

Lt. Gov. Jack Purdy Remembered

By Past Gov. Forbes Irvine

On March 21 Distinguished Past Lt. Gov. Jack Purdy passed away. Jack was a current member of the 2016-17 Board, as well as serving Past Gov. David Rothman as one of David's Diamonds in 2005-06.

I had the great privilege to get to really know Jack when our board got together in Utica in May 2015 for our training weekend. I loved Jack Purdy. He



was a son, a husband, a father and a grandfather. Jack was a veteran and served in a combat unit in Vietnam. Jack became a police officer and rose through the ranks and became chief of police. Jack was very community-minded. He served on the East Glenville Fire Department. He was a member of the Elks Club, VFW and International Association of Chiefs of Police; AND Jack was a Kiwanian.

Jack was a Kiwanian in its purest and most eloquent term. Jack wanted to serve his community. The community of his youth. The community he proudly represented in the U.S. Army. The community where he fell in love with the love of his life, Lena. The community where they raised their family. The community he faithfully served everyday as a policeman.

When we proposed our agenda of getting student athlete hearts checked, going

into the community to talk about prescription drug and heroin awareness and the anti-bullying program, he saw the value to his community. When we asked him to do something for our foundations - KPTC, Pediatric Lyme Foundation and Kamp Kiwanis, and asked him to do a Baby Shower for YOUR local hospital or organization that provides for mother and newborns, being the poker player he was, Jack was all in.

The Mohawk Division had a tremendous year; and Jack told me he was having such a great year he was going to do it again and he did. Sadly, his term ended too soon. His loss leaves a void in K Kids, Builders Club, Aktion Club, Key Club and Circle K. He supported them all. Jack was a champion of his clubs and division, but most importantly his members. His heartfelt sentiment, how Kiwanians, regardless of their current circumstance, never waiver in service to their community and the people they serve. Jack Purdy was the first person at our board meetings. He was also the first person at the bar. Jack worked hard and Jack played hard. His lovely wife, Lena, at his service described him best, he was a "Hell Raiser" and loyal beyond reproach.

I hope I speak for the entire 2015-16 Board and actually for all of the New York District - Rest Easy My Friend. I know those you served will never forget you; and I pray those you helped, never need you. Helene and I will be forever grateful that we served with you and are humbled that you considered us YOUR Friend.

Past Gov. Jack Tetamore Died Feb. 3

Past Gov. Jack A. Tetamore died on Feb. 3. He was 88.

Tetamore, whose Kiwanis sponsor was George Hixson, the first president of Kiwanis International, was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Rochester for 59 years.

When the Rochester club celebrated its centennial last May, his club surprised him with a Centennial Award from the Kiwanis International Foundation. Tetamore took the opportunity to talk about his years in Kiwanis, and about Hixson. Tetamore was a pall bearer at Hixson's funeral.

District Governor in 1972-73. Tetamore served the district in other capacities over the years. He was a president of the District Foundation; past chairman of the Past Governor's Council, served as chair and as a member of many International and District committees, and was a member of the district PAC committee for many years.

Tetamore is survived by his wife of 66 years, Joan; his children, Laurence (Marcea) Tetamore and Jacqueline VanSlyke; by grandchildren and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.



2017 International Convention is in Paris July 13-16

The 2017 International Convention will be July 13-16 in Paris, France, at the Paris Convention Center.

Registration can be done through the Kiwanis International web site. Registra-

Gala Event in Paris Planned to Mark Bastille Day

On July 14, Paris celebrates Bastille Day. That evening, the Kiwanis International-European Federation is hosting a gala evening at the hotel Le Méridien Etoile, and all Kiwanis convention attendees are invited!

A link to a personalized ticket-booking page will be included in the registration-confirmation email for the Kiwanis International convention. Non-Europeans are advised to contact their banking institution of the upcoming charge prior to booking the tickets in order to minimize the chance of payments being denied due to a foreign transaction.

The ticket price is 63 euros. Admission includes the choice of a vegetarian or non-vegetarian meal, live music for the

entire evening, two dance floors and the promise of new international friendships!

You can book your hotel online as well; there are two convention hotels, and according to International, they are close

to each other.

Our featured musicians will be:

- The Love Beatles, a Beatles tribute band
- Jan Parent and his back up singers, various dance and dinner music and songs from around the world

The bands will perform in two different rooms: Mac Mahon Hall Neuilly and Wagram. You will be free to circulate between the two rooms. However, you are asked not to change tables during the evening. (Tables will be first-come, first-pick.)

Dress code is black tie/dark suit for men, cocktail dresses for women.



enough to the convention center that no shuttles will be used. Costs start at 190 Euros per day; currently the exchange rate is \$1.05 to purchase 1 Euro.

The Kiwanis International European Federation Convention will be taking place at the same time.

Information on the candidates running for office in Paris and the bylaw proposals to be considered is available on the International web site.

The opening session will be Thursday July 13, in the evening and the business session will be Friday afternoon.

Friday, July 14, is Bastille Day, a major holiday in France. Friday morning's schedule is open so that Kiwanians can attend the parade and other Bastille Day activities.