



Secretary/Treasurer

Joseph Eppolito

I hope that all of you had a happy holiday season. We completed a very successful K-Family Weekend at the Hudson Valley Resort & Spa. We brought together Kiwanians, Key Club and Circle K leaders for a weekend of fun, fellowship, Kiwanis Board meetings and spirited games of cricket. Now that we are in the new year it's time to look forward to upcoming events:

Mid-Year Conference

This year's Mid-Year Conference will be held February 25-27, 2005 at the Hudson Valley Resort & Spa Kerhonkson, New York. We are planning a very exciting and fun-filled program. There will be many new forums that will be of interest to all. See Registration Form on page 10 of the ESK. Note: registration goes directly to the Hudson Valley Resort and Spa.

International Convention 2005

The 90th Annual Kiwanis International Convention will take place on July 2-6, 2005 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The New York delegation will have the Sheraton Wakiki Hotel as its headquarters hotel. In addition, we have the Double Tree Inn for those Kiwanians interested in another 5 Star property at an excellent land only package. Clubs received a mailing in November, 2004 with all the appropriate KI and NY District Forms. The NY District land only package form can be found on our webpage. KI forms are available on the KI webpage and October, 2004 KI magazine.

Hawaii has many things to offer to the Kiwanians and their families. The convention promises to be one you will enjoy. Make your plans early and enjoy your visit to Hawaii and the Kiwanis International Convention. Let's all get behind PG Tom DeJulio and elect him Kiwanis Int'l Trustee.

Monthly Reports

The division Lt. Governor and the District Office needs your help. The Club Monthly Report needs to be completed and sent on a timely basis to your Lt. Governor and the District Office. In turn, the District Office can produce a more accurate monthly report for clubs and divisions that reflect service projects, youth activities, sponsored youth activities and membership totals. For the most part, 30% of our 300+ clubs do NOT send their monthly reports in on a timely basis. Part of the duties of a club secretary is to complete the monthly report and get it in to the District Office no later than the 10th of the next month. A President needs to review and sign the report. Timely filing ensures better communication at all levels.

New York District Website
www.kiwanis-ny.org

Nine Highlights From Ninety Years of Kiwanis

As Kiwanis celebrates its 90th anniversary, each of the past 90 years was important for those we serve. Here are nine years that were especially important for the organization, when events changed the history of Kiwanis.

1914 – Allen S. Browne, a professional organizer for fraternal groups, has an idea for a new kind of club and begins recruiting business and professional men in Detroit, Michigan. Browne's proposed name for the group, the Benevolent Order Brothers, is rejected, however. As one member commented, "Who wants to belong to an organization called BOB?" A committee consults with a local historian, who tells them about a phrase in the local American Indian language: Nunc Kee-wanis, which means, approximately, "We get together" or "We trade." The club adopts an abbreviated version of this phrase, Kiwanis. January 21, 1915, becomes the official birthday of Kiwanis when the Detroit group receives a corporate charter from the State of Michigan.

1919 – A debate over the organization's purpose, personal business advantage or community service, reaches a climax at the convention in Birmingham, Alabama. As a professional organizer, Browne owns rights in the organization and supports the business exchange model for Kiwanis. The anti-Browne majority offers to buy him out and Browne names his price: \$17,500. Members and clubs quickly subscribe the sum on the convention floor. Kiwanis "buys itself" and service triumphs over business interests. Henry J. Elliott, Montreal, Quebec, is the first Canadian President.

1924 – A constitutional convention is held in Denver, Colorado. A more detailed constitution is adopted, the six Permanent Objects of Kiwanis are adopted, and Kiwanis International becomes the official name.

KI Foundation Helps 'Give Children A Chance' Through Annual Gift Campaign

by DPG Joseph Eppolito

The Kiwanis International Foundation helps Kiwanis International in its quest to serve the children of the world. This year's theme is: give children a chance. You can do that by having your club contribute the the KI Foundation Annual Club Gift Campaign for 2004-05.

All club presidents received a letter from the KI Foundation along with a brochure to complete. To be eligible for distinguished club, a club needs to contribute at least \$5 per member based on the club's membership totals as of 10/01/04 or \$100, whichever is greater. The club will also receive a banner patch if at least \$25 is donated but unless the club contributes at the distinguished criteria level, it will not count towards the 100% contribution award for the division.

The monies are used to support Sponsored Youth Education, scholarships, Kiwanis Education and grants...so PLEASE be generous.

Historically, the NY District has lagged behind most of the other 48 Districts in Kiwanis International in this area of need. We usually get only 40% of our 300+ clubs to make a contribution. let's buck that trend and give this year.

I can be contacted @ 315-449-8613, the District Office: 315-735-3463 or emailed: pepster@aol.com should you have any questions on the KI Foundation.

