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## New York Kiwanians Heading to Toronto

New York Kiwanians will be convening in nearby Toronto June 23-26 for the 2016 Kiwanis International Convention, the shortest trip they've been able to make to an International Convention in several years.

While there they will have an opportunity to support one of our own, Distinguished Past Gov. Peter Mancuso in his campaign for election to the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees.

Each club is entitled to two delegates at the convention; the deadline for delegate forms is April 30. Online registration ends May 15, although registration on site will be available after that.

Toronto is more than just the convention location, it's one of the world's great cities that attracts tourists the

year round to its sports, shopping and cultural attractions. Kiwanis International is offering tours before and after the event for those who would like to extend their trip to Niagara Falls or to Quebec.

The New York District event at the convention will be a reception from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, at the CN Tower. Tickets for the reception must be purchased in advance; none will be sold at the door.



proposal to have voting done online and one giving the International Board the ability to make small increases in the International dues are among those on the agenda.

For the latest information, including hotel and convention registration, reserving tickets for the district reception and information on what issues will be presented to the convention delegates for action, see [www.kiwanis-ny.org/intconv.htm](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org/intconv.htm).

Those who plan to attend also need to make sure they have the identification documents they need to enter the country. You must have a passport if flying to Toronto; if you are driving, a passport or an enhanced driver's license is required. (There are additional requirements for non-US citizens.)

### International Leadership

Jim Mancuso



At the Mid-Year Conference this past February, we held another campaign rally for Peter Mancuso's Campaign to become the next Kiwanis International Trustee. We had a full house in attendance, including many of you, which was greatly appreciated. Our candidate delivered a speech for which the feedback was excellent. He once again demonstrated he will be a great International Trustee for our organization.

With our campaign theme song playing in the background, we built enthusiasm, distributed a new campaign brochure, handed out orange sneaker key chain tokens (accentuating our "Together We Can Go the Distance" campaign logo) and signed up convention volunteers.

At this rally, we reviewed several important items:

1. Registration for the Kiwanis International Convention in Toronto, June 23rd-26th, is now open. Please sign up. I am happy to say at the time of writing this article that the New York District has the most members registered so far for the convention, but we need many more!

2. Everyone who attends the convention should plan on arriving in Toronto on Wednesday, June 22nd, or early in the day on Thursday, June 23rd. You will want to be there for our fabulous District Reception at the CN Tower at 4 p.m. on the 23rd. We will also be looking for volunteers to man our campaign booth in the exhibition hall of the convention center on the afternoon of June 22nd and during the day on June 23rd until our District Reception.

3. Past Lieutenant Governors can register as delegates for any club in their division if a club is not sending delegates (or only 1 delegate as they can send up to 2). So if you are not, please seek out your PLGs to vote on your club's behalf and be heard!

4. Keep in mind that to enter Canada, you will need a valid passport. If you are arriving by car, an "enhanced driver license" can be used.

5. The election is scheduled for Fri-

day, June 24th, so I stress that you should not schedule to fly home anytime that day. In case there is a runoff, we don't want anyone going home early as delegates may need to vote again!

6. It is important to note that clubs must be up-to-date on fees and dues to be able to have their delegates vote.

7. Our campaign website ([www.mancusofortrustee.com](http://www.mancusofortrustee.com)), Facebook page (search on Facebook for "Peter Mancuso International Trustee") and Peter's International Trustee campaign profile page (search on [Kiwanis.org](http://Kiwanis.org) for "Peter Mancuso International Trustee") are all up and running. Please visit these sites and make sure to "like" his Facebook page.

8. I have also have been in regular contact with other Kiwanis North American district leaders. Support has been adamant for Peter!

9. Right now we have a fundraiser going (These campaigns cost a lot!). It is arranged as a simple donation of \$100 to the campaign. Please contact me at [james.n.mancuso@gmail.com](mailto:james.n.mancuso@gmail.com) if you would like to make a donation.

Thanks for all you are doing to support Peter's campaign.