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New York District Kiwanis Foundation

New York Takes the Stage in Vancouver

First Woman in Line for Presidency

The 2013 Kiwanis International Convention in Vancouver was a historic event for the New York District and for Kiwanis.

The convention was presided over by our own International President Thomas DeJulio, with the Kiwanis International Foundation President, Peter Mancuso, also of New York, playing a key role as well.

While the Kiwanians were meeting in Vancouver the International Circle K convention also was taking place, presided over by another New Yorker, Circle K International President Josephine Lukito.

The historical event for Kiwanis was the election of Susan Petrisin of the Michigan district as International Vice President for 2013-14. That means she'll be president-elect for 2014-15, and in 2015-16 she will become the first woman to be president of Kiwanis International.

Since Rotary and Lions have yet to have a woman as their chief officer, she will be the first woman to head any of the three major service organizations.

Petrisin, a member of the East Lansing club, has been involved in Kiwanis for 32 years, including membership in



The three presidents at the Vancouver convention, from left: Kiwanis International President Thomas DeJulio of New York, Circle K International President Josephine Lukito of New York and Key Club International President Rebecca Riley.

Key Club and Circle K. She has been a member of the Eliminate Project campaign executive committee.

Also at the convention, Gunter Gasser of the Austria District was confirmed as president for 2013-14, and Dr. John Button of the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District was confirmed as president-elect for the coming year.

The 2014 Kiwanis International Convention will be July 17-20 in Tokyo Chiba, Japan. The 100th anniversary celebration will take place at the 2015 convention June 25-28, 2015, in Indianapolis, Ind.



Petrisin waves to delegates.

District Convention is Aug. 15-18

The 96th annual New York District Kiwanis Convention will take place Aug. 15-18 at the RIT Inn and Conference Center in Henrietta.

Delegates will pick a Governor-Elect for 2013-14 and act on three proposed bylaw amendments.

The Convention Honorees will be Kiwanis International President Thomas DeJulio and First Lady Dr. Rosemary DeJulio.

Among the forum topics being planned are: Recruiting in the 21st Century with KI Field Directory Lanton Lee; How to ask someone to join Kiwanis with Lt. Gov. Elect Dave Jacobus and Mary Ellen Conn; Kiwanis Interna-

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for more information

tional President Tom DeJulio (Our Children, Their Future); Club secretary forum with District Secretary Dave Booker; Club Presidents; Club Building; So you want to be a Lt. Governor; Action Clubs; K-Kids; Builders Clubs; Key Club and Circle K.

The traditional basket raffle will be replaced at the convention by a Gift Card raffle.

Raffle chairs Herman and Rebecca Ovadia are asking clubs and members to donate gift cards from stores and

restaurant chains that operate across the state.

Donors are asked to bring their gift cards in an envelope marked with the donor's name.

Now is the time to prepare for the convention by registering. Online registration is the preferred method. Go to the district web site and follow the links.

Registration and other fees will increase after July 29. Aug. 11 is the last day to pre-register; registration will be on site only after that.

Hotel registration, which is separate, also can be done online. See the district web site, www.kiwanis-ny.org, for more information.

Elections, Bylaw Changes, Education Planned at Convention

Bus trips to the Finger Lakes Casino and Race Track have been scheduled for Thursday and Friday evenings during the convention..

Buses will leave the RIT Inn and Conference center at 6 p.m. on Thursday and at 7 p.m. on Friday, returning at 10 p.m. each night. The cost for the round-trip is \$15 per person.

Register for the bus trip using the form which is on the district web site.

A Beer Tasting also is on the agenda for the weekend.

The annual meeting of the New York District Foundation will take place on Friday afternoon. Reports will be re-

New K-Kids Chartered in Frankfort

On May 29 Frankfort Kiwanis helped celebrate the official charter of the K-Kids program at Frankfort Schuyler Elementary School and recognize the Charter Members made up of 45 students from third grade to fifth grade plus four advisors from the teaching staff.

This year K-Kids helped out the American Heart Association with "Jump Rope for Heart" campaign, American Cancer Society "Cody's Walk", and LLS "Pennies for Patients" just to name a few.

The club will walk in the Frankfort 150-year anniversary parade July 13.

The Kiwanis Club is now sponsoring a Key Club, Builders Club and K-Kids at Frankfort Schuyler School District and a Key Club at Central Valley School District.

fers and division lieutenant governors for 2013-14 will be installed.

The tentative schedule and information on the candidates for Governor-Elect and Governor are on Pages 4-5.

Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Key: Text to be added is underlined; text to be deleted is struck through.

1. Article VIII, District Conventions, Section 6:

Each chartered club in good standing in the District shall be entitled in any District Convention to three (3) delegates, one (1) of whom shall be the President-Designate, one(1) of whom shall be the Secretary-Designate, and one of whom may be the current President. The club shall designate one (1) alternate for each delegate to the Convention. A past Lieutenant Governor or the Lieutenant Governor may be an alternate delegate for any club, not otherwise represented by three (3) delegates, provided that the past Lieutenant Governor or the Lieutenant Governor is a member of a chartered club in good standing in the same division as the club he or she is to represent.

Proposal submitted by the Kiwanis Club of Huntington

2. Article VIII, District Conventions, Section 9:

The Elective Officers, the District Secretary, the District Treasurer, the Lieutenant Governors, the Lieutenant Governors-Designate and Past Governors of the District, and any Past International President, Vice President, Past International Trustee, and all District Committee Chairpersons and Administrators who are active, privileged or senior members in good standing of a Kiwanis Club of the District shall be delegates-at-large to all conventions.

Proposal submitted by the Kiwanis Club of Huntington

3. Article XIII, Section 2:

The dues to be paid to the District by any new club admitted to membership during any fiscal year shall be prorated according to the unexpired part of the fiscal year in which said club was admitted.

