

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.