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New York District Kiwanis Foundation

## Mid-Year Conference to be Educational, Fun

The 2014 Mid-Year Conference will offer a wide variety of learning opportunities for attendees, and also will give the district an opportunity to thank Immediate Past Gov. Al Norato Jr. and his board of lieutenant governors for their service during the 2012-13 Administrative Year.

Registration is now open for the conference, to take place Feb. 21-23 at the Holiday Inn on Wolf Road in Albany.

If you are a new member (since Oct. 1) you will be able to get a discounted registration to the event.

There will be two major themes for the event.

There will be many opportunities, including a three-hour program on Sunday morning, for participants to learn more about the Eliminate Project and the district's progress on meeting its goals.

The other is the Kiwanis' effort to protect children from abuse and how that will impact Kiwanians working with the Service Leadership Programs.

Event and forum schedules for the conference are available on Pages 6-7. Check the district web site for the latest schedule updates.

Supplies will be collected for the district's Disaster Relief program. Clubs and divisions are invited to bring a basket for the Basket Raffle, and then buy tickets for your chance to win. This year

there will be an award presented by Gov. Joe Aiello for the best basket.

Proceeds from the basket raffle will be used to support the Governor's Project, "Open Your Heart to Autism".

Judging for the Bulletin and Scrapbook contests will take place during the weekend. Clubs which want to compete in the Bulletin Contest must send bulletins to Past Gov. Bill Risbrook, 115-17 172nd St., Jamaica, NY 11434 or by e-mail to [wmajestic25@aol.com](mailto:wmajestic25@aol.com). Scrapbooks should be brought to the event and dropped off by Saturday morning at

10 a.m. at the district office.

There will be an opportunity to get involved with the First Lady's Project, "Boxes for the Troops" on Saturday morning. Supplies to support the project are needed, including toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, combs, shampoo, soap, face clothes, baby powder, soap and small packs of tissues.

Registration information and forms have been sent to all clubs. Online registration, which will be available until Feb. 17, is encouraged. See the district web site for more information.

## All Island Kiwanis Club Formed

Congratulations to Metropolitan Division Lt. Gov. Chris Rubano as Past Distinguished Lt. Gov. Sean O'Sullivan organized a new club called the All Island Kiwanis Club. The club conducted its organizational meeting on Dec. 5.

The Charter President is Helen Pollari Lanino. Helen was a Key Clubber, a charter member of the New Paltz Circle K club in 1999-2000 and the Circle K Governor in 2005-06. The charter secretary is Steve Argentine.

The club was chartered with the required 15 members and will try to grow to 25 by Charter Night, which is planned for March.

The new Kiwanians have already been busy. They donated 25 turkeys to a local church for Thanksgiving, are running a toy drive for Christmas, volunteered for Sandy Relief work day and voted to charter at least one K-Kids Club.

The club will meet bi-weekly at 8:30 a.m. on Thursdays at the Hampton Inn, 1st Floor, 1112 South Ave., Staten Island.

Past Gov. Joseph Eppolito, New Club Building Chair for the current year, has issued congratulations to all those involved and a welcome to the New York Kiwanis family.

## Club Sponsors Shopping Trip

The Huntington Kiwanis Club once again conducted its annual Christmas Shopping Tour on Dec. 10.

The club took 50 of Huntington's neediest children shopping. The children, ages 5 to 8, are teamed up with Key Club members from the club's four Key Clubs - Huntington High School, Harborfields High School and Half Hollow Hills High Schools East and West.

The project, which the club has sponsored for 43 years, is organized by Kiwanian Jerry Asher. Funding comes from local churches, businesses and individuals. The whole project costs over \$8,500.

The children were brought to Sears by school bus, where the Key Club and Kiwanis volunteers met them. The project has become a Key Club favorite; this year there were more than 150 Key Club volunteers.

After two hours of shopping, everyone goes to another location where the Key Club kids wrap the children's gifts while the youngsters have lunch with Santa.

The wrapped gifts are packed and made ready for the parents when they pick up their children after the shopping tour.



Gov. Joe Aiello is Santa's helper at the Huntington Club's annual shopping program