A Kiwanis Club shall be relieved of any obligation to pay District dues to any club member for a period of two (2) years from the date of joining that club, provided such member was a former member of a Kiwanis International sponsored youth program or is an active or retired member of the United States Armed Forces, within the twelve (12) months preceding his/her application for membership. The financial obligations to said member's local club and the subscription to the publication of the New York District Foundation shall remain payable.

This proposal was submitted by the Kiwanis Club of Irondequoit

New Club Building
DPG Joseph Eppolito



Governor Al recently spoke with a local Applebee's Restaurant Manager in Bayside about Kiwanis and he was impressed with what Kiwanis as a service organization.

Applebee's Restaurants are franchised-owned. Those owned in the five boroughs and Westchester are by the same corporation. They have always been committed to helping their communities, as they have many fundraisers with community groups.

Gov Al relayed the conversation to me and we brain stormed the idea that

there is NO good reason why we can't try to build Applebee's Kiwanis clubs throughout the District. We support them and they support us.

We only need 15 members for a new club. Many Applebee's Restaurants have 50-60 employees. Maybe the franchise owner would contribute \$1 per week for dues and employees pay \$1/week for dues, taken out of the employees' pay ... and the dues are taken care of easily. Get the owner and the manager committed and the clubs can be built all over New York State!

This type of club would NOT have a negative effect on any existing Kiwanis club in the area as it would be a company-based club.

Hopefully, many younger adults will join (ages 18-30) to bring "new blood" into our organization which we desperately need!

Applebee's Restaurants exist ALL over NY State!

Gov Al and I both think it is time to take action and not just "talk the talk," but "walk the talk!." I have already con-

tacted my local Applebee's Restaurant and will be sitting down with the manager this week.

NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT! Contact your local area Applebee's and start a dialogue!

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Governor

Al Norato Jr.



Many of us have returned from ICON in Vancouver and we are now fully charged and prepared to complete the 2012-13 Kiwanis year. In case you were unable to attend, I'll have a comprehensive recounting of the week placed on the NYD website.

Soon, we meet in Henrietta for our 96th Annual NYDCON. It will be a time to learn, a time to re-connect our fellowship with Kiwanians and to make new connections while we focus on the task at hand - to place the final touches on a truly memorable, yet challenging, year. We have work to do!

Recently, I spoke with upper management of Applebee's regarding a proposal to bring in new Corporate Clubs and members. While we are in the preliminary stages, we hope to start a process whereby the individual establishment, working with its employees, will provide numerous possibilities. Taking this approach to starting a new Kiwanis Club is a means of thinking outside of the box

with regard to community outreach, strength and sustained growth. We have work to do!

As we close out our term, Jenny and I trust that you know we did all that we could to bring class and grace, along with a heightened degree of respect, to the position of Governor. While not wielding a great degree - if any - of power, it is a position that many have shown great respect for this year. In years to come, as we celebrate 100 years of service in the great New York District of Kiwanis International, it is my hope that those who follow us will respect the position rather than think that it is they who are to be respected simply because they hold it. Respect is always earned before it is given. We have work to do!

While Dr. Jenny and I have met so many wonderful Kiwanians, it is not possible, in such limited space, to mention so many special moments. We have travelled this wonderful district and have been astounded by the tremendous work ethic Kiwanians and our SLP family members have performed to meet the needs of children. We have so many special moments to last a lifetime.

As always, there are many people to thank, but if I tried to list them all, I'd easily run out of space and inadvertently omit some; so from the bottom of our Kiwanis hearts and human souls, Jenny and I simply express our pro-

found gratitude, thanks and love to all of you for all you have done on behalf of the children of the world. Without you - Kiwanians - our accomplishments would be far and few between. With you - working as an All-Star Team - we defied the odds. Not even Mother Nature could beat us. We have work to do!

Our future depends on Kiwanians being willing to think of the long range sustained support of Kiwanis and not just the immediate gratification that ultimately fizzles before we ever see the firework. As I've said many times this year, if the contributions that we each make are those with staying power and longevity, then that is something to be recognized because you placed the organization ahead of yourself. A legacy is always recognized and remembered more than a one-time pop. It's one of the six objects of Kiwanis, and quite frankly, without this object, all others pale in comparison. We have work to do!

My friends, there is slightly less than a quarter of the administrative year to go, and then many years thereafter, Jenny and I have much breath left in us; and, therefore, we have much work to do! Please join us as we do the work that makes Kiwanis so special. On behalf of those who are counting on us to work, let us stop writing and reading and do what we do best - Let's work!

Governor Elect

Joseph Aiello



The summer is in full swing. International Convention is behind us. Now we prepare for the district convention in Rochester. I hope we all can be together. We will have educational forums, elections and have some fun. I'm looking forward to being governor more than ever. I have the energy, enthusiasm and superb team that will be able to bring growth to the district.

You have chosen lieutenant governors

to lead your division, so work with them. They all have received training to lead. Each lieutenant governor has the energy.

I'm ready to take on the task to make this district outstanding in every way possible. I can't do this myself, we can as a family. We all have to do our share and more. Our goal is to build, and we will. This district has done so much to help those in disasters to rebuild. So, as a family, let's rebuild in strength as we did in the past. So many communities need our services. We have the services, we need members, good members with fresh ideas to carry on Kiwanis.

We need to work with all the Service Leadership Programs as they work with us. They are enthusiastic and have energy that can light up Time Square. I'm proud to work with them. We have to build bridges for their future. Invite

them to your meetings, events and projects. They are full of ideas.

If you don't have an SLP program, start one. You will not be disappointed. All SLP's are part of our family.

