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New York District Kiwanis Foundation

## NY Entrusted with 3 Leadership Roles New Orleans Conventions Select DeJulio, Mancuso and Lukito

The elections of Thomas DeJulio as Kiwanis International President and Peter Mancuso as Kiwanis International Foundation president at the Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans were not the only reason New York Kiwanians had to celebrate.

During the annual International Convention for Circle K, which was conducted in New Orleans at the same time as the Kiwanis convention, New York District Circle K Governor Josephine Lukito was elected International President of Circle K for the coming year.

More pictures from New Orleans are on Pages 6-7

Lukito, a student at SUNY Geneseo, and a contingent of Circle K members from New York who were at the convention were able to join the Kiwanis celebration dinner on Friday night.

The House of Delegates also took action on more than a dozen bylaw amendments, many of which passed with little opposition.

The request by the International Board to increase dues from \$42 to \$57



per member was not approved. With the support of 71 percent of the delegates voting, the request was referred to the International Board's Finance Committee for further study.



Kiwanis International President-Designate and Dr. Rosemary DeJulio following his election.



Karen Mancuso and Kiwanis International Foundation President-Designate Peter Mancuso at the General Session.



Circle K International President Josephine Lukito, New York past Circle K governor, celebrating her election.

## District Convention is Aug. 16-19 in Niagara Falls

The 2012 New York District Convention will take place Aug. 16-19 In Niagara Falls.

It will be an opportunity for Kiwanians to meet old friends, exchange ideas and learn the latest of what's happening in the Kiwanis world.

Some events will take advantage of the convention's location. Two tours will be available: A wine tasting tour on the Niagara Wine Trail and a visit to the American side of the Falls where you can see what most people miss in Niagara Falls.

There are other opportunities for Kiwanians to travel to Niagara Falls as well. Amtrak service and a bus service from New York City have been arranged. For more information on that, see the district web site, [www.kiwanis-ny.org](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org)

A basket raffle will take place at the convention as well.

The annual meeting of the New York District Foundation will take place on Friday. All Kiwanians from the dis-

More information on the candidates and the convention are on Pages 4-5.

trict are able to participate in that event.

Clubs are each entitled to three delegates for the House of Delegates on Saturday. At the House of Delegates, there will be one candidate for Governor, Gov.-Elect Al Norato Jr., and, and one candidate for Governor-Elect, Joseph Aiello.

One proposed bylaw change has been submitted for consideration by the House of Delegates. The Kiwanis Club of Sayville has asked that the rule regarding required experience for candidates for lieutenant governor. be changed.

Currently candidates for lieutenant governor must have completed a year as past president; the change would instead require that they have completed a year as a club president.

**District Secretary**

**Justin Underwood**



**Club Elections are overdue**

Checking your club bylaws, you will note that club elections are to be completed by the middle of May. In preparing for next year, the district needs your help. Secretaries, you can report your club elections "online" when you do your monthly reports. In fact, reporting online is easier than submitting your elections in writing. Through your Secretary's Dashboard, just pick out your club's officers next year by using the convenient "drop down" list and the entire officer's required information is automatically filled in for you! If you wish to use "snail mail" then you can download the club officer reporting form from the Kiwanis International website, [www.kiwanisone.org](http://www.kiwanisone.org). In any case, please report your new officers as soon as possible so that your incoming Lt. Governor and next year's leadership team can plan their year accordingly.

**Kiwanis International's 97th Convention**

WOW! What a great convention. The New York District of Kiwanis International now has the leading officers in three Kiwanis Family organizations! We start the list, of course, with our own Tom DeJulio being elected as International President for 2012-13. Then, we find that Peter Mancuso is also the President of the Kiwanis International Foundation Board. Then, at a separate convention, but also in New Orleans at

the same time, Circle K International elected NYCKI's Immediate Past Governor Josephine Lukito to be their President for the 2012-13 year as well. We had over 300 celebrants cheer Tom DeJulio and Dr. Rosemary after the House of Delegates Friday evening. Indeed it was a grand and wonderful convention.

**Some Amendments Passed and some did not**

Through a series of bylaw amendments, your club's bylaws will change drastically to become more streamlined and should help your club operations. Many parts of the current Standard Form for Club Bylaws were removed and put into a new club document called Club Policies. This should help remove a lot of confusion for clubs as to "What is the Law" and what should be club policies. Look for the new documents around Oct 1. There was no dues increase approved, but rather that amendment was referred back to the Finance Committee to be presented in Vancouver. The amendment to add a seventh Kiwanis Object was defeated as was the amendment to add a Kiwanis International standing committee of past Kiwanis International Trustees. You can view all of the amendments and election results by going to the Kiwanis International website, [www.kiwanisone.org](http://www.kiwanisone.org)

**The 95th Annual NY District Kiwanis Convention**

The District Convention in Niagara Falls is going to start off with a special salute to Veterans as the Color Guard from the Niagara Falls Air Base will present our nation's colors complete with bagpipes. Our Friday luncheon will celebrate 25 years of Women in Kiwanis with a special guest speaker, Janet Flinders, 2001-02 Governor for the Utah-Idaho District and their current District Secretary. Forums are going to be really special as Governor

Elect Al Norato has outlined some new and exciting forums with a different twist. Add to that a special guest presenter in Les Gagne, a Kiwanian and a past International Area Representative, who will present an exciting perspective on strengthening your club through social media. It is a great time of the year to be in Niagara Falls. The American Falls is a well-disguised tourist attraction that many people miss. But, do not forget to bring your passport and/or enhanced NYS Driver's license so that you can easily visit the entire Niagara Falls area on both sides of the river.

