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Kiwanis Celebrates 100th Birthday

Kiwanis' long awaited Centennial Celebration took place June 24-28 in Indianapolis.



The event featured opening and closing sessions including not only the 4,500 Kiwanians present but also the Circle K and Key Club delegates to their International Conventions, which took place at the same time.

History was made at the event as well, as Susan Petrisin was elected Kiwanis International President for 2015-15, the first woman to ever head a major community service organization. She's pictured at left during the closing ceremonies talking about the upcoming year.

In the picture at right, Past International President Gunter Gasser (center) applauds as the distinguished governors and secretaries for 2014-15 are announced. At right is New York's Immediate Past Gov. Joe Aiello, one of 17 governors worldwide who were so honored. Past District Secretary Ann Sewert also was named distinguished. At left is Christiana Gasser.

In addition to the candidate elections,



during the House of Delegates a \$10 international dues increase was approved. Delegates rejected authority for the board to make limited annual dues increases, and also voted not to change the Kiwanis voting to online rather than at the convention.

See pages 6-7 for more information.

Governor

Eric G. Paul



As our Kiwanis year continues, we look back fondly upon the milestone events we have enjoyed.

I have been enjoying the Divisional Governors Visits all across the state. Our clubs have been proudly detailing the fantastic projects they are involved in, and I have been speaking about our Centennial, the Formula, our Kamp, KPTC hospitals, Lyme Disease and of course, EliMiNaTe.

We recently returned from our 100th International Convention in Indianapolis, where Aktion Club, Key Club, Circle K and Kiwanis members gathered together in our "hometown" and headquarters city to reflect, celebrate and plan for the next 100 years. This convention saw the induction of our first female International President, Sue

Petrisin of Michigan. President Sue is also the first female leader of ANY of the major service organizations. Indianapolis saw our Key Clubs and Circle K Clubs, Districts and individuals win many awards, including "Distinguished" status for our 2014-15 Key Club Governor Jacob Spencer and 2014-15 Circle K Governor Renee Girard. We also saw two International Trustees elected from New York for Key Club! Congratulations to Heather Farley and Clifford Young for their successful campaigns, and to retired Key Club International Trustee Laken Kelly and Circle K International Trustee Kelly Chan for their hard work and dedication to our K-Family.

We held an excellent event enjoyed by all at the Hard Rock Café, joined by the Nebraska-Iowa District and our Key Club Delegation. The Opening Session was stirring, with our current Key Club and Circle K Governors presenting the flags of the Kiwanis nations.

Throughout the event New Yorkers ran and attended many workshops and spent time getting to know Kiwanis family members from throughout the world. It was a true experience. I urge

everyone to start planning NOW for International in 2016 in Toronto, where New York will present our own Peter Mancuso as a candidate for International Trustee!

Coming up next, as we continue our year and work to open Kiwanis Clubs throughout our great District, is our District Convention at the Desmond in Albany, August 13-16th. Make plans to attend, it promises to be an unforgettable event!

As always, contact me with questions, concerns or suggestions on how to improve our organization!

District Convention Aug. 13-16 in Albany

The 98th annual New York District Convention will take place Aug. 13-16 at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center in Albany.

Two candidates are running for the office of Governor-Elect and the delegates are being asked to approve a new set of district bylaws.

More information is on pages 4-5.

K-Kids Win International Awards

The New York District K-Kids Committee has announced the results of the 2014-15 K-Kids International contests and awards won by clubs in the New York District.

The New York winners are:

- Poster Contest, 3rd Place, Isabella DiCostanzo, Bowling Green K-Kid
- KIF Leadership Award, 1st Place, Sofia Passariello, Bowling Green K-Kids
- Picture Book Contest, 3rd Place, McVey K-Kids
- Single Service Award, 3rd Place, Bowling Green K-Kids
- Scrapbook Contest, Honorable Mention, SeaCliff K-Kids

In addition, Bowling Green K-Kids, Meadowbrook K-Kids and Sea Cliff K-Kids were named Distinguished Clubs.

Free Car Wash Raises \$2,000

The Kiwanis Club of the Central Adirondacks, the Key Club and Jr. Key Club of the Town of Webb School washed 111 cars at their 15th Annual FREE Car Wash, Saturday, May 23.

The combined Kiwanis Club and Key Club effort raised over \$2,000 at the event.

The volunteers washed 100 cars, several pickup trucks and a three-quarter ton dump truck.

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Queens West Featured in Supplement

On June 18 the Queens West Division worked with the Queens Courier to develop a 16-page special section highlighting the centennial of Kiwanis the Kiwanis clubs of the Queens West Division.

The special section featured information on the clubs and their activities. In addition to the potential for new members from the effort, the clubs received more than \$1,500 as their share of ads they sold in the section.

The entire special section can be viewed or downloaded at the following web link: <http://queenswestkiwanis.org/clubdocs/misc/KiwanisCourier.pdf>



Recently the Minisink Key Club with the help of Minisink Kiwanis planted flowers and mulched the 9/11 Memorial at Minisink Valley High School. The event was a joint project in the spirit of the Governor's Project. The memorial was also a joint project between the two clubs back in 2002 to commemorate the five community members lost on 9/11/01. The cleanup and planting is done annually.

