

# Empire State Kiwaniian

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## Join the Kamp's 50th Anniversary Celebration

The New York District Kiwanis Foundation and Kamp Kiwanis will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary with a Gala on Sunday, March 4, 2018. At this time, we will be recognizing the hard work and dedication done by so many to make and keep the Kamp successful.

The event will be at the Crest Hollow Country Club, 8325 Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury.

Kamp Kiwanis is owned and operated by the New York District Kiwanis Foundation.

We value the relationship that we have with you and hope that we can count on your continued support. We hope you can join us to celebrate or to be a sponsor. We are currently looking for Gala sponsors and for Gala Journal Advertisement sponsors.



If you are interested in a Journal advertisement, please take the time to complete the ad form and return it no later than Feb. 9, 2018. If you are interested in

tickets to the Gala or any of the sponsorship opportunities please email us at [50gala@kampkiwanis.org](mailto:50gala@kampkiwanis.org).

Our success is directly related to your generosity. We realize that the economy is tough and we can all use more, but the reality is that the Kamp cannot function, maintain or upgrade its facilities without your support. Please remember life can be defined by what we give, not what we have. Your contribution can be the difference, please help.

We are looking forward to at least another 50 years of camping with great results. We would love to have you behind our efforts. Together, we can continue to serve children and adults with disabilities. Let's continue to show the world we can make a difference.

## Mid-Year Conference Starts Feb. 16

The 2018 Mid-Year Conference will be Feb. 16-18 at the Desmond Hotel in Albany.

The annual event is an opportunity for New York Kiwanians to be updated on Kiwanis activities, to receive training, and to celebrate successes.

Saturday afternoon there will be a Recognition Awards event, and during Saturday evening's dinner, Past Gov. Stephen Sirgiovanni and the 2016-17 District Board will be honored.

On Friday evening there will be a 60s Beer Blast, with prizes for those dressed for the time period and music from that era.

The current District Board will meet on Thursday afternoon, and the District Foundation Board will meet on Sunday morning.

Tentative schedules for the conference can be found on page 5. The latest information on the event as well as hotel and conference registration information is available on the district web site. Prices increase on Feb. 5.



## Club Sponsors Event at Nursery

During the preparation for the holiday season, the Middletown Kiwanis Club held a Christmas party for the children at the Middletown Day Nursery. This is the 89th year the club has staged the event.

ESK Editor/  
Webmaster

Martin  
Toombs



For the first time, this issue of the ESK will only be available online.

The Empire State Kiwanian has gone through changes since it was first published in 1924. For many years it was a small booklet, and then became a tabloid newspaper. It was changed to its current magazine format in 2009-10.

Even as the format has changed, the purpose has not. It has always served to keep New York Kiwanians up to date on happenings at the district level as well as in the divisions and clubs around the district.

Over the years the cost of printing and

mailing the publication have grown. Many organizations, faced with cost issues and changing technology, have stopped printing and mailing their publications and instead make them available online. Of the 30 Kiwanis districts in North America, New York is one of only three that printed and mailed a newsletter during the past Kiwanis year.

The district board has been wrestling with the question of continuing to print and mail or not. The district budget has had to deal with the loss of membership and therefore dues revenue as the cost per copy for the ESK continued to increase.

At its November meeting, the district board decided to have this ESK issue be online-only. The decision only affected this issue, as the question will be addressed again when the board meets at the Mid-Year Conference. If you would like to weigh in, let your lieutenant governor know how you feel.

Every issue of the ESK since October of 2003 has been placed on the web site and

remains there. While formerly viewing required downloading a pdf, a second option has now been added which allows you to view it online. You will see links for both methods when you visit the district web site.

A feature of the ESK has always been columns by district officers and committee chairs. Columns which have been in the ESK since 2009-10 also are available on the web site.

Club news has been featured on the district web site since the 2009-10 Kiwanis Year. As of the end of December, 2,089 articles had been published online, far more than could have been accommodated in a printed publication. Many of those items include multiple pictures.

There is only one requirement to have your club's activities included: e-mail information on the event to [webmaster@kiwanis-ny.org](mailto:webmaster@kiwanis-ny.org).

For more information on making submissions, see [www.kiwanis-ny.org/esk.htm](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org/esk.htm).

## Chester Places Wreaths on Veterans' Graves

Approximately 3,000 wreaths were laid by 200 volunteers during the inaugural ceremony at the 19-acre Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Goshen which has about 3,400 men and women buried there, including 2,700 veterans.

