

District Secretary

David Booker



I hope that the holidays brought hope for better times to all.

Administratively there are a number of things going on that need our attention.

Hopefully, if your club has not already done so, it will be making plans to send some members to the Mid-Year Conference (February 22-24 at the Holiday Inn on Wolf Road, Albany).

The registration forms are posted on the district web site, www.kiwanis-ny.org; the schedules for the conference and forums should be published on the web site by the time that you read this. Please go to www.kiwanis-ny.org to get

the latest information on this important weekend.

As has been announced a number of times, the Kiwanis International Board has approved a new "Standard Form of Club Bylaws" and clubs will be required to adopt these new bylaws.

The new club bylaws present clubs with fewer rules and more options than in the past, plus new club policies that can be adapted to each club.

Club bylaws will now be entered directly on the Kiwanis International web site. This will provide time-savings, easier editing, more secure archiving and self-serve access which gives the club the ability to download a copy anytime (once the new version is submitted online).

Although it was intended to be operational by December, the online submission process is yet to be completed.

In the meantime, go to www.KiwanisOne.org/NewClubBylaws to preview the new copy and consult the updated FAQs. Hopefully, we will be

able to offer a forum on this issue at the Mid-Year Conference.

At the time of this publication, the District Office has received two notices of candidacy for the office of Governor Elect for the Kiwanis Administrative Year 2013-14. The announced candidates are: Lt. Governor Eric G. Paul, Kiwanis Club of West Seneca, Niagara Frontier South Division and Immediate Past Lt. Governor Candace Corsaro, Kiwanis Clubs of Niagara Falls and Amherst, Niagara Frontier North Division.

Shortly information supplied by the campaigns will be published on the district web site and both of these candidates will be campaigning at the Mid-Year Conference. Take the time to get to know both as in August we will be picking the next leadership for our District.

Speaking of campaigning the New York District Policies concerning campaigning are available on the district web site.

Plan Now for Vancouver Convention

The 2012-13 Kiwanis International Convention will take place June 27-30 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

The 98th Kiwanis International Convention will be presided over by our own Past Governor, International President Thomas DeJulio.

Registration is now open through the Kiwanis One web site (www.kiwanisone.org), and tickets also can be purchased for the ticketed events.

The registration fee is \$185 until April 2, when it will rise to \$235. After May 15, only on-site registration will be available at a cost of \$250.

Ticketed events during the convention include a performance by The Mid-

town Men on Friday evening.

The speaker for the opening session will be John O'Leary, who as a 9-year-old received burns to 100 percent of his body and was given less than 1 percent chance of survival. He endured months in the hospital and dozens of surgeries. He overcame those challenges to graduate from college and become a business owner, hospital chaplain, the ambassador for Big Brothers, Big Sisters, and international speaker, husband and

father.

At the closing session, Sarah McLachlan will be honored with the 2013 World Service Medal. The singer and songwriter will be honored for her dedication to music education. The Sarah McLachlan School of Music in Vancouver provides music education to under-served and at-risk youth at no cost. The school is dedicated to helping young people build community and find their voice.



The Vancouver Convention center and its green roof.

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2012-13 Events

Feb. 22-24, 2013:

Mid-Year Conference, Holiday Inn, Wolf Road, Albany

June 26-30, 2013:

International Convention, Vancouver, British Columbia

Aug. 15-18, 2013:

District Convention, RIT Conference Center, Henrietta