



Secretary/Treasurer

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So, why did we change our e-mail address?

One of the frequent questions we have gotten lately is why did we change our e-mail address? The long time host of New York Kiwanis has been www.borg.com. However over the last few years, that site has been sold to at least 2 other entities and over the past year, or so, webmaster Marty Toombs has been able to move our website to another host.

Since we use Verizon at the District Office for both our phone and our DSL service (translation is that we have our new e-mail address at no additional cost), it made sense that we no longer pay the entity that purchased "borg.com" in addition to what we pay Verizon and the hosting service for our website. This should save the District \$150 to \$200 a year.

Additionally, through our own website, Webmaster Marty has set up an e-mail list service that would mean easy communications with Clubs, Chairs, Lt. Governors, Past Governors and other important District people. We are currently doing just that and it is working well, so far. However, many people change their e-mail addresses frequently and do not inform us. Please, be sure that if your e-mail changes, you let the District Office and our Webmaster know of the change.

The Annual Club Officer Election Reporting

Now is the time for all clubs to report the election results of your Annual Club Officers. For those of you that do your reporting on line, you can simply go to www.kiwanis-portal.com, as you normally do for your reports and choose Club Election instead of Monthly Report. Enter the information for your new officers and submit. If you are using the KiwanisOne reporting system there is no need to also fill out and mail or fax a written election report.

The Kiwanis Remote Club Management System

As club secretary, have you ever been curious about that roster that Kiwanis International sends to you just before billing? Well, I invite you to take a look at what we call Kiwanis Remote. Go to <https://districts.kiwanis.org/KiwanisRemote/login.aspx> select your language, and on the next page, if you have not done this before, choose the First Time User link, follow the directions (you will need your membership ID number and your Club Key number). After you choose your password, you can download your club's roster as it sits that day in Indianapolis. You can then edit the information of your club members. But, be mindful, that the changes you make will be reflected on a weekly basis. This is a

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New York Mourns the Passing of DPLG Joseph Michael Wuest

Editor's Note: During the past ten years, you have probably noticed the absence of many editor notes. I feel I must add my voice to this amazing eulogy given by DPLG Rosemary DeJulio, Ph.D. Please take the time to read this and celebrate the life of a truly dedicated Kiwanian whose humor and style will never be forgotten.

by DPLG Rosemary DeJulio, Ph.D.

So many times Joe (Wuest) would tell me that if anything ever happened to him, I would be one of his two choices to deliver a eulogy along with Guy Velella. I always told him that day would not come for a very long time and I did not want to discuss it.

In recent weeks I thought about those talks and came to a painful realization that maybe that day was not as far off as I wanted it to be. I spoke to him a few days ago, before he took a turn for the worse, and although he was in considerable pain, he still had that singular quality of putting people at ease with his carefree way of delivering a punch line. Although his jokes were never fit to print, many are still my favorites, though I would not dare repeat them here.

As I think back to our first meeting more than a quarter century ago, and we used to kid about this, I told him quite bluntly that I did not like him. But, as you know, Joe never feared talking to the enemy. He was relentless in his pursuit of my friendship and after a long conversation and lots of laughs, in where else but a Kiwanis hospitality suite, this faithful and loyal Kiwanian from Morris Park defrosted my cold heart and taught me how easy it was to love someone who showed his love for others in his own unique way. For 25 years, having seen his love for Ginnie, his love for his daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren and great-grandchild, his love for his friends in Kiwanis and especially his love for children, all of this proved to me that God gave us a "one of a kind" gift in the person of Joseph Michael Wuest – a gift to share, to laugh with, and to love.

I, like so many others, became a willing victim of his teasing. His GED (good enough diploma) was just as worthy as my PhD (pretty hard degree). He teased me incessantly always saying that he made me a star in the Kiwanis world when, in 1991, I became his Kiwanis division secretary when he was Kiwanis Lt. Governor of the Bronx Westchester South Division. Everyone knew Joe didn't "do paper" and he was humble enough to admit that someone had to clean up his act. How fortunate I was to have been chosen for that "dirty" job.

