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## 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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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](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org), for more information.