

## **Hello all members, sponsors, donors and other interested parties.**

Summer has arrived and many have started their long wished for summer vacation. The month of May and to some extent even June are months filled with activities of various kinds, so a little free time to spend with family, friends and own interests can't be enough appreciated.

### **Latest news from S:t Christine School in Kabondo**

In school the work has continued as usual. In the reports from deputy head teacher Evans and head master David we have seen that the pupils have achieved very good results even this year. The teachers are very alert to find those who need a little extra assistance to reach as good results as possible. The children work well both with school matters and the drama and sports activities, in which they participate. The successes continue. The students from S:t Christine, who participated in the national finals in drama, dance and song won and came home very proud with diploma and trophy. When judging their achievements we must remember that they competed with the best schools in Kenya, which lie in the bigger cities and have large resources. St Christine is a small village school from a district, where the majority language Kiswahili isn't spoken. Four groups have qualified and advanced to the district competitions. Further information can be found in the Association's home page [www.kisumu.se](http://www.kisumu.se) and on Facebook.

Unfortunately such activities can't today be funded from the school's regular budget. Any extra contribution to the school will give us increased possibilities to support also this type of activities, which, as we know well, influence and strengthen the children in the regular school work.

### **Buy an angel for the benefit of the pupils of S:t Christine school**

Now you can buy necklaces and pendants with a small angel, which is the symbol of the school. The pendants cost SEK 120 for a pair and necklaces SEK 120 apiece. If you buy a set with a pair of pendants and a necklace you pay SEK 220. They are not made from silver but free from nickel. Should you want a particular length of the chain, state it in your order mail. Pay your contribution to any of our accounts (see below) and send an e-mail to [gava@kisumu.se](mailto:gava@kisumu.se) Note "Angel" and write name and address plus what you want to buy. Delivery by regular mail.

### **Annual meeting April 6, 2016**

The attendance this year was bigger than last year, but we were still very much fewer than some years ago, when the interest and engagement was greater. Today all work and responsibility rests with the board, which isn't good. Through the first years we had, besides the board, different working groups, which were engaged in different fields and responsible for i.a. sponsoring, sales and various activities for members etc. Today all this lies with the board, which makes it difficult to keep up with both the board work and other activities, which are very important in order to make it possible for us to support the school. We need your help both with practical work and in finding new persons, who might be interested in working in the board and the Foundation in the future.

Many of the Foundation's members and the Swedish representatives in the school board have worked for the school and the Foundation for many years, spending much time and efforts in contributing to develop the school and make it into the good school it is today. Now it is time for some of them to step back and let new and younger ones step in. If you are interested for yourself or

have suggestions for persons you think would be interested, please contact Ulla Sturæus at [ulla.sturæus@comhem.se](mailto:ulla.sturæus@comhem.se) ,who is contact person for the nomination committee.

In connection with the agenda item "Proposed activity plan and budget" in the Annual meeting, there was a lengthy discussion of the board's proposal. The assembly asked the board to review the proposed budget as it doesn't cover all of the school's costs. The board is very much aware of this, but we still chose to suggest a budget, which we believe is realistic in terms of what we expect to collect. This doesn't mean that we will not be striving to get additional income. Due to the above the board will reconsider the question and possibly revise the budget.

The executive committee of the board, the Foundation and representatives for the school board have met several times during the spring to discuss appropriate actions and priorities in the school's work. The Foundation and the school board have, based on the costs from last year, made a proposal of reductions, which will be discussed with head master David. Those reductions must become active from January 1, 2017.

The Association and Foundation are now trying to find a suitable person in Kenya, who can take care of some of the practical administrative work regarding economy (a controller of the money we send) and a person to be responsible for and manage the work on site regarding maintenance of the school facilities.

## **Upcoming activities**

### **Concerts**

The preparations for the planned concert are under way. We have now found a suitable hall in Norrköping and hope to announce the time and place in our next newsletter. We have also contacted Årsta church and got a positive response that we are welcome during a week in the spring of 2017.

### **Artists**

We will gratefully receive suggestions of artists. If you know of a musician, dancer, singer or choir (children's choir or youth choir), who you think would be willing to participate in Norrköping and/or Stockholm, please send an e-mail to Julia Olson at [julia@kisumu.se](mailto:julia@kisumu.se)

### **Markets, events etc.**

During the spring some members of the board have moved or, like myself, taken care of my mother's estate. Flea market and re-use are therefore words, which have been used frequently. Today I have numerous boxes, the content of which will be sold for the school's benefit this summer at a garage sale in Leksand, Dalecarlia. The summer is a perfect time, when tourists go around to the different village flea markets. I will therefore encourage you to arrange private activities like gatherings or flea markets or to sell what you no longer need on the internet and let the income go to the school. The Association also have a number of collection boxes.

If you know any business, shop or restaurant, where we can place such a box, please contact Bitte Brask [ordf@kisumu.se](mailto:ordf@kisumu.se) or 0707-57 68. All contributions, big or small, help in keeping up the good work at the S.t Christine school.

### **Finally a small correction**

In the previous newsletter I wrote that all the students in 8th grade reached very good results in the graduation tests, which was correct. But I wrote that the highest score of one student was 450 points, which unfortunately was wrong. The correct result was 407 points, which still is a very good result, considering that the qualification limit for Secondary School is 200 points. I apologize for the mistake and thank Ulla Sturæus for pointing it out to me.

### **The Association's and Foundation's home pages.**

For practical reasons the Foundation's home page is now closed and information regarding the school can be found on the school's Facebook-account and the Association's home page [www.kisumu.se](http://www.kisumu.se). The Association is also on Facebook.