

Veterans

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Veterans will be recognized at a breakfast at the District Convention in Albany, on Saturday Aug. 16, at 7:30 a.m.

Governor Joe wants to honor every veteran who attends the convention by presenting them with a special memento and thank you for your service to our country. The breakfast is open to all, but only veterans will receive the memento.

Please note you don't have to attend the breakfast to receive your gift, but we sure would love to have you there.

There are three things we request of you, to insure you receive a gift.

1. On the Registration Form in the "Ribbons" section, circle Veteran.

2. Also on the Registration Form in the "Function and Cost" section, check Veteran's Breakfast and write in \$22.

3. On a separate sheet of paper, print your full name, your Rank at time of discharge, the branch of service, your dates of service, the name of your Kiwanis Club and the Kiwanis Division you're in.

Distinguished Past Lt. Gov. Al Teetsel of the Hudson River Division and a former Air Force staff sergeant will be the speaker.

The invocation will given by a Gold Star Mother from the Albany Area.

We are pleased to have the Honor/Color Guard from the Captain William Dale O'Brien Detachment of the Marine Corp League lead us in the Pledge.

District Convention Schedule

Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014

Early Check-In 4 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014

Registration and Credentials 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
2013-14 Board Meeting 1-4 p.m.
Welcoming Reception 6:30-7:15 p.m.
Past Governors Dinner 7:30 p.m.
2013-14 Board Dinner 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 15, 2014

Past Governors Breakfast and Council (\$22) 7-9 a.m.
Registration/Credentials 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Exhibits and Baskets 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Forums, TBA 9-11 a.m.
Recognition Luncheon (\$20) 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
District Foundation Annual Meeting and Elections 2-3:30 p.m.
Convention Honoree Reception and Wine Tasting 4-5 p.m.
Past Governor Reunion Dinners 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Opening Session 8-10 p.m.
Hospitality Rooms 10 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 16, 2014

Veterans Breakfast (\$22) 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Registration/Credentials 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Exhibits and Baskets 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Forums 8:30-11:45 a.m.
First Lady's Project 9 a.m.-11:45 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.
Gala Governor's Reception (with Dinner Ticket) 6-7 p.m.
Governor's Toast (by invitation) 6:45 p.m.
Governor's Celebration Dinner (\$55) 7 p.m.
Hospitality Rooms 10 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 17, 2014

Memorial Breakfast (\$22) 8-9:30 a.m.
Installation of Officers 10-11:30 a.m.
2014-15 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.

Youth Protection

Jim Mancuso



I am pleased to report that across the New York District both clubs and divisions are spreading the word and embracing the Kiwanis youth protection initiative.

Clubs and divisions have sponsored trainings with many members have taken the Kiwanis International on-line

training. In addition, background checks are taking place, which is among our best protection to ensure the safety of the children under our care.

One way we can focus our youth protection efforts even more, is to plan for and participate in Youth Protection Week, Sept. 7-13.

Kiwanis International urges you to target that week to train members who have not been trained and to also conduct background checks making sure Kiwanis-club advisors for Service Leadership programs have had them performed. It is also a great time to make sure you revisit Kiwanis Youth Protection Guidelines with your club.

Lastly, take a look at this website, www.childwelfare.gov, making sure to download the fact sheet on Mandatory Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect.

The fact sheet discusses laws that designate the groups of professionals who are required to report suspected child abuse and neglect. From the website it is described as: "Reporting by other persons, the responsibilities of institutions in making reports, standards for making a report, and confidentiality of reports also are discussed. Summaries of laws for all States and U.S. territories are included." The website is loaded with all sorts of additional information on child abuse and is a great reference tool as you implement youth protection policies.

Again, thank you for all you are doing to protect our youth. Your efforts do make a difference and the New York District is a safer place, for our children, as we now are focused on both serving and protecting them like never before.