You joined Kiwanis because you liked what they have to offer. Young Children Priority One. I have goals, but I can't reach them without you. My goal is to bring in 1,000 new members before August 2014. We can do this together. There will be incentives for those who bring in a new member and incentives for lieutenant governors during the year. Recognize new members. Most important, let's make our conventions fun and enjoyable.

So, what are we going to do? I know what I have to do. I want our Kiwanis family to be the best around the nation. Will you help me?

I am so proud of this organization and proud to be a leader. I wish all the best this upcoming year.

Kiwanis is in my heart and my heart is in Kiwanis.

Note to 2013-14 Chairs: Please forward me what chair or co-chair and any committee they are on to me by e-mail please. This is important.

Club Hosts Prom for Autistic Students

The North Central Kiwanis Club hosted the first Prom for autistic high school students on May 22.

More than 80 students participated. The event was also enhanced by 20 members of the Tottenville High School Key Club who got everyone up and dancing and having a great time.

Lenny Gioia, Key Club chairman, said he was never prouder to be a Kiwanian. Many parents of the attendees remarked that they never thought their

children would be able to experience such a magical night.

President Joe Cafiero, North Central Foundation Chair and Past Distinguished Lt. Gov. Scott Spina and chair of the event, Past Distinguished Lt. Gov. Jim Milone made sure everything was perfect their was a limo for pictures, a photo booth and favors.

Sponsors made it possible for the event to take place at no cost to the attendees.

Candidate for Gov.-Elect: Candace Corsaro

My name is Candace Corsaro and I am seeking the nomination as Governor Elect 2013-14 for our New York District. Having a wonderful husband Joseph and married for 34 years until his passing in 2009, I have three wonderful children, two daughters, Melissa Burke and Sheri Lynn (Chris) Reeves, one son, Gilbert (Cathy) Burke Jr. and six beautiful grandchildren, Kristianna Covatta (19), Savannah Burke (13), Kylie (9) and Hunter Reeves (8), Clair Ann Burke (5) and our little guy, Connor Clifton Burke (3). All the love of my life.

My first encounter with Kiwanis was back in 1988 when a gentleman named Fred Laba walked into my salon and said "Hi. I'm Fred and would like you to join me for lunch." OK ... you could imagine the look on my face as I took him up on the offer a week later. It ended up being my first Kiwanis meeting of our North Niagara Falls Club as Fred explained that it is a wonderful organization for children. Well, 25 years later here I am. I joined Kiwanis and my life has not been the same and has been very rewarding.

As a member, I have always held a position on the board of directors and then vice-president twice, president, on to lieutenant governor for our Niag-

ara Frontier North Division, becoming Distinguished in 2012.

As lieutenant governor, we increased membership by 22, reorganized a fallen Amherst Club, and began building a new club on Grand Island. Our division as a team produced a Circle K, two K Kids, and a Builders Club. I attended many district and international conventions, produced a website, newsletter and held 8 divisional meetings, the most ever held. All with SUCCESS !!!

Along my adventures holding many chairmanships to ensure the success of our club and division. My accomplishments and awards are many, not just as a Kiwanian but also within my community as a leader. Past Governor Bill - New York District Policies Committee 2013, Governor Al - Chair 25 Years of Women in Kiwanis, Co-Chair New York District Convention in Niag-



ara Falls last year, Niagara Frontier North Division Lt. Governor 2010-11, Niagara Falls Kiwanis vice president 1998, 2008, Niagara Falls Kiwanis President, 2008-09, Amherst Kiwanis Board of Directors, 2012 - Present. Candidate for NY District Governor Elect and Niagara Frontier North Division Immediate Distinguished Past Lt. Gov. Recipient of our New York District Kiwanis Kaiser Medallion in 2013, New York District Distinguished Kiwanian in 2012, New York District Kiwanis Foundation Outreach Award in 2013, Niagara Falls Kiwanian of the Year for 2013, Niagara County Federation of Republican Women - Volunteer of the Year Award 2013, Niagara Falls Good Neighbor Award, Person of the Year 2004.

As your next governor-elect we will work as a team to move our great district even further into the next era. Dedication, passion, knowledge and integrity is what I will bring to the table. I will be that ambassador from New York that is needed at Kiwanis International and represent our district with dignity, respect and honesty. Once elected I am looking forward in

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Candidate for Gov.-Elect: Eric Paul

I was proud to join the Kiwanis Club of West Seneca in October of 1983. My sponsor was the late Past Governor Jim Yochum, a member of my home club.

I immediately became active in club and district affairs, soon being named First Assistant Administrator of Circle K. I served as a director, treasurer, vice president, president-elect and then as president of the West Seneca club in 1995-96, being named "Distinguished" with gold level growth.

I went on to serve as lieutenant governor-elect and as district convention chairman in 1998-99, and as lieutenant governor for Niagara Frontier West in 1999-2000. I was proud to again be named as "Distinguished". I was elected to serve as president of the board of lieutenant governors that year under Gov. Joe Eppolito.

Also on the District level, I served as HOBY District Chairman in 1994-95 and for 12 years on the Key Club District Committee, starting as a special assistant and later becoming assistant Key Club administrator. For three years I served as the K-Kids district administrator, for two years as the NY District Foundation scholarship chair, and for

two years as the Sponsored Youth Alumni district chair. I was the Kiwanis chair for the Circle K International Convention in 2001.

I am a member of the Pediatric Lyme Disease SLP Committee, have been active in efforts for the WNY Pediatric Trauma Center, and have been a supporter of Kamp Kiwanis since first visiting the Kamp with Circle K for training in 1977.

I am currently serving another term as a lieutenant governor, and was again elected as president of the board under Gov. Al Norato.

My activity with the K-Family started in 1973 when I joined the Orchard Park High School Key Club. I served as a club officer and was a lieutenant governor in 1975-76, being named "Outstanding Board Member".

