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Past International Presidents Pin Hopes on Next NY District Trustee Candidate

Two Past Kiwanis International Presidents acknowledged Past Governor Tom DeJulio at this year's Mid-Year Conference by bestowing upon him the Legion of Honor Award for more than thirty years of Kiwanis service.

Past International Presidents Anton J. "Tony" Kaiser (1987-88) and Gerald P. "Jerry" Christiano (1996-97) spoke at the General Session about Past Governor Tom's service record in the Kiwanis family of clubs and predicted his success as an International trustee candidate in Hawaii in July 2005. At its meeting the previous day, the 2003-04

District Board unanimously voted to endorse and support his candidacy.

Tom joined the Kiwanis Club of Mount Vernon in February 1973, after being actively involved in Key Club in Mount Vernon High School and Circle K at Fordham University. He served as president of Key Club in 1968-69 and was a co-founder and charter president of Circle K in 1970. He became president of Mt. Vernon Kiwanis in 1979-80.

After serving as Lt. Governor for the Bronx Westchester South Division under Governor Bill Martin in 1981-82, Tom became New York District Circle K Administrator in 1984 and assembled an outstanding team of Kiwanis administrators headed by DPLG John Keegan that is still guiding the New York Circle K District to this date.

Tom worked on various other district committees before becoming New York Kiwanis Governor in 1996-97 under the leadership of Past International President Jerry Christiano who commented that "he (Tom) follows in the footsteps of a number of other Governors in his class (Steve Siemens, Tom Dimmock, Nelson Tucker, Lenny Simmons, Willy Chang) who went on to become International officers. As a fellow New Yorker, Tom will make us very proud," Jerry added.

Past President Tony Kaiser recited Tom's service on the International level, as Chair of the Committees on Public Relations and Constitution and Bylaws, and as one of the first Kiwanis appointments to the special committee on Kiwanis Diversity.

"I cannot think of any other candidate with the depth of knowledge and experience in every facet of Kiwanis family operations," Tony said, "and this is coupled with his professional experience, not to mention the added benefit of having Dr. Ro (Rosemary), the current Kiwanis International Chair for Education, along side his 30 years in Kiwanis."

In his response to the audience following the presentation of the thirty-year pin and Legion of Honor certificate, Tom alluded to the second most important piece of paper in his life: the letter dated May 21, 1966 inviting him to become a member of Key Club.

"No other piece of paper has had a greater impact on changing the course of my life for the better than this one," Tom said, "except one: my marriage certificate to Rosemary."

Tom thanked the members of his Kiwanis family for entrusting him and Dr. Ro with the responsibility to help lead Kiwanis to a better future, and for turning on the ignition that will transport them on this latest journey toward helping others.

David Rothman
Candidate for Governor Elect
2004 - 2005



David Rothman has been a member of the East Meadow Kiwanis Club since 1984, and has twenty years perfect attendance. He has served his Club as a Distinguished President 1993-94 and as a Distinguished Secretary 1989-90.

He has chaired many Club committees, including Interclubs, House, I.D.D., Toys for Tots, and serves as a Special Assistant to the President. David is also a member of the Island Park Kiwanis Club, and is a Charter Member of the Nassau County Young Professionals Club. He has served the Long Island South Central Division, chairing such committees as Membership Growth, New Club Building, Key Club Assistant Administrator, Interclubs, Toys for Tots, I.D.D., Kamp Kiwanis, New York District Foundation Representative, and Special Assistant to the Lieutenant Governor.

Currently, David is a Special Assistant to Governor Peter Mancuso and Kamp Kiwanis Chairperson. He has served on the District level as chairperson of Campaign Practices and Ombudsman 1998-99, Zone Chair Membership 1999-00, Kamp Kiwanis 2000-04.

In 1999, David was appointed to the New York District Foundation Board as Kamp Kiwanis Chair, and in 2001 was elected as a director. He also oversees the Insurance and Transportation for the Kamp.

Honors received by David include the Diamond Kaiser 2001, KPTC Award 2002, Tablet of Honor 2000, Hixson Fellowship 1998 and Kaiser Fellow 1994. He is a Life Member of the East Meadow Club, and is also a member of the Heritage Society and Empire Club.

At the same time David has continued to be involved in other volunteer activities. He has served the past twelve years as Treasurer of the Men's Club from his house of worship. He is a Director of the East Meadow Chamber of Commerce and chairs its Mentoring Committee. Additionally, he is a Community Representative for the Planning Management Team at the Barnum Woods Elementary School, East Meadow and is a past honoree of its Founders Day (1997).

David is General Manager of Island Associated Coop, Inc, an automotive parts cooperative. He also serves as President of the Nassau - Suffolk Counties Parts and Service Managers Council for the Ford and Lincoln Mercury Dealers, and is an Employer Trustee to Union Local 819's Pension Fund.

David will provide the necessary leadership skills and Kiwanis experience to lift the NY District to new heights. He does this with the love and support of his children, Gabrielle and Neil.

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