**25th Anniversary of Women in Kiwanis**

This year marks the 25th year that Kiwanis has opened its doors to women. And what would Kiwanis be today without these dedicated Kiwanians? Take a look at what your club can do to celebrate our female Kiwanians. How about throwing a party? How about some news articles strategically placed in your local newspaper or even on a local TV or Radio show. Why not honor your Kiwanis members that joined in 1987 with a Legion of Honor recognition? Go to the Kiwanis International website [www.kiwanisone.org](http://www.kiwanisone.org) and click on the Women in Kiwanis logo for more ideas, some snappy brochures, handouts and PowerPoint presentations.

**And Finally**

The District Office is always available to you. Currently Past Governor Jack Tetamore is generally in the District Office between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays of each week. Please do not hesitate to contact us anytime at (585) 427-0006 or [districtoffice@kiwanis-ny.org](mailto:districtoffice@kiwanis-ny.org). Many people wonder about the 1-800-419-8898 number. That number is routed automatically, 24 hours a day, to 585-721-9185. Please leave a message if I am not able to answer and I will get back to you!

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**Kiwanis Education Available Online**

Whether you're a seasoned leader in your club or just embarking on a new leadership role, Kiwanis offers education opportunities—both online and in a classroom setting—to help make you successful.

Webinars take place every week and are about one hour in length. If you can't make it to a live broadcast, most sessions are recorded and archived so you can watch them at your convenience.

No matter what your role in your club, Kiwanis webinars can help you do your job with more confidence. Learn more about Kiwanis webinars.

Club Leadership Education will help

you:

- Understand the basics of running a club.
- Enhance your communication skills.
- Learn about Kiwanis programs and procedures.

To ensure that club officers are armed with the tools they need to succeed, Kiwanis now requires club presidents and secretaries to complete Club Leadership Education. Completing your CLE requirement has never been easier or more convenient.

Go to [www.kiwanisone.org](http://www.kiwanisone.org) and look for the Training link for more information.

## Governor

**Bill  
Risbrook**



Greetings to all of "Bill's Boosters" from your Governor Bill and First Lady Dr. Lavonia. We are having a fabulous year in our New York District.

First I want to thank everyone who attended this year's International Convention in New Orleans. We achieved something that I don't think has ever been done by any District at one Convention before. A new Kiwanis International President, a new Kiwanis International Foundation President, AND a new Circle K International President all winning from the New York District!

First congratulations to incoming International President Thomas DeJulio and Dr. Rosemary. Also, congratulations to incoming International Foundation Board President Peter Mancuso and Karen. And, congratulations to our new Circle K International President Josephine Lukito. We in the New York District are so proud and happy for all of you.

We had more than 300 Kiwanians who attended the International Convention and I know they enjoyed every

minute of it. Special thanks to Nydia and Joe Corace for putting together a great celebration and dinner for Tom and Dr. Rosemary DeJulio. And of course to our District Secretary Justin Underwood for helping to keep things running smoothly.

Now it is time to talk membership. I am very happy to report our District is currently on the plus side in membership. But, we cannot stop bringing in new members if we hope to end our year on the plus side. I want to say to all of "Bill's Boosters": Our year at this point is NOT winding down, our year is GEARING UP. We are gearing up for a great membership drive during the months of August and September. The dues are pro-rated during the year; therefore, you can bring in a new member in August for only \$12 dues to International. You can bring in a new member in September for only \$6 due to International. If ever there was a good time to bring in new members, this would be the time. Remember, if you want your clubs, your Lt. Governor and your District to be distinguished, membership and service projects are the way to do it.

I am currently in the process of building two new clubs in my own Queens East Division. I want to lead by example. Many thanks to all members of our New Club Building and Membership Growth teams for a great job. Special thanks to Kim Scharoff for informing our clubs of potential new members in



their area.

Our next big event, of course, is the District Convention August 15-19 in beautiful Niagara Falls. I feel this will be one of the best District Conventions ever. There will be something for everyone; Bus Tours, Boat Rides, sightseeing, casino play and lots of shopping. Come early and leave happy. Also some great guest speakers and good forums. Our honorees at this year's convention will be past Governor Justin Underwood and Past First Lady Joanne. This would be a great chance to honor both of them by coming to the convention. I cannot think of two better people who are more deserving and worthy to be honored for their dedication and service to Kiwanis. Let's all show our support for Justin and Joanne.

In closing, I again want to thank all of my Lt. Governors for the great job they are doing. And also thanks to the District for some great Governor's Visits and all the love and support you have given to me and Lavonia. May God Bless you and I look forward to seeing you at our 95th Annual District Convention.

## Builders Clubs

**Joanne  
Underwood**



If you've heard me speak about Builders Clubs, you have heard me say something to the effect that "If you give these kids the opportunity, they will outshine most Kiwanis Clubs, as they know no limits." This has once again been proven true, this time in terms of the EliMiNaTe Project.

I have the honor to represent Builders Clubs on the SLP Eliminate subcommittee for Kiwanis International. This is made up of one K-Kids Administrator, one Aktion Club Administrator, one Builders Club Administrator (me), two Key Club member representatives and two Circle K member representatives and is lead by Ruth Pollak who is the

SLP Campaign Director and KI Trustee Sue Petresin. We meet every two weeks on a webinar.

On our last webinar, July 10, the total amount of money given to the EliMiNaTe Project from Builders Clubs was \$53,191.28. Of the SLP's, only Key Club had given more! That's pretty good considering our Builders Clubs do not have any central coordinating/organizing body, with Lt. Governors, governors, International officers, etc. who communicate regularly to promote giving! Our clubs are totally local, and for individual Builders Clubs, with only their Kiwanis Advisor to explain the project and suggest they might want to do a project to raise funds for EliMiNaTe, speaks volumes for those advisors! Thank you!

