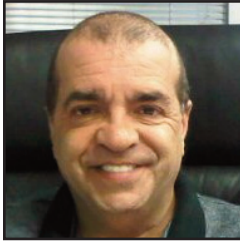


New Club Building

Joseph Aiello



New Club Building

PG Joseph Eppolito



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Rev. Rosita George-Williams



So many times we hear the discussion: why should we build new clubs when we have so many weak clubs?

It is a good question but the better question is: if we believe that Kiwanis is the BEST service organization, then EVERY community deserves a Kiwanis Club AND all of its Service Leadership Programs.

With rare exceptions, the NY District has NOT grown without New Club Building. We have changed the trend in New Club building as we have built 8 new clubs over the last two administrative years as opposed to 8 over the previous 5 administrative years. We MUST keep that momentum building.

The New Club Building process CAN be used to revitalize weak clubs. If we would ONLY use the tried and true process that KI has established, we can do BOTH. The case in point is that Geor-

giana Sena, from the Wantagh Kiwanis Club, successfully built the FIRST new club in the 2011-12 administrative year in Farmingdale, where a former club had turned-in its charter in the Spring of 2010. She followed the NCB process that KI outlined, was teachable and very enthusiastic. The club was chartered with 35 members in December, with 2 more new members coming on board and 9 more in the process of joining. She will be the Charter President and wants to reach 50 by Charter Night. She was a delight to work with and she attended two successive NCB forums at the 2010 and 2011 District Conventions.

Under Governor Bill Risbrook, we have developed 9 NCB Zones with 3 Co-Chairs. PLG Rev Rosita George-Williams is Co-Chair in Long Island, PLG Joe Aiello is Co-Chair of Metro NY and PDG Joe Eppolito is the Co-Chair for Upstate

NY. Each zone has a Zone Chair. Refer to your Lt. Governor for your Zone Chair and/or find them with contact information on the District web site. All of us have experience in building new clubs and revitalizing weaker clubs. Our Zone chairs are willing to work hard as well.

As we head into the last two-thirds of the administrative year, let's ALL work together to grow the NY District.

Be part of the solution and think out of the box, not part of the problem and be in the way of growth. More members, more service. More clubs, more community involvement.

Let's all get strive to be a team and one of Bill's Boosters and "take off" in New Club Building. Contact any one of us, we will help you "blast-off." Stop by and attend the NCB session at the upcoming Mid-Year Conference in February in Albany.

Builders Clubs

Joanne Underwood



My family gets a great deal of pleasure "camping" on my lack of knowledge of the computer and the internet. Don't get me wrong, I think computers are a true blessing - I haven't used a typewriter since I learned that I don't have to erase (thus getting a hole in my paper and having to start over again) when I use the computer. And, equally as exciting for me is that genius "spell checker" that computers have. After all, it was usually a spelling mistake that I was trying to erase when I put the hole in my typing paper! (But I digress.) I just find the Internet to be frustrating! Just today I tried to go to Kiwanisone.org to get some new information and every time I clicked on a new page, it told me "error" and when I tried again I got a "cute" page that told me "we don't have all our ducks in a row, as there's nothing here". In desperation, I went to my husband (Justin) who is a whiz with computers, for help. He said, "Let's see what the problem is" and went to the same webpage I had been on, and everything worked perfectly! It's frustrating! I'm sure the computer hates me and loves Justin. There is no other acceptable ex-

planation!

Now why did I take up so much space telling you all of that? Because I know some of you "Gentle Kiwanian readers" feel the same way! If that's the case you can still get all the information you need to start a Builders Club or to help make your Builders Club everything it wants to be - by just contacting me! It's easy, and all the information you need to reach me is in the district directory or you can save this article and have the same information here. My phone number is (585) 342-7657 and we have an answering machine if we're not home. My e-mail address is hjoanne202@aol.com. I tend to delete any e-mail from an address I don't recognize, so in the "subject box" please put Builders Club. You could even mail a note to me at 91 Jewel Street, Rochester NY, 14621.

As the NY District Builders Club Administrator, I often get calls or e-mails from people who don't know how to start a Builders Club or need help with some particular question or problem that their Builders Club has. That's a major reason I am here, and I encourage all of you to call or e-mail me when you have any question at all about a Builders Club. You can also give my contact information to your Kiwanis and Faculty Builders Club advisors. There is a great deal of things that Kiwanis has to offer our Builders Clubs that I don't think many people know about. For example, do you know that each year there are several Kiwanis sponsored contests that Builders Clubs and

their individual members can take part in? There's a Scrap Book competition, an Essay contest, a Speech contest, and a Leadership Award (where each district has a winner who gets a \$200 savings bond). I'd like to have entries from each of our Builders clubs, but the most I've ever gotten for any of these awards are seven (7)! Right now we're working on getting all of the SLP's involved in the EliMiNaTe project. There's so much going on, if you need help in ANY way, please contact me.

My goal is to have one new Builders Club in each of our 27 Divisions this year. Congratulations to the Baldwin Middle School Builders Club chartered October 3, and their sponsor the Baldwin Kiwanis Club (Long Island Southwest division); to the Albany Academy for Girls Builders Club chartered Nov. 11, and their sponsor the Delmar Kiwanis Club (Capital division); and to the East Rockaway Junior-Senior High School chartered Dec. 6, and its sponsor the East Rockaway Kiwanis Club (Long Island Southwest division). These new Builders Club members are on their way to developing leadership skills and real self-esteem; and their communities are already a better place, because they exist. Isn't it time your community has a Builders Club? Contact me! I can help you get one started and you will be so glad you did!