

Mid-year Conference in Albany Feb. 24-26

There will be a lot of activity at this year's Mid-Year Conference, including informational sessions, training for incoming Kiwanis officers, and the latest on what's happening.

Past Governor Mike Malark and his board will be honored. And while club representatives are there, they also will contribute to the district's disaster relief program and conduct a shower for Kamp Kiwanis, providing items that will help with next summer's camping season.

The annual basket raffle proceeds will be shared by Kamp Kiwanis for Military Children and the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Centers.

Completed registration forms must be sent to the hotel by fax or mail by Feb. 17; no phone registrations will be accepted.

More information, forum schedules, registrations forms, and updated Kamp Wish List are available on the district web site, www.kiwanis-ny.org.

Mid-Year Conference

Ernie Smith



As we come to our mid part of our Kiwanis year, we need to get a boost, and there no better way than coming to the District Mid-Year Conference.

It's a good time to meet old friends and make new ones, learn new skills at forums, talk with other club officers and get some new ideas to take back to your club.

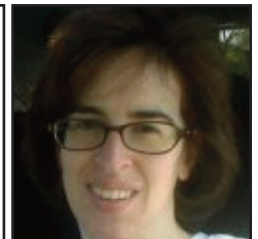
If you haven't signed up yet, here are

some of the reasons you should:

- The Conference is centrally located.
 - A large selection of outstanding forums.
 - Good room rates (one to four for the same price per night).
 - The Hotel has offered to pick you up at the Airport or Train Station (must prearrange for Train pickup)
 - A chance to meet and greet your International President Elect Tom DeJulio, our Governor Bill, Circle K Club Governor Josephine, and Key Club Governor Domenick.
 - An opportunity to congratulate Mike's Mavericks for the job they did during the 2010-2011 year.
 - Two great cocktail parties.
- And just to have a good time, and come back to your club with new ideas.

Membership

Kim Scharoff



The more flexible we are, the more attractive our clubs will be to new members. Kiwanis International is offering many options that allow us to be flexible in membership. This article will serve as a review of some of these options.

Satellite Clubs - This option allows a club to identify a group of perspective Kiwanians based on geography, age, employment, schedule or special interest to create an offshoot of the Kiwanis Club. No chartering is required. Satellite Clubs allow us to expand into areas where we might not be able to get the numbers to charter a club. Satellite Club members pay dues to the host club. They can attend meetings and projects of the host club in addition to those of the Satellite.

Corporate Membership - A corporate membership allows a club to designate a specific spot in the club's membership for an employee of a specific company or organization. As an employee changes jobs, the membership can be transferred to another individual in the company or organization, without that individual being charged the new member add fee. Corporate membership might appeal to companies where there tends to be transfers every few years - banks, financial institutions, restaurant chains, school districts, etc. The corporation can send a different individual each week to attend the club meeting but only the designated individual can vote or hold club office.

These two options offer us the ability to reach out to individuals we may not have thought of for Kiwanis membership. More information is available on the [kiwanisone website](http://kiwanisone.com) or please do not hesitate to contact me - kscharoff@gmail.com.

2012 Mid-Year Conference Tentative Schedule

Friday, Feb. 24, 2012

Registration.....	9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Board Luncheon.....	Noon-1:15 p.m.
Basket Raffle and Display Tables.....	Noon-4 p.m.
New Club Building.....	1-4:30 p.m.
Presidents and Secretaries Leadership Session.....	1-4:30 p.m.
Board Meeting.....	1:30-4:30 pm.
So You Want to be a Lt. Gov.....	1:30-2:30 p.m.
Past Lt. Governors meeting.....	2:45-4 p.m.
Welcome to New Orleans Reception.....	4:30-5:30 p.m.
Sponsored Youth Dinner.....	5:45-7:15 p.m.
Opening Session.....	7:30-9 p.m.
Grooving with the Governor and Exploring Bourbon St.....	9:30-10:30 p.m.
Hospitality Rooms.....	10:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012

Past Governors Breakfast.....	7-9 a.m.
Breakfast.....	7-8:45 a.m.
Lt. Gov. Elects Breakfast with Gov.-Elect Al Norato.....	7:30-8:30 a.m.
Registration (closed during lunch).....	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Basket Raffle and Display Tables.....	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Forums.....	9-11:50 a.m.
First Timers/Member Recognition Luncheon.....	Noon-1:30 p.m.
Forums.....	1:30-3:20 p.m.
On To New Orleans Gala Presentation.....	4-4:30 p.m.
Catholic Services.....	5-6 p.m.
Jewish Services.....	5-6 p.m.
Protestant Services.....	5-6 p.m.
Reception.....	6:15-7:15 p.m.
Gala Governor's Dinner and Awards.....	7:30-10:15 p.m.
Hospitality Rooms.....	10:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012

Breakfast (on your own).....	8-9:30 a.m.
Foundation Board Meeting.....	9-11 a.m.