New York Builders Clubs are truly among THE best in the world, as evidenced by the fact that in International Builders Clubs Contests, we had four International winners, which was more than any other District! As for Club distinctions, only 12 Districts had any Builders Clubs named Honor Clubs, and we were one of them with the Cohen Middle School from Elmira Heights being an Honor Club. New York had six clubs named Distinguished Builders Clubs. In alphabeti-

cally order these Builders Clubs were: The Albany Academy for Girls in Albany, the Alfred G. Berner Middle School in Massapequa, the WT Clarke Middle School in Westbury, the North Shore Middle School in Glen Head, the Ogdensburg Free Academy Middle School in Ogdensburg and the Woodland Middle School in East Meadow/Woodland. That was more than any other district! I'm so proud of our Builders Clubs and the clubs who sponsor them. And, we had seven new Builders Clubs started this year bringing our number of Builders Clubs up to 76!

For those of you who want to start a new Builders Club, NOW is the time. School Administrators work all 12 months, and have more time now than they will have during the school year, to talk to you about the largest Middle School/Junior High Service Club in the world. Don't wait to make an appointment with the principal. Now is the perfect time. If you need help, call me at (585) 342-7657. I look forward to seeing you at NY's District Convention in Niagara Falls.

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District News at  
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# 95th Annual New York District Convention Set for Niagara Falls Aug. 16-19

## Underwoods To Be Convention Honorees

The honorees for the 2012 District Convention will be Past Gov. Justin Underwood and Past Lt. Gov. Joanne Underwood.

The Underwoods, both former lieutenant governors of the Genesee Division, are being honored for their continuing service to Kiwanis.

This year Justin is serving as District Secretary, and Joanne has served as District Builders Club administrator for four years.

Justin has been a member of the Henrietta Kiwanis Club since 1980. He was District Governor in 2002-03, and previously served as District Secretary in 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Joanne joined Kiwanis in 1990 and has been a member of the Rochester club since 2001.

They will be honored at the Convention Honoree's Reception on Friday.

## Convention Updates

Use your smart phone and this QR Code to access the latest information on the District Convention in Niagara Falls.



## District Convention Schedule

Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2012

Early Check-In ..... 4 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 16, 2012

Registration and Credentials ..... 9 am.-6 p.m.  
Bill's Boosters Luncheon (by invitation) ..... 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.  
2011-12 Board Meeting..... 1-4 p.m.  
On Your Own Tours of Niagara Falls..... 1-5 p.m.  
Past Governors Dinner (by invitation) ..... 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 17, 2012

Past Governors Breakfast and Council (Ticketed Event)..... 7-9 a.m.  
Registration/Credentials/Exhibit Tables ..... 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Opening Session..... 9-11:45 a.m.  
25 Years of Women in Kiwanis Luncheon (Ticketed Event)..... Noon-1:30 p.m.  
Forums, TBA..... 1:45-2:45 p.m.  
NYDK Foundation Annual Meeting and Elections ..... 3-4:30 p.m.  
Convention Honoree Reception..... 5-6 p.m.  
Past Governor Reunion Dinners ..... 7 p.m.  
Hospitality Rooms ..... 10 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012

Foundation Recognition Breakfast (Ticketed Event)..... 7:30-8:30 a.m.  
Registration/Credentials/Exhibit Tables ..... 8 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Forums ..... 8:30-11:15 a.m.  
Meet the Governor-Elect Candidate..... 11:30a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Lunch on Your Own ..... Noon  
Caucuses ..... Noon-2 p.m.  
House of Delegates ..... 2-4 p.m.  
Past Lt. Governors Meeting ..... 4-5 p.m.  
Religious Services ..... 5-6 p.m.  
Gala Governor's Reception..... 6-7 p.m.  
Governor's Toast (by invitation)..... 6:45 p.m.  
Governor's Celebration Dinner (Ticketed Event)..... 7 p.m.  
Hospitality Rooms ..... 10 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 19, 2012

Memorial Breakfast (Ticketed Event)..... 8-9:30 a.m.  
Installation of Officers..... 10-11:30 a.m.  
2012-13 Board Luncheon (by invitation) ..... Noon-2 p.m.

### Pediatric Lyme Disease

DPG John  
Gridley



Learn to be Tick Free  
Step #1: Protect

When in areas with ticks: stay in the center of paths to avoid ticks on brush, use a tick repellent, children should let adults apply this for them, wash off repellents when you return inside.

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Dress properly: wear light colored long pants and long sleeves, tuck your shirt into pants and pants into socks to keep ticks on the outside of your cloths.

#### Step #2: Do Tick Checks

After you come inside, check your entire body for ticks. Do this by looking at your clothes and by running your fingers over your skin. Don't forget your hair, ears, and underarms. You can check your whole body each night at bedtime.

#### Step #3: Remove Ticks Properly

For proper tick removal use a fine point tweezer to grasp the tick around its mouth parts, at the place of attachment next to the skin. Gently pull the tick straight out. Place the tick in a small vial labeled with the date, victim's name, address, tick's description (i.e. if engorged, color), and estimated hours

attached). MARK YOUR CALENDAR TOO! Wash your hands and disinfect the tweezer and bite. Teach kids to seek adult help for tick removal.

#### Step #4: Call The Doctor

Call and let your doctor know you removed a tick. The doctor may treat on tick bite or may ask you to watch for signs of infection.

#### Step #5: Call Us

As always, if you need information or if you know any one that has Pediatric Lyme disease and is in need of financial help for treatment or medication, call me or any member of the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation.

Thank you to all the members of Kiwanis, Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club and K Kids who have supported Pediatric Lyme. Without you, none of what we do would be possible.

# Candidate for Governor-Elect: Joe Aiello

I have been married to my lovely wife, Carol, for 31 years and have a son, Frank, and a daughter, Samantha. My family has been my foundation in my life and has given me the insight to lead.