Satellite Club Marks Father's Day

Members of the Fordham Kiwanis Satellite Club hosted an early Father's Day celebration at Fordham University last month.

The Satellite Club at Fordham was formed three years ago and is comprised of fathers of children with special needs in association with the Fathers Forum of New York founded by Fordham Kiwanian Mille Suarez. Among its members is Charles Jones, film producer of

"Autistic Like Me", a documentary citing the unique challenges faced by fathers of autistic boys which had its premier New York City screening last November. Fordham Kiwanian Jay Linder who has a six year old son Wiley with ASD, will serve next year as chair of the Fordham Kiwanis satellite club.

For more information about the NY Fathers Forum, see www.FathersForumNY.com



Aktion Club Member Gives Lyme Disease Talk

Matt Kamper, member of the East Meadow Aktion Club, made a very effective slide presentation to a Kiwanis International audience about Lyme Disease on Saturday, June 27 in Indianapolis. Matt's goal was to build awareness about the Kiwanis Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation and its work with Lyme Disease. Matt outlined that Lyme Disease is caused from bacteria gotten from a deer tick. Lyme Disease is particularly prevalent in the summertime.

Governor-Elect

Forbes Irvine



Conventions, like everything else in life, are what we make them. This year's 100th celebration in Indianapolis was a wonderful experience, and I hope all the attendees had as good or better time as Helene and I.

Indianapolis was a perfect host city. The people could not have been more helpful, and the host committee were very accommodating.

First and foremost, I want to say how proud we are to serve with the first woman president of a service organization, Sue Petrisin. It promises to be an exciting year.

Congratulations have to go out to Distinguished Past Gov. Joe Aiello and Distinguished Past Secretary Ann Sewert, who were recognized at the convention by their International President Gunter Gasser. They worked hard every day for our District and this was well deserved.

Unfortunately, the reality of life gets in the way of our good times and a dues increase was voted on, so it will cost us an extra 20 cents a week to belong to this incredible organization. A couple of dollars in the Happy Box could go along way in helping a struggling member to offset the increase. Remember - Live It - Share It - Love It. It's why we are here.

156-0, yes you read that right, 156-0, that was the final score of a "FORMULA" Family Feud game that pitted our own Rich Hall, Alison Mandel and David Morse against Governor Eric, Kimberly Davis and Brenda Leigh Johnson. Speaking about family, Sister Sledge led the convention in a rousing rendition of "We Are Family". I would like to take this opportunity to wish Past Gov. Joe Corace all the best as he embarks on a new career as one of their backup dancers. Trust me it was quite a sight to see him on stage with the girls. Joe Corace has moves, and he's not afraid to show them. Congratulations also to Distinguished Past Gov. Joe Eppolito, who served as Kiwanis International Election Chair and to SDLTG Jim Mancuso, who put forth four preferred candidates to our delegates, and all

four were victorious. Great job by both these gentlemen!

A special thank you to our SLP Administrators, John Keegan and John Goldstein and their staff for the extraordinary job they did at convention. Their dedication and professionalism is unmatched, and the members of The NY Circle K and Key Club were exemplary. Congratulations to Clifford Young and Heather Farley, who are now Key Club International Trustees.

So, it's summertime and prime season for tick bites. Please be very careful and get any questionable bite checked. The Kiwanis Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation is instrumental, if you have any questions or concerns. Lets get our community kids up to Kamp Kiwanis and give them a week they will cherish for a long time. Kids are home from school and playing hard. Accidents happen. KPTC provides trauma kits for just that. We have three great foundations. They depend on us. Let's support them. Oh by the way, in case you were wondering, Governor Eric was not on the side of victory. Rich, Alison and David - you thumped them good.

See you at The Desmond!

Formula Chair

Joseph Aiello



We are in our second year of "The Formula" which has grown to be quite a success with 600 new members (gross) with new clubs being built.

Please do not close the door on those members who have chosen to leave the Kiwanis family. This is when we call on our club counselors and lieutenant governors to come into play and take charge.

Each counselor has an assignment to review on "The Formula" dashboard. All

club counselors are encouraged to visit their clubs and notify your lieutenant governor when you visit. The district grows when we increase our numbers and build new clubs to maintain our goal to make the future a better one for our communities and children.

We have a tremendous team with Julie Watterson continually working on membership growth, and Joe Eppolito as a fantastic club builder. These are your district chairs. You can contact these leaders at any time.

I encourage every club to devote one of your meetings to discuss "The Formula". Take the time to discuss why you "love your club" -- what it means to give back, and the gratification you get when devoting time and energy to your club. Talk about "living your club" -- create games and give out prizes! "Share it" by addressing the true mean-

ing of "The Formula" by sharing Kiwanis and getting the word out to friends, relatives, neighbors, your community. We will have a forum at DCON for all new club builders and counselors to attend.

