

**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.