Wreaths Across America is a national event paying tribute to the military's fallen heroes during the holidays. More than 1,400 cemeteries across the nation participated in the event.

Chester Kiwanians joined in the heartwarming task of placing wreaths this year. Among the veterans honored were the fathers of our very own Colleen Collins (former member Jack Collins) and Frank Sambets.



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### 2017-18 Events

**Feb. 16-18, 2018:**

Mid-Year Conference, Desmond Hotel, Albany

**March 4, 2018:**

Kamp Kiwanis 50th Anniversary Gala, Woodbury

**March 16-18, 2018:**

Circle K District Convention, Desmond Hotel, Albany

**March 23-26, 2018:**

District Key Club Leadership Training Conference, Desmond Hotel, Albany

**June 28-July 1, 2018:**

Kiwanis International Convention, Las Vegas

**Aug. 14-19, 2018:**

District Convention, Marriott Syracuse Downtown, Syracuse

Governor

Candace  
Corsaro



The holidays are behind us now. The New Year looms on the horizon as a time of hope and promise within our own lives, our families, our communities, our workplace and the broader world around us. As part of this potential, 2018 also represents a time of renewed commitment to our goals for improved health and wellness.

Tri-K weekend was one of the best! We held a joint board meeting with Key Club, Circle K and our District Board. It was the second time in 20 years! The bonding was great between us all. Boy, we all had a blast!

As I visit each of the divisions, it amazes me how much you all accomplish.

I have brought or sent an Anniversary Proclamation to clubs that are 45 years and older. Please let your Lt. Governor know your clubs' anniversary and we will present one to your club. What a joy it is to be part of an organization with so many clubs and members that have been so giving for so long. Congratulations to all.

Since October 1st our district has added 141 new members. We are doing fantastic and hoping that our first three new clubs will be ready to charter by the end of January. Remember please DO NOT wait until next September to drop members

that are no longer with us. Drop them now so we can bring in new members and continue to strengthen our clubs. We have 68 clubs under charter strength. Our district has had a negative count for the past four years.

All award forms for 2017-18 are on the district website; Distinguished Status (International and District), Inter-clubs, Everyday Hero, and Governor's Projects. At our 2019 Mid-winter conference certificates, patches, and recognition will be awarded.

Your district board approved a new logo better to suit our branding with Kiwanis International. We have ordered state logo pins and are available to purchase for just \$5 each, which will be available at Mid-Winter.

Do we really need both a printed and an emailed ESK? It's a debate that deserves to be solved. The debate has been going on for years throughout the district.

Before we can come to a reasonable conclusion, we must first understand the pros and cons of each, so we can make a reasonable comparison. Each type of ESK needs a writer, a designer, and a mailing list. They differ in that print newsletters must be physically printed and mailed; while an email newsletter must be distributed through a mail server. Postage is sky high and heading higher. Printing and postage costs are expensive.

Email and direct mail both have their advantages. Lately, direct mail has been in a decline partly because of the economy and partly because email marketing has made inroads. The cost to develop and distribute a print newsletter exceeds that

of an e-mail newsletter.

Our district board has approved to send out this edition of the ESK via email due to the rising costs of printing, postage and wanting to move to an all-electronic format. Current and past copies of the ESK are available on the district website. The mail vs email issue is not yet settled. Our district board is continuing to consider the options for getting the ESK to you.

Mid-Winter is fast approaching. We have planned a 1960's Rock-N-Roll Beer-Blast for Friday evening! It's only a \$5 entry fee if you dress like the 60's or \$10 if you don't! Let's have some FUN!

We are also having a special workshop on the Opioid Epidemic Crises. A representative from state Assembly working with New York Governor Cuomo's Drug Task Force will give a presentation. Our Young Children Priority One and No Veteran Left Behind will be conducting hands-on workshops please see their article on items needed along with our disaster relief re-build.

Have you read your Kiwanis magazine? What wonderful articles on members and new clubs these magazines are a wonderful tool for our use. Every day we wake up is an opportunity to make the New York District a better place in which to live and love. It's time to make Kiwanis something we are, the way we look at life, the way we do business and the way we live our lives and serve our children and our communities. Our New York District right now needs respect, love, and caring. As Kiwanians One of our objects teaches just that. To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

## Sand Lake Hosts Veterans for Dinner

On Nov. 11, the Kiwanis Club of Sand Lake, the American Legion Post and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Averill Park, the West Sand Lake Fire Department, the APHS Key Club, and the Mess Hall and the Cross Roads Restaurants united to honor our Sand Lake Veterans by providing a free spaghetti dinner.