We are on our way! Here's to the next 100 years to make Kiwanis the largest organization in the world. Be part of this wonderful family and strengthen your clubs. Get involved with your sponsored youth programs and make them part of your team. We all must do our part because we BELIEVE in "The Formula" and Kiwanis. I want the New York District to know it's not about us, it's about the CHILDREN. Continue to be the best we can be. We have four months to reach our goals. So, let's do it!

Make us proud. Love It, Share It, Live It.

International Foundation

DPG David Rothman



I want to take this opportunity to thank the clubs in the New York District that helped us meet the Kiwanis Inter-

national Foundation Presidents Challenge last year.

With your support we meet our goal of a 10 percent increase. Distinguished Past Gov. Joe Aiello and I were recognized at the recent Kiwanis International Convention for meeting the challenge. It's never too late to donate to the KIF, from Skip a Meal to Hixson Fellows and Tablets of Honor there are many ways to support our International Foundation. They play a vital role supporting so many Kiwanis programs in-

cluding scholarships.

Please visit the Kiwanis International website and follow the link to the Foundation. I want to thank everyone for their support these last few years.

I will be passing the torch to SDPLG Jim Mancuso as I take on a new role in our District.

CPR Training

Louis Cazzetta Jr.



On a crowded commuter train a person seems to become sick and soon falls to the floor and stops moving. People start to scream and yell "call 911" as a couple of good samaritans jump in to action and start CPR.

A transit employee brings an AED (automated external defibrillator) which is placed on the unconscious person when the words "clear, going to shock" is heard in a loud commanding voice. Within minutes emergency serv-

ices start pouring in to the train station as a once chaotic scene is slowly turned to a well orchestrated, but frantic attempt to save a persons life.

As the Emergency Medical Services, Fire Department and Police Department start to move the patient towards the waiting ambulance you hear "we have a pulse". A transit worker comes to the good Samaritans stating "the person is breathing and has a pulse, you guys did a great job!" as the next train pulls in to the station and commuters continue their day.

This story is based on information I got a couple of weeks after our first Kiwanis CPR training at Midwinter Conference. One of Kiwanians used their new CPR training to help save the life of a stranger. There is no greater way to serve Kiwanis then to help save the life of another person and learning CPR

gives us the knowledge and tools to possibly do the same if needed.

We will be offering another CPR class at the District Convention in August as Governor Eric Paul and Governor-Elect Forbes Irvine have both embraced the Kiwanis CPR Initiative.

The class will be on Saturday morning (see convention schedule for details) and is limited to 40 participants and will be by registration only. To register for the class please email CPR Chairman Louis Cazzetta at lcazzetta@verizon.net and you will receive an email confirmation for this class. It is my pleasure and honor to train as many Kiwanians as possible in CPR because there is no doubt that CPR saves lives.

Who knows, maybe we will have another Kiwanian use their newly learned skills to help another person and become a Kiwanis Hero!

New Standard Bylaws Before Delegates

The House of Delegates at the District Convention will have only one question put before it, but it will be a new district bylaws as required by Kiwanis International taking into account the options which the New York District has adopted over the years.

Sean O'Sullivan, the district's Parliamentarian and the Laws and Regulations chair, noted that the proposal has been submitted to Kiwanis International for final approval and some changes may be required on the floor if there are any proposed changes.

The entire proposal can be viewed on the district web site, www.kiwanis-ny.org/dc.

Get the latest information and registration forms on the web site as well.

Basket Raffle Proceeds for Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation

Gov. Eric G. Paul has designated the proceeds from the Basket Raffle at the District Convention at the Desmond Hotel to the Kiwanis Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation.

Clubs and divisions are encouraged to bring a basket of items representative of their area to the convention.

Those bringing baskets are asked to notify Chairs Rebecca and Herman Ovadia that they are bringing a basket by e-mail to woodsidekiwanis@gmail.com or (516) 432-5690.

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District Convention Schedule

Wednesday, Aug. 12

Early Check-in.....4 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 13

Board Luncheon12-12:45 p.m.
Registration and Credentials2-6 p.m.
2014-15 Board Meeting1-4 p.m.
Welcoming Reception6:30-7:15 p.m.
Past Governors Dinner7:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 14

Past Governors Breakfast and Council.....7-9 a.m.
Registration/Credentials9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Exhibits and Baskets8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Forums, TBA9-11 a.m.
Key Club and Circle K Recognition Luncheon11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
District Foundation Annual Meeting and Elections2-3:30 p.m.
Convention Honoree Reception.....4-5 p.m.
Past Governors' Boards Reunion Dinners5:30-7:30 p.m.
Opening Session8-10 p.m.
Hospitality Rooms10 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 15

Growth Recognition Breakfast.....7:30-8:30 a.m.
Registration/Credentials9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Exhibits and Baskets8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Forums9-11:45 a.m.
CPR Training.....8:30 a.m.-Noon
Meet the Governor-Elect Candidates.....Noon-1 p.m.
Lunch on Your OwnNoon
Caucuses1-2:30 p.m.
House of Delegates2:30-4:30 p.m.
Past Lt. Governors Meeting4:30-5:30 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.....7 p.m.
Hospitality Rooms10 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 16

Memorial Breakfast.....8-9:30 a.m.
Installation of Officers.....10-11:30 a.m.
2015-16 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.

