



Kiwanis Int'l Foundation

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Your Dollars Go A Long Way

All clubs have received a mailing from the KI Foundation for the Annual Club Gift Campaign. The monies donated are used to support Sponsored Youth Educational Programs, Grants for worthy projects worldwide, Disaster Relief and many other worthwhile projects.

A Kiwanis Club that gives at least \$25 will receive a banner patch for its club banner. To earn distinguished points, a club must give \$5/member as of October 1, 2005 Roster or \$100, whichever is greater. For those clubs that give \$100 for the first time, they will receive a Century Patch.

Any division that has 100% participation, \$5/member or \$100, whichever is greater, will earn a distinguished division award from Kiwanis Int'l. During the 2004-05 year, we had three division winners; Bronx-Westchester South, Metropolitan and Suffolk East. Let's see if we can beat that record during 2005-06.

Please be as generous as you can in 2005-06. I am available for your questions and am at your service. Email: <pepster@aol.com.> 315-0449-8613(B)

There are also many ways that you can recognize members of your club: Hixson Medallions, Tablets of Honor, Memorial Tribute, Fellowship Award. The forms can be found @ the KI webpage: www.kiwanis.org, then hit KI Foundation in lower right corner.

Proposal

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Since it was First Lady Debra and her mom's birthday, she was not surprised when a cake came to the table – except this cake had no candles and a very important message inscribed on top, "will you marry me?" A very shiny ring sparkled on a delicious chocolate cake.

We are happy to report New York District's first couple will be planning a wedding. First Lady Debra said, "yes."

Governor David and First Lady Debra Visit Ontario Division



New York District First Lady Debra Fuchs and Governor David Rothman were honored recently at their official visit to the Ontario Division. Pictured above left to right: First Lady Debra, Governor David, Ontario Lt. Governor Ron Kern and Ontario's First Lady Gale Kern enjoy the special evening.

The Kiwanis Club of **EASTWOOD-EAST SYRACUSE**, Ontario Division – Governor David and First Lady Debra were the honored guests at the Oct.15th Ontario Division Meeting, held at Cucina di Amore in Liverpool. He spoke to the club presidents and secretaries before the dinner meeting. He emphasized the importance of being a mentor to both young people and seniors.

Past Lt. Governor Virginia Eppolito and Distinguished Past Governor Joe Eppolito presented the Lt. Governor's banner to Lt. Governor Ronald Kern and Eastwood-East Syracuse President Ernie Wass.

Reports were given by Key Klub LG Hillary McDonald, and Int'l Trustee Mary Phillips.

The evening was special for the Governor and our First Lady. Thanks to Ontario!

Bienvenue Du Long Island North Aux Gouverneurs Francophone

The **Long Island North Division** – at their divisional meeting in January 2006 at Papa Razzi were honored to host two visiting European Kiwanis Governors, Messieurs Jean-Paul Thomas of Belgium and Edmond Ott of France/Monaco. They were escorted to the meeting by Gov. David Rothman.



LI North Lt. Governor Rev. Ken Nelson, center, is shown with Gov. Jean-Paul Thomas of Belgium, right, & Gov. David, left, Gov. Thomas presented Lt. Gov. Ken with a commemorative gift.



Left to right: Governor David Rothman, at podium, introduces Governor Jean-Paul Thomas of Belgium, and Governor Edmond Ott of France/Monaco, while Governor's Executive Assistant SDPLG Mickie Leamey looks on.



Left to right: Governor David Rothman, Past International President Tony Kaiser, LI North Lt. Governor Rev. Ken Nelson, Governor Edmond Ott of France/Monaco, Governor Jean-Paul Thomas of Belgium and DPG John A. Gridley.



Governor

David Rothman

I am very happy to announce that just before the holidays I gave First Lady Debra one of David's Diamonds, a real diamond. I proposed to her on her birthday with a special cake with the inscription, will you marry me? Happily, she said "yes." First Lady Debra and I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy year. Additionally, we would like to thank everybody for their hospitality and gifts during our official visits.

I am very proud of the many service projects that our clubs have done so far this Kiwanis year. We grow through service. The New York District has shown just how great we are with the many donations of food, clothing, furniture, sanitary goods and monies to those areas stricken by the many hurricanes that have hit the United States.

It has been brought to my attention that some clubs that should have been billed for their dues during the first billing cycle did not receive their invoices. Kiwanis International has informed me that there was a computer glitch with some of the invoices. Please check to see if you received and paid your invoice if you were in the first billing trimester, and if not please contact Kiwanis International immediately for a copy of the invoice. The second billing trimester cycle bills should be in the mail to you at this time.

I want to thank IPLG Jean Andrick, LG Chester Melius, Jr. and everyone involved with the building of our newest Kiwanis Club, the Kiwanis Club of Cambridge in the Van Rensselaer division for there hard work. Additionally, I would like to wish the club well and I will see them soon during their Charter Night. During these winter months, I urge you to speak with members of the T.A.G. team to discuss new club building and re-building. Now is the time to develop your growth plan. The members of the T.A.G. (Together Achieving Growth) have the tools necessary to achieve your goals. Additionally, we have some very successful Young Professional Clubs that can be contacted to ask for their assistance in attracting members under 39 (Project 39).

First Lady Debra and I recently returned from an International Council meeting held in Orlando, Florida. We attended many workshops and listened to guest speakers and planned for the future growth of our organization. As we were getting ready to return to New York, I learned that the Governors from France and Belgium and there spouses were going to be visiting New York City the coming week. On January 9, 2006 I had them picked up in the city and brought out to Long Island to attend two divisional meetings that evening. Along with the first family, we attended the Long Island South Central Division and Long Island North Division council meetings where everyone was warmly greeted. My thanks to Governors Edmund Ott from France/Monaco and John-Paul Thomas from

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