A total of 30 Veterans were served, 27 of them along with their families.

The West Sand Lake Fire Department Auxiliary Hall was decked out in patriotic colors. Meals were served by the APHS Key Club and K-kids from the West Sand Lake Elementary School. The Cross Roads Restaurant provided the delicious sauce cooked to perfection by Kiwanis Club members. The Mess Hall Restaurant provided all the veterans with a free lunch coupon.

A special tribute was made to the Fallen Comrade's Table. The Table honors the brothers and sisters who never did return from their call to arms.

The K-Kids put together a depiction of a toy soldier's battle field to which the Navy Veterans asked "where are the ships"? The kids very politely answered: "the ships are out to sea supporting our troops".

The diversity of the group-both honorees and servers- was profound but our community came together to pay tribute our defenders of freedom on Veteran's Day.

It was a great honor to jointly provide this meal to our veterans and thank them for their service.



# Kiwanis Family Meets At Tri-K Conference

Each November the district boards for Kiwanis, Circle K and Key Club participate in a joint weekend of activities as well as individual board meetings.

The 2017-18 event took place at the Desmond Hotel in Albany.

On Friday evening the participants joined in several activities including a service project. Saturday's events featured individual board meetings.



Clockwise, starting above: a celebration when the tallest tower of paper cups successfully holds Kim Scharoff's cell phone; a dog toy created from t-shirts; Gov. Candace Corsaro during the Kiwanis board meeting; Circle K Gov. Jack Curzon, left, during the Circle K meeting, and, at bottom, Gov. Gavin Li during the Key Club meeting, and Gov.-Elect Hank Baker speaking to the Kiwanis board.



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# Tentative Mid-Year Schedules

## 2018 Mid-Year Conference Schedule

Friday, Feb. 16, 2018

Registration.....	2-6:45 p.m.
Board Luncheon ( <i>by invitation only</i> ).....	Noon-12:45 p.m.
Basket Raffle and Display Tables .....	2-6:45 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting.....	1-1:45 pm.
Board Meeting .....	2-4:30 pm.
Forums.....	4:30-5:30 p.m.
Welcome Reception.....	5:30-6:30 p.m.
Welcome Dinner .....	6:45-8 p.m.
Opening Session .....	8:15-9:45 p.m.
Rock-n-Roll Beer Blast.....	10 p.m.
Hospitality Rooms .....	10 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018

Past Governors Breakfast.....	7-8:30 a.m.
Breakfast.....	7:30-9 a.m.
Lt. Gov. Elects Breakfast with Gov.-Elect Hank Baker.....	7:45-8:45 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.
Luncheon .....	Noon-1:45 p.m.
Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation Board .....	1:45 - 2:45 p.m.
2016-17 Recognition Awards.....	2:45 - 4:30 p.m.
Gala Reception .....	5:30-6:30 p.m.
VIP Toast.....	6:15-6:30 p.m.
Gala Governor's Dinner and Dance .....	6:30-11 p.m.
Hospitality Rooms .....	10 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018

Breakfast.....	7:30-9 a.m.
Foundation Board Meeting.....	9-11 a.m.

## Forum Schedule

Friday, February 16, 2018

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

- Risk Management/Youth Protection

- The Formula
- Young Children, Priority One
- Protocol

Saturday, February 17, 2018

9:00 - 9:50 a.m.

- K Kids and Builders Club
- Kiwanis Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation
- Club Secretary Training
- Branding/Partnerships

10:00 - 11 a.m.

- Opioid Crisis
- Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Centers
- Circle K-Key Club
- The Formula
- TBD

11:05 - 11:50 a.m.

- District Foundation
- Governor's Project
- Key Leader
- Aktion Club
- On to Las Vegas

## Patchogue Toy Trot Attracts 1,000 Runners

The event was managed by the club's members along with 150 volunteers who were Patchogue Medford High School Teachers, Key Clubbers and Venture Crew.

The record number of runners contributed more than 1,500 toys which were distributed for needy children in the Patchogue area.

Costumes added to the seasonal flavor of the event chaired by member Nicholas Harding. The race which was held at Patchogue's Shorefront Park was timed and administered by Elitefeats.com. A temperature controlled 1,200 person tent protected the runners and volunteers. All were treated to food and music during and after the race.