After high school I enrolled at the State University at Albany and was a co-founder of the Circle K Club there, serving as charter secretary. I went on to



serve as New York District Secretary, New York District Circle K Governor, and as Circle K International Vice President.

I am very proud of my almost 40 years of involvement with the K Family. I am the only non-Past Governor named as the Convention Honoree at both the Key Club and Circle K District Conventions for my volunteer work with those organizations.

My son, Joseph, who was born during my first term as lieutenant governor, was recently named a "Terrific Kid" at his school!

Outside of Kiwanis, I have been an active volunteer firefighter for more than 33 years, and have served as corporate secretary, vice president and safety officer of my fire company. I am a current committeeman and past chairman of the West Seneca Republican Committee.

Professionally, after working for many years with the New York State Legislature, including assisting with legislation such as the first seat belt law in the nation, I became the director of the Peter Young / Altamont Buffalo Veterans Facility. This largest of its kind facility in New York provides a clean safe place to live, offers education and

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Candidate for Governor: Joseph Aiello

Joseph Aiello, a member of the Glendale club for 17 years, will be the sole candidate for governor for 2013-14 at the District Convention.



He served as the distinguished presi-

dent of the Glendale club in 2009.

He was elected president of the Queens West Foundation for 2010-11 and lieutenant governor of the Queens West Division.

He was honored as a Super Distinguished Lt. Gov. for his services that year, and received and International President award.

While serving as lieutenant governor, the division added a 1, 2, 3 club; two Builders Clubs, two Key Clubs and two

Aktion Clubs. During the year, 13 of the 15 clubs in the division were distinguished.

Aiello also is a member of the Kaiser and KPTC fellowships.

He was elected governor-elect at the 2011-12 District Convention.

He is the director of patient accounts at New York Presbyterian Hospital.

He and his wife, Carol, have two children, a son, Frank, and a daughter, Samantha.

Disaster Relief Supply Collection at the Convention

Once again an area in New York State has been hit by flooding.

Heavy rains during June flooded portions of the Mohawk Valley have caused extensive flooding. New York District

Disaster Relief Chair Distinguished Past Gov. Mike Malark has an urgent request for supplies for the victims.

He is asking clubs to bring or send supplies to the District Convention in

Henrietta.

Needed are paper goods, cleaning supplies, toiletries (for all ages) and the like. Arrangements have been made to distribute the donated supplies.

Corsaro

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my training at International in Indianapolis to make our district even stronger and better.

I am looking forward to seeing and meeting with my Kiwanis family at our District convention on Aug 15-19th at the RIT Inn and Conference Center in Henrietta. May God Bless you all and Kiwanis.

Paul

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employment placement, coordinates care and helps formerly homeless United States veterans reconnect with family and reintegrate into society. I find it very fulfilling and rewarding work.

I am running for Governor-Elect to use my many years of experience on the club, division and especially district level to help advance our Kiwanis family of organizations in New York, and I respectfully ask that you join in my efforts.

Sports Challenge Raises \$9,279

At its June 10 Recognition Event, the Kiwanis Club of Central Adirondacks presented the proceeds of its Winter Sports Challenge to the Kommunity Youth and Activity Center.

Club President Jim Connerty presented a check for \$9,279, proceeds of the 13th Annual Winter Sports Challenge hosted by club, to Mike Griffin, president of The Kommunity Youth and Activity Center.

The funds will be used for the continuing operation of the KYAC Youth Center in Old Forge.

District Convention Schedule

Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2013

Early Check-In 4 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 15, 2013

Registration and Credentials 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
 AI's All Stars Luncheon 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
 2012-13 Board Meeting 1-4 p.m.
 Buses to Finger Lakes Casino and Race Track 6-10 p.m.
 Welcoming Beer Tasting 5-7 p.m.
 Past Governors Dinner 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 16, 2013

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.
 First Responders Luncheon (Ticketed Event) Noon-1:30 p.m.
 Forums, TBA 1:45-2:45 p.m.
 Disstrict Foundation Annual Meeting and Elections 3-4:30 p.m.
 Convention Honoree Reception and Wine Tasting 5-6 p.m.
 Past Governor Reunion Dinners 7 p.m.
 Buses to Finger Lakes Casino and Race Track 7-10 p.m.
 Hospitality Rooms 10 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 17, 2013

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 11:30 a.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 (Ticketed Event) 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. 18, 2013

Memorial Breakfast (Ticketed Event) 8-9:30 a.m.
 Installation of Officers 10-11:30 a.m.
 2013-14 Board Luncheon (by invitation) Noon-2 p.m.

See the District Web Site, www.kiwanis-ny.org, for the latest schedule updates and for details on the forums which will be presented.

Clubs Celebrate Anniversaries

Patchogue: 75 Years

Kiwanis dignitaries and members of the Patchogue Kiwanis Club gathered May 11 to celebrate its 75th Anniversary Charter Night at the Bellport Country Club.

Special guests were Thomas DeJulio, President of Kiwanis International; Albert Norato, Governor of New York District; Glen Hollins, Past Governor of New York District, and Lorri Schneider, Lt Governor of the Suffolk East Division.

During the event, Diamond George Hixson Fellowships were awarded to J. Glen Charvat and Kenneth Picard. George Hixson Fellowships were awarded to Robert Borowski, Robert Walch and Gov. Al Norato Jr. An Anton Kaiser Fellowship was awarded to Jeffrey Vollmuth and a Walter Zeller Fellowship went to Mark Charvat.

Legion of Honor awards for length of membership were awarded to Vito Rizzi for 55 years, Charles Falkner for 50 years and for 25 years, George Brush, Jeffrey Vollmuth and Robert Walch. Legion of Merit awards went to Frank Virno, for 15 years; Joseph Barry, 10 years, and Nicholas Harding for 5 years.

