

Candidates for New York District Offices



Joseph Battista
Candidate for Foundation Board

Joe had joined the Richmond County Club of Kiwanis in 1987. He has served on the board of directors for this club for many terms, chaired many events, served as Pres. in 1990-91, and became distinguished. He has also served the Metropolitan Division in many capacities. He was chairman for several committees, and he served as LG in 1995-96 and was awarded distinguished status. Joe has also served the district as a Chairman for several Past Governors and presently is the Chairman for convention site selection 2008.

Joe has been also very active in his community. He was a charter member of the Staten Island Leukemia Society and served as a board member for 6 years. He also served as a Trustee to the New York City Chapter for 3 years. In his church, Joe has been an usher for the past 12 years and involved in many activities within his parish.

Joe lives in central New Jersey with his wife Maria, and two daughters, Ashley and Danielle. He is the Pres. of J.P.B. Mechanical corp., a plumbing construction company that services New York and New Jersey for the past 19 years. He is a member of the Plumber Association of New Jersey, and the P.E.A. in Manhattan. Joe is a license Master Plumber in New York and New Jersey. Joe holds an associates degree from Mercy College in Westchester.

Joe is also a member of the Board of Directors for the New York District Foundation Board. His devotion and passion for the Kamp can be seen throughout the Kamp. Joe first became involved in the Kamp in late 1997, when Kamp Director Ken Doolittle had ask Joe for guidance with structuring the Kamp, its buildings, and its utilities.

Along with this knowledge of construction, Joe has also helped the Kamp in other areas. He helped secure the funds to purchase the Bobcat, purchase a new commercial stove, weed whackers, lawn mowers, and a host of other items.



Richard Fancher
Candidate for Foundation Board

Richard (Rick) joined Kiwanis in 1986, as a member of the Batavia Club in the Genesee Division. He served the community until 1989. He left as a Distinguished Past Sect. and served as a Division Chair on several committees. He returned to Kiwanis in 1993, as a member of the Ogdensburg Club, St. Lawrence Division. He served Ogdensburg as President (and was distinguished), held several chair positions, and became Lt. Governor in 1997-98.

In 2003 Richard transferred to the Potsdam Club. He currently serves at the 2004-05 Lt Governor for the St. Lawrence Division. He is the President of his Board of Directors. Governor Glenn appointed him liaison to the Foundation Board.

During his time in Kiwanis he has participated in several work groups to Kamp Kiwanis. Rick has supported wish list contributions by clubs in his division to the camp. He works readily with local Key Clubs and Circle K's. Rick and members of the Ogdensburg Key Club organized a group of students to actively promote new club building for any clubs interested. They made themselves available to any club interested in building a club and talked to several school boards on behalf of the local clubs. Two clubs, Clarkson Circle K and Gouverneur Key Clubs were chartered just after his 97-98 term. Since then, the Norwood clubs have sponsored a new Key Club and Circle K. Ogdensburg has sponsored a second Key Club and Builders Club. Potsdam has organized a K-Kids. The Canton Club has sponsored a Circle K and is working on a second.

The NY District Foundation has several goals that need to be met during the next few years. Upgrades to the camp, as well as a concerted effort to reduce debt incurred from maintaining and upgrading camp facilities. Ever changing rules and regulations imposed by local, state, and federal agencies have forced us to make marked changes to the Camp's continued contribution to underprivileged youth. Rick is ready for the challenge.



Barbara Schor
Candidate for Foundation Board

Barbara has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Brighton since 1992 and has had 12 years of perfect attendance. She has served her club as Distinguished President in 1996-97 and 1997-98. Barbara has been a Distinguished Kiwanian and Kiwanian of the Year several times and is presently serving as Secretary.

Barbara has served the Finger Lakes Division, as Secretary and Kamp Kiwanis Chairperson.

Barbara became a Distinguished Lt. Governor of the Finger Lakes Division in 2001-2002. She was elected President of her Board of Lt. Governors. She oversaw the building of two new clubs. Barbara is also on the Finger Lakes Past Lt. Governor Council.

On the District Level, Barbara is currently serving as Co-Chair of Public Relations and also has been Interclubs chairperson. She is a member of the Past Lt. Governor Council.

Barbara has been honored as a Kiwanis International Life Member and is a recipient of the George F. Hixson Fellowship. She is a member of Kiwanis International Foundation's Heritage Society and the New York District Empire Club.