Candidate for Governor-Elect: Candace Corsaro

I am seeking the office of Governor Elect because I want to lead the New York District to greater heights. I see great potential for this district. I know that together as a TEAM we can fulfill the promise of Kiwanis International of serving one child and one community at a time.

I joined Kiwanis in 1987 to contribute in helping our children and making our communities better. I have worked hard to fulfill the six objects of Kiwanis in all that I do. I have had the privilege to serve my clubs in many capacities but none more important than that of active member. The strength of our organization comes from the clubs and if we have strong clubs, we will have a stronger foundation for our District and Kiwanis International. As your leader I want to help you become all that you are capable of being. We need to expand the Kiwanis experience throughout our district for every member. I believe we need to retain, add and educate members continually by providing profes-



sional and educational programs that respect the time of our members. We need to go "Back to Basics" of club membership: Fellowship, Networking, and Service above all.

I have strived to meet all the qualifications necessary to hold the office of Governor-Elect and will continue to add more service to my resume. I have held various club offices and am a Past Distinguished President and Distinguished Lt. Gov. of the Niagara Frontier North Division. I led my division in growth and service as lieutenant governor; we increased membership, revived a fallen club, added two Key Clubs, a Builders Club and started the ball rolling on a new club in Grand Island.

I will do the same for the New York District. I have had the privilege to chair the District Women of the Year

and District Inter-Club committees. I have served on our District Policy, Procedures, and Youth Protection Committee and your was host for the Niagara Falls Convention. I continue to attend foundation and finance meetings so as to have the knowledge needed to lead. By attending international and district conventions and conferences I have had the opportunity to educate myself about Kiwanis, enjoying the opportunity to develop friendships, growing in understanding and learning about new programs and service.

I am honored to have received many awards for the efforts I have put forth.

On a personal note, I was married for over 37 years to Joseph Corsaro (deceased) and am the proud parent of three wonderful children, Melissa, Sheri Lynn, Cathy and six delightful grandchildren. I am a successful business woman and entrepreneur. I hold a New York State Real Estate License and have owned or been a partner in several businesses.

Candidate for Governor-Elect: Steve Sirgiovanni

I have had the privilege of knowing Kiwanis since I was a child. My father was a charter member and past president of the Kiwanis Club of Howard Beach, so I was always involved with the various club projects. As an adult, I was very proud to join the club because I knew from my father that being a member of the club was very rewarding because you were helping children in the community.

In the club's 53 years of service, my father and I are the only father and son members who were both distinguished presidents of the club.

I have been sitting on the Board of Kamp Kiwanis as a special fund raiser, I was able to raise more than \$8,500 from the City of New York and numerous amounts of supplies of clothing and food products. I have been active with KPTC, president of the Queens West Foundation, chairman of the Priority One Project for Youth Services for Governor Eric Paul, on a finance committee for Immediate Past Distinguished Gov.



Joe Aiello and Gov-Elect Forbes Irvine. Since I have been sitting on these boards, I have acquired a broader knowledge of district operations.

I have also been a distinguished Kiwanian for the past 5 consecutive years.

I was the club's chairman for the Irene and Sandy disaster relief effort, coordinated the food distribution with local and state officials, community representatives and local religious organizations. We were able to give both money and supplies to our communities from Howard Beach to the Rockaways and Coney Island, Brooklyn.

As lieutenant governor for the Kiwanis Queens West Division for 2013-14, my division was number 1 in the district with 107 new members. I raised \$18,000 and donated it to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), and

the money to purchase a Kaiser, a Brittany and a Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center (KPTC) Fellows during the year.

I started a new club, the East River club, which I am a charter member, and St. Helen Academy Builders club and K-Kids club.

I am self-employed and involved with real estate investments, sales and service of electronic equipment, and food distribution services for major food companies.

Why I want to run:

- My love for Kiwanis and I feel that I can make a difference.

- It all begins with the club. If you don't have a club then there is nothing that can be done in the name of Kiwanis.

- I want to bring stability to the district and get back to basics by increasing membership..

- We need to introduce ourselves to our communities on what Kiwanis stands for. We need to raise our public profile and invigorate our members so that we may become a relevant organization for future new members.

Candidate for Governor: Forbes Irvine

Governor-Elect Forbes Irvine will be the sole candidate for the post of Governor for 2015-16.

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 Lieu-



tenant Governor for his efforts during the year.

Irvine has been a member of Kiwanis for 20 years, and has served his club as secretary and as president several times. He has chaired proj-

ects at his club and division level for many years.

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

Kiwanis Marks 100th Birthday



Kiwanis International President Dr. John Button addresses the convention's opening session.



Distinguished Past Gov. and Past Kiwanis Intentional Foundation President Peter Mancuso addresses New York's delegates during a caucus. He will be the district's candidate for International Trustee at the 2016 convention in Toronto.



