

International President Will Attend Convention

Gunter Gasser of Spittal an der Drau, Austria, was elected president of Kiwanis International in June 2013 at the 98th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Gunter has been a Kiwanian since 1987, when he joined as a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Spittal an der Drau, serving as president in 1991-92. He also is a founding member of the Tombstone, Montana, Kiwanis Club and an honorary member of Austria's Wien-Europe 1 club.

Distinguished governor of the Austria District in 1999-2000, Gunter served as chairman of the district's new club building, marketing and past governors committees; was chairman of the Kiwanis International-European Federation's (KIEF) youth service and

marketing the foundation committees; and was a KIEF representative to the 2001-02 Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France.

Elected to a three-year term as international trustee in 2003, Gunter has served on the board's communications and conventions, partnership, community and corporate alliances, operations, finance, international relations and executive committees.

He has served as board counselor to



several districts and was a member of the Kiwanis committees on bylaws and resolutions, as well as the new district and new worldwide service project task forces.

A life member, Gunter is a Tablet of Honor recipient, George F. Hixson Fellow and a member of Kiwanis International Foundation's Heritage Society. He also is a member of the foundation's President's Advisory Council and a charter Walter Zeller Fellow.

Outside of Kiwanis, Gunter is a member of the Economic-Mechanical Engineering Association; former member of the Economic Forum for Top Managers, Austria; a manager of sports clubs; and a member of the City Development Group.

Gunter and his wife, Christiana, have one son and one daughter.

Candidate for Governor-Elect: Forbes Irvine

Forbes Irvine, immediate past lieutenant governor of the Metropolitan Division, is the only candidate seeking the post of Governor-Elect for 2014-15.

Previously Wayne Scheriff of the Howard Beach club had declared his candidacy, but has since withdrawn because of health issues in his family.

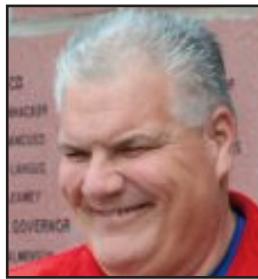
Irvine, charter president of the North Central, Staten Island, club was lieutenant governor of the Metropolitan Division when Super Storm Sandy struck. During that year he was involved in the relief efforts in his division.

He was named a Super Distinguished Lieutenant Governor for his

efforts during the year.

In a mailing earlier this year announcing his candidacy, Irvine noted he has been a member of Kiwanis for 20 years, and has served his club as secretary and as president several times. He has chaired projects at his club and division level for many years.

He was appointed to the New York District Foundation Board of Directors this year.



During his time in Kiwanis he's been involved in Key Clubs that his home club sponsors and is in the process of building an Aktion Club.

He and his wife, Helene, have three children and a grandson. A graduate of St. John's University and the Brooklyn Law School, he has worked in the New York State Unified Court System for 31 years.

He is a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which serves the poor and disadvantaged; is a board member of Camelot, a drug rehabilitation center founded by Kiwanis in 1973; and a board member with the GRACE Foundation, which serves children with autism.

Candidate for Governor: Eric G. Paul

Eric G. Paul joined the Kiwanis Club of West Seneca in October of 1983. He immediately became active in club and district affairs, soon being named First Assistant Administrator of Circle K. In his club he served as a director, treasurer, vice president, president-elect and then as distinguished president in 1995-96.

Last month Paul at the Circle K International Convention Paul was honored as an Outstanding Circle K Alumni.

He served as distinguished lieutenant governor for Niagara Frontier West in 1999-2000, and was president of the board of lieutenant governors. He served as lieutenant governor of the Niagara Frontier South Division in 2012-13.

On the District level, he served as HOBY District Chairman in 1994-95 and for 12 years on the Key Club Dis-

trict Committee. For three years he was the K-Kids district administrator, served two years as the NY District Foundation scholarship chair, and two years as the Sponsored Youth Alumni district chair. He was the Kiwanis chair for the Circle K International Convention in 2001.

His K-Family career began in 1973 when he joined the Orchard Park High School Key Club. He was a club officer and a lieutenant governor in 1975-76. He later was a co-founder of the Circle K Club at the State University at Albany, serving as charter secretary. As a



Circle K member, he served as New York District Secretary, New York District Governor and as Circle K International Vice President.

Outside of Kiwanis, he has been an active volunteer fire fighter for more than 33 years. 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, he became the director of the Peter Young/Altamont Buffalo Veterans Facility. The facility provides a clean safe place to live, offers education and employment placement, and helps formerly homeless United States veterans reconnect with family and reintegrate into society.