

#### **Secretary/Treasurer**

Justin Underwood

### Club Elections Need to be Reported NOW!

Each year it seems to be a struggle to "get the information right" when we do the District Directory. If you check your club bylaws you will note in Article XI, Section 5 the following:

Section 5. The annual meeting of this club should be held at a regular meeting no earlier than the first meeting in April and no later than the second week in May. The membership shall be given at least two (2) weeks notice of the date and place of the annual meeting. One-third (1/3) of the active, senior, and privileged members of the club shall constitute a quorum.

Now that you have your officers for the 2008 – 2009 Kiwanis year, it is important that the information be sent to Kiwanis International and the New York District Office so that we can have some means of communicating important information to your Kiwanis Club throughout the year.

Let me list for you the "Top Ten Reasons Club Secretaries Need to Report Your Club Elections":

- 10. The District Directory will help you know when and where your Club is meeting.
- 9. The information in the International Directory will be correct for your Kiwanis Club.
- 8. The information in the District Directory will be correct for your Kiwanis Club.
- 7. Kiwanis International will know where to send The Official Call to their Annual Convention.
- 6. NY Kiwanis will know where to send The Official Call to our Conferences & Conventions.
- 5. Your Lt. Governor will know where to send notices of Division Council Meetings.
- 4. You will get timely notices of Kiwanis events that might interest your club.
- 3. Other Kiwanis Clubs can find out where you meet so that they can visit you.
- 2. KI can send you timely roster requests so your Kiwanis Club is properly billed for the right number of members.

And finally, the Number One Reason to report your Club Elections now is:

1. Your Kiwanis Club is the most important service organization in your community and all of your members are proud to be part of the "Kiwanis Club of My Community".

Today, it is so much easier to report your club elections. When you go on – line to do your monthly reports, one of the selections you have available is to report the club officers for 2008 – 2009. No need to print out and mail (at 42 cents each mailing) the election reports to International and the District. When you report your club officers on – line both Kiwanis International and the New York District has access to your club's new officers' information immediately.

Finally, several years ago Kiwanis International (for those clubs that did not report their

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## **Past Governors' Distinguished Award**

by DPG Jack Tetamore, Award Committee Chairperson

Every New York District Kiwanian now has the opportunity to recognize and honor an "unsung hero," grass roots Kiwanian with the District's highest Distinguished Service Award. If you know of a Kiwanian who works tirelessly and continuously to help your club improve the lifestyle of disadvantaged citizens in your community and is seldom or never recognized for their efforts, you can reward them by submitting their nomination for this prestigious Distinguished Service Award.

The New York District Past Governors Council encourages all New York District Kiwanians to submit recommendations and proposals for nominees qualified to receive the "Gerald P. Christiano Distinguished Service Award "sponsored by The New York District Past Governors Council and awarded annually at the District Convention. The award is intended for the 'grass roots Kiwanian' often overlooked for their continuous dedication, untiring efforts and commitment to the betterment of people in their community who are less fortunate than themselves.

Nominations must comply with the following criteria established by the Council March 3, 2001.

The award may be presented to only one Kiwanian each year at the annual New York District Kiwanis Convention. The Honoree should be a living New York District Kiwanis member in good standing, who has exhibited outstanding meritorious service to individuals in the community and has contributed in an extraordinary manner over a significant period of years to the advancement of Kiwanis. Governor-elects, sitting Governors and Past Governors shall not be eligible to be nominated for or receive this award.

Award presentation and expenditures will be financed by the Council only, and cannot be purchased by any club or individual.

Recommendations and proposals for award nominees must be submitted by a Past Governor and shall be presented in writing to the current Council Chairman, not later than January First each year.

The Council Chairman shall mail a copy of submitted proposals to Council members not later than February first each year.

Evaluation and approval of each award recipient shall be by a two-thirds majority vote, by closed ballot of all Council members present at the Mid-Year Conference Council Meeting each year."

**District Convention** 

Joe Battista

This year marks the first of a series of new venues for our District Convention. On August 6th thru the 10th 2008 the New York District Convention will be held at the Turning Stone Resort and Casino (TSRC) located in Verona, Oneida County NY; Exit 33 on the New York State Thruway. This facility is on The Oneida Indian Reservation, A sovereign state.

The TSRC has many amenities to offer to us. There are 3 health spas, 2 beauty salons, 3 indoor pools, 3 golf courses, tennis courts, and of course a full casino, from Keno and slots to craps and card tables; which ever your choice of gaming, I'm sure you'll find it at the TSRC.

The facility itself is constantly upgrading. Our guest accommodation will be in the Towers, a new addition to the TSRC as of 2004 which is a 21 story modern building with a spectacular lobby with water falls and indoor horticulture arrangements that are soothing to the eye; which immediately relieves the stress and tension of the day. Or you may prefer their award winning "LODGE" suites, which premiered in the fall of 2005. If relaxation and a stress free environment are your pleasure, then I strongly urge you to partake in the accommodations at the Lodge.

A morning or late afternoon stroll around the rear of the facility by the golf course is highly recommended. The grounds of the facility are nothing less than a pictures fanfare of flowers, trees, ponds, wildlife, and breathtaking views.

There are 9 eateries within the facility. EMERALDS,(\$) a diner type environment open 24 hours a day with a wide variety of items; PEACH BLOSSOM,(\$\$) an Asian restaurant with an atmosphere of tranquility and food to match. PINO BIANCO TRATTORIA, (\$\$) an Italian restaurant that is second to none, (try their Osso Buco). THE FOREST GRILL,(\$\$\$) an authentic New York steak house, featuring the finest cuts of meat and fresh seafood situated in a sophisticated atmosphere. RODIZIO,(set pricing 29.95 per person) is a Brazilian style grill complete with Gauco cowboys serving an unending array of grilled meats continuously until you burst, (a definite must). WILDFLOW-ERS,(\$\$\$) which is located off the Great room of the Lodge, here exquisite fine dinning is the to call of order, if your palate is up to the challenge, I recommend making a reservation, ask for Jerry and mention my name, he will see to your request. SEASON'S HAR-VESTS,( set pricing 12.95 to 16.95 per person) open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, this is a buffet style restaurant featuring a wide variety of foods, including, Mexican, Italian, American, Seafood, Chinese, a salad and desert bar and so much more ( even hot dogs and hamburgers). THE CORNER MARKET,(\$) consist of several types of eateries in one, from sandwiches, pizza, fried chicken, panini's, desserts ect. And lets not forget OPALS, they feature Starbucks coffees, and their desserts are to die for, (try the peanut butter brownie). Or you may choose to dine in Continued on Page 4

# **Kingston Runs in 27th Classic 10K Race and Supports Senior to End**



Kingston Kiwanians race participants with LG Matt Hall in background.



Kingston Kiwanians and run along side of 71 year old to offer support.

The Kiwanis Club of **KINGSTON**, Hudson River Division – 27th Annual Kingston Classic 10K Race was held with 463 runners finishing the challenge. The Kiwanis Club of Kingston had seven members run in the race proudly sporting their Kiwanis shirts. At the finish line they were met by Matt Hall of Mobile Life and currently the Lt. Governor for the Hudson River District.

Along the race route, the group encountered a 71 year old runner who had collapsed and was having difficulty. The Kiwanians stayed with the runner who eventually decided to not quit the race and make it back to the finish line with their assistance.

The gentlemen sent a very nice thank you card to the Kiwanis Club for their kindness and help.