A special prize was awarded to the best costumed running group.

The fastest runner, Nick Fli-pazzo, who won the race with a time of 14:42.



Pediatric  
Lyme Disease

DPG John  
Gridley



Western medicine excels at diagnosis. We have MRI's, CT scans, x-rays, biopsies, echocardiograms, urine tests, hair test, and of course, hundreds of ways to test the blood. All of us have been, or know someone who has been, greatly helped by having a mysterious health ailment properly identified and labeled.

Unfortunately, however, our complete reliance on and blind faith in Western medical diagnosis can result in suffering equal and opposite to the healing we receive from it. Western medicine's proficiency in diagnosis is a double-edged sword: on one hand, it saves thousands of lives and contributes to an ever increasing life expectancy, but on the other hand, its smashing success often leads to overcon-

fidence in areas of less proficiency.

If a diagnosis we receive is accidentally wrong, we may never find out because of our unwavering confidence in modern medicine. Most physicians will not help us challenge the verdict because they too have unshakable confidence in the ultimate proficiency of their profession.

Lyme Disease is one affliction which does not amiably submit to the diagnostic procedures of Western medicines. Many people who are actually suffering from a Lyme Disease infection are walking around in circles having been misdiagnosed with a plethora of seemingly unrelated health conditions which mimic Lyme Disease, including multiple sclerosis, obsessive compulsive disorder, arthritis, fibromyalgia, schizophrenia, and many others. If you or someone you know has a mystery disease, you should consider the possibility that it may be Lyme Disease, even if past Lyme Disease test have produced negative results.

Adding to the already stacked odds that a Lyme Disease sufferer will not be diagnosed properly is the elusive and variable

nature of the disease presentation itself.

As if the situation weren't bad enough already, many doctors do not acknowledge that Lyme Disease exists in more than a few isolated parts of the United States. In reality, Lyme Disease has been documented in every state in the United States and many countries throughout the world.

Diagnosing Lyme Disease is a complicated task. Having awareness of this complexity is the first step toward healing those suffering from this affliction and toward ensuring that future diagnostic procedures become more reliable. Until this happens, the financial assistance that Kiwanis provides to the families affected by this disease will have to continue, but it will not unless the members continue to support the Kiwanis Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation by making a donation, or purchasing a Brittany Fellowship, Emerald Brittany, Second Level Emerald Brittany, or a Joseph Michael Wuest Fellowship.

So I thank you in advance for doing what Kiwanis does best, and that is taking the time to care and share.

Kiwanis  
Children's  
Fund

Jim  
Mancuso



The Kiwanis Children's Fund was established in 1940 with 25 "silver dollars," by Walter Zeller (remembered by the Walter Zeller Fellowship recognition award supporting the Eliminate Project). Its stated mission is to "develop resources that transform the goodwill and vision of Kiwanis into programs that serve the children of the world."

In order to fulfill this mission, the Kiwanis Children's Fund provides grants in different forms to clubs, districts and for purposes of disaster relief. Club and dis-

trict grants manifest themselves into programs which offer many benefits to those in need such as school supplies for children, hunger relief and children related medical applications.

The Kiwanis Children's Fund, as it strives to grow so that it can do even more good across the world, has programs to promote giving. One of those programs is called the President's Challenge. The challenge "encourages Kiwanis leaders to promote and support the Kiwanis Children's Fund within each club, division, and district."

The fundamental goal for districts, divisions, and Kiwanis Children's Fund District Chairs is to increase the district's or division's (as the case might be) unrestricted cumulative giving by 10 percent (based on an average of the previous three administrative years).

I am happy to report to you that our district's generosity exceeded all expectations

for 2016-17. Our district's President's Challenge goal was \$29,847. We shattered that amount raising \$33,106.74 or a whopping 22 percent increase over our three-year giving average!

Districts can qualify and apply for grants equal to 15 percent of the amount given by their district. Last year we received an award which funded three college students from both Key Club and Circle K. This year we qualified to receive a grant of almost \$5,000, which again will be put to good use to support district programs. Likewise, clubs can apply for grants. You can learn more about requirements by visiting the [kiwanis.org](http://kiwanis.org) website where you will find a guide to obtaining club grants.

My thanks to all of our members for helping the Kiwanis Children's Fund fulfill its mission. The last year was a great one, and with your continued support, the upcoming year will be another banner one for the Kiwanis Children's Fund.

