

# Hornell Kiwanians Celebrate 65 Service Years to Community

On September 11, 2004, the Hornell Kiwanis Club celebrated the 65th Anniversary of their Charter at Rupert's at the Lodge. The Club was chartered on September 8, 1939 by Hornell Area businessmen.

Graciously accepting the invitation of the club to attend the celebration was past Kiwanis Governor Peter Mancuso and his wife Karen, Past Governor Justin Underwood (02-03) and his wife current Lt. Governor of her division Joanne. Former Governor from Hornell's Chemung Division Dutch Craumer (93-94) attended with Bonnie. Days before the event former Governor Jim Yochum (98-99) and his wife Mary became unavailable but had intention of attending.

International Kiwanis President Robert Moore sent along his congratulations on our years of service to the community and wished the club many more to come.



The night began with a moving invocation by Hornell Past President Chuck Robertson acknowledging the 9-11 events of three

(L -R) IPG Peter Mancuso, Chemung Lt. Gov. Mimi Melegrito inducting incoming President Steve Peck and looking on Vice President Bob Peisher, Outgoing President Tim Rosell, Steve's wife Sherrie Peck awaiting the pinning.

years prior followed by a moving clarinet solo of Amazing Grace by Jim Herrick who entertained the crowd with wonderful dinner music throughout the night.

Governor Peter remained for the swearing in of the new officers and board by incoming Chemung Lt. Governor Mimi Melegrito while outgoing two term Lt. Governor of the Chemung Division Kathy Peris looked on with her spouse John. The incoming officers are: President Steve Peck, President Elect Bob Peisher, staying on for their second term each were the Secretary Fred Wessels (P. Lt. Governor) the Treasurer Stan Cone. Outgoing board members were thanked for their tenure and contribution to the board. Outgoing President Tim Rosell swore in their newest member Shirley Morey as one of his last official duties of his term which expired on September 30th.

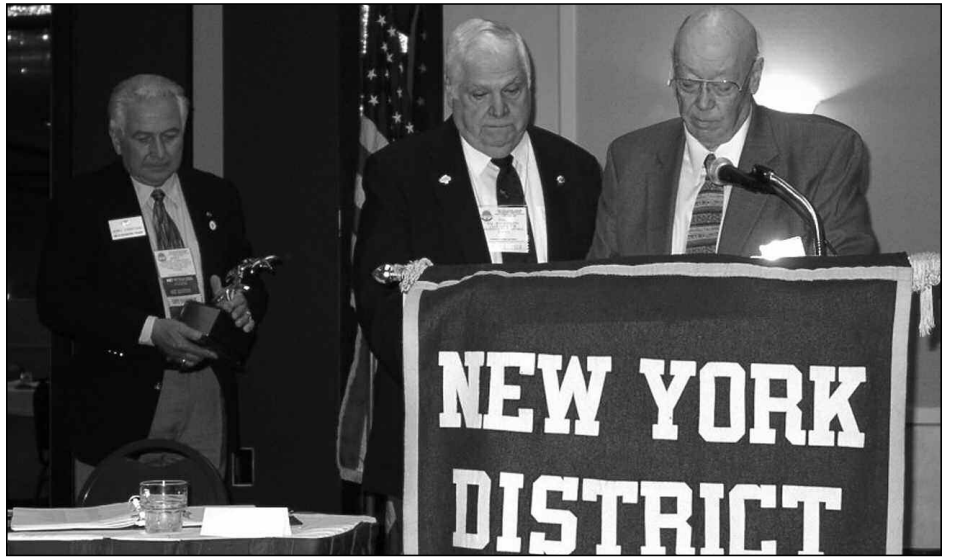
An interclub from Corning as well as many of the Hornell Kiwanis members and their guests attended and were treated to a red pepper bisque, a meal of prime rib, chicken marsala or salmon. The dining room was tastefully decorated with a red, white and blue, stars and stripes patriotic theme in respect for the day. The committee of the 65th was properly thanked and the night ended with delicious desserts prepared by Rupert's staff.

## Three Divisions Interclub at Holiday Tree Festival in Canandaigua Area



Representatives of three New York District Divisions attend the 2004 Festival of Tree's in Canandaigua. Pictured: representing the Brooklyn Division were Nydia and Joe Corace, representing the Finger Lakes Division were Pat & Linda Cooney and Patricia Hook and representing the Genesee Division were Justin & Joann Underwood and Guy & Terry Desant. It was a beautiful start to a great holiday season.