Canandaigua: 70 Years

The Canandaigua Kiwanis Club celebrated its 70th anniversary with a dinner on April 12 at the Canandaigua Inn.

Kiwanis International President Thomas DeJulio and First Lady Rosemary DeJulio attended the event. In attendance were many members of the Canandaigua club, members from other clubs in the Finger Lakes Division and visitors from other areas of the district.

Distinguished Past Gov. Patrick Cooney, a club member, was the MC for the evening. Other past governors in attendance were Justin Underwood, Jack Harten, Bob Calabrese and Doreen Pellittieri

Riverdale: 60 Years

The Kiwanis Club of Riverdale proudly celebrated 60 years of serving the local community on June 13 at the Riverview Caterers in Hastings On The Hudson.

On May 21, 1953, a group of local businessmen joined together and met at the Stella D'Oro restaurant on Broadway.

Middletown

Cat In The Hat Day Promotes Reading

Middletown Kiwanis Club recently held a Dr. Seuss "Cat in the Hat" Reading Day at our local Head Start School which serves 86 children. Four club members dressed as "Cat's in the Hat" for this project along with other committee members, visited the four classes to read to the children.

After the reading session, each class received the "Cat in the Hat" book and stuffed animal. Head Start Director Heather Decker and Young Children Committee Chair Sue Sheehan considered this project a great success for both the children and the club members who participated.



International President Thomas DeJulio presenting a banner to the Canandaigua club's current president, Marianne Case Gallagher, at the celebration of the club's 70th anniversary. Marianne is the daughter of Burrell S. Case, the club's founding president.

For 60 years this diverse group of civic-minded citizens has sponsored various youth organizations in local schools, including DeWitt Clinton and Bronx Science High Schools, Manhattan College and the College of Mt. St. Vincent.

In addition the club annually runs the Halloween Window Painting Contest, sends disadvantaged and disabled children to Kamp Kiwanis and sponsors a multitude of organizations ranging from Riverdale Mental Health, Riverdale Senior Services, Riverdale Neighborhood House and Give Kids the World.

We sponsor two Little League teams and each year send local Seniors on a Hudson River Boat Ride.

Together we look forward to the next 60 years!



A Middletown Kiwanian reading at a local Head Start school.

Builders Clubs

Joanne Underwood



Maybe it's because I'm a teacher, but I get down-right angry when I hear people talking about today's "Kids", as if there just isn't any hope left for them, that they are a lost cause. All we hear about is how poorly they are doing in school, how they can't compete with kids from other countries; that our kids have no regard for others and have no direction to their lives, etc.

That is NOT the kids I meet or hear about, who are involved in Builders Clubs. It's time Builders Club members are given the opportunity to educate our Kiwanis Clubs and our communities about the positive things they are doing. If your Kiwanis Club has a Builders Club, make sure your club is involved with them and know what service projects they are doing; what they would like to do that your club could help with, and what they can do for your club, if only you would ask them. It's time for every Kiwanis club to become involved with the youth of today. You and your Kiwanis clubs need to start giving the young people of your community opportunities to get involved helping others! If we don't take the initiative, we will have no future, and all the negative things we hear will become self-fulfilling prophecies. The habits you help Builders Club members develop, the leadership skills they pick up in the process, the self-esteem they develop and the feeling we all have had, of getting more from helping others than we gave, will become part of their very being, and as adults they will be much more receptive to joining Kiwanis clubs and being involved in their communities.

If you don't know of a Builders Club near you, get one started! If you have a Builders Club, start making sure that everyone in your club knows what they

Builders Club Contest Winners

The New York District Builders Club Winners for this 2012-2013 year were:

Scrapbook Winner: Ogdensburg Free Academy

Builders Club Book Winner: Ogdensburg Free Academy

Builders Club Speech Contest Winner: Shermean Khan from Woodland Middle School

Builders Club Single Service Winner: Jonas E. Salk Middle School in Levittown

Builders Club Leadership Award Winner: Isabel Londono from Woodland Middle School.

These winning entries were submitted to Kiwanis International for judging in the International Contests.

The following New York entries were also International Award Winners!

Book Award: Second place internationally went to the Ogdensburg Free Academy Builders Club.

Single Service Award: Second place internationally went to the Jonas E. Salk Middle School.

International Leadership Award: Isabelle Londono, from Woodland Middle School.

The Builder Clubs of Woodland and W.T. Clark Middle Schools were named Distinguished Clubs

The Builders Club of Alfred Berner Middle School was named an Honor Club.

are doing! Get involved with them; don't just "sponsor" them. And, start spreading the word to other clubs and to your community at large.

Every year there are contests, sponsored by Kiwanis International, for Builders Clubs to participate in. Every year my committee and I get to learn about all the things some Builders Clubs are doing and how involved the members are. We SEE Scrapbooks and Books, documenting what their club is doing. In these, we SEE the good that kids are doing for their communities. They show kids collecting and sorting warm coats to give to those less fortunate; show kids making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for homeless shelters; show kids wrapping Christmas gifts to give to children who otherwise would not have one; cleaning up a neighborhood, growing vegetables on a vacant lot and giving them away so that others have food; collecting money for a teacher or student who has a horrible illness; Trick or Treating for UNICEF to benefit the ELIMINATE Project, playing bingo with residents of a nursing home, caroling at a subsidized senior citizens home, and so much more. AND,

we see the smiles on the kid's faces as they do these things that show the warm feeling of pride they have that comes from doing something to help others. We know that feeling! We need to give kids more opportunities to know that feeling!

In these contests we get to read the student's write ups about a single service project they are especially proud of. In reading and evaluating these projects we come face to face with the leadership and other skills the kids have developed by doing these things.

In one contest, clubs can submit documentation for one student who they believe has a real passion for service. It is with real pride that we read each of these entries for the Leadership Award. It's not easy to pick the best entry; they are ALL exceptional - and they are Middle School aged kids!