As an Italian-American, family values were instilled in me at a very young age. When I joined the Kiwanis family in 1995 I found these same values and it has strengthened my passion to help others.

In my journey I have chaired many fund raising events in the community, such as Kid's Day and the Halloween Parade, and other projects. In 2009 my responsibilities grew when I became president of the Glendale club and earned the title Distinguished President. During that year I received several awards for community service such as the New York State Assembly 2 districts, a proclamation from the Queens Borough President, as well as a citation by the New York State Senate and two citations from Congress.

In 2010-11 I was elected president of



the Kiwanis Queens West Foundation and lieutenant governor of the Queens West Division. I received Super Distinguished Lieutenant Governor status for outstanding service to the district, in addition to the International President Award. I also received a Kaiser Award and a KPTC Fellowship.

In my year as lieutenant governor, the Queens West Division saw growth. There was a new 1, 2, 3 Club, two

Builders Clubs, two Key Clubs and two Aktion Clubs. We also experienced new member growth and 13 out of the 15 clubs made distinguished status.

I'm currently employed as a director of Patient Accounts at the New York Presbyterian Hospital. Leadership is something I take great pride in, both in and outside of Kiwanis.

My ties to the community are extensive. I am on the Board of Directors of the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council, financial director of the Notre Dame Catholic Academy, Catholic Youth Organization official for athletic departments in several Queens Catholic schools and part of the St. Pancras' Choir.

Being a member of Kiwanis for 17 years has prepared me to lead the Kiwanis membership to a higher level in the community. It is my goal to become district governor in the 2013-14 year.

Kiwanis has molded me into the leader that I am today. I know in my heart that as governor I will serve the Kiwanis Family well.

# Candidate for Governor: Al Norato Jr.

Albert E. Norato Jr. is a member of the Sayville and Suffolk East Young Professionals Kiwanis Clubs, and has been a Kiwanian since 2003.

Outside of Kiwanis, Al is a solo practicing attorney, primarily handling criminal and family law cases. Before starting his own practice, he worked for the Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County. Al worked as private counsel to a trade association in New York City and was a client services specialist for the largest for-profit oil spill response organization in the country.

Before attending law school, he was a police officer in Providence, Rhode Is-

land (1980-1990), attaining the rank of sergeant in 1988.

Al is a board member of the New York District Foundation. In 2003, Al joined his initial club, Patchogue. Almost immediately he was asked to become a board member and then climbed the chairs, each time, where appropriate, recognized as distinguished.

He served as lieutenant governor of



the Suffolk East Division for two years. In 2008-09 he earned a Governor's Citation and was recognized by Past Gov. Doreen Pellitteri as a Super Distinguished Lieutenant Governor. Al earned the Governor's Citation and was recognized as a Distinguished Lieutenant Governor by 2009-10 Gov. David Booker.

Al has been a distinguished Kiwanian three times; was the Patchogue Club's Kiwanian of the year twice; was honored as a distinguished club secretary and club president. In 2011 he received the Kiwanis Ruby Award for having sponsored 70 new members.

**KPTC North Shore**

**PG Joseph Corace**



As our summer begins and the school year is out, this is the fun time of the year. The weather and vacations allows us all to be involved in many more activities.

We hope our Service Leadership Committee's safety programs that were done throughout the year, showing children how to avoid accidents and what to do if they have one, will help to keep them safe.

We know that the Pediatric Trauma Center itself will be ready to provide the care if needed

With more than 300 Pediatric Trauma Kits in the hands of trained professionals, WE HAVE DONE OUR JOB! Thanks to you and your clubs.

If a child in your community needs help they will get the treatment they need. Thanks again to all of you.

Please continue your support of your Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center to keep our children safe and get them care they need. We need you to support our scheduled fund raisers.

## Our Upcoming Projects

Our biggest and best event of the year is the "BLACK and WHITE BALL" This year, we are honoring Past Interna-

tional President Tony and Mim Kaiser. We will have the honor of celebrating with our own International President Tom DeJulio at the ball on September 14, 2012.

Our KPTC Golf outing is July 30, 2012.

We also thank the Glendale Kiwanis Club for their KPTC fund raiser "A Day at Cyclone Stadium in Brooklyn" on Sunday, July 22. The Suffolk East Kiwanis Division is also hosting a Long Island "DUCKS" Baseball Game fund raiser for KPTC on August 5.

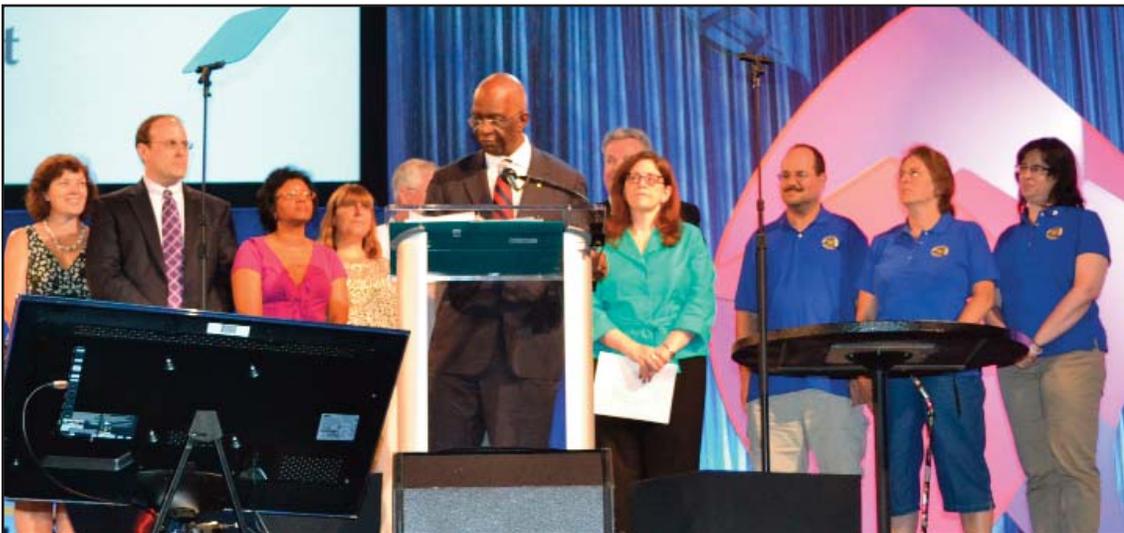
For additional information, please contact DPG Joe Corace at jcorace@icm-data.com.

