

CPR Training

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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.

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.