1925 – The Kiwanis Club of Sacramento sponsors a club for "key boys" in the local high school. This first Key Club will eventually grow into the world's largest service club for high school students. Key Club will be joined by Circle K for collegians, Builders Club for junior high students, and K-Kids for elementary students in future decades.

1940 – Kiwanis marks its 25th anniversary with a birthday party in Detroit. Twenty-five silver dollars decorating the cake are auctioned for \$625, the first funds of the new International Foundation. In the future, the foundation will become a major partner in Kiwanis service, receiving and granting more than \$1 million each year to support Kiwanis service programs.

1955 – After almost 40 years of renting ever-expanding office space, plans are made for Kiwanis to own its own headquarters. Delegates approve a \$1 increase in dues for three years to pay for the building. The 1958 International Convention is held in Chicago to witness the laying of the cornerstone, and the staff moves into the new Kiwanis International Building in 1959.

1961 – The convention in Toronto is the largest in history with almost 14,000 registrants. In a historic action, convention delegates approve Kiwanis extension outside the United States and Canada. Today, Kiwanis clubs are active in 94 nations.

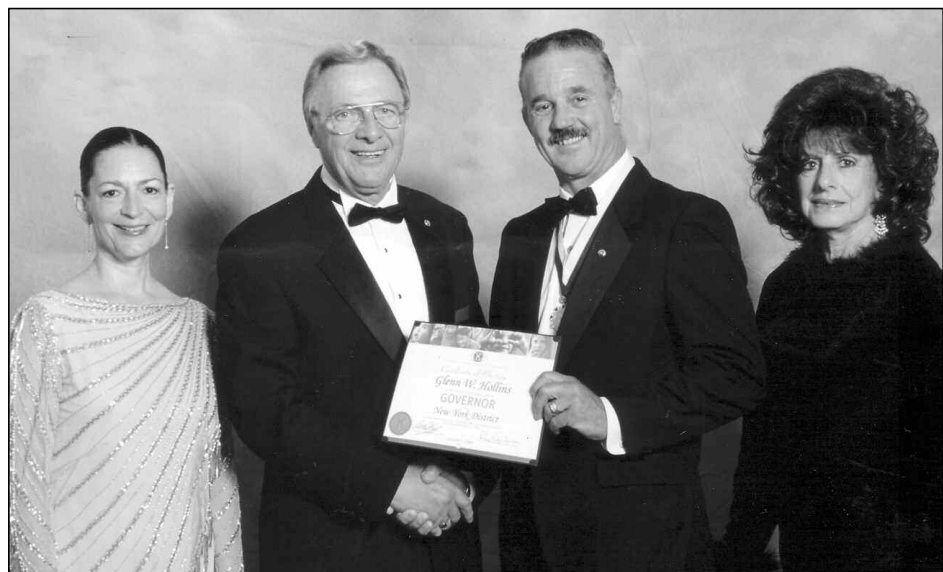
1987 – After 15 years of debate, the International Board recommends adoption of a women's membership amendment, and

delegates to the Washington, DC, convention approve the historic change overwhelmingly. US President Ronald Reagan addresses the convention and honors the Kiwanis school-age drug abuse campaign with a Presidential Citation for Private Sector Initiatives, the nation's top award for community outreach programs.

1994 – The first Kiwanis Worldwide Service Project to eliminate iodine deficiency disorders is officially launched at the International Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. The \$75 million fund-raising goal is surpassed in 2001, and today Kiwanis-funded IDD programs are active in more than 90 nations. The United Nations Children's Fund, our project partner, estimates that these programs are protecting 75 million children each year from the risk of mental retardation. Ian Perdriau, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Melbourne, Australia, is elected as the first International President from outside the founding nations of the United States and Canada.



Governor Receives Certificate of Election



International President Case Van Kleef (center left) and Susan Van Kleef (left) presented the official Certificate of Election to District Governor Glenn Hollins (center right) and Susan Groenewoud (right) during the Kiwanis International Council meeting in Indianapolis in October.

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Presentation Promotes Read Around the World

Read Around the World is Kiwanis International's newest annual observance. This year, Kiwanis clubs will encourage child literacy from February 1-March 3. Support materials were sent to clubs in November.

The purpose of Read Around the World is to promote child literacy by reading to children and presenting them with age-appropriate books they can keep and read again. During the past two years, hundreds of Kiwanis clubs have read to children at libraries, schools, and child-care facilities and given thousands of books to children so they can continue reading at home.

Now Kiwanians can explain the project to their own clubs and other groups with a new PowerPoint presentation. The 13 PowerPoint slides explain the basics of Read Around the World and inform viewers how they can participate. For a copy of the presentation, direct your request to ewarren@kiwanis.org or call Kiwanis International at 800-549-2647 ext. 211.