Claesson Sweden, Kari Palm Norway and Anne Britt Ellingsen Norway. Some of them received the IAG-pin at the traditional Ambassadors gathering in the evening 11.Oct. 35 ambassadors attended, had refreshments and heard news from the projects.

The new IAG badge was presented and sold. The badge makes us visible and is a good PR for us. In April 2018 we can celebrate 20 years of activity. I hope to see many of you in Brussels for the celebration. Except from the jubilee dinner on Friday afternoon I think the visit to the old historic city Gent on Saturday will be very interesting.

In this newsletter created by Jane Wardropper you will find reports from projects. Many more will need support next year. I invite you to come up with a request for support to a scout/guide project you have in mind. May I have your application by February 28.the at the latest.

*Bjorg Walstad*

**Chairman**





The new cloth badge for the Ambassadors Guild was launched at the Conference. It was designed by Trond Walstad and costs 5Euro. It will be on sale at the Meeting in April and it is hoped at all the Sub Region Gatherings.

Profits from the sale of the badges will go to Ambassador Guild funds.

## 28th World Conference 9-14 October 2017

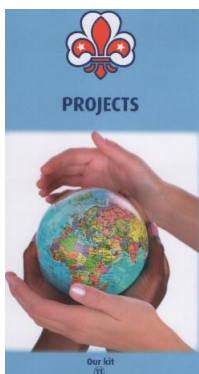
The World Conference was held in Bali and everyone was welcomed by our hosts the Indonesian Scout and Guide Fellowship. 280 participants from 47 countries were present and there were plenty of opportunities to renew old friendships and make new friends in between the working sessions.

The World Committee for 2017- 2020 will have six members and the World Chairman is Mathias Lukwago from Uganda



*On the photo from left to right: World Committee 2017 – 2020: Vice-chairman Zalillah MOHD TAIB (Malaysia), Elin RICHARDS (Iceland), Mario BERTAGNOLIO (Italy), Vice-chairman Wahid LABIDI (Tunisia), Chairman Mathius LUKWAGO (Uganda) and Runar BAKKE (Norway)*

The next World Conference will be held in Madrid Spain in 2020.



During the Conference the latest addition to “Our Kit” Book 11, **Projects** was launched and it is now on the ISGF Web site, please turn to page 115 to see the projects undertaken by the Ambassadors Guild.

Explore the book for your country’s contribution, it is amazing how many different projects have been undertaken.

Special thanks go to Virginia Bonasegale for producing the book. Note a French edition is being prepared.

**During the World Conference the Guild held a social meeting and welcomed eight new members.**



## **Anne Dupont**

At the General Assembly in March the meeting was told of the death, in January 2017, of Anne Dupont. She will be remembered for her role as a World Committee Member from 2005 – 2011 and Vice Chairman of the World Committee 2008 -11. Anne was a strong supporter of ISGF and had the gift of making friends with many people not only in Europe but throughout the World. Anne demonstrated, in her many activities her commitment to the principles of Scouting and Guiding.

## **Update on Projects supported by the Ambassadors Guild.**

A grant was given to the Kinyago Scout and Guide Group (Pumwani slum) Nairobi which enabled them to camp at Pigeon Park, the campsite near Nyeri, which we have supported, and join in the Founder's Day/ Thinking Day Celebrations.

The account of the Camp shows how important the Grant was:

**REPORT – PIGEON PARK CAMP 16-19 FEBRUARY 2017.**

Participants: 17 guides and scouts from the two different scout/guide-associations in Nairobi. All from Kinyago in the slum of Pumwani, Nairobi. Plus 4 leaders. Together with us came over the weekend 4 more groups of guides and scouts that we interacted with.

Final account – ASTRID Hareided has received all receipts for the camp – and we would like to say a huge THANK YOU for the EURO 1500 which we received from International Ambassadors for the camp.

Program: We partly did our own planned program, but mostly the program and the structure of our days at Pigeon Park Camp was made for us by Peter Kimita and his staff (James and Leah)

- Up early for a morning run – quite unusual for all of us, and a struggle for some – but it gave us a good start for the day. Morning parades every morning for everyone at the Camp with praises and worship songs. With Bible texts.
- Luckily we got help to pitch our two teepee-tents and two family tents, as both leaders and guides/scouts were too little experienced in pitching tents. We learned a lot from that!
- All meals were done by leaders together with the scouts/guides put into four patrols(tent-wise) – both cooking and washing up. We brought everything we needed from Nairobi and bought it cheap at Gikomba market.
- The following themes were covered throughout 3 days(last day was spent after Breakfast in the ceremony at Nyeri – the graveyard and museum as to Lord and Lady Baden Powell.;
  - Speech by Peter Kimita about the Park as well as narrating the history of Baden Powell.
  - Life Skill Lessons – lessons on First Aid – also prepared by our own leaders
  - Activities in groups – games, tent order, learning about the camp
  - Nature walk along the Camp area and we planted trees!!
  - Interactions with newly arrived scouts and guides on Friday afternoon – songs and games
  - Fire and safety – where we all had to join in and practice. Use of fire extinguisher
  - Activities in patrols where we learned to cooperate – carrying water/emptying water-games, arranging of glasses, eating apples from different heights without using our hands, lots of special games. Balloon-bursting brought out much laughter!
  - Keeping the campfire going – we all went to collect wood and leaves to make a good fire – arranging the firewood in a good way for the campfire.
  - FOUNDERS DAY at Nyeri – was a huge experience with so many scouts and guides, young and old and well planned. It was very special to see the LAW for scouts and guides along the path to the grave of Lord and Lady Baden Powell – we were all very happy. The program consisted of some speeches, and visit to the grave. It lasted for around 3 hours.