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# New York Celebrates in New Orleans



Starting at left: President Elect Thomas DeJulio and Dr. Rosemary introduce New York Governor Bill Risbrook and Dr. Lavonia Francis; Greg Falkner and other New York District Circle K alumni from Tom DeJulio's time as district Circle K administration nominate him for 2012-13



President; New York Past International Presidents Jerry Christiano and Tony Kaiser watch proceedings at the House of Delegates with Dr. Ro and President Elect Tom; Dr. Rosemary and Tom DeJulio move to the stage to be recognized following his election.





Starting at left and moving down and from left to right: 2012-13 President Tom and First Lady Dr. Ro are our King and Queen of Mardi Gras New York Style; 2012-13 President-Elect Gunter Gasser of the Austria District and President Tom DeJulio after the closing event; New York District Circle K officers, Alumni and Kiwanis Committee with 2012-13 Circle K International President Josephine Lukito; Dr. Rosemary and President-Designate Tom address the House during the closing ceremonies; 2012-13 President Tom and Dr. Ro with their class of Governors ... can you find Governor-Elect Al Norato?





An Art Show fund raiser for the Eliminate Project that started with an Aktion Club grew to include Builders Clubs, K-Kids, Key Club, Circle K and Kiwanians and raised \$921. Involved in the June event were the West Hempstead Court Aktion Club, GC Tech Key Club, Bowling Green K-Kids, Franklin Square K-Kids and Circle K members. Above, Aktion clubbers at the event; at right, featured artist and Aktion Club member Jason Greenburg, with Franklin Square Kiwanian Julie Davis-Olsen. Far right, Massapeqa Kiwanis President Mark Marazzo points to artwork he wanted win.



**Eliminate Project**  
**Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse**



Here we are in the lazy, hazy days of summer, and I am already thinking about fall. Not that I dislike the summer-far from it! I never seem to have enough beach time. But the next Kiwanis year is bound to be a very exciting one for the EliMiNaTe Project as we focus on fund raising.

In my last column I promised that I would highlight some fund raising programs. Here they are:

1. The Lucky U Program is designed and administered by our own Ed Stoddard of the Chester Club. Lucky U emphasizes character building for young people. An adult purchases the materials and speaks with a preteen or teenager about values, integrity, decision making, etc., and encourages the young person to be his/her best self. A club can purchase the Lucky U material at \$5 per set and then offer it at a price they choose. If a club charges \$15 they can keep \$10 and use it for EliMiNaTe.

Or they can divide the \$10 between EliMiNaTe and another project they sponsor.

2. JP Di Troia, the EliMiNaTe Division Coordinator for Queens West, has sponsored several events at local restaurants and stores. After working with the businesses involved to set a date, he prepares a flyer explaining the EliMiNaTe Project and indicates that there will be a 10 percent discount to patrons who bring the flyer to the establishment on that day. Many chain-type restaurants offer these discount days. Even if those who receive a flyer don't participate, they become aware of what the EliMiNaTe Project is about.

3. Macy's and Lord and Taylor Department Stores designate certain days as special event days for nonprofit groups in their local areas. Customers need an admission ticket to shop on that day or time, and the sponsoring group is able to offer these tickets at a price they set and keep. If your area does not have a Macy's or Lord and Taylor, you can check your local department store for similar event possibilities.

4. Gardener's Supply offers a seed- and bulb-selling program that gives 50 percent of sales to the sponsoring organization. The sale can be done in person, on-line, or both. Many companies offer such opportunities-and not only for flowers! To cite just one, Hanalei Bay Eyewear, a company selling reading glasses,



has contacted me several times from Hawaii. These glasses come in different strengths and cost \$5. The organization can sell the glasses for whatever price they choose, usually in the \$10-\$12 range.

5. During the fall many communities hold festivals and fairs. A Kiwanis Club could rent a table and offer information about EliMiNaTe. The perennial favorite wristbands are available from the campaign office in Indianapolis at 30 cents each (sold in groups of 100). If you want to have the tried and true bake sale, I have templates for labels available, thanks to the computer skills of my student worker Matthew Windels. The labels are formatted in Word and use standard Avery labels. The labels can be edited and customized for any project. Just contact me: kirmse@fordham.edu.

I challenge every club to have a fundraiser for EliMiNaTe during the next Kiwanis year. Whatever your club decides to do, don't forget to keep the FUN in fund raising!

See you in Niagara Falls!

**Distinguished  
Kiwansians**

**Verdia Noel**



*"...We are not winding down, we are gearing up..."*

In Governor's Bill's inspiring words to divisions on his official visit as he moved around the district: "we are not winding down, we are gearing up"!!

The Distinguished Kiwanian Program allows for each New York District Kiwanian to be recognized. To accomplish this feat, we must satisfy six of the criteria listed below including the first criteria between 10/1/2011 and

9/30/2012 shall be awarded a Distinguished Kiwanian Pin, a certificate and have his/her name listed on the New York District web site.

