

Chair Jim Yochum Secures 10,000 for District in Buffalo



Hard-working New York District Convention Chair PG Jim Yochum, right, with the help of Mary Yochum, left, again, came to the aid of the New York District. PG Jim negotiated with the Convention Hotel, the Buffalo Hyatt Regency, and secured a check, pictured above, for \$10,000 for New York District Kiwanis. Governor Joe Corace, center, thanked everyone.

Bronx Westchester South Raises Over \$8000 in Alzheimer's Awareness Walk



The **BRONX WESTCHESTER SOUTH DIVISION** placed second in the Alzheimer's Memory Walk, raising over \$8,000 and awareness in a three-mile walk. Co-chaired by BWS Past Lt. Governors Sister Anne Marie Kirmse and Rocco Riti, the annual event brought together all members of the Kiwanis Family, with over 30 Kiwanians from six clubs joined by members of the Circle K Club of Fordham University and Saunders High School Key Club. Also participating was KI Trustee Thomas DeJulio, and Chia Sing Hwang ("Sing"), a Kiwanis International Trustee from the Malaysia District.



Chia Sing Hwang ("Sing"), a Kiwanis International Trustee from the Malaysia District addresses Alzheimer's Memory Walkers.



Governor

Don Herring

Our journey as "Dream Catchers" has begun. By the time that you read this we will be leading the New York District. This is my first chance to address all you great Kiwanians around the State. Allow me to start this discussion by saying thank you to 2006-07 Governor Joe Corace and First Lady Nydia. Their energetic leadership, along with the actions taken by the Board of Lieutenant Governors "Joes Heroes," set the stage for allowing an easy transition into the 2007-08 year. Thank you Joe and Nydia.

Now we must do our part in developing a new future for all New York Kiwanians. Our dreams will not just happen because we believe them to be "right" we must make them happen. How do we do that?. We start by letting all Kiwanians know what the "dream" is, or what is expected of them during this crucial year in Kiwanis's existence. I have attempted to design a program that is simple to follow and I believe will be easy for all clubs to be successful.

Dream # 1 Membership Growth

As most of you are aware the New York District has been losing members at the rate of 400-500 members per year. At our high point ten years ago we had over 14,000 members. We start this year with 8445 members. The arithmetic is simple, unless we do something to correct this trend we will no longer be a viable organization ten years from now. There are many consequences that we suffer with declining membership; some clubs go out of existence and the services that they provided to the children of their communities are no longer available, Key Clubs are left with no sponsoring Kiwanis Club, monies that were provided for local charity work is no longer available, and many others consequences could be mentioned. This of course is not an acceptable

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