Tim Harris of Albuquerque, New Mexico, captivated the audience with tales of his restaurant, Tim's Place. Harris, who has Down Syndrome, decided as a teenager he wanted to own a restaurant, which he opened in 2010. He bills it as the "World's Friendliest Restaurant". He told the audience that he has hugs listed on his menu -- they are free -- and "everybody orders at least one." A counter in his restaurant tracks the hugs and the number now exceeds 71,000. He's shown on stage while a video plays behind him on the big screen showing him giving President Obama a hug, which came at the president's request.

And Plans for Second Century



A Kiwanis version of the Family Feud TV show was being played in the World Showcase area. Saturday morning two New York teams took the challenge. The Blue Team, above left, consisted of Kimberly Davis, Brenda Leigh Johnson and Gov. Eric G. Paul, with Past Gov. Joe Aiello, right, providing some coaching. On the Red Team were District Master Trainers Rich Hall and Allison Mandel and Governor's Executive Assistant David Morse. The panelists had to guess the results of a survey of 100 Kiwanians. When it was over, it wasn't even close, with Hall, Mandel and Morse winning by a score of 156-0.

Delegates approve dues increase, reject online voting

The House of Delegates acted on two measures related to International dues and a proviso designed to allow online voting during its business session at the International Convention.

It was the dues increase proposal which drew the most heat. Board members noted that dues had not increased since 2003, and that more money was needed in order to carry out efforts designed to reverse declining membership.

With a two-thirds vote required, 75 percent voted in favor and 25 percent opposed. International dues will in-

crease from \$42 to \$52 on Oct. 1.

A second dues proposal would have allowed the International Board to increase dues by no more than 5 percent per year, was defeated with only 27 percent voting in favor and 73 percent opposed.

Delegates also rejected a proposal to have clubs vote online before the International Convention, rather than by delegates at the convention.

Supporters noted it would allow all clubs, including those unable to send delegates to the convention, to participate. Opponents feared the change

might harm convention attendance and eliminate the opportunity for the kind of debate which occurs at the convention. The measure was defeated, with 36 percent in favor and 64 percent opposed.

For details on other proposals which came before the delegates, see the district web site, www.kiwanis-ny.org



The district reception took place at the Hard Rock Cafe, in conjunction with the Nebraska-Iowa district. Governor Eric with Mike Farley, Americas Chair for the Formula, and Vice-President Jane Erickson get ready to address the crowd and to make some award presentations for growth. Erickson is from Nebraska.



Jordan and Jaime Neuringer (right), members of the Brighton club, were in the registration area looking for two Kiwanians from Jamaica they met during a Kiwanis trip to that country last summer when they appeared for registration as well.

Eliminate Project

Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse



HEAR YE! HEAR YE! EXCITING NEWS from the International Convention-The EliMiNaTe Project is now up to \$91 million in cash and pledges! What a wonderful announcement to celebrate Kiwanis' 100th birthday!

New Yorkers have a right to be proud of what we have done for EliMiNaTe. As of our latest report dated June 16, 2015, we have raised \$1,269,155.55, thus protecting 705,086 mothers and their future babies from MNT.

This is even more amazing since we had not hit the million dollar mark at this time last year. New York can boast of two \$100K clubs (Chinatown and Fordham), one Platinum Model Club (All Island, Staten Island), and eleven model clubs: Amherst, East Greenbush, Hartsdale, Huntington, Lewiston, North Central Staten Island, Patchogue, Sand Lake, Sayville, Three

Village Brookhaven, and York-Leicester.

Three of the Model Clubs-All Island, Hartsdale, and Sand Lake-have become Legacy clubs, i.e., they have already completed paying their pledge in full. All Island then went on to pledge to become a Platinum (double) Model Club. We are on a roll!

But so much more needs to be done. The Campaign still needs \$19 million to reach the total amount needed to rid the world of MNT, and New York has to raise \$527,258.45 to reach our goal. Our District goal was set by the Multi-Division and Division Coordinators and me several years ago. Since some of these leaders were not able to attend one of the series of meetings scheduled to work on this task, I had to estimate what the clubs in divisions that were not represented would be able to give. In many cases, I projected \$500 because the clubs were small. This was over the course of five years, so it came down to \$100 per year, or \$2 per week. Even the smallest clubs should be able to donate that amount.

My own personal goal has been to have 100 percent of our clubs participate. To date, 87 percent have done so. But 87 percent, as good as it is, is not



100 percent!

I have written personally to the presidents and secretaries of the non-participating clubs to ask them to send in a donation to EliMiNaTe. It would have been nice to reach this goal by the International Convention, but I will be just as happy if we reach it by our August convention.

One more thing! That will be our new mantra. Let's all do one more thing in the next few months. Let each individual give one more donation; each club have one more fundraising activity.

The Centennial Award and the Zeller Award will be available until December 31, 2015. Let each club and/or each division raise enough money to donate one more of these. We can reach our New York goal and help the EliMiNaTe Campaign reach \$110 million if we all do ONE MORE THING!