Today, begin to narrow your "to do" list down to the following items and begin your checklist of accomplishments. Ask yourself if you have:

- Sponsored one new member or brought back a former member.
- Worked on two Club Committees.
- Attended or participated in a Sponsored Leadership Program Activity.
- Participated in the Governor's Project or the First Lady's Project.
- Supported Kamp Kiwanis financially, donated items from their "Wish List" or attended the Kamp Clean-up Day.
- Supported the Kiwanis International Foundation's Eliminate Project.
- Supported the Kiwanis Interna-

tional Foundation or NYD Kiwanis Foundation.

- Attended the Governor's Official visit to your Division.
- Attended one Interclub or one Division Council Meeting
- Participated in one Young Children Priority One service project or supported your local Children's Hospital or KPTC.

Lt. governors, please encourage club presidents and secretaries to hand out the distinguished Kiwanian forms (available on the district web site, [www.kiwanis-ny.org](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org)) at club meetings, division meetings and special projects where members may be gathered.

Mail, email, or fax your forms before Sept. 30 to the New York District Office, 120 Mushroom Boulevard, Rochester, New York 14623, Fax : (866) 669-7689, e-mail: [districtoffice@kiwanis-ny.org](mailto:districtoffice@kiwanis-ny.org).

**Membership  
Growth**

**Kim  
Scharoff**



Summer is upon us and many think that this is the time that we slow down and take a bit of a break from Kiwanis. I would argue that now is the perfect time to bring in new members to our clubs. It costs less than \$20 for someone to join now and then they are assessed the full dues in October (the start of the next administrative year).

I believe that bringing individuals interested in learning more about Kiwanis to a service project is the best way to

show someone what Kiwanis is all about. They get the chance to participate in service and meet others in Kiwanis. This way, when they come to a club meeting, they have already met some people and do not feel as uncomfortable.

Do you know of any alumni of our Service Leadership Programs who live in your area? Invite them down to see what your club is doing and ask them to join. Alumni have the first two years of both their district and international dues waived. Can you do the same for their club dues? Can the club pick up the fees for the magazine, liability insurance and ESK for them? These individuals should already have an idea of what Kiwanis is about and are looking to get back involved with our Family. Maybe think about starting a Satellite Club with these individuals.

Has your club thought about corpo-

rate memberships? This is a great way to bring in school districts, banks, restaurants and other businesses/large organizations into our membership. A specific individual is indicated as the contact but anyone from the corporation can come to the meetings and projects. For example, if a bank joins and the manager is the main contact and then the manager is transferred, the new manager can replace him or her as the contact person without the bank having to pay the dues/new member add fee again.

We are only just beginning to grow in membership and need to go into the final stretch of the administrative year strong. If I or any member of the Membership Committees can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me. The best way to reach me is at [kscharoff@gmail.com](mailto:kscharoff@gmail.com).

**Aktion Club**

**Debra  
Rothman**



New Orleans was absolutely wonderful this year with the addition of the Aktion Clubs. Although this is the second year that Aktion Clubs have held a convention, last year the convention was held in Indianapolis. DPG David and I were invited to an ice cream social on Wednesday afternoon to meet and greet Aktion Clubbers from around the globe.

Later in the day I volunteered to work the SLP booth in the exhibit hall; playing a game with convention attendees about our Sponsored Leadership Programs. It gave me the opportunity to speak about Aktion Clubs while meet-

ing Kiwanians from all over the world. I finally got to meet Stephanie Speaker of the West Seneca Aktion Club, who had also attended the Aktion Club convention last year. She had a wonderful time attending the forums and could not stop speaking about how much it meant to her to be a member of an Aktion Club.

Stephanie is working with Paul Synor of the East Aurora Aktion Club in planning a Western NY Aktion Club Conference. Four active Aktion Clubs in Western New York, Buffalo, East Aurora, Niagara County and West Seneca have formed a committee to plan a regional conference this fall. This Planning Committee includes at least one advisor and one member from each club and has had seven meetings since last September. The purpose of this conference is to bring together Aktion Club members to share the projects that they have undertaken and/or completed, encourage ideas for future ones and meet

other members and advisors in the region. A tract will be provided for Kiwanis Club presidents in the region to learn how to develop an Aktion Club in their community. A Keynote Speaker, Darren Jackson, who is a Special Assistant to the Director of the WNY DDSO, will address "Good Citizenship in the Community". Musical entertainment will be provided by Sujeet Desai during lunch and at the closing networking session by the band "Beats Me".

This First Annual Regional Conference of the Aktion Clubs of Western New York - "Taking Aktion!" - will be Saturday, Oct 13 at the Hearthstone Manor, 333 Dick Road, Depew, NY 14043 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person and includes a continental breakfast as well as lunch. For further information contact Paul Synor at 716-652-4061.

## International Honors New York Circle K

New York District Circle K had a great year, which was recognized at the Circle K International convention which took place in New Orleans in conjunction with the Kiwanis International Convention.

This happened in addition to the election of New York's immediate past Circle K governor, Josephine Lukito of SUNY Geneseo, as president of Circle K International for the coming year.

New York was the only district to have a distinguished governor, district and district administrator.

Several other awards were presented as well:

- General Membership Award, Emerald Division: SUNY Geneseo, Ithaca College; Sapphire Division: State University at Albany.
- Club Achievement, Bronze Division: Queens College, 3rd place; Gold Division, Adelphi, 2nd place.
- Club Newsletter: Adelphi, 2nd place.
- Eliminate Project: Queens College, 2nd place.
- Distinguished Officers: Gov. Josephine Lukito, Treasurer Corey Osos, Lt. Gov. Lauren Sacks, Committee Chair Kelly Chan and District Administrator John Keegan.

