



Governor Elect

Doreen Pellitteri

Looking back on the many events of 2007, it truly was a very busy and exciting time for me, my husband Peter and our family. I value the opportunity to work with you as we look forward to the future of our great organization while we continue to do what we do best which is serving the children in our communities.

Kiwanis International provided an informative training session for the Governor-Elects from around the world in Indianapolis this past November. Our group of Governor-Elects was the first to use the new auditorium at Kiwanis International and it certainly was a superb setting. How awesome it is to meet so many other men and women from all corners of the world and recognize that we are all working together to change the world one child and one community at a time!

We certainly Caught the Dream with Don's Team at the Mid-Winter Conference and it was a pleasure to be a part of the District Conventions for Circle K and the Key Club. Circle K Governor Mike and Key Club Governor Karen are to be congratulated for the great leadership that they provided this past year. We also thank their Boards, Administrators and Advisors for their dedication as well. Welcome to Circle K Governor Amanda and Key Club Governor Amy. We wish you and your Boards a successful 2008-2009!

Since being elected last August in Buffalo much time is being spent planning for the Kiwanis Year beginning on October 01, 2008. Our hope is to take the New York District from being GOOD to being GREAT! All of us, as New York District Kiwanians, will need to work together to accomplish this. Please feel free to contact me if you have the desire to serve on a committee or to work with the membership Growth Team that is chaired by Linda Christiano.

I look forward to being with you in Orlando at the International Convention!

Kiwanis Club of Albany Chartered

Kiwanis Club of **ALBANY**, Capital Division – The first new club chartered during Governor Don's year is the Albany Kiwanis Club. The original Kiwanis Club of Albany, the 16th Kiwanis Club in New York was chartered in August of 1916. It is appropriate that this club would retain its original Key number of K0002A. The new club chartered with 25 members after over 2 years of building a membership base.

Besides sponsoring a Christmas Lights event, they supplied meals during the holiday season for many needy people. They are now working to send some children to Kamp Kiwanis®.

The Charter event held on Tuesday, January 8th, 2008 at the Albany Crowne Plaza.



President Joe Wiley leads the New Kiwanis Club of Albany during their Charter Night Celebration.



Left to Right: Lt. Gov. Marty Herzog, Sec. Cindy Engelhart, Christina Wiley, Pres. Joe Wiley, First Lady Marlene and Governor Don Herring.



Left to Right: Pres. Joe Wiley, Lt. Gov. Marty Herzog, DPLG Jean Andrick, DPLG Mike Malark, GNew York District Governor Don Herring, DPLG Dave Booker.

T-Shirts Donated to Kamp Kiwanis



The Kiwanis Club of Franklin Square and Special T Printers of Franklin Square have donated 1000 T-shirts to Kamp Kiwanis. Left to right: Tony Genova Past President of Franklin Square Kiwanis and owner of Special T Printers, Rebecca Lopez, Executive Director of Kamp Kiwanis and Julie Davis-Olson current President of Franklin Square Kiwanis. Thanks to all!



Governor

Don Herring

I hope that all of you who attended the Mid-Year Conference enjoyed it as much as Marlene and I did. We had a great time. There were many enlightening and valuable forums that were presented. The forum that I presented "Grill the Governor" was well attended and many topics were discussed. I'm not sure if we solved the problems that we discussed, but at the very least we have a better understanding of each one. The Mid-Year Conference is intended to be a training Conference for Kiwanis Club leaders, and a time to say thank you to last years Board of Leaders for a job well done. The New York District was named a Distinguished District, and Past Governor Joe Corace was named a Distinguished Governor. District Secretary Justin Underwood was also named a Distinguished Secretary. Many Clubs, and their Presidents and Secretary's were also found to provide service at a distinguished level. My congratulations to you all.

Now it is time for this years Board to build on the activities of the past, and seek to fulfill the distinguished criteria during this year. I have heard some of you say that you don't care about being distinguished; you just want to serve in your Community. Let me say to all of you in this category, that by earning the title of Distinguished Kiwanian you will have served to the utmost. You will have done those things that are necessary and needed in your Community, and you will have insured that Kiwanis will grow and prosper for years to come. You will have allowed Kiwanis International to better serve the children of the World. If you have looked at the Distinguished Kiwanian criteria you will have found that most of you routinely complete all of them with the exception of sponsoring two new members. As you have heard me say before we must insure the health of our Clubs by bringing in new members. So far this year we have over thirty five Distinguished Kiwanians. I am trying to reach the number of two hundred. Please join Marlene and me in our endeavor to strengthen Kiwanis and Kiwanis service by sponsoring two new members now.

You will recall that I set three goals for the District to work toward this year. One was to grow. We are on our way with over three hundred fifty new members, but we must do more. We all need to work on membership in our clubs. A second goal was to encompass diversity in our activities. I have designed the Governor's project to allow all clubs to take part in a diversity experience. So far some of you have completed the Governor's project and will receive a banner patch for your efforts. Others are completing the reporting phase of this project and will soon have completed the diversity goal. Still others are now planning how they will complete the requirement and show diversity in their club. Good luck to you all in this goal area. I would like to see every club earn the Governor's Project

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