

District Clubs Celebrating Centennials

Last year Kiwanis International celebrated its 100th anniversary. The party will continue this year, as six clubs in the New York District will be marking their centennials during 2016.

The first Kiwanis Club in New York was the Rochester club, organized May 1, 1916. Second was Lockport, organized May 17, and Buffalo was the third, on July 3.

Clubs celebrating Centennials in 2016:

- Rochester, May 1
- Lockport, May 17
- Buffalo, July 3
- Albany, Aug. 10
- Utica, Sept. 23
- Troy, Oct. 25

Rochester, April 29:

The Kiwanis Club of Rochester, the home club of George F. Hixson, the first Kiwanis International President, and the fourth Kiwanis Club to be estab-

lished, will celebrate with a dinner on Friday, April 29, at the Diplomat

Banquet Center in Rochester. A reception will begin at 6 p.m. and the dinner and program will be at 7 p.m. Kiwanis International President Sue Petrisin will be the special guest for the event.

Buffalo, April 30:

Buffalo, the 12th club formed worldwide and the home club of Albert Dodge, the first secretary of Kiwanis International, will celebrate on Saturday, April 30.

The dinner will be at the Mark Adams Hotel in downtown Buffalo. Kiwanis International President Sue Petrisin will



be the keynote speaker. The event will begin at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.kiwanisevent.com/>.

Lockport, May 1:

The Lockport Centennial Celebration will also be the Governor's Visit to the Niagara Frontier North Division.

A buffet brunch will be held at the Lockport Canaside Banquet Center, 210 Market St., Lockport, at 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 1. The division's presidents and secretaries will meet with Gov. Forbes Irvine at 10 a.m.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by April 21. The cost is \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Checks should be made payable to the Kiwanis Club of Niagara-Wheatfield, and sent to Lt. Gov. Susan Smith, 4698 N. 5th St., Lewiston, NY 14092.

See the district web site, www.kiwanis-ny.org, for further information.

Legion of Merit/Legion of Honor
Candace Corsaro



New York District and sent to me with your request form. Upon receiving your request, certificates will be prepared and sent to your club secretary along with the designated pins.

I am asking that each club secretary upon submitting their Legion of Merit request forms, allow 7-15 day turnaround when they need it, so I may meet their deadline in a timely fashion.

one club.

A member is eligible for each when he or she is within six months of reaching that milestone. Certificate and pins are \$15.95 and ordered through KiwanisOne.Org/Store or email shopping@kiwanis.org, please allow 2-4 weeks for delivery.

Presentation of these awards can be a memorable moment for the recipient and his or her fellow Kiwanians.

Each lieutenant governor has received a package with individual club applications ready to be filled out and mailed. If at any time, you may have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to send me an e-mail or call me at kltgovernorcandace@aol.com or at 716-804-4698.

Legion of Merit Award

Every year, the New York District recognizes Kiwanis Club members who have completed 5, 10, 15 and 20 years with the Legion of Merit Certificate and corresponding lapel pins designating the corresponding year.

The cost for each certificate and pin is \$5.95, which is payable by check to the

Legion of Honor Award

Kiwanis International recognizes Kiwanians who have completed 25, 30, 35 years and so on with the Legion of Honor Certificate and corresponding lapel pin. The years of Kiwanis membership do not have to be consecutive, and can be accumulated in more than

Youth Protection
Jim Mancuso



must be provided a copy of these guidelines and receive educational training annually..." (on-line training is available on kiwanis.org)

Based upon the most recent report from Kiwanis International the percentage of New York District clubs which have completed online Youth Protection Training was 14 percent. This percentage is at an unacceptable level.

Criminal History Background Checks: "Criminal history background checks may be required for all adults working with youth. If conducted, the background check should conform to applicable local and state/provincial laws and requirements. In the absence of any other requirement to do so, Kiwanis clubs are required to have a clear background check, by any provider, of any member serving as advisor to any Service Leadership Program club, program or activity..."

Based upon the percentage of New York District clubs (all types) which cleared criminal background check to the club secretary is 58 percent. This percentage, while better than the statistic for education above, is still unacceptable.

I have learned an undoubtable truth about child abuse: "Child abuse happens based upon the choices we make." In other words, adults create situations where child abuse can occur, such as leaving a child isolated with a single adult. You can cause child abuse by making bad choices or letting your apathy and inaction to get in the way. Please make "good decisions" to become educated, have background checks completed and follow our youth protection guidelines to a tee.