## Key Club Elects New Yorker as International Trustee

Jack Vielhauer, Immediate Past Ogdensburg Free Academy Key Club Secretary, was elected International Trustee at the 69th Annual Key Club International Convention in Orlando, FL.

Vielhauer, shown at right with former Key Club International Vice President Catt Lovins, is a senior at Ogdensburg Free Academy in the St. Lawrence division.

He will serve as one of 11 trustees leading Key Club International in the upcoming year. Vielhauer will represent several districts assigned to him as well as serve on international committees.



## Foundation Announces Scholarship Winners

The 2012 winners of the New York District Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship have been announced.

Winners receive a \$1,000 scholarship; those who are Key Club members receive an additional \$500 from Kiwanis International.

The winners, their high schools and the college they will be attending:

• Nicole Vogt, Copiague High School, Ithaca College

• Margaret McNerney, West Genesee High School, University of Notre Dame

• Erica Concors, Monticello High School, Binghamton University

• Jeremy DiLuzio, Lawrence High School, Binghamton University

The following will receive the matching \$500 scholarships from International:

• Antonio Xu Liu, Bayside High School, Stony Brook University

• Rachel Seweryniak, Pembroke High School, Elmira College

• Charles Marsden, Fallsburg Central High School, State University of New York at Oswego

• Alexandra Levi, Town of Webb High School, Hartwick College

### K-Kids

Mickie Leamey



New York District's K-Kids had an outstanding 2011-2012 SLP service year. Our district chartered five new K-Kids clubs: Carroll Hill School sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Troy; Niagara Wheatfield West Elementary K-Kids sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Niagara Wheatfield; P.S. 205 K-Kids sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Fordham in the Bronx; St. Joseph School K-Kids sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Penfield-Perinton Townships; and Voorheesville Elementary School K-Kids sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland.

The 2011-2012 service year was also highlighted by the highest participation of New York District K-Kids in the K-

Kids contests at the district level.

Bowling Green Elementary School K-Kids was the only New York District club to enter all eight contests. Their exceptional year was reflected in their truly outstanding entries. While the committee of judges unanimously chose Bowling Green or a Bowling Green member as the winner of each contest at the district level, several other clubs' entries warrant special mention: 2nd Place in the Scrapbook contest was awarded to the McVey Elementary School K-kids; 3rd Place in the Scrapbook contest was awarded to the Carroll Hill K-Kids; 2nd place in the Single Service contest was awarded to West Sand Lake K-Kids.

At the International level, five of the 20 Distinguished K-Kids Clubs in the world are from the New York District. They are: Bowling Green Elementary School K-Kids, Connolly Elementary School K-Kids, Larence Avenue Elementary School K-Kids, Sea Cliff Elementary School K-Kids, West Sand Lake Elementary School K-Kids.

Congratulations to the Bowling Green K-Kids who are sponsored by the East Meadow Kiwanis Club. They placed first or second in seven of the eight K-

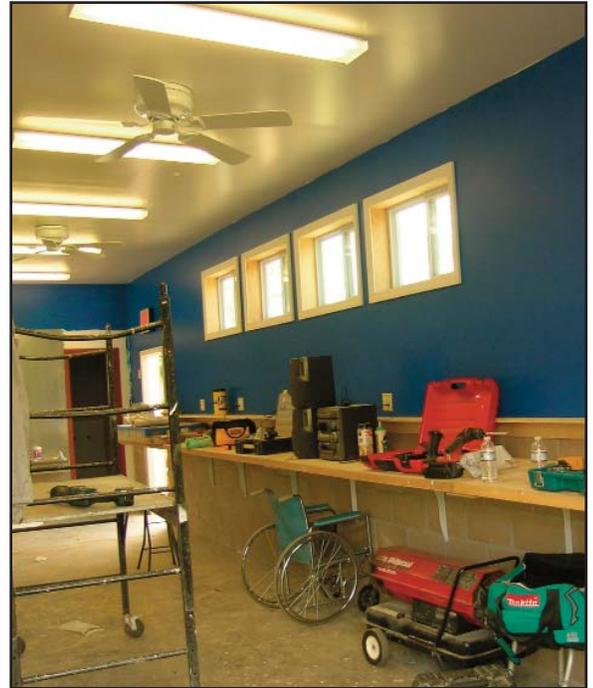
Kids contests at the International level.

Our international winners are: 1st Place KIF K-Kids Leadership Award - Devon Rafanelli, Bowling Green K-Kids President; 1st Place Single Service Contest - Bowling Green K-Kids for their 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance Ceremony and Pillow Hugs Service Project; 2nd Place Scrapbook - Bowling Green K-Kids; 1st Place Essay Contest - Devon Rafanelli, Bowling Green K-Kids President; 2nd Place Speech Contest - Devon Rafanelli, Bowling Green K-Kids President; 1st Place Art Contest (MNT) - Kira Gruber, Bowling Green K-Kids Secretary; and 2nd Place Letter (MNT) - Devon Rafanelli, Bowling Green K-Kids President.

Unfortunately, only one New York K-Kids club submitted a shoebox float themed to the Eliminate Project to international for judging at the Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans.

As always my assistant administrators and I are always available to assist you and your K-Kids in any way we can. We look forward to hearing from you. We wish you and your K-kids a wonderful 2012-13 service year!

# New York District Kiwanis Foundation



The dedication of the new Arts and Crafts Shack at Kamp Kiwanis was the major event at this year's Kamp Open House in May. The building, sponsored by the Bensonhurst and Bay Ridge club, was still under construction that day but was ready for the start of Kamp. Shown above is Sal Anelli during the dedication. See his column below for more information.