Aktion Club

Debra  
Rothman



Holiday season is a very busy time of the year for the New York District Aktion Clubs.

The Aktion Club of Sullivan County visited residents at the local nursing home

and singing some Christmas and Chanukah songs while we mingle with the residents. They also had prepared Thanksgiving baskets for families in the local school districts.

The Lifetime Assistance Aktion Club marched in the annual Brockport Holiday lights parade with its sponsoring Kiwanis club. They planned a collection of items in January for children in the Golisano Children's Hospital.

The FEC/HRW Aktion Club members spent days before Thanksgiving collecting food items they had agreed to contribute so the Club could make Thanksgiving Dinner baskets for three needy families in the area. On Dec. 19, the members of

the club, along with Santa Claus, visited a home to share song and small gifts and sing traditional holiday songs. They presented small gifts and cards to the residents.

The East Meadow Aktion Club raised more than \$800 at their bingo fundraiser.

Please continue to support our Aktion clubs, as they are doing a great job. For any information on chartering a new club, please feel free to contact me.

I also welcome Jaimie Neuringer of the Brighton Kiwanis club as the co-chair for Aktion Clubs in the district. She is available to assist the formation and operation of Aktion Clubs.

## New Club Building

DPG Joe Eppolito



As part of the Formula team, I am again the vice chair for New Club Opening for the New York District. Region I and District Formula Chair Past Gov. Eric Paul and I have divided the district into 8 Zones, with a Zone Chair and New Club Opening Chairs for most all divisions.

These Kiwanians have been trained by Kiwanis International and are committed to work in their divisions to build new clubs along with their respective 2017-18 lieutenant governors - Candies Team.

PLTG Trish Hook from the Finger Lakes Division serves as our vice chair for Membership and PLTG Joe Ruggiero from the Brooklyn Division serves as our

vice chair for Formula coaches. Together with Gov. Candace Corsaro, Gov.-Elect Hank Baker and Immediate Past Gov. Stephen Sirgiovanni, we are totally committed to grow our great district. Join us in this mission! If we all work together, we can make it happen!

Most divisions have two new club coaches who have been trained to work with newly formed clubs for a time period to ensure their success in operating. The coaches are also available to clubs that are struggling as well. Do not hesitate to contact them.

We need to grow. The Formula is a five-year program (in its fifth year) to grow Kiwanis significantly to meet the challenges ahead of us for service and fellowship. We have built 19 clubs in the first four years of The Formula, ranking us fifth out of 34 Districts in the Northern Hemisphere. However, that is PAST history. We need to step-up our new club opening efforts the last nine months of this administrative year.

Congratulations to Niagara Frontier South Lt. Gov. Bonnie Baker, Gov.-Elect

Hank Baker and Eric Paul for building the first new club of the year, the Kiwanis Club of South Buffalo. The organization meeting took place Jan. 3 with about 20 members.

We have a number of sites picked for new clubs and we hope to have four to five new clubs by the end of February. If you have a site, contact your lieutenant governor and/or New Club Opener. He/she will form a team to pursue the opportunity.

The entire Formula Team can be found on the district web site, or ask your lieutenant governor. Don't wait! Our goal is to open 10-20 clubs to make a difference in our district this year. We can do it!

Let me repeat, if you have a potential site, please contact your division's new club opener, lieutenant governor and me.

We also have openings on our formula team.

If we do not grow Kiwanis now, we will have a dim future for our great organization. Let's grow together!

Feel free to contact me at (315) 436-2157 or by email, pepster@aol.com.



## SLP Training at Kiwanis International

The district's SLP leaders were in Indianapolis were at the Kiwanis International office for training in mid-January. From left, International Trustee Peter Mancuso, K-Kids Administrator Mickie Leamey, Gov.-Elect Hank Baker, Aktion Club Co-Chair Jaimie Neuringer, Key Club Administrator John Goldstein, Aktion Club Administrator Debra Rothman, Builders Club Administrator Millie Mandese, and Circle K Administrator John Keegan.

## Chester Kiwanis Distributes 1,000 Toys

This year's Chester Kiwanis Toyland Project on Dec. 9 had more than 83 families receive nearly 1,000 toys, games and gifts to more than 281 children.

The project is the club's largest yearly event that has direct impact on children in our community.

Drawings were held for many larger

toys and decorated Christmas trees. Also available was a great deal of clothing, including coats, for children and adults.