Excelsior!

Builders Club Awards Zeller to School Leader

On May 20, students from the Kiwanis Builders club of PS MS 207A presented a check for \$676 to Lt. Gov. J.P. Di Troia for the Kiwanis International Eliminate Project which saves babies by giving potential mothers vaccines to prevent Maternal Neonatal Tetanus. Another donor will add \$625 to the donation, enabling the club to present the school's coordinator, Dorothy Baran, with a Mother's Day Zeller Award.

Frankfort Kiwanis, Key Clubs Support Eliminate

Frankfort Kiwanis and its sponsored Key Clubs, Builders Club and K-Kids are proud to contribute again to the Kiwanis International Foundation's Eliminate Project.

Over the four years of participation approximately \$3,500 has been raised, enough to pay for more than 7,000 tetanus vaccinations.

The project is truly a "kids helping kids" experience in that Frankfort Kiwanis provides financial/logistical support to its sponsored youth clubs in both the Frankfort Schuyler and Central Valley Schools with the actual fund raising done by students.



Fordham Completes Eliminate Pledge

On April 26, with a special gift tendered to Kiwanis International President Dr. John Button by Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse and supported by club president Vinnie Lippiello and Committee Chair Mike Feierman, the Kiwanis Club of Fordham, achieved its goal of raising \$100,000 and saved more than 55,000 mothers and their newborn babies among the poorest of the poor in

living conditions that do not resemble the modern era.

The presentation took place during the Governor's Visit to the Bronx Westchester South Division. Shown above is Lippiello, International President John and Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse, the district's Eliminate Project chair and a member of the Fordham club herself.

Chinatown Presents 13 Centennial Awards

A large crowd attended the annual Kiwanis Club of Chinatown Benefit Night on April 22, including International President Dr. John Button, who was in town as part of the Centennial Tour celebrating the anniversary of Kiwanis by conducting the ground breaking for a Kiwanis Centennial Playground on Long Island.

At the event, the Chinatown club presented Centennial Awards to 13 people, and inducted nine new members into the club.

Key Club

**John
Goldstein**



I have just returned from the K Family International Convention and boy am I tired, excited and rejuvenated.

I want to first thank all of you who supported our students financially so they could attend this great convention. I also want to thank Gov Eric Paul and DPG Joe Corace for inviting us to the district event at the Hard Rock Cafe. The Key Clubbers had a great time and I hope made a positive impact on you Kiwanians.

You should be very proud of your New York District Key Club, as your clubs and students won awards and were

elected to International Office. First we had 3 Diamond level Distinguished clubs: Bronx High School of Science, North Shore High School, and Norwood-Norfolk High School. North Shore High School also won third place in the Traditional Scrapbook competition and first place in the Silver level for the Single Service Award.

We also had three district officers who earned Distinguished status. Leading our group of Distinguished District Officers was Distinguished Governor Jacob Spencer. We also had Distinguished Secretary Heather Farley and Distinguished Editor Sharon Lin.

As if the above accomplishments were not enough to be proud of, we also had both our candidates for International Trustee, Heather Farley and Clifford Young, elected.

I want to thank the 42 students for a great experience at the convention. They were truly a joy to be around. I also want to thank the nine adults that

went with us. These folks set up and cleaned up breakfast every morning and made sure the students were where they were supposed to be and when. Thank you Hazel, Jane, Beth, Dave, Michael, Kim, Jason, Herman and Rebecca. I could not have done it without all of you. I also want to thank Key Club Governor Hanna for her great leadership during the convention.

I would like to extend a hardy "WELL DONE" to David Vail who retired from the District Key Club Committee after 30 years of dedicated service. With David's retirement I have appointed two Assistant Administrators, Past Key Club Governor Michael Berthel and Past Circle K International President Jason Steiner.

I again want to thank you, the district, for allowing me the privilege of serving as your Key Club administrator. I have said this before and I say it again -- I have the best job in Kiwanis. I am proud to be a NEW YORK KIWANIAN.

Circle K

**John
Keegan**



I am happy to bring you update on New York District Circle K.

The membership continues to grow. We had 1113 members as of June 10. This is the third year we had more than

1000 members. Elmira College and the University of Buffalo had in excess of 100 members.

We have just returned from Indianapolis and the 100 Kiwanis Anniversary. I would like to thank those Kiwanis clubs that have been active with the clubs, especially those that have helped financially in getting their students to the convention.

It is very important that you as the sponsor are in contact with your Circle K. When you are in contact with them they will amaze you. We find that when the sponsoring Kiwanis club is active with

the Circle K the club is very successful.

We have received the following awards. Governor Renee Girard was distinguished, Walaa Ahmed was distinguished Treasurer.

Kelly Chan of New York Circle K also received the Centennial award for the Eliminate Project.

The following clubs received the membership growth award, Elmira, Marist, University at Buffalo and Clarkson University.

I am always available if you have any questions. My email is johnnyk11@juno.com.

Kiwanettes Club Celebrates 60th

On April 23 more than 150 people gathered together to help celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Oceanside's sister club, the Oceanside Kiwanettes.