Barbara is a Dental Hygienist working in a Pediatric Dental Office in Rochester, New York. She has two grown children. Barbara enjoys refinishing furniture, needlepoint and knitting.

Barbara will continued her hard work on behalf of all children though Kiwanis.



George Wells
Candidate for Foundation Board

George joined Kiwanis September 1982 in Ogdensburg, NY (St. Lawrence Division). He served in various Ogdensburg Club offices including: Secretary and President. Due to employment change in 1991, George transferred to Gloversville-Johnstown Kiwanis (Mohawk Division).

Shortly after arriving in the Mohawk Division, he was elected Lt. Governor serving as a member of "Kolek's Krew" 92-93.

George was again elected Lt. Governor to serve as a member of "Weeks Winners" 95-96. George became a candidate for Governor-Elect in 1997.

Due to another employment change George transferred to the Kiwanis Club of Richardson, Texas 1998. While in Texas, George was approached by International Trustee Jack McGee and asked if he would accept appointment to replace the ailing district Governor-Elect. George declined, because he wanted to return to New York.

After a year, George was able to return to the New York District and Mohawk Division. He was elected Lt. Governor again to serve as a member of "Gridley's Guardians" 00-01.

George also became a candidate for the Foundation Board in 2002. In his three years on the Foundation Board, George has increased the participation in the scholarship applicants from eight to forty-two.

George has held various District Chairmanships and attended a number of International Conventions.

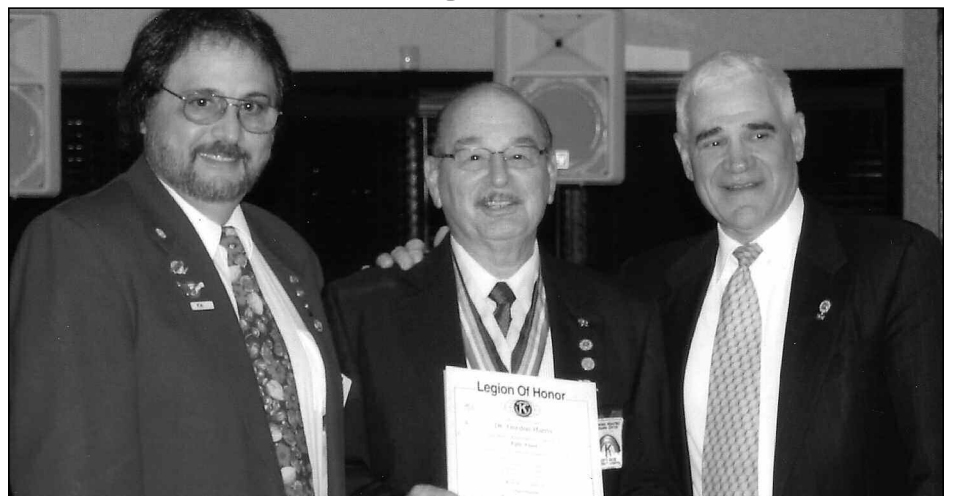
Massapequa Inducts New Members



Kiwanis Club of **MASSAPEQUA**, Long Island South Central Division – installed new members Carmela and Joe Ruggiero. They are both anxious to get started working on

Kiwanis projects. **Above l-r: Sponsor IPP Sue Martin, Pres. John Kilgus, new members Carmela and Joe Ruggiero, and sponsor Joan Miller.**

Harris Receives Legion of Honor Award



Kiwanis Club of **HUNTINGTON**, Suffolk West Division – recently awarded Dr. Gordon Harris, of Greenlawn, with the Legion of Honor Award for fifty years of service. Dr. Harris has served as DLG of the Suffolk West Division of the NYD of Kiwanis Int'l. He has served as Pres., Treas., Sect., and is currently serving as VP of the Huntington Club. Dr. Harris has shown his commitment to Kiwanis by having achieved 41 years of perfect attendance.

He joined Kiwanis in 1954, the same year he opened his Optometric office in Huntington. He presently maintains a practice in his home on Pulaski Road in

Suffolk West LG Sal Puglia presents the Huntington member Dr. Gordon Harris the 50 Year Legion of Honor Award with the help of Huntington Past President W. Gerard Asher, right.

Greenlawn. Dr. Harris is a retired Assistant Clinical Professor from the State University of New York, College of Optometry. Along with his practice, he continues to do research on automobile safety, myopia progression, and brain damage visual problems.