The club was assisted by the Girl Scouts, Key Club as well as some individuals who were not members.

The club is grateful for the support of several generous financial contributions

that allowed the purchase the additional toys. Each year, it becomes more difficult to generate the toys and clothing we need to make our Toyland a success and benefit those in our community who are struggling.

District  
Treasurer

Daid Vail



I am David Vail, the district treasurer for 2017-18. It is my hope that the holidays were good for you and your families and I hope that 2018 is a healthy and happy new year.

Your budgets should be prepared with the dues and fundraising funds to be your guide. I am pleased to announce that the goal for this year's district board was 6,300 members. As of Jan. 10 the total paid membership is 4,558. The unpaid members is 2,017 which will give us a total of 6575 member which will exceed the goal that was set by the district board by 275 members.

A number of individuals have asked me what is the difference between the service and administrative funds. Administrative funds are funds that are used to run your club. The service funds are used to the

charitable work of the club. It should be noted that service funds should not be used to run the business of your club. When doing fundraising you should include all income and expenses. Simply reporting the net profit does not leave a good audit trail or history for the next time that you do that fundraiser.

If you have any questions, please email or call me. My email is [dvail4321@aol.com](mailto:dvail4321@aol.com) and my phone is 518-376-8052.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Mid-Winter Conference at the Desmond Hotel in Albany.

## Romeo Announces Candidacy

Irondequoit Kiwanian Frank Romeo has declared his candidacy for Governor-Elect for 2018-19.

The election will take place at the District Convention in August.

A member since 2005, Romeo was a Distinguished Kiwanian, 2009-10; was a distinguished lieutenant governor of the Genesee Division for 2012-13; District Convention Committee Chair, 2011-12; Convention Site Selection Committee Chair, 2011-12, 2017-18; Mid-Year Conference Chair, 2018; Finance Committee Member, 2017-18. He has a Diamond

Kaiser.

A graduate of Niagara University, he has been married to his wife, Deboarah, for 40 years.

He is the founder and owner of Romeo Land Development, a full-service real estate development and acquisitions firm that owns and develops retail, industrial, automotive, restaurant and multi-family residential projects.



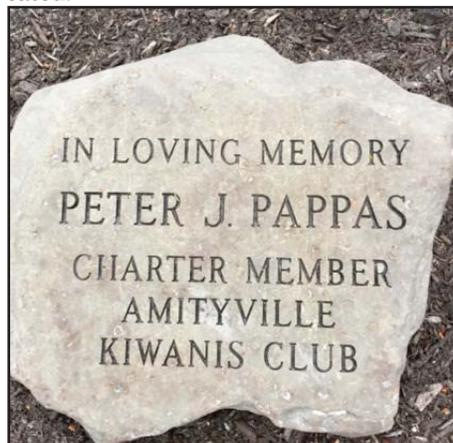
## Amityville Honors Club's Charter Member

The Kiwanis Club of Amityville was chartered in June 1949. Peter J. Pappas, the last surviving Charter Member died in March 2014. He faithfully attended weekly club meetings until late 2013. Perfect attendance doesn't begin to describe Pete.

This year, the club finally completed a long-overdue project honoring Pete's memory, and his dedication to the club and the community. A bare patch at the entrance of the Village Beach is now enhanced by three Eastern Red Cedars, a lavender flowering Crape Myrtle, annuals and perennials filling in.

Snowy, wintery weather did not deter family or friends who gathered on Dec. 16 at the Amityville Beach. A stone marker,

engraved by the family of deceased club member Joe Caridi, was installed and Past President Hal Schad told a few "Pete" stories, as the garden was officially dedicated.



## Central Adirondacks Distributes 921 Gifts

Each year the Kiwanis Club of the Central Adirondacks collects and distributes gifts and toys to special families in the Woodgate, Thendara, Old Forge, Eagle Bay, and Inlet area and in recent years has added Long Lake and Indian Lake.

In 2017, this very worthwhile program provided gifts, toys, mittens and food for over 150 families and nearly 300 kids in the Central Adirondacks. The total distribution included 921 gifts, 75 stuffed animals for the younger children, 34 theatre tickets for the older children, 47 books, 93 sets of scarves, hats and mittens and 47 hams. The scarves, hats, and mittens were provided by the Old Forge Ladies Auxiliary as well as ladies from Big Moose. Books to each family were donated by Gary and Justin VanRiper who write the best-selling children's book series "The Adirondack Kids".