The memories are endless – rich, and warm and hilarious, especially as Joe and Ginny and Tom and I traveled together in the name of Kiwanis to guide and mentor our sponsored youth – Key Club and Circle K – at local and international conferences and conventions. But as the years passed and illness and seemingly endless suffering prevailed for him and his family – the memories are heart-breaking. Throughout it all, Joe had an indomitable spirit of strength and perseverance, always asking for and caring about others. The visible signs of his caring came out as fast as the wads of dollars came out of his pockets. But we know it was more than the cash – it was immeasurable love and caring for anyone in need. All those Kiwanis pins he wore on his lapel that represented all of the awards he received – the Diamond Hixson, the Diamond Kaiser, the



Tablet of Honor, the KPTC Fellow, and most especially the Brittany – all were mere symbols of how much he loved any child; indeed any person who did not get that lucky break or their fair share in life. Joe always championed the underdog.

Joe would always remind us about money being only money to spend and not to save. Remember one thing, he would say to me, you will never see an armored car following a hearse. But, if there was to be an armored car used today, it would not be filled with money – but with gold – the symbolic gold that Joe collected throughout his life in

gestures of friendship and caring, gold that would mirror his shining spirit of generosity and love to all those who knew him, loved him and were touched by his life.

I will keep his memory alive every time I watch Jeopardy, hear the odds on a football game, play a round of cards, sample a dish of pasta carbonara, share a funny story, and put my small feet in front of the kitchen sink after I cooked dinner for my husband, exactly where Joe said they belonged. And when, as Kiwanians, you and I assemble a Thanksgiving basket, sing Happy Birthday to an infirmed senior citizen, or lend a hand to help a child with Lyme disease, we give testimony to the life of Joseph Michael Wuest, a true Kiwanian who will always be right by our side.

The members of that Kiwanis club in the sky just increased by one – one in a million – one who made all the difference in the world to so many. Though we are devastated and saddened, deep down we will always hear the chorus of laughter as Joe holds court in his new club as the newest member of the communion of saints – yes, my friends, alongside his patron Saint Anthony, whose feast day we celebrate tomorrow along with Joe's birthday, Joe Wuest is now "Saint Joe". May God give light to, bless and protect the spirit of this wonderful, wonderful man, a spirit that will live in our hearts forever. Farewell my friend, until we meet again.

Annual Foundation Scholarships Awarded

These are the winners of the Foundation Scholarships.

1. **Peter A. Zaykoski**, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of the Central Adirondacks-Old Forge. Peter plans to attend the University of Chicago where he will major in Environmental Studies.

2. **Michael M. Slish**, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Niagara Falls. Michael will attend Canisius College where he plans to major in Education and Spanish. He would like to return to his alma mater and teach.

3. **Megan M. Short**, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Canandigua. She has not selected a College as yet but she plans to major in Intercultural Studies and International Relations and minor in Biology. Then she plans to become a Physicians Assistant and work in a Third World Country.

4. **Michael A. Herring**, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Oswego. Michael plans to attend the Fredonia School of Music where he will double major in Violin Performance and Music Education. He would to eventually become a music director of an opera company or a major orchestra. Teaching is also in his plans.

5. **Kristen M. Kern**, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Eastwood-East Syracuse. Kristen plans to study at the University of Buffalo, where she will major in a combina-

tion of Biochemistry and Forensics. She will make her career as a Forensic Pathologist.

The winners were selected from a field of thirty nominees. All who applied are to be congratulated. Thanks go out to all the clubs that submitted a candidate for the scholarship judging.

Free full-color club brochure available

Every Kiwanis club should have a brochure that explains the club to visitors, donors, and potential members. Now Kiwanis International is offering to give every club 50 copies of a brochure personalized with the club's local information.

This offer is part of the "Are You The One?" program to help clubs grow. Kiwanis International offers more than ten resources to assist clubs in building membership.

For information, visit <http://www.kiwanis.org/theone/>.

The club brochure is a standard 8.5x11-inch sheet with two folds, creating a handy six-panel presentation. The full color, professionally designed brochure is based on a Microsoft Word template, so it's easy to add local information about club meetings, projects, and contact information.

Using the template, clubs can print additional copies as often as they are needed and revise local information at any time. To view the brochure template, go to <http://www.kiwanis.org/theone/cbrochure.html>.

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Website at
www.kiwanis-ny.org