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President's Christmas Gala Dinner – Our own winter magic

We are delighted to announce that the Kyiv Lions Club President's Christmas Gala Dinner will take place on the 12th of December at Hyatt Regency Kyiv. This year the annual event will be slightly different – the Club will not change its President. Indeed, there will be an extra three months under BJ's clear direction, thereby bringing the regulation of KLC into line with the International Lions Club rules, where Presidential election takes place in July. By extending BJ's term until March 2010 the next President's term will last for 15 months and then run as normal in 12 months cycles.



The Gala Dinner will give members and friends a chance to come together and celebrate the Club's achievements in 2009 and raise new funding for the upcoming year. The evening is not only an opportunity to express gratitude for the work of the members, sponsors and supporters but also a great way of spending a cold December evening in elegant and warm surroundings. The guests will enjoy a delicious three course meal, live music, dancing, top quality auction items and much more.

In the past years the President's Christmas Gala Dinner has raised over \$30,000. In 2009, even though times are tough, KLC is hoping to achieve the same result. Today the underprivileged in Ukraine need help more than ever before, and Kyiv Lions Club wants to use every opportunity to help those less fortunate. Please come to the President's Gala Dinner and help KLC make a difference!

President's Christmas Gala Dinner

Date: Saturday 12th December 2009

Time: 06:30 p.m. for 07:00 p.m.

Dress: Glamour with a touch of white (Black Tie)

Location: Hyatt Regency Kyiv

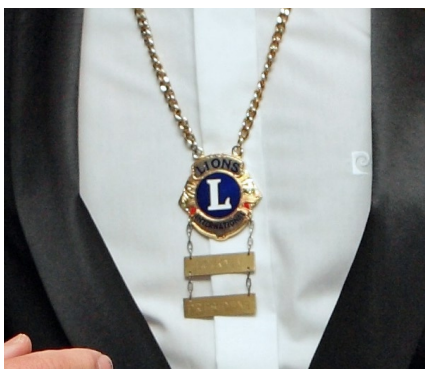
Ticket Price: \$140 if paid on or before November 27th, 2009, \$160 if paid after

Please contact BJ if you wish to sponsor or get tickets to this wonderful event:

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Election of 2010 KLC President

1. WHO – All members in good standing are eligible to be nominated
2. WHEN – Nominations will be accepted up to and including at the November 9th GMM
3. ELECTION – After November 9th GMM an e-mail will be sent to all members notifying them of the nominees
4. VOTE – Members will have one week after receipt of e-mail to vote
5. WINNER – Nominee with majority of votes wins, and will be announced at the President's Gala Dinner
6. PRESIDENT-ELECT will take over official duties in mid-March 2010



New rules of voting explained

In September the Kyiv Lions Club adopted new voting rules that are more in accordance with the procedure used by the International Lions Club.

Below is the summary of the new rules that are now used by KLC.

So next time you vote – make sure you know the rules!

Organisation	ILC	KLC
Quorum for a non-Board meeting (GMM)	50% of members in good standing are required to be in attendance in order to have a quorum	15 members in good standing (75% of 20 members required to charter a club) in order to have a quorum
Voting at a non-Board meeting	Simple majority is required to pass any decision	2/3 of voters (including e-mail votes)*

* The reason for raising the amount required to pass a vote is because unlike other Lions Clubs, the KLC oversees project funding in the hundreds of thousands of US dollars. Thus, the KLC felt more comfortable if the voting requirement was higher hence decision had more of a consensus.

New projects of the Lions Club

In September members of the Kyiv Lions Club voted for a new project – **6th Annual John Marsh Memorial Rugby Tournament.**



The KLC donation was used to support and promote junior rugby in Ukraine. The tournament brought together around 120 boys under the age of 15, many from disadvantaged backgrounds. The boys received training not only during the weekend of the tournament but also throughout the year as they progress in their sports skills.

The main aim of the project is to provide life lessons for the younger generation through sports competition. The boys learn leadership and teamwork skills, respect for the rules and discipline. The Rugby Tournament not only promotes a healthier lifestyle but also acts as goal for youngsters who strive to become as professional as their peers.

The KLC donation of 17,000 UAH contributed to changing the lives

of underprivileged children and encourages them to become better members of society.

In October KLC voted in favour of supplying 46 pairs of eyeglasses worth up to 18,400 UAH to **Kyiv School #11 For Partially Sighted Children** – a special school for the severely visually impaired. At present the school has some 120 pupils who are all children with severe visual impairments and eye diseases of various kinds.

At the moment new corrective spectacles are considered to be the most urgent need of all the necessities of the school. Many of the children who will benefit are from the most disadvantaged categories in the school including invalids, orphans, children from single parent families, poor families and children affected by the Chernobyl disaster.



The second project approved in October is to provide up to 110,000 UAH worth of windows for **Kyiv School #299**, a Jewish school in Kyiv serving a vital role in the community. The school is public although most costs are covered by the support of various financial sources. Currently there are some 300 students from pre-school to 12th grade, many of whom are orphans.



The windows currently installed are in a poor state not suitable for a proper academic experience. Replacement of the windows will have an immediate effect on some 200 students who will be able to study in a healthy environment well protected from the weather conditions.

We are pleased to announce the support of Seven Hills for this project as they have agreed to use their relationships with suppliers to reduce the cost of the windows and labour.