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International Convention.

The International Convention in Hawaii has come and gone already. We returned enthused that PG Tom DeJulio was elected International Trustee for 2005-2008 and that we survived the balance of elections as well as multitude of by-law amendments for proposed changes. We saw Heroes Mike Bennett & John Sawchuck receive their Connolly Medals of Honor for their acts of bravery saving students from a rampaging armed student. Hawaii was a beautiful experience with a hefty price tag...but, it was a trip of a lifetime for those attending.

District Convention

We are fast approaching the District Convention to be held at the Binghamton Regency Hotel, August 18-21, 2005. The Official Call was in the last ESK and the Delegate Form has been mailed to each Club Secretary. Every Club in Good Standing is allowed three (3) delegates, two (2) of the delegates must be 2005-06 Club President and 2005-06 Club Secretary.

To be in good standing clubs must be current in their financial obligations to the District and to International.

Your Club's Board of Directors should select its delegates and alternates and forward the white copy to the District Office. The yellow copy should be sent to your Lt. Governor and the pink copy is for the club files. If needed, additional registration and delegate forms are available from the District Office.

The business to come before the House of Delegates on Saturday, August 20th is the election of District Officers, two proposed By-law changes and any other business that may properly come before the delegate body.

At the Convention we will also be electing members to our District Foundation Board. All Kiwanians in Good Standing have the privilege of voting at the Foundation Annual meeting at the Convention, which will be held Friday afternoon, August 19th.

Membership

Are you doing all you can to increase your club's membership? If not, why not? Attend the District Convention for some timely forums.

Change to Annual Dues

Effective October 1, 2005, we will be paying club dues on an annual basis based on your club's anniversary (organizational) date per Kiwanis International schedule as follows:

Clubs organized between September 1st & December 31st – pay annual dues by December 31st.

Clubs organized between January 1st and April 30th – pay annual dues by March.

LG Rocco Riti Receives Yonkers Teacher of The Year Award

Kiwanis Club of **YONKERS**, Bronx Westchester South Division – Lt. Gov. Rocco Riti, Jr. was honored April 5th as Yonkers Teacher of the Year at the 50th Annual Dinner. The event, at the Riverview Restaurant in Hastings, was organized in cooperation with the Yonkers Public School system. It has given recognition to teachers who have demonstrated excellence in teaching, made significant contributions to the school community and engaged in activities that have led to student growth and development. One teacher who meets these criteria is selected each year from a slate of nominees to be inducted into the Yonkers Teacher Hall of Fame.

Yonkers Mayor Phil Amicone presented LTG Rocco with a proclamation. Other

proclamations were presented by Hartsdale Kiwanian and Westchester County Legislator Lois Bronz, Congresswoman Nita Lowey, and Senator Nick Spano.

John Bartunek, President of the Yonkers Kiwanis Club and chairperson of the event, commented that more than 26 teachers, friend, Kiwanians and family of the LTG attended. The evening of testimonials and awards honoring the Bronx West South Division's vivacious leader. Among the celebrities were Kiwanis NYD Gov. Glenn Hollins and lovely First Lady Susan. Gov. Glenn gave a glowing testimonial on behalf of Kiwanis distinguished educator. John Bartunek presented Rocco with a Kiwanis Plaque of Recognition for his outstanding service. Pres. John was the dinner's Master



LG Rocco Riti, Yonkers English Teacher receives Proclamation from Yonkers Mayor Phil Amicone. LG Riti will now be entered in the "Teachers Hall of Fame."

of Ceremonies and presented the history of Kiwanis.

The evening's agenda consisted of greetings from Robert M. Ferrito, Pres. of the Board of Education and Bernadette Dunn, VP of the Board of Education; remarks by Angelo Petrone, Superintendent of Schools, and Steven Frey, Pres. of Yonkers Federation of Teachers, Steven Mazzola, Principal of Saunders Trades and Technical High School presented LTG Rocco with the Teacher of the Year Award.

State Senate Passes Kiwanis Plates Bill

On June 23, 2005 the State Senate gave final passage to the "Kiwanis distinctive license plate" bill. This legislation, sponsored in the Senate by Dale M. Volker of Western New York and in the Assembly by George S. Latimer of Westchester County, directs the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles to offer a series of "vanity" license plates bearing the Kiwanis logo and the words "Kiwanis International". These plates are to be available within six months of the bill being signed into law.

What is important now is to have Kiwanians urge the Governor to sign the bill into law. Letters should be addressed to Governor George Pataki, Executive Chamber, Albany, NY 12224. The letters should reference Senate bill 1219A / Assembly bill 2349B, the Kiwanis license plate bill.

Due to a moratorium placed upon new distinctive plates by the Department of Motor Vehicles, legislation was required to direct the department to add these plates to those already offered.

There is an additional fee of \$25 per year for those desiring these plates, which should be a fantastic public relations tool for Kiwanis.

The securing of these vanity plates has been a long time effort for Kiwanians, starting under Gov. Bob Weeks in 1995-1996 and a major effort of Gov. Justin Underwood in 2002-2003.

I urge all Kiwanians to contact the Governor in support of his signature of the bill, and to thank the sponsors and their local state legislators for the passage of this legislation. – DPLG Eric G. Paul

LG David Rothman Holds 2005-06 LGs Orientation



Incoming 2005-06 LGs gathering for orientation and a visit to Kamp Kiwanis this past June. The new board is working hard and getting ready to take their positions and become one of, "David's Diamonds," the theme for the upcoming year.

<u>ADIRONDACK</u>	Start of Year	Net Change	Month End	Missing Reports
Elizabethtown	20		20	
Ellenburg	14	1	15	May
Keeseville	20	-5	15	Nov Dec Jan Feb
Lake Placid	35	1	36	
Plattsburgh Breakfast	22	3	25	May
Plattsburgh Noon	50	-6	44	
Rouses Point-Champlain	19	3	22	
Saranac Lake	31		31	
Ticonderoga	76	2	78	
Tupper Lake	15		15	Mar Apr May
Willsboro-Essex	15	Missing	15	Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May
Totals	317	-1	316	17
<u>BRONX WESTCHESTER SOUTH</u>	Start of Year	Net Change	Month End	Missing Reports
Bronx Shore	30	4	34	May
East Yonkers	27		27	Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May
Eastchester	23	Missing	23	Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May
Fordham, Bronx	36	2	38	
Hartsdale	39	-6	33	
Morris Park, Bronx	66		66	Oct Jan Feb Mar Apr May
Mount Vernon	41	5	46	
Mount Vernon G.K.	21	-4	17	May
North-East Bronx	28	Missing	28	Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May
Parkchester	20	3	23	May
Riverdale	28	-1	27	
Westchester Village, Bronx	20	Missing	20	Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May
Yonkers	23	2	25	Oct Feb
Totals	402	5	407	41
<u>BROOKLYN</u>	Start of Year	Net Change	Month End	Missing Reports
Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn	10	7	17	
Bensonhurst and Bay Ridge, Brooklyn	80		80	
Brooklyn	10		10	Mar Apr May
Coney Island, Brooklyn	19	2	21	May
Eighty-Sixth Street	19		19	Mar
Gravesend, Brooklyn	16		16	Apr May
Kings Plaza - Canarsie	27		27	
Mapleton	27	7	34	Mar Apr May
Marine Park, Brooklyn	26	-1	25	May
Parkway East, Brooklyn	19		19	Mar Apr May
Sheepshead Bay Verrazano	37	2	39	Mar Apr May
West End, Brooklyn	34	1	35	
Totals	324	18	342	17

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