THESE are the things we should be talking about in our clubs, our communities and in Newspapers and Television. It's time we get all our Builders Clubs to submit entries to these contests AND for Kiwanis Clubs to Get the Word Out about our Kids and the things they do! Now start spreading the word!

Aktion Club

Debra Rothman



I would like to introduce the two newest members of the Kiwanis Family, the Aktion Clubs of Niagara Falls/Lockport and East Meadow.

This brings our total of new clubs to

five this year. The District now has 33 clubs and 686 members.

I had the opportunity to recently participate in the East Meadow Charter/Installation night. The members were highly spirited, excited and ready to serve their community. They already have their first fundraiser planned, a karaoke night to raise funds to send a child to Kamp Kiwanis.

We have a forum scheduled at the District Convention for anyone interested in starting a new Aktion Club or anyone who wants to share ideas and

update us on their clubs events and service projects. Members of the Livonia Aktion Club will be assisting us at the convention. We will be selling new Aktion club pins to continue to raise funds for the Eliminate Project.

I hope to see you in Henrietta, and as always, please contact me if you need any information regarding the sponsoring of an Aktion club in your area.

Eliminate Project

Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse



The International Convention was held in Vancouver at the end of June, and was a wonderful time for all who attended. Most of the attention at this annual gathering of Kiwanians from around the world was given to the Eliminate Project and celebrating the good work that has already been done to achieve our goal of raising the funds needed to rid the world of maternal neonatal tetanus by Kiwanis' 100th birthday celebration in 2015.

One of the most moving talks was given by John O'Leary, who suffered burns over 100 percent of his body when he was nine years old. An avid St. Louis Cardinal fan, the little boy was visited often by Jack Buck, the radio announcer whom young John heard game after game. Jack encouraged him to hold on and recover, although there was little chance that John would do so. After

each visit, Jack returned home and asked himself the question, "What more can I do?" Eventually Jack's efforts paid off and John is a successful young man today, married and the father of four beautiful children.

"What more can I do?" When I heard those words, I immediately thought of our New York State motto and my personal mantra for our work for the Eliminate Project: "Excelsior -- Ever Upward, ever onward." We can't be satisfied with resting on our laurels, but must keep on striving to do more. And there is so much more that needs to be done!

As you all know, my personal goal is for each one of us to contribute something to the Eliminate Project. Some clubs have not yet sent in any funds because they are waiting to raise additional money. That is laudable, but it can delay the ability of UNICEF to begin working in a particular country. They need to know what resources are available to them before they can start the process of education, publicity, and obtaining the medical supplies before they begin the injections. So please send in any money as it comes in.

The Eliminate Project should not be a burden, but a chance for all of us to



save lives for the small amount of \$1.80 per mother. Most of us carry that much money (or more!) with us as pocket change. But these small amounts, important as they are, need to be supplemented by business and corporate donations. Can your club sit down and identify such organizations? Many times people do not contribute because they have not been asked. If each of our clubs could try to secure a gift from a local company, we would be well on our way to our goal. These corporate gifts are charitable donations because the Kiwanis International Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. The requisite receipt forms are available from KI or from me.

What more can I do? What more can my club do? What more can the New York District do? The answer lies in our hearts. Let us truly be people who live "Excelsior!"

K-Kids Talent Show Raises \$3,200 for Eliminate Project



Violinist and K-Kids member Abishek Ravindran performs during the Talent Show.

The Bowling Green K-Kids staged their fifth annual Talent Show on Mother's Day weekend to benefit the Eliminate Project.

Twenty-five acts included vocals, instrumentals and dance numbers ranging from a classical violin solo to the cup song and patriotic bagpipes to cheer dancing.

The Talent Show was a huge success and earned its place as the most successful single fundraiser in the Bowling Green K-Kids's history. The show raised more than \$3,200 for the Eliminate Project.

K-Kids Faculty Advisor Rich Santer praised the generosity of the K-Kids, the families and friends saying, "This was an incredible culmination of the club's participation in SLP Eliminate Week. The entire club is grateful for the support of local Kiwanis Clubs, nearby businesses and the families and friends of the Bowling Green K-Kids."

Kira Gruber, K-Kids president, was excited by the financial success of the show. "One of our club's goals was to become a Gold Level Club for the Eliminate Project this Kiwanis service year by raising an average of \$50 per club member. By adding tonight's funds to our club's Eliminate donations in the Fall, we have achieved that goal," she explained.

Staten Island Club Presents Zeller

On Friday April 26, at the first annual Night at the Races fundraiser co-sponsored by the South Shore Kiwanis Club and Staten Island Kiwanis Club (both of the Metropolitan Division), the Staten Island Kiwanis Club presented a Walter Zeller Award to Club Vice President Mark Loffredo.

Mark has served as Vice President for more than 10 years and is a Distinguished Past President.



From left, Maspeth Club President Marie Breslin, Joan Sammon, and JP Di Troia, Queens West Division Eliminate Project coordinator. The Maspeth club presented a Walter Zeller Award to long time member and club Past President Joan Sammon to recognize her hard work and leadership in the club for the Eliminate Project.

New Golden K club organized in Queens West



Members of the East Elmhurst/Lefrak Golden K club met on July 4 for some activities.

The organizational meeting for the Kiwanis Club of East Elmhurst/Lefrak Golden K took place on Monday, May 24.

The new club, which is in the Queens West Division, is starting out with 40 members.

Queens West Lt. Gov. Verdina Noel says the new club is a group of individuals who are retired from various careers who wish to continue giving back to the community. They participate on community boards, civic associations, other community organizations and volunteer as customer assistance aides at LaGuardia Airport. Having recently donated items to a hospital neonatal unit, they are looking for more areas where they can be of service. They have heard quite a lot about Kiwanis and so needless to say they are thrilled to become part of the Kiwanis family!

