

**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-

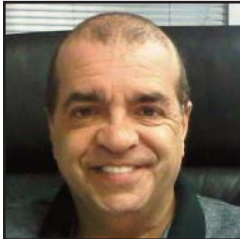
found gratitude, thanks and love to all of you for all you have done on behalf of the children of the world. Without you - Kiwanians - our accomplishments would be far and few between. With you - working as an All-Star Team - we defied the odds. Not even Mother Nature could beat us. We have work to do!

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.

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**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.