## District Foundation

Sal Anelli



As I sit here and write this article, children from the New York District are enjoying life at Kamp Kiwanis, they are playing games, boating on "Lake Janis", sleeping under the stars at the "J. Donald Herring Tenting Village", doing arts and crafts in our very new and spacious "Bensonhurst & Bay Ridge Arts & Crafts Shack" and just enjoying the outdoor experience as well as making new and lasting friendships.

This may seem to you as just a week of fun and games for challenged and underprivileged children to enjoy but it's more than that, it's a chance for these children to interact with others, it's a chance for a challenged child to be able to play with a healthy child, it's a chance for these children to learn to be tolerant of others and to learn about life. This is what will guide a child in his/her formative years to choose the right path when they come to that fork in the road of life.

This is the beauty and the mission at Kamp Kiwanis, this is what Executive Director Rebecca Lopez and her staff of counselors are trained to do and they are great at it. This is what Kiwanis is all about, helping the children to become better citizens in our community

and someday be able to give back what they have received. I hope you can understand the value of sending one child for a week at Kamp Kiwanis, it's not just fun and games; it's a life changing experience.

Your Kamp, (yes it is your Kamp) is constantly improving to better serve the children that attend, as you know, the new "Arts & Crafts Shack" is much larger and better equipped than the old one, this will allow the Kamp staff to serve many more children at one time, and give the children an opportunity to learn more. I can't say enough about all of the Kiwanians who donated their time and money to help complete the building.

Now work has been started for our new "Library". The Queens West Kiwanis Foundation, under the leadership of Joe Aiello has, made a commitment to fund a brand new library building at Kamp Kiwanis, they have stepped up to the table and have come through on a commitment made three years ago by then President, Distinguished Past Gov. Edward McGowan. This library will be a learning center with books to read, educational videos to watch so that each child will come away with the best Kamping experience possible. We at the NYDKF want to express our appreciation to the Queens West Kiwanis Foundation, past President Ed McGowan and present President Joe Aiello and the rest of the board of directors for their commitment to the Kamp and especially to the children.

I would like to send out get well wishes to New York District Foundation Vice President Joe Battista for a full re-

covery. As you may or may not know, Joe suffered a severe heart attack the Friday evening of the Kamp open house weekend. Had it not been for the speedy action of the Turning Stone staff, this could have turned out much different. On June 14 Joe went into the hospital and surgeons performed quintuple bypass surgery. Joe is at home recuperating and tells me that every day he feels a little bit better. He understands that it is a long process to full recovery and is very much committed to regain his health and once again be the force that he is, promoting and helping Kamp Kiwanis. I'm sure that you will all join us at the NYDKF in wishing Joe a quick but most of all, a full recovery. Joe get well soon, Kamp Kiwanis would never be what it is today if it wasn't for Kiwanians like you.

While we're on the recovery wishes, we would like to send best wishes to President Emeritus of the NYDKF, Hon. Orlando "Lindy" Marrazzo for a speedy recovery from shoulder replacement surgery.

I want to also mention our gratitude to Governor Bill Risbrook for his commitment to our Kamp, Governor Bill has continued the Military Kamper program started by DPG Mike Malark and has raised a great deal of money for that program and I know that there's more to come. Thank you Governor, you're an inspiration to our future governors.

Have a great summer and we'll see you in August.



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**Key  
Leader**

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**Mary Jean  
Sprague**



We did it! I would like to thank everyone for working together to create a successful event for 60 students, 11 chaperones, and a dynamic facilitator. The 2012 event this year was held May 4-6 at the lovely Camp Stella Maris in Livonia, NY, which is not far from Rochester. We had students from the surrounding areas and as far away as Queens! Thanks so much to all the Divisions who sent students, expressed interest and sent sponsorships. Every Key Leader event is unique; the students as well as the chaperones are kept engaged in creative, thoughtful activities while honing their Key Leader skills.

Key Leader is a Leadership Training weekend for students between the ages of 14-18 which emphasizes the qualities

of a Servant Leader. These students come from a variety of backgrounds, schools, and clubs. Key Leader encourages Kiwanis Clubs to participate, either by sponsoring students from a Key Club or the general student population, volunteering on site or sponsoring snacks for the students. This diversity of students and chaperones is intrinsic in making the Key Leader Program so incredible.

Students arrive Friday afternoon, often shy and uncomfortable with their surroundings, by Sunday morning they are reluctant to leave, have built many, many new friendships. Every Key Leader program is a new and unique experience, so don't be hesitant about sending students an additional time or two. Returning students have the ability to share their experience by acting as a student facilitator who assists the lead facilitator by allowing the larger group to break into smaller groups called neighborhoods.

Within these neighborhoods, they develop concepts like an Ideal Key Leader, and how a community is represented, they discuss ideas, and share in the decision making. These young Key Leaders then share their ideas with all of the other neighborhoods, with each member

of the individual neighborhood taking part in the presentation.

While we are working towards a potential autumn Key Leader program in the Long Island Area, we need to hear from more interested students, club leaders and possible chaperones. We will need a strong commitment of 60 interested students for this project to move forward. So if you can spread the word to your schools, Key Clubs, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and Boys and Girls Programs, contact me with your count and we'll get started planning the session for Long Island.

At this time, I strongly encourage clubs to make Key Leader a line item on their budgets for at least two students. As always if you have questions about Key Leader, please contact me at [askmj@hvc.rr.com](mailto:askmj@hvc.rr.com) or visit [www.key-leader.org](http://www.key-leader.org)

I would like to extend a special thank you to my site coordinators, who truly made it all possible, Dean Beltrano and Ann Holevinski. I also wish to thank Gov. Bill Risbrook and Gov.-Elect Al Norato for their support, guidance and enthusiasm for Key Leader. In addition I extend my thanks to all of the adult chaperones who kept everything running smoothly.