The new club is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of LaGuardia Airport. It will meet at 11 a.m. on the first Monday of each month at 98-18 Astoria Blvd., East Elmhurst.

The president is Larinda Hooks; vice president, James Fogle; secretary, Barbara Clark; and treasurer, Muriel Pinnock.

The New Club Building Chair for the zone, Governor-Elect Joe Aiello, notes that this is the second new club in the district this year.

KPTC North Shore

DPG Joseph Corace



The Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center Foundation at North Shore-LIJ continues to support our hospital in a wide variety of ways.

The Foundation Board's Programs Committee continues to visit Kiwanis and other K-Family clubs looking to educate members or their communities about the work of the KPTC. If any club, would like to schedule a program, please contact Foundation President DPG Joe Corace at jcorace@icmdata.com.

Also critical to the trauma center's success are our continued financial contributions. In addition to the life-saving work your club's contributions make possible, the KPTC Foundation and our KPTC Service Leadership Committee have developed a wide array of recognition programs. These include our KPTC Fellowships, our Trauma Kit Program, our Annual Gift Campaign, our KPTC Service Award and our Service Leadership Fellows. For more information about any of these programs, please see our webpage at www.kiwanispediatric-traumacenter.org.

The Foundation is grateful to the Friends of KPTC who held their Annual Basket Raffle in May. This very suc-

cessful fundraiser supports the Trauma Kit program. Thank you to all those that planned and ran the event, donated baskets items or attended.

As many of you know, the raffle at District Convention in Rochester will be a gift card raffle rather than a basket raffle. Rebecca and Herman Ovadia are asking clubs and generous individuals to donate gift cards. All proceeds from the raffle will be split among the Trauma Centers across the state. We appreciate everyone's participation.

For golfers across our great New York District, please consider joining us for 18 holes at the Cedarbrook Country Club on Aug. 12, 2013.

We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the many successes and support from our KPTC Service Leadership Committee that recently held its annual End of Term meeting. At this meeting, the KPTC Foundation awarded two memorial scholarships to graduating Key Clubbers who served on the KPTC Service Leadership Committee for several years. These recipients also served their respective Key Clubs as presidents and guided their clubs to leadership roles in the support of our KPTC. Congratulations to North Shore Key Club Past President Christopher Sharkey who received the KPTC Robert Cummo Memorial Scholarship and WT Clarke Key Club Past President Gina Principato who received KPTC Alfred Bevilacqua Memorial Scholarship. Special thanks goes to the Kiwanis Club of Five Towns for its generous donation of the funds used in presenting the KPTC

Scholarship in Past Governor Al's name.

The committee also elected new officers and bid farewell to graduating members including Committee Chair Rickie Santer, distinguished past Circle K governor. Rickie has served as Circle K Chair of our KPTC Service Leadership Committee since its inception five years ago. We are grateful for his commitment to KPTC, his dedication to the Safe Kids program and his outstanding leadership.

The KPTC Foundation looks forward to working closely with newly elected Service Leadership Committee Chair Kat Graves, her Vice Chair Key Club Lt. Gov. Michael Rovner and re-elected Secretary Christina Principato.

In addition to planning a KPTC Hoedown and Fall Fair for early October, the committee is also planning a large-scale Safe Kids training for Key Clubbers and Circle Kers. Kiwanis Clubs and other K-Family Clubs who would like to host a Safe Kids safety program for their community can schedule a program by Facebook messaging Joey Safe-Kids, calling (516) 690-SAFE or emailing joey.safekids@gmail.com. Joey is the talking bicycling riding robot donated to the KPTC Service Leadership committee by Ann Torcivia and her Joey Foundation.

Finally, the KPTC Annual Black & White Ball will be Friday, Sept. 27, 2013, at Leonard's of Great Neck. Please mark your calendars!!!

Library Dedicated at 2013 Kamp Open House



Queens West Donation Acknowledged

The new Library at Kamp Kiwanis was dedicated during the Kamp's annual Open House on May 18.

Shown above left are Sal Anelli, district foundation president, and Past Gov. Ed McGowan, who played a key role in the formation of the Queens West Division Foundation. The foundation donated \$50,000 to pay for the construction of the library. While some finishing touches remained at the Open House, the library was ready for use when Kamp opened for the summer.

The library replaces an alcove in Governor's Hall with a larger structure with more space for books and other features that previously weren't available. The building also will provide additional program space on rainy days. It adjoins the Arts and Crafts building which was dedicated a year ago.

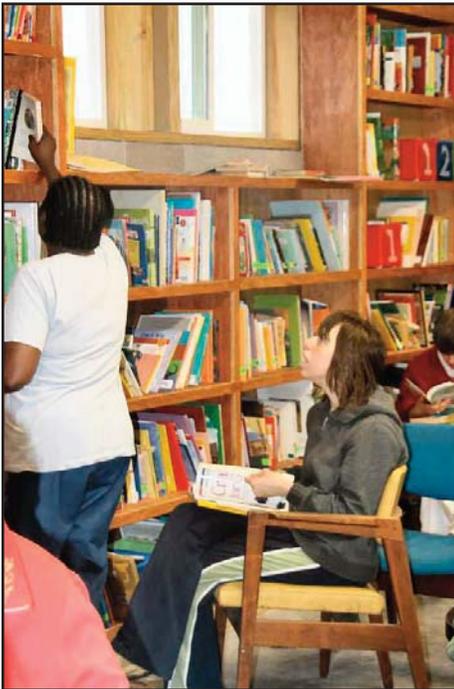
Above, right, Open House visitors tour the new building.

Pictured at right are Maria Battista, Foundation Vice President Joseph Battista and their daughter Danielle. Danielle and her sister Ashley donated a storage shed in 2012, but the family missed the 2012 Open House because Joe suffered a heart attack the evening before.

