

Governor Doreen & First Gent Dr. Peter Visit Adirondack and St. Lawrence

ADIRONDACK AND ST. LAWRENCE DIVISIONS – welcomed Governor Doreen Pellittieri and husband Peter to the beautiful Adirondacks. This was Governor Doreen's first Official Visit as Governor. The day started with breakfast in the restaurant of Crown Plaza Hotel & Resort which sets atop the hill in Lake Placid, surrounded by the beautiful Adirondack Mountains and over looks Mirror Lake in the heart of Lake Placid.

After breakfast our next stop was to Tupper Lake and the "Wild Center". This is a museum of the Adirondack and all creatures' great and small know this areas as home.

There is a great deal to see at this museum and local Kiwanians recommend it to everyone. The museum caters to young people. It was very hard for all to leave since, there was still so much to see.



Governor Doreen Pellittieri graciously accepts gifts from the clubs in the Adirondack and St. Lawrence Divisions.

The next stop was in Saranac Lake where the First Family was treated to a train ride through the village and into Lake Placid, on rails that were used many years ago by the summer visitors to the Adirondack to get away from the heat of the City. Several members of the St. Lawrence Division enjoyed the trip.

After lunch in Lake Placid, all boarded the train and headed back to Saranac Lake hotel to prepare for the Governor's meeting with the club officers. Everyone enjoyed cocktails and the view from the bar was outstanding. The Adirondack Mountains were in all their glory. It was a great showing of colors.

Guests gathered in the dining room to share dinner and to listen to the Governor's Plans for our NY District. The meeting was called to order and two members of the Aktion Club of Adirondack, co sponsored by Saranac Lake Club and Plattsburgh Breakfast Club, recited the Pledge of Allegiance. "America" was lead by Tony Moran of Breakfast Club and PLG Linda Gonyo-Horne gave the benediction. After which all raised their glasses to say farewell to Vince Forrest, a champion of Key Club, who recently passed away.

Governor Doreen was introduced and all visiting dignitaries welcomed, after which dinner was served. Governor Doreen spoke of her plans for this year, during her term. She is advocating "Fostering Self-Esteem" in our youth through many of the programs already in place in Kiwanis, such as Terrific Kids, BUG's, Give praise for a job well done when you see it happen and many other means to



Above is First Gent Peter and friend Irv Trumble enjoying one of the museum displays.



Standing in front of the glacier display DPLG Dr. Peter, Irv, Pat, Lt. Gov. Carol, Governor Doreen and Lt Gov. Bonnie.



Guests enjoyed a box lunch in a near by park in Lake Placid. The stop was only 1/2 hour. It was a cool day and the delicious lunch was very welcome.



Pictured above Circle K International President Kristen Reed, Governor Alex Allen, Lt. Governor Juan Valerio and District 8 St. Lawrence Division Rep. Eric Hotchkis.

this end. First Gent Peter's project this year is Promoting Healthy Children. Clubs are encouraged to set up projects such as dental check ups, vaccination promotion and flu shots. The area club's presented the Governor with gifts, most of which were for Kamp Kiwanis her favorite project, but a few interesting items were also offered along with the checks.



It was a fun night and most important the Adirondack Division and St. Lawrence Division was afforded the company of our District Governor, Doreen Pellittieri. The Division's send out thanks to Governor Doreen and Dr. Peter for their visit. Thank you to Adirondack Lt. Governor Bonnie Fenwick and St. Lawrence Lt. Governor Carol Mason for their warm hospitality.



Governor
Doreen Pellittieri

First Gentleman Peter and I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and we wish you all a healthy and happy new year!

The Ontario Division welcomed Peter and me warmly on October 29th for the Governor's Official Visit. We would like to thank LG Rita Briggman and all of the Kiwanians who attended for making this evening so enjoyable. I received a "great pumpkin" which was hand carved with the Kiwanis International logo and the Doreen's Team logo by Kiwanian Mike Swanka. We brought the pumpkin with us to Lake George for the Circle K 27th Annual Speaking Conference where it adorned the head table for the weekend.

As planned, I traveled to Albany in November to join my counterparts, Governors Amy Lorenc and Mike Ott, and our respective Boards at the Kiwanis Family Tri K Weekend. Kiwanians, Key Club members and Circle K members interacted throughout the weekend. We especially enjoyed the challenging events that were planned on Friday evening and making blankets on Saturday evening to be donated to the children at the Albany Pediatric Trauma Hospital. Kia Albertson-Rogers, International President for Key Club and Kristen Reed, the International President for Circle K honored us with their presence as well.

The upcoming Mid Winter Conference is our next opportunity to come together and experience great fellowship and attend the Kiwanis educational forums. I hope to see all of you there as we celebrate our diversity as New York District Kiwanians. NY District will honor Reverend Frederick Bush as our the Conference Honoree. Father Bush is a Past President of the Penfield-Perinton Kiwanis Club and has provided tireless dedicated service to Kiwanis. Father Bush has officiated at the Catholic religious services at our mid winter and district conventions for many years. IP Governor Don Herring and his Dream Team will also be recognized for their accomplishments during the 2007-2008 Kiwanis year.

Our membership team will be at the Conference conducting a Growth Summit and I hope each club will plan to have at least one member attend these sessions. Last year we reached new heights for membership growth and it is the responsibility of each one of us to maintain and add to these numbers.

Your Lieutenant Governor has planned a Division Meeting in or around the month of February and wants each Club to attend and bring guests who might be prospective members to our organization. We want to spotlight the clubs that make up each division and provide Kiwanis education along with our great fellowship. We hope to attract new members through this effort and we need

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