Kiwanis partners with the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

The Strand Theatre assisted with discounted movie tickets and Old Forge Department Store (ACE) donated wrapping materials. The employees of the Enchanted Forest/Water Safari, Water's Edge Inn & Conference Center and the Old Forge Camping Resort did an internal gift drive and the employees of Smith Marine used the tips from their concession at Snodeo to purchase toys. The Town of Webb Schools Key Club and a number of community volunteers were major contributors to the success of the wrapping party.

Chris Gaige, Past President of Kiwanis and Linda Kurtz Co-Chairs commented, "There were more gifts and toys and more help and cooperation for this year's project than ever before".

Kiwanis volunteers conducted a Christmas Raffle which raised more than \$1,230 and solicited funds at CAA's Snodeo which raised over \$1,780. In addition, a number of community members made financial donations. Kurtz thanked VIEW for allowing use of their facility for storage, sorting and wrapping activities.



## North Shore Key Club Stages Party

The annual holiday party for St Christopher-Ottillie Children's Home took place Dec. 7. The North Shore K-Family from the Kiwanis Club and Key Club joined hands for this gala affair. Kiwanian Santa Gary Craner handed out gifts to all attendees and he was assisted by Key Club Elf Alexis Loviglio. Pictured is the North Shore Family all smiles as they joined hands and hearts to make a difference in children's lives.



## Aktion Club Makes, Donates Scarves

During December the Brighton Aktion Club worked for two meetings, with the help of members of Brighton Kiwanis, Brighton High School Key Club, and the University of Rochester Circle K, to make more than 60 fleece scarves. The scarves were donated to the children at the emergency shelter at Willow Domestic Violence Center.



# Hudson River West Division Has K Family Dinner



From left, Lt. Gov. Jim Burtis, Immediate Past Lt. Gov. Sue Sheehan, New York District Key Club Administrator John Goldstein and wife Hazel, along with District Division 13 Key Club Lt. Gov. Trisha Melton, Middletown Kiwanis President Fran Amelio, Distinguished Past Lt. Gov. Jim Schalck and Betty Schalk.

The Hudson River West Division held its second annual K Family Dinner on Nov. 2 with over 70 attendees.

Hudson River West Division Lt. Gov. Jim Burtis MCed the event in which attendees heard from members of our Division Clubs, K-Kids and Key Clubs on projects they have completed and their upcoming plans for the year.

This successful event again brought together our K-Family, and it is our hope to continue it in the future.

Organizing the event were Middletown Past President Hazel Goldstein, Immediate Past Lt. Gov. Sue Sheehan and Chester Past President Marisue Traina.

## North Shore Presents 3 Pediatric Trauma Kits

Pediatric trauma kills more children than any other childhood disease and the North Shore Kiwanis Club wants to cut down those numbers. Through the dedication and efforts of DPP Kiwanian Tom DeStio, who spearheads the effort, the North Shore Kiwanis Club raises funds each year for the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center (KPTC).

Pictured are the representatives from the Cold Spring Harbor Fire Department receiving a trauma kits that will be used on emergency vehicles assisting with pediatric trauma victims. Locust Valley and Bayville Fire Department received trauma kits as well.



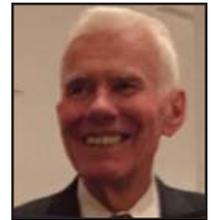
From left, Distinguished Past Presidents Gary Craner and Tom Destio; EMT Captain John Martin and Assistant Chief Steve Fitts; and Super Distinguished Past Lt. Gov. Lawrence Benedetti.

## Amityville Honors 50-year Member

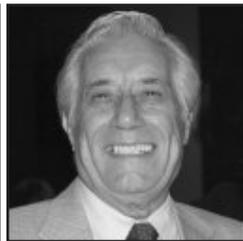
On Oct. 5, John (Hal) H. Schad, Jr. received his 50 year pin and Legion of Honor Certificate. Hal joined the Kiwanis Club of Amityville in 1967.

Schad was involved in "building" long before he became an official Kiwanian 50 years ago. His mark on Amityville is everywhere: from ramps built to help disabled residents, to countless July 4th floats, to the Amityville Beach Pavilions, to the turret on top of our village's most emblematic and recognizable feature - The Village Triangle.

Schad is the club's "Kiwanis Educator", our go-to inductor of new members.



Governor's Project  
Al Federico



Happy New Year. Hope everyone enjoyed their holidays.