Below are the 2013-14 District Board members, who visited the Open House during their first training weekend.



New York District Kiwanis Foundation 2013 Kamping Season is Under Way



Adult Week started the 2013 season at Kamp Kiwanis.

The pictures show the new Kamp Library in use and other activities at the Kamp.



District Foundation

Sal Anelli



Summer is finally here, what that means to us at the New York District Kiwanis Foundation, is only one thing, Kamp Kiwanis is now in session.

The Kamp once again is in even better shape than last year thanks to the efforts of a great many people. You read it in this column all the time and it never gets old because if it weren't for the people that work and help Kamp Kiwanis, I don't know where this great jewel of the New York District would be.

What can I say about people like Anthony Merendino who along with Mike Siniski go up to the Kamp three to five times a year to work on a project that needs attention.

People like Vice President Joe Battista who could have bowed out after his cardiac problems last year and no one would have blamed him, but instead he got himself back to health and now once again makes frequent trips up to the Kamp when there is a need.

And most of all, new board member Herb Chan from the Metropolitan division not only makes frequent trips to

the Kamp, more than I can tell you, but most times with truck loads of material either donated or purchased by him because we need to renovate some part of the Kamp.

How about Lt. Governor of the LISC division who put together a party of about 15 Kiwanians who came up on a weekend in early May and for two days they just worked to clean up the Kamp and get it ready for opening day.

There's many more Kiwanians who do similar things to help out and to all those Kiwanians I say "THANK YOU SO MUCH".

Now I want to tell you about another group of amazing Kiwanians. On June 25, 2013, I was invited to attend the East Meadow Kiwanis Club meeting. This club is a great supporter of our Kamp and I was very eager to go there and express my gratitude for all that they do for the Kamp.

Although the East meadow Kiwanians are amazing, they have in their midst an even greater group of amazing Kiwanians, I am referring to the Bowling Green K-Kids. This group of Kids entered an IKEA contest and won a \$10,000 shopping spree in the IKEA store. They could have chosen to get anything in the store for themselves or their families, but instead they decided to shop for furniture for the newly built library at Kamp Kiwanis. That beautiful building, just built with a grant from the Queens West Kiwanis Foundation,

now has brand new tables and chairs and other items purchased by the Bowling Green K-Kids. If that wasn't enough, they somehow talked IKEA into making an additional donation to the Kamp.

They presented me with the bill of sale which showed a no balance due and the IKEA representative presented me with a \$1,000 check. How much better than that does it get? Oh yeah, they also presented me with a check for \$555 to send a kid to Kamp. It took a while for me to lift my jaw back up.

A great deal of credit goes to Mickey Leamey who is the District Coordinator for K-Kids, Rich Santer from the East Meadow club who is also the school administrator for the K-Kids and of course the East Meadow club for sponsoring these amazing kids, but most importantly it's the K-Kids who really inspire all of us in to being a better person and a better citizen.

I for one was very proud that evening of being part of Kiwanis. I know that these children will grow to be productive members of society because Kiwanis was in their lives. On behalf of the members, directors and officers of the New York District Kiwanis Foundation I would like to give my heartfelt "Thank You" to the Bowling Green K-Kids, you really are amazing.



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**International
Foundation**

**DPG Peter
Mancuso**



I've done some traveling on behalf of our International Foundation over the past few months. I recently returned from the Kiwanis International European Federation Convention meeting in Berlin, Germany, where I found a group of highly dedicated, hardworking Kiwanians, who very much enjoyed each other's company and the time they spend together. They were extremely gracious hosts, and were kind enough to give me an opportunity to speak on behalf of our foundation during their board meeting and at their general assembly.

I had a similar experience in March when I traveled to Hiroshima, Japan, for the Kiwanis Asia-Pacific Conference Convention. In addition to the lengthy time that I was given to speak to their House of Delegates about our founda-

tion, we hosted a training session for next year's KIF district chairs, which went very well. The Asia-Pacific Conference leadership also provided extensive opportunities to present the Eliminate Project campaign to the attendees there.

As I told the attendees at each of these conventions, we characterize our foundation's programs in terms of Today, Tomorrow and Forever. In the realm of Today, the grants we provide to those in need stand front and center. We make grants for worthy service projects sponsored by Kiwanis and K-Family clubs all over the world who lack the financial resources to go it alone. I wish that I could tell you that we are able to fund every worthy grant application that we consider, but the fact of the matter is that we were forced to decline four out of every five last year because we lacked the funding for them, which is heartbreaking.

Tomorrow has largely to do with the Eliminate Project, and the effort to save and protect 61 million mothers and their unborn children from the ravages of MNT. Tomorrow is a world without MNT, and I look forward to joining with you to celebrate the dawning of that new world when we gather at our International Convention in Indianapolis in 2015.

And when we discuss Forever, the last part of our fund raising triad, we are referring to planned gifts, which are the backbone of any foundation's endowment program and plans for the future. These include bequests made in wills and trusts, annuities and life insurance policies that benefit our foundation. For an appropriate donor, such donations may be a great opportunity to do good in ways that they find important without adversely affecting their lifestyle. They may even reduce their tax liability in the process. Such gifts make it possible for us to have a positive impact on this world long after we have departed the scene.

Our foundation has created two vehicles for those who wish to make a planned gift. The Heritage Society recognizes those who have done so in an amount of \$10,000 or more. The Mary and Bo Schafer Legacy Society recognizes those whose gifts are expected to be \$50,000 or more. Our KIF staff spends a great deal of time cultivating leads for such gifts. If you feel that you may be able to make such a gift yourself, or know anyone else who you believe may be able to, please let us know.

Thank you again for all that you and your club does to support our International Foundation.