The club was started by Edyth DeBaun back in 1955 when she was told that she could not join the Oceanside Kiwanis Club. Looking to help the Oceanside community, Edyth decided to start a Kiwanettes club. Even though the gender barrier has been broken, the Oceanside Kiwanettes Club still exists and is going strong in Oceanside. It's believed to be the only Kiwanettes club left.

At the event they honored their past presidents and also Sandie Schoell, Oceanside School Board and Kiwanis Board member for her dedicated service to the Oceanside Community.

Key Leader

**Dean
Beltrano**



THANK YOU! There was great effort and support on behalf of the New York District for Key Leader. Those clubs that sponsored students, you have given them the chance of a lifetime to learn what it means to be a Servant Leader. To those clubs that sent funds to pay for students, you have my gratitude as well. You helped pay for students who otherwise would not have been able to attend.

And as much as myself, Site Coordinator Ann Holevinski and the entire adult team thanks you, the students thank you more. It was a life changing experience for some and with any luck we have planted the seeds for future

Key Clubbers, Circle Ker's and Kiwanians.

While we didn't reach our goal of 60 student participants, we were able to meet the requirements of the guarantee without costing the district any money. And we can continue to do this with the support of the clubs for this worthwhile program.

We are heading into budget season, and I would ask that each club set aside at least \$100 to help support Key Leader. If you want to continue sponsoring and sending students, we look forward to meeting them. If you were good with sending funds to support the program, we're okay with that too. But we need to begin planning now, and that planning begins with knowing there are funds dedicated to this program.

I humbly look forward to serving the district again and making Key Leader an integral part of the District Kiwanis Family.

All Island Hosts Dr. Button, Becomes Platinum Club

On April 23, the All Island Kiwanis Club hosted a celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Kiwanis and the All Island Kiwanis becoming the first Platinum Club in the district for the Eliminate Project by pledging \$1,500 per member. The club was already a Model Club.

The speakers were Kiwanis International President Dr. John Button, who talked about the role Kiwanis has played in helping women and children in the world by eliminating Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus. Kiwanis Gov. Eric Paul spoke about New York's role in the project and about the importance of membership, and commended All Island for its work.

The club also heard about a site visit where the work of Kiwanis on the Eliminate Project was being put into place by Past Kiwanis International President Jerry Christiano and his wife Linda Christiano, who serve as the Kiwanis International Region 1 Chairs for Eliminate. The club also received congratulatory remarks from Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse, the District Eliminate Chairman, and Gov.-Elect Forbes Irvine.

PS 22 K-Kids, which is sponsored by All Island Kiwanis, was represented by President Matthew Bareto.

The club presented four honors that night. Sean O'Sullivan, club treasurer and Distinguished Past Lieutenant Governor, received the Centennial Award from the Kiwanis International Foundation. The Club also presented three Mother's Day Zeller Awards to Charter Club Director Christine Lopresti, Charter Member Kristine Garlisi, and Charter Member and K-Kids Advisor Kim Bonaventura.

On April 24 the PS 22 K-Kids hosted the KI President John and his wife Debbie, Paul, the Christianos, Past Gov.



The K-Kids of PS 22 with the Kiwanians



From left, Gov. Eric Paul, New Member Dominique Mondella, New Member Dana Bentz, KI President, and DPLG Sean O'Sullivan

and District Secretary Justin Underwood, and Builders Club Administrator Joanne Underwood, for a meeting of the club. The club members talked about why they joined K-Kids and their favorite projects. The school also hosted

the visitors for a mini-concert of the famous PS 22 Chorus, which has performed at the White House. The School Principal, Melissa Donath, presented each of the visitors with a DVD of the PS 22 Chorus.

Ground Broken for Centennial Playground in Island Park

On April 25 International President Dr. John Button was in Island Park to help break ground for a Centennial Playground as part of the Kiwanis International Centennial Tour.

Pictured, from left, are Distinguished Past Gov. David Rothman; Island Park School Board President Richie Hayes, International President Button, Gov. Eric G. Paul, Island Park School Superintendent Rosmarie T. Bovino, and Dora.

The Francis X Hegarty School's playground was destroyed in Superstorm Sandy.



New York District Kiwanis Foundation

District Foundation

Sal Anelli



I am very happy to report to you that our 2015 Kamping season is under way.

As I sit here writing this article, adults with disabilities are enjoying the outdoor experiences at Kamp Kiwanis and soon the children will be arriving to do the same.

The Kamp is really looking great thanks to the efforts of people like Herb Chan, Kyle Hoffman, Anthony Merendino and many other Kiwanians who have donated money, labor and materials to make much needed repairs to the Kamp.

In the nine months since the 2014 season, a great deal of work has been going on. Thanks to Kyle Hoffman and Herb Chan, we knocked down and re-

built a cabin that desperately needed to be rebuilt and it didn't cost the foundation a single dime.

Herb Chan in his infinite generosity purchased a much needed van so that we can fulfill our obligation with the state regulation of taking the counselors on periodic field trips.

