

93rd District Convention will be in Binghamton

The annual New York District Convention will take place Aug. 18-22 at the Regency Hotel in Binghamton.

Clubs in good standing are entitled to three delegates at the convention. Registration materials and other related

information has been mailed to clubs, and also is available on the district' web site, www.kiwanis-ny.org.

Check the web site as the event approaches for scheduling updates and other information.

Two running for post of Governor-Elect for 2010-11

Bill Risbrook

Bill joined the Kiwanis Club of Cambria Heights in 1997. In 2001-02 he was distinguished club president; during his year as president, 29 new members joined the club and he sponsored 17 of them himself. During his year as president, the club sent children to Kamp Kiwanis, sponsored a picnic at the St. Albans Veterans Hospital, distributed toys to children in shelters during the Christmas season and provided car seats to mothers for young children in the community.

He served as lieutenant governor of the Queens East Division in 2003-04. During that year he built two new clubs in the division, The Rosedale-Laurelton and Flushing clubs, and a Key Club at

St. Francis Prep High School. During his year, the division had the second largest membership growth of the district's divisions. He later was honored by Gov. Peter Mancuso as a Super Distinguished lieutenant governor.

Bill has served on many division committees, and on the district New Club Building and Membership Growth teams. He later built the Kiwanis Club of Jamaica, and was district chair for the Distinguished Kiwanian program. He is a current member of the New Club Building and Membership Growth Team.



A Brooklyn native, Bill studied music and was a leader of the rhythm and rock band BT Express, which played at the White House during the Carter administration. Today, he is a licensed insurance broker and owner of the Majestic Driving School. He currently serves on the board of directors of Jamaica Hospital Medical Center in Jamaica, and the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at North Shore University Hospital.

Bill is an active church member of the Greater Allen Cathedral of New York in Queens.

Bill's partner, Dr. Lavonia Francis, has been a Kiwanian for nine years and has recently joined the Kiwanis Club of Hempstead. She is the Senior Director of Nursing for Ambulatory Care at the Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City.

Michael Siniski

When Mike joined the Kiwanis Club of Sayville in 1989 he became involved with the club's Family Festival and has been assisting in various projects and committees ever since.

He served as club director for three years, and then served as secretary before becoming president in 1997-98. He later served three years as club treasurer.

He was lieutenant governor of the Suffolk East Division in 2002-03, and was the class president for that year's lieutenant governors.

It was during his year as lieutenant governor that Mike first visited Kamp Kiwanis. He fell in love with the kamp.

With the blessing of his wife, Rita, he began to visit the kamp during work weekends. He continues to visit the kamp at least six times a year. One of those weekends was to build the Fishing Dock at the kamp's pond, working with Past Lt. Gov. William Jackson of the Mastics club and Garrett Lacara of Sayville.

Mike was appointed to the board of the District Foundation in 2006 and then was elected to the board in 2008.

He served as a governor's assistant under Gov. Glenn Hollins in 2003-04, and



Gov. David Booker, 2009-10. He currently serves as treasurer of both the Sayville Club and the Suffolk East Division, and as president of the Suffolk East Division's Past Lieutenant Governors' Council.

His Kiwanis awards include a Hixson Award, presented by the Sayville Club in 1998; KPTC Fellow in 2001, Richard Hill Award, 2004; Kaiser Fellow, 2005; Diamond Kaiser Fellow, 2007; and Kamp Brick, 2008. He was Kiwanian of the Year in the Sayville Club in 1991-92, 1998-99 and 2001-02.

Mike and his wife, Rita, have been married for 37 years. They have three children, Stephen, Brian and Lori. Mike is retired from the town of Islip, where he served as Data Processing Director for 24 years.

Disaster Relief Collection

Items will be stored so they'll be ready when needed

Once again this year, a collection will take place at the District Convention for the district's Disaster Relief effort.

Program Chair Mike Malark notes that rather than wait for disasters to begin collections, the district is now collecting items that would be needed in advance of the need, so response can be more timely when events occur.

Items being sought include: personal hygiene items (full size and trial size), shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, soap, shaving cream, toothbrushes, hand towels, men's and women's razors, wash clothes, men's and women's deodorant, toothpaste, baby powder, women's personal hygiene items, diapers sizes 2, 3, 4, and 5 and pull-ups.

In the past few years, the District's Disaster Relief effort has provided support to hurricane victims in the Gulf as well as to flooding victims in the New York District.

Baseball Game Featured Friday

Those attending the convention will have the opportunity to spend Friday evening at a minor-league game between the Binghamton Mets and the Altoona Curve.

The game starts at 7 p.m. and will be followed by fireworks.

It may be a location for Past Lt. Governor dinners to take place as well.

More information on the Mets and that night's event is available at <http://web.minorleaguebase.com/index.jsp?sid=t505>.