## Sal Matroniano Receives Christiano Award



This past August, the Past Governors Council presented their coveted Gerald P. Christiano Award to Rochester West Central's Sal Matroniano. The award was presented by Past International President Jerry Christiano and Past Governor Jack Tetamore to Sal Matroniano for all his devoted efforts on

behalf of Kiwanis and our children. The Gerald P. Christiano award is presented annually at the NY District Convention by the Past Governors Council, after they have considered the nominees for this award based on their time in and service to the New York District.

## Banks

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2004. The presenters were: Kiwanis International first woman Board member, Lisa McCoy, C. Janet Banks and Al Gilbert III, the latter two are members of the Kiwanis International Diversity Committee since its inception. This diversity forum was warmly received as indicated by the attendance and the questions asked following the presentations.

New York District Past Governor Justin Underwood followed the lead of Kiwanis International and created the New York District Kiwanis first Diversity committee and appointed C. Janet Banks as the Chairwoman of the New York District. Governor Justin initiated a first diversity forum during New York District mid winter conference, the presenters during the Diversity forum was Past Governor Tom DeJulio, Lt. Governor Maureen Allen and Chairperson, Lt. Governor C. Janet Banks. This forum helped to promote awareness of the enrichment and strength diverse membership can offer clubs. Chairwoman Janet and the diversity committee main objective was to create more awareness and to motivate clubs to see the benefits from diversity and inclusiveness. Janet created a diversity patch with the assistance of a fellow Kiwanian, Cheryl Kovarsy from the Kiwanis Club of Hollis. The Diversity patch has created interest anti clubs in the district are on the

increase for meeting the criteria to earn it.

NY District Immediate Past Governor, Peter Mancuso has continued to carry the baton for diversity in NY District relay race. Under his leadership, the first diversity forum was held during the 2003-2204 NY District Convention. Tiffani Banks Day, Peter Yu, Phyllis Smith and C. Janet Banks were the Presenters. Under the leadership of Past Governor Peter an Asian Club, the Kiwanis Club of Flushing was organized in Queens East Division. This new club has already strengthened the NY District with its membership and plans to meet the needs of its community and increase its membership.

As New York District Governor Glenn Hollins took office he and the 2004-2005 District Diversity Committee are committed to continue the New York District Kiwanis mission in diversity.

In a recent article that appeared in the Kiwanis magazine, the writer mentioned a request by Janet and that is she hopes that each Kiwanian will remember that "Kiwanis has a place for each face." The New York District 2004-2005 Diversity committee is reflective of that logo.

The 2004-2005 New York District Committee includes: Virginia Eppolito, Sister Marie Kirmse, Martin Neuringer, Phyllis R. Smith, Peter Yu and C. Janet Banks Chairperson.

## Circle K Does Their Part to Help Tsunami Victims

This letter comes from Andrew Sindell Circle K Club Building and Development Chair in response to the tsunami disaster.

Hey Everyone – I know everyone is having difficulty taking the devastating news of the recent Tsunami disaster. Many people I know are trying to find a way to help. I want to share a personal story that took place two days ago in Westchester County, NY that others can use as a possible example of how they can help.

I was talking with one of my friends over this winter break and we decided we wanted to do something in order to help the victims of the Tsunami disaster. Since we both lack creativity we figured something simple would work best. We gathered a bunch of our friends and decided to go to the busiest part of town where we all grew up and simply set up a table. Before choosing a location to set up and try to collect money we had to pick an organization to donate to. Our goal was to find the organization that would give the highest percentage of money to the Disaster Relief. To our amazement we found one organization in Stamford CT called Americares (www.americares.org) which is giving 100% of the money to relief with no overhead. We also liked this organization

because it does not have any religious affiliation which made it easy for almost anyone to donate.

We simply had a table with a few chairs and information about the organization we had chose to donate to. We had some flyers, facts, as well as pictures, about the Tsunami and Americares. The reception we received was amazing, tons of people donated money some well over \$100, both cash and checks. Many people told us that they have been meaning to donate but didn't know which organization to choose or how to donate so this gave them a wonderful opportunity. In the end the local news ended up coming and did a story on the fundraising campaign.

Today I went to Stamford to drop off the money and meet with the President/CEO of the organization, he was extremely thankful and told me people all over the country were beginning to rally local citizens to donate. In total we raised over \$2000 in about eight hours. I urge everyone to try to organize some fundraising efforts for tsunami relief whether it be at your school, within your Circle K club, division or in your hometown.