Anthony Merendino visited the Kamp numerous times to do much needed electrical repairs and to wire up the newly built cabin.

The South Shore Kiwanis Club from the Metropolitan Division decided to pay for sheet rocking one of our newer cabins.

All in all the Kamp is really looking good. It is always a struggle to maintain it that way, but thanks to all of you who support the Kamp we can give the seniors and children who attend the Kamp a wonderful outdoor experience that they will not forget.

I want to thank Governor Eric for his commitment to our Kamp. Thank you for making the Kamp part of your projects during your governors visits. It's really great to get those unexpected checks every once in a while in your

name for your governors visits.

Our association with Lifestyles for the Disabled continues this year as they were very happy of the experience they had last year. Their clients were treated to the programs provided by our staff and I am told that they can't wait to come back this year; we are very pleased to have them back to provide them with unforgettable experiences.

As always, I remind everyone who is reading this article that we have the best sleep away Kamp in the state and possibly the country, we have a great staff headed up by our Director and Assistant Director, Rebecca and Luke Clemence, whose mission is to provide every attendee a safe, fun, exciting and most memorable time at the Kamp.

I invite each and every one of you to take a trip up to the Kamp and witness it for yourselves. I promise that you will have an unforgettable experience witnessing the activities that go on. All you have to do is just look at the joy on their faces. Remember, if you are a New York District Kiwanian, you are an owner of the Kamp.

Scholarship Winners Announced

The New York District Foundation has announced the winners of \$1,000 scholarships to further their education.

The winners are:

Oneida Shuse of Colonie Central High School, attending Colgate University.

Molly Clark of Westhill High School, attending Hamilton College.

Carly Leventoff of Fallsburg Junior/Senior High School, attending Salisbury University.

Andrew Duffy of Spring Valley High School, attending the University of Rochester.

'Wedding' Raises Funds for Eliminate

The "wedding" of Kiwally and Kiwanna, the Queens West Division Koala bear puppet mascots, on March 21 raised more than \$5,200 for the Eliminate Project.

The event, which was intended to have fun and raise money for a good cause, included a dinner and dance. It was part of the Queens West effort for the Eliminate Project. The division has raised more than \$42,000 so far for the Kiwanis International effort to eliminate neo-natal maternal tetanus from the world.

Pictured are J.P. and Tina DiTroia.



KPTC Monte Carlo Night is Aug. 1

The Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center Foundation will stage a Monte Carlo Night on from 7 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Seaford American Legion, 2301 Penatiquit Ave., Seaford.

The event will include a buffet, raffles and prizes. The cost is \$45 per person.

Sponsors also are being sought. More information is available on the district web site.

Two Clubs Donate Three Pediatric Trauma Kits

Two clubs recently presented three Pediatric Trauma Kits to their local emergency responders.

The kits, which are part of the program of the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center, provide ambulance and other personnel with child-sized equipment they might need in the case of a trauma involving a young child.

Peninsula Kiwanis donated a kit to the Atlantic Beach Rescue Company. It's the second kit Peninsula Kiwanis has donated to the Atlantic Beach Rescue Company. Shortly after the first kit was donated, it was used to save a

child's life.

The North Shore Kiwanis Club recently donated three Pediatric Trauma Kits to local emergency agencies. A kit was donated to the Sea Cliff Fire Department and to the Roslyn Hook and Ladder Company #1, and to the GWL Fire Department.

Pediatric trauma kills more children than any other disease and it is the goal of the kits to reduce those numbers.



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Washingtonville Club Chartered

On April 10 the Kiwanis Club of Washingtonville received its charter.

District Gov. Eric G. Paul and about 100 guests were on hand to welcome the club to the Hudson River West Division.

Gov. Eric presented Charter President Gil Lester with the charter, gong, gavel and flag. He also presented charter member pins to the 37 club members.

The club was sponsored by the Chester Club and its president, Sandy Nagler, presented the club with a Washingtonville banner.

The new club was built by Lt. Gov. Gerda Kroglund, with assistance from Super Distinguished Past Lt. Gov. David Morse and Past Lt. Gov. Jim Lawler. The charter secretary is Debbie Lester.

The new clubs members are: Susan Armistead, Judy Biagini, Andrea Black, Noreen Calderin, Meaghan Consalvo, Mary Ellen Count, Cynthia Delavalle, Kathleen Devlin, Claudia Dunn, Kathy Foley, Robert Fromaget, Lynne Gates, Maureen Haas, Steven Kincaide, Jean Kuenneke, Linda Lang, Peggy Jean

Lavery, Debbie Lester, Gil Lester, Carole McCann, Sylvia Morais, Thomas Murray, Laura Quick, Kevin Radday, Maureen Radday, Daniel Rennus, Robert Scheetz, Nancy Schneider,

Joseph Sciortino, John Shepherd, Mary Soderberg, Zane Soderberg, Brian Strommer, Elizabeth Sweatt, Peter Swenson, BettyAnn VanLeeuwen and Lenora Vaughan



Gov. Eric G. Paul presenting the charter to Charter President Gil Lester.