**Travel:** was done by bus from Nyeri – it was not very expensive, although we had to use some extra money for the bus to take us to Founders Day and wait until the program had finished

## LEARNING EXPERIENCE

It has truly been a learning experience for both us leaders as well as all guides/scouts. Both for leaders to plan correctly, to make sure every paper was filled out by parents – to get permissions for leaving school for a day – as well as securing a small sum of money from the parents.

Program we had planned in detail – and learned from that – as well as planning for good and simple and not costly food .....

As to staying at the camp itself we learned

How to cope in a tent – tent order – to keep tidy – to follow orders

Lots of new items (see above)

How to work in a Patrol with a Sixer as leader together with the grown up leaders

That at Scouts and Guides we are millions around the world – with the same Law and Promise, the same Salute, the same badges, we all have scarfs.

We also experiences that although most of us from Kinyago really live poorly and hardly have enough food as we only eat once a day – we, were just as scouts together with the others, and we even felt sometimes we knew MORE than the other scouts/guides. We all wore the same uniform – you could not tell who lived poorly without enough food – and who were middle-class!

For most of us this was our first time OUT OF the slum-home without my mama or my guardian, with enough clean water to drink, with three meals a day, special treat with fruits twice a day – and lots of program – and everything so CLEAN, so GREEN – so beautiful – we will never ever forget such an experience and hope to get a chance to go another year!!!

## THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR US!!

17 guides and scouts age 11-14

Leaders: Lilian Nasimiyu, teacher Kexiah Weimai, Lydia Wanjiru and Juliana Syombuei

The pictures below show Scouts and Guides in enjoying some of the facilities at the camp. Please note the tables and chairs in the meeting room







## Report from Germany

A grant was given to aid the costs for a group of Eleven Scouts and their leaders from Veszeny, Hungary, who attended the “Bundeslager Estonteco from 26<sup>th</sup> July till 5<sup>th</sup> August an International Camp with approximately 5,000 participants hosted by the German Association of Guides and Scouts. Please see the report accompanying this Newsletter.

## Report from France,

Martine Levy writes:

### **KIMOU N’GUESSAN FAUSTIN CENTER COTE D’IVOIRE**

Eclaireuses/Eclaireurs of France (EEDF) and of Cote d’Ivoire (ELAICI/EDCI) jointly built the Kimou N’Guessan Center (CKNF) in Agboville, Côte d’Ivoire; started in 1991, the construction will continue in 2018.

The CKNF mainly has a kindergarten, a training center for street girls, accommodation for students in the city. And other elements (several other classrooms, housing of the director, kitchen, large multifunctional room etc ..)

The International Ambassadors Guild awarded a scholarship to the CKNF twice (2014 and 2016). For the Kindergarten.

Since 2014, the kindergarten receives in 2017 more than 60 children from 3 to 6 years; their mistresses are detached from the Ministry of the Family; they have a yard with play items for recreation.

The school receives thirty students (literacy, sewing, floral art, pastry economics, hygiene, etc.....)

And also, the CKNF can accommodate about 30 students.

The works of 2018 will increase the number of beds.

At term; the CKNF will be able to accommodate a hundred students.

This will enable young girls to study, to be able to attend normal schooling, without risk of rape, early pregnancy, or other obstacles preventing them from going to school.

#### Pictures of Nursery and School Students



### Opportunities in 2018

Next year is the year of Gatherings and these give an opportunity for all ISGF Members to experience the hospitality and varied experiences provided in different Regions and Sub Regions around the world.

Here are the dates of events: 21. April 2018 - 28. April 2018 4th Tunisia Gathering Tunis, Tunisia

27. May 2018 - 3. June 2018 50 years Forum Grossarl, Grossarl, Austria

24. August 2018 - 28. August 2018 29th Nordic Baltic Gathering, Gothenburg, Sweden

5. September 2018 - 9. September 2018 9th Central Europe Gathering, Poznan, Poland

8. October 2018 - 12. October 2018 27th Western Europe Gathering, Eastbourne, United Kingdom

19. October 2018 - 24. October 2018 16th MED/5th Southern Europe Gathering, Athens Greece

2. November 2018 - 4. November 2018 6th South America Gathering, Uruguay

To obtain application forms and further information please visit the ISGF Web site.

**Did you know ISGF has a new Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/isgf.1953>

## Projects for 2018

At the next General Assembly, it will be decided what grants will be given to Guide and Scout activities. Any person can place a request for a small grant towards a project. Any member of ISGF can apply for a grant. If you wish to make an application, please use the Guidelines below to develop a written the application for funding:

### Guide Lines for selecting a project:

A request for support of a project must be made in writing to the Board of the International Ambassadors' Guild. It will be examined at the annual Board meeting in March or April.( April in 2018)

To be a valid request it has to comply with "S.M.A.R.T." objectives:

**Specific** -> one target->development and support of Scouting / Guiding values.

**Measurable**->one marker <-figures

**Achievable**->steps<-controls

**Relevant**->resources<-budget, membership fees, sponsors etc.

**Time-bound**->start/completion dates<-pictures, reports etc.

## Bruges 2017

On the Saturday before the General Assembly members visited Bruges for the day enjoying the historical sites and a boat trip on the Canals



*Wishing everyone a Happy and Peaceful New Year*