A BIG thank you on behalf of all the Veterans you served during this past festive season.

Many divisions and clubs have sent re-

ports on how they honored our veterans. Nice Job!!

Now it's January, the parties are over, the decorations are put away, the toys are cast aside and everything is back to normal.

Unfortunately that also includes the disabled veteran, the homeless veteran, the veterans in hospitals and nursing homes.

The same veteran we served and helped during the holiday season. The men and woman who served for us, and in many cases lost their limbs or returned with physical problems.

January does not stop their need for our help.

It would be great if every club could started a Veterans Committee and con-

tinue serving our heroes throughout the year. If not every club at least try for a committee in each division.

What a great way to show our appreciation for our veterans.

Remember Freedom is not Free. Our Veterans saw to that.

## Mapleton Event is March 19

The annual St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's Day Party conducted by the Mapleton club will be Monday, March 19, at the Knights of Columbus, 3000 Emmons Ave., Brooklyn.

There will be special gifts for all Joe's and Pats.

See the district web site for details.



## Maspeth Decorates Veterans Graves with Wreaths

The Kiwanis Club of Maspeth completed a major service project and part of the Governor's Project.

The club worked with the United Veterans and Fraternal Organization, Vietnam Veterans of America Queens Chapter 32, Assemblyman Brian Barnwell, the American Legion Auxiliary, Girl Scout Troops 4732 and 4744, Our Lady of Hope Elementary School,

Maspeth Federal Savings and Home Depot to put 300 Wreaths on the graves of veterans of the Civil War, the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam war who are interred at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Maspeth.

The coordinators of the event were Maspeth Kiwanians Kenneth Rudzewick and Maryanna Zero. Other

Kiwanians participating were President Barbara Rudzewick, Jim O'Kane, President-Elect Geri Hughes-Crowe, Michelle Masone, and Assemblyman Brian Barnwell.

Home Depot supplied 300 Wreaths and delivered them to Mount Olivet on Dec. 2 where the participants met, found the grave sites and placed the wreaths.

## IHOP Day Feb. 27 To Benefit Children's Miracle Network

IHOP National Pancake Day benefiting Children's Miracle Network Hospitals is Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Plan now for how you can spearhead membership activities in your district based on locations of your participating IHOP restaurants. Think of ways you can get your clubs and members involved in promoting Kiwanis membership at the event.

Begin promoting the event with "save the date" announcements and additional information as the date gets closer. This can be done on social media, in club newsletters, on community bulletin boards, etc.

Get SLPs on board to help the day of the event (or perhaps they could host a pancake breakfast fundraiser at their school that morning, especially if there is not an IHOP in the area).

A table of information staffed by a few dynamic Kiwanians.

Print posters at your local print shop (used on "print" images on [www.kiwanis.org/brand](http://www.kiwanis.org/brand)).

Be creative. Brainstorm. Have fun. Serve pancakes for a cause. Promote local Kiwanis involvement.

See the Pancake Day page on the Kiwanis International web site for more information.

## International Seeking Entries for 2018 Signature Project Contest

Signature projects show the impact a Kiwanis club can have on a community. From playgrounds and parks to festivals and fundraisers, signature projects are the hallmarks of what Kiwanis clubs are known for in their communities.

Kiwanis International will again sponsor the Signature Project Recognition Program for districts in 2018. In the contest's first year in 2017, more than 40 districts submitted their club-level signature projects for consideration as the best Kiwanis clubs have to offer. Three were chosen for the top prizes: gold, silver and bronze.

In the 2017 contest, the Massapequa Kiwanis Club in the Long Island South Central Division placed second in the

competition with its drug awareness program.

The top prize went to the Kiwanis Club of Des Moines, Iowa, for its sponsorship of a baseball league for children with disabilities. Third was the Kiwanis Club of Wan Hua, Taiwan, which annually sponsors a Children's Film Festival to provide children an activity during hot summer months when they were on vacation but had no place to go.

Every district may submit one club-level project. It must be a club-level project (not a district project). Entries are due by midnight EST Friday, March 2, 2018.

Signature projects:

- Are recurring. (Note: A new project can qualify as a signature project if the in-

tent is to continue the project.)

- Enhance the Kiwanis brand
- Demonstrate significant impact on the community in terms of monies raised or children served
- Strengthen membership and partnership opportunities

More information is available on the KI web site.

Visit the Kamp Web Site:  
[www.kampkiwanis.org](http://www.kampkiwanis.org)