

Membership

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As of this writing we are at 756 members and we have only 244 more members to go to reach our 1,000 goal set by our governor.

Our district is without a doubt a leader in new membership growth. We are number one in the United States and number five in the world. I am very proud to be a New York Kiwanian. We

know how to do it. And we very close to our goal.

Can we reach our goal? Without a doubt. There are 260 clubs in this great New York District. If each club would bring in just one new member, that's right, just one, we would easily meet the goal.

Now that we are on our last leg of our drive, I am asking each lieutenant governor, each president, each secretary, and each member to double their efforts to encourage each club to bring in members.

To that end I have written a short poem to remind us we can do it

ADDING ONE, a singular number that brings us closer to our goal
ONE, each club should do

ONE, we all need to do it
ONE, is before two
TWO, can do more too

ONE, will let us grow
ONE, any combination we know
ONE, needs will come true
ONE, to bring happiness too

ONE, moments will share
ONE, let us show we care
ONE, you know we can
ONE, it's all up to you

ONE, the number has the means
ONE, that can multiply the deeds
ONE, So Let's Make a difference
A thousand K
WE CAN DO IT

Distinguished Kiwanian

Bob Keuber



One of our more important traditions in Kiwanis is the recognition of members and clubs as Distinguished Kiwanians.

This recognition is not for members who are Kiwanians in name only, but is earned by Kiwanians by their actions.

Each year, the District Governor presents a list of requirements that he or she feels must be achieved to be considered Distinguished.

First and foremost is the need for every member to actively recruit new members into our great organization. If you sponsor ONE new member, you are well on your way. Since we have added nearly 800 new members so far this administrative year, there are

many of us that satisfied that important step.

After that, all it takes is to be active in the things that make Kiwanis great. You can participate in a Service Leadership Program activity, or Interclub with the clubs in your Division, support Governor Joe's Project about Autism Awareness, or Help First Lady Cookie donate Treats For the Troops. Donate your time or funds to Kamp Kiwanis, or Support the Eliminate Project in its final push to completion. Join your fellow Kiwanians at the Mid-Year Conference or the District Convention. There are so many fun and important ways to live the Kiwanis life.

The requirements for a Distinguished Club are in line with the individual requirements. Recruit five new members

or corporate members, and be sure to have your president and secretary complete their Leadership Training. Then, support the Eliminate Project, Governor Joe's and First Lady Cookie's major emphasis, and be active in your division by finishing the Interclub Round Robin. Work closely with your Service Leadership Programs and host three membership recruiting events. These are easily reached goals, and will make your club stand out in your community and in Kiwanis.

If you have qualified as a Distinguished Kiwanian, fill out an application and give it to your club secretary and president for their signatures and send it to me as soon as you can, so you can be recognized as the best of the best, and receive your certificate and pin.

Club, Division, District Respond To Penn Yan Flooding

Between the evening of May 13 and the morning of May 14, heavy rains and thunderstorms hit the Finger Lakes area of New York State.

The small town of Penn Yan, which is in a valley, was overcome by flooding.

As the news traveled across the state the Kiwanis Club of Penn Yan reached out to our fellow Kiwanians throughout the District asking for donations of food, clothing, linens, toiletries and paper goods.

Many Kiwanis clubs and Divisions in New York responded to their cry for help.

Distinguished Past Lt. Gov Barbara Pringle received calls immediately from many clubs around the state. Within days of the floods the Capital Division in the Albany area of New York State showed up with a tractor trailer full of donations.

Finger Lakes Division Lt. Gov. David Jacobus reached out to New York District Gov. Joe Aiello who had an email sent out to every Kiwanian in the dis-

See pictures on the district web site, www.kiwanis-ny.org

trict looking for donations. We had a huge response from the entire district, and cannot express how much it is appreciated to see the district come together to help and all the donations we received.

On June 20 the Penn Yan Club along with members from the Penfield-Perinton Club, and the soon to be chartered Geneva Club joined together and opened the doors to the public to walk in, grab a box and thumb through all those donations that we had received. The people were so grateful to everyone who donated.

Some are still cleaning up and roads are still closed around town, but because of the Kiwanians through out New York District, these people will be able to sleep comfortably with their sheets, and walk around their town in some new clothes.

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