

# Empire State Kiwaniian

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New York District, Kiwanis International

## Mancuso Elected International Trustee

More than 200 New York Kiwanians made the short trip to the Kiwanis International Convention in Toronto to, in part, help elect Distinguished Past Gov. Peter Mancuso to the International Board of Trustees.

More than a year in the planning, a team working with the candidate with his brother, Jim Mancuso at their head, were successful.

Numbers are not released from the voting, but Mancuso was one of three who won three-year terms on the International Board. He will take office Oct. 1.

Mancuso, past distinguished New York governor, was elected along with M.A. "Fred" Dietze of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District and Bert West of the Rocky Mountain District.

In other elections, Florencio C. "Poly" Lat of the Philippine Luzon District defeated three other candidates to be elected Kiwanis International vice president for the coming year. He will be Kiwanis International president in 2018-19.

Jane Erickson of the Nebraska-Iowa District was elected president for 2016-17 in an uncontested election. James M. Rochford of the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District was elected president-elect, also uncontested. He will serve as president in 2017-18.

Many more pictures and a report on the House of Delegates action are on pages 6, 7 and 8.



Mancuso receiving congratulations at the end of the delegate session. His wife, Karen, has her back to the camera.

### Mancuso Thanks Supporters

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your support of our campaign. I am deeply grateful to you for the many ways in which you have contributed to our success, whether by serving as part of our inner campaign circle (you know who you are), voting as a delegate, attending the convention, serving as a divisional coordinator, encouraging others to vote for me, or by making a campaign donation.

I will honor the confidence you have placed in me by serving you to the very best of my ability the next three years as your Kiwanis International Trustee.

- Peter Mancuso  
International Trustee-Designate



The candidate's booth in the convention Exhibit Hall was staffed by volunteers.

### District Convention Aug. 17-21 in Buffalo

The 99th annual New York District Convention will take place Aug. 17-21 at the Adam's Mark Hotel and Event Center in Buffalo.

Governor and governor-elect for 2016-17 will be elected. There will be many informational sessions and opportunities to meet Kiwanians from around the district.

More information is on pages 4-5.

**Formula  
Chair**

**DPG Joseph  
Aiello**



Our district is celebrating the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis in New York. This is a colossal event and many clubs who have already reached this landmark have had impressive celebrations honoring their district, members and volunteers.  
New York's celebration should out-

shine all the other clubs. With such a large district, we should be number one, a district that sets an example, one that should be revered. Unfortunately, without growth and new members Kiwanis won't be able to continue on for the next 100 years.

We have 261 clubs. As large as our district is, we should have doubled that amount to more than 500 clubs. As Gov. Forbes Irvine stated, we take care of our own, but how can we do that without members? We can't celebrate if we continue to go on a downward spiral.

We all know what will happen Sept. 30. A new administration begins, there's a clean slate, but, at the same time, we start to lose members. Ten years ago we

were 16,000 strong, and to date, we are only 7,000. If we continue trending backwards, where will Kiwanis be in the future? What will happen to our communities, those in need?

As in the past, and in this district, please let's not end this anniversary year with a deficit. I encourage all clubs to start with a plus one at year's end. We need to prove that the New York District means business and we refuse to lose momentum. Our one mutual goal and mind set should be moving forward, upwards and onwards with new members, more clubs, impressive growth, and expansion to lead our beloved Kiwanis organization into the next 100 years with pride.

## Metropolitan, Queens East Open New Clubs

Two new clubs were organized in June.

The Douglaston Kiwanis Club was organized in the Queens East Division. The Charter President is Juan (Hanna) Na Chen, and the Charter Secretary is Sandy Liew. The club will meet on the first Tuesday of every month at LN1380, 251-03 Northern Blvd., Little Neck.

The new club openers were Distinguished Past Gov. Joe Corace and Nydia Corace, assisted by Past Gov.

Bill Risbrook, Nodia Chambers and Lt. Gov. Veronica Witherspoon. The club is being sponsored by the Bayside and Jamaica clubs.

The Douglaston charter night has been scheduled for Aug. 13 at the Good Kitchen Seafood Restaurant in Flushing. See the district web site, [www.kiwanis-ny.org](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org), for more information.

One June 23 the Metropolitan Division added the Kiwanis Club of Verazano with 29 members.

Credit for the new club goes to Steve

Argentine from the Metropolitan Division, assisted by district Formula Chair and Distinguished Past Gov. Joe Aiello. Congratulations also go to Lt. Gov. Don Pagano. The Kiwanis Club of Richmond County is the sponsoring club.

The charter president is Michele Totic, and the charter secretary is Michelle Crupi. The club will be meeting at The Statten at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays. The Charter Night is scheduled for Sept. 23.

## Brighton Stages Food Truck Rodeo

Brighton Kiwanis sponsored a Food Truck Fundraiser on June 29 in conjunction with the Brighton High School Key Club and the Rochester Food Truck Alliance.

ROCFTA provided 12 local food trucks with a variety of food choices for atten-

dees to purchase. A main feature of the event was the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children that provided free fingerprinting for over 40 children.

Other event exhibitors included the Brighton Fire Explorers and Brighton Police Explorers, who brought promotional information, officer presentations, as well as a police vehicle and a

fire truck. Past Lt. Governor Phil Alamo provided music to entertain the audience. Also, Magician (and past president) "Karen Kazam" dazzled the crowd with her close up magic tricks.

Brighton Secretary Jaimie Neuringer headed up this event which served nearly 1,000 local residents. With great feedback, the club is likely to make this an annual event.

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Brighton Kiwanis President Spencer Kennedy and Finger Lakes Lt. Gov. Jordan Neuringer welcome guests to the Brighton Kiwanis Food Truck Rodeo.



**Governor**

**Forbes  
Irvine**



"We might not have much, but we have more than most" – a powerful message taught to me by my parents and grandmother from a very young age.

I believe that Kiwanians live that message everyday and by doing so enrich the lives of so many people and communities. Because of YOU, so many do not have to ask WHO?

Who is going to send the hungry child home over the weekend with a backpack full of food? Who is going to get that child treated for Lyme Disease? Who is going to recognize the child who may not be the best student, but keeps trying? Who is hosting a "Senior Prom" at the nursing home or the prom for autistic and handicapped children? Who will get kids hearts checked? Who will start the races and give the hugs at the Special Olympics? Who will recognize the teachers and give the scholar-

ships? Who will support our Trauma Centers? Who will teach our children to be a Upstander not a Bystander and that bullying is wrong? Who will send that child to Kamp? Who will have a Baby Shower so that no child goes home with nothing? Who is willing to go into our communities and teach our kids that heroin is wrong? Who will provide the greatest student organizations anywhere?

You do, and Helene and I could not be prouder of the New York District for each and everyone of you are as PG Joe Corace says "Everyday Heroes" to your clubs, families and communities.

Thank You for allowing us to share in the absolute kindness, benevolence, and commitment you have each and every-day.

So around 220 members of the New York District descended upon Toronto for the 101st International Convention celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the first club in Canada. It was an extraordinary convention as we elected our own DPG Peter Mancuso, who will continue the exemplary tradition the New York District has furnished to Kiwanis International. I know you will agree that Peter has our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes as he trav-

els throughout Kiwanis International sharing his wisdom and knowledge. His morality, keen sense of judgement, values and inherent honesty will serve us well as our representative on the Board of Trustees.

It should also be noted and congratulations extended to John Keegan our Circle K Administrator, Waala Ahmed Circle K Governor, Tyrell Merritt and Edgar Hu all recognized at the Circle K convention and bestowed Distinguished status. Great job by each and every one of them.

Also congratulations to Henry Wang from Baruch College, our newest Circle K International Trustee.

I hope you realize how much Helene and I look forward to meeting as many Kiwanians as we possibly can on our visits; and how much we are looking forward to seeing you at DCON in Buffalo in August. Your hospitality and generosity has been humbling. This year's convention chair PG Eric Paul has promised that Buffalo will be an incredible experience.

Of the 220 who attended ICON, 219 returned as Americans. Does that pique your interest? Come to DCON, and I'll finish that story.

See you in Buffalo.

**Governor-  
Elect**

**Stephen  
Sirgiovanni**



Kiwanis International Conventions are always fun, inspiring and full of information about the great organization we are part of and Toronto was no exception!

From the opening session to the closing gala dinner, Toronto was the place be! New York District was represented

well in the business session part of the convention. All of us wearing our "Go the Distance" vote for Peter Mancuso for International Trustee. As Peter's name was announced as one of the 'new' trustees, there was no question that New York was in the house with all the cheering. Congratulations, Peter J. Mancuso, We are all proud of the work you have done and will continue to do on behalf of Kiwanis International

Our own District Convention is right around the corner on August 18-21 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Buffalo. I hope you will join us at the convention, see your friends, make some new ones, and learn about best practices that will help us serve our communities better.

As we finish up the last few months of this year, the time is now to reach Sept. 30 with the same enthusiasm that we began the year. Gov. Forbes Irvine and First Lady Helene, along with our district board, have lead us through another great Kiwanis year. Their projects have united us in service and fellowship. Coupled with your hard work, together we have made this district stronger. The service you have done, the members you have recruited and retained will have a lasting impact on our district.

It is imperative to end this year with a burst of energy to grow our clubs, and help the children and communities we serve.

## Youth Protection Rules Changing

Kiwanis clubs must be aware of changes to Kiwanis International's youth protection policies, especially as they apply to advisors to our Service Leadership Programs (Circle K, Aktion Club, Builders Club, Key Club and K-Kids).

Currently, all advisors are required to have a background check. The fact that the advisor has had a background check conducted (within the last 10 years at the minimum) by Safe Hiring Solutions (Kiwanis International's background check certified provider) or by a third party background check provider (such as one done for a school

district) must be communicated to your club secretary.

On Oct. 1, 2016, this policy is changing and is more restrictive.

Kiwanis advisors to any sponsored Service Leadership Program will be required to have a criminal background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International.

To prepare for this new policy, Kiwanis Club secretaries should start confirming that their club's Kiwanis advisors for the 2016-17 year are correctly entered in the club's secretary dashboard along with their correct email address on file.

Review the information at [www.kiwanis.org/backgroundchecks2016](http://www.kiwanis.org/backgroundchecks2016). This web page will help you answer questions you might ask.

While the policy is more onerous it is done for one very good reason: To adequately protect our youth, we must be increasingly vigilant for those in our charge.

If you have questions, please contact Jim Mancuso, New York District Youth Protection chair.

# Kiwanians Heading to Buffalo

The 99th annual New York District Convention will take place Wednesday, Aug. 17 through Sunday, Aug. 21, at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Buffalo.

During the convention, delegates will elect a governor-elect and a governor for the coming year. At present, both races will be uncontested.

Stephen Sirgiovanni, currently governor-elect, will be the sole candidate for governor for 2016-17. Only one candidate, Distinguished Past Niagara Frontier North Lt. Gov. Candace Corsaro, has declared her candidacy for the post of governor-elect. You can read more about them on the previous page.

Delegates also will vote on any bylaw amendments and resolutions which come before the House.

Everyone at the convention will have an opportunity to attend educational programs, including NarCan training which is being offered for the first time.

There also will be opportunities to meet old Kiwanis friends and make new ones.

Instead of a basket raffle, there will be a Gift Card raffle at the event. Proceeds will be used to purchase Pediatric Trauma Kits.

Saturday evening there will be a celebration banquet.

Forms for the convention registration, hotel registration and delegate registration are available on the district web site, [www.kiwanis-ny.org](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org).

Hotel registration is due by Aug. 3. Fees for the convention registration increase on Aug. 1. Registration on site will be available as well.

## District Convention Schedule

*Tentative Schedule, Subject to Change*

### Wednesday, Aug. 17

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

### Thursday, Aug. 18

Registration and Credentials .....2-6 p.m.  
2015-16 Board Meeting .....1-4 p.m.  
Welcoming Reception .....6:30-7:15 p.m.  
2015-16 Board Dinner (by invitation only) .....7:30-9 p.m.  
Past Governors Dinner .....7:30 p.m.

### Friday, Aug. 19

Past Governors Breakfast and Council (\$20) .....7-9 a.m.  
Registration/Credentials .....9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Pediatric Lyme Disease Board Meeting.....9-9:50 a.m.  
Exhibits and Gift Card Raffle.....8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Forums, TBA .....9-11:15 a.m.  
2015-16 Finance Committee Meeting.....10-10:30 a.m.  
Veteran's Luncheon (\$25) .....11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
District Foundation Annual Meeting and Elections .....2-3:30 p.m.  
Convention Honoree Reception.....4-5 p.m.  
Past Governors' Boards Reunion Dinners .....5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Opening Session .....8-10 p.m.  
Hospitality Rooms .....10 p.m.

### Saturday, Aug. 20

Growth Recognition Breakfast (\$20).....7:30-8:30 a.m.  
Registration/Credentials .....9 a.m.-noon  
Exhibits and Gift Card Raffle.....8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Forums.....9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
NarCan Training .....9-11 a.m.  
Past Lt. Governors Meeting.....11:30 a.m.-Noon  
Lunch on Your Own .....Noon  
Caucuses .....12:30-2 p.m.  
House of Delegates .....2:30-4:30 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 (\$55) .....7 p.m.  
Hospitality Rooms .....10 p.m.

### Sunday, Aug. 21

Ecumenical Services .....7-7:45 a.m.  
Memorial Breakfast (\$20) .....8-9:30 a.m.  
Installation of Officers.....10-11:30 a.m.  
2016-17 Board Luncheon (by invitation) .....Noon-2 p.m.

**See the District Web Site, [www.kiwanis-ny.org](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org), for the latest schedule updates and for details on the forums which will be presented.**

## Baseball Games Benefit Kiwanis Projects

Baseball games are on the fund-raising plans for clubs, divisions and the District Foundation this summer.

On July 14, The West End-Marine Park-Dyker Heights club sponsored a baseball night at the Brooklyn Cyclones. Proceeds from the event benefited the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center, the Kiwanis Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation and Kamp Kiwanis.

On **Thursday, Aug. 11**, the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center will have a

baseball night with the Brooklyn Cyclones. Events start at 7 p.m. The Cyclones will play the Vermont Lake Monsters. Tickets for the game at MCU Park, 1904 Surf Ave., can be purchased through Rich Santer, (516) 579-5458 or by e-mail to [rs2wdld@aol.com](mailto:rs2wdld@aol.com).

The national anthem at the game will be performed by members of the WT Clark Key Club: Allison Astudillo, Tori Kalberer and Christina Petkanas. The first pitch will be thrown out by Key Club Immediate Past President Marissa Flaherty.

Then on **Saturday, Aug. 27**, the annual Kamp Kiwanis Day will take place

at Citi Field where the New York Mets will be playing the Philadelphia Phillies.

The game will start at 7:10 p.m. It's Matt Harvey Bobblehead Night.

Tickets are \$60 each. For further information, contact Kim Scharoff, (516) 432-0850 or [kiwaniskim@gmail.com](mailto:kiwaniskim@gmail.com); or Stephen Sirgiovanni, (917) 209-3336 or [stephensirgiovanni@gmail.com](mailto:stephensirgiovanni@gmail.com). Checks, payable to the New York District Foundation, can be mailed to Kim Scharoff, PO Box 108, Merrick, NY 11566.

More information on these events is available on the district web site, [www.kiwanis-ny.org](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org).

# Candidate for Governor-Elect: Candace Corsaro

As your governor-elect, I will go to bat for you and your clubs, to help your clubs fulfill their potential and fulfill their goals.

Membership is key to our success and I will continue to work hard to introduce, invite, and motivate people to be a part of this great organization. During my Kiwanis career I have been a Distinguished Past Lt. Gov. of the Niagara Frontier North Division in 2011-12, leading the division in growth and service. Have held numerous positions at the club level, committee chairman for membership and others, club offices including Distinguished Past President. We have built two Key Clubs, a Builders Club and worked with the team to lay the groundwork for new clubs.

At the district level, I was the sitting lieutenant governor for our Niagara Falls Convention, district chair for Women of the Year, Interclub, and the Legion of Honor/Legion of Merit committees. Also have served on the District Policy and Procedure Committee,



Youth Protection Committee, and attended many Finance and Foundation meetings. Also attended International and District Conventions and Mid-Winter Conferences. I have attended Tri-K Weekends, Circle K, Key Club conventions, Youth Leadership Seminars, Key Leader weekend and Kamp Kiwanis.

I always start with a grass-roots approach. I started the Hyde Park Business Association, formed a Block Club for the North End and served as Vice-President and Secretary of the Niagara Falls Block Club Council. I obtained more than \$250,000 in funding and managed a partnership with Niagara University, the City of Niagara Falls and the North End Block Club to build Niagara Falls' first handicap-accessible playground.

I also served as president of Niagara Falls Weed and Seed Site One, a federal program within the U.S. Dept. of Justice that works to "Weed" out criminals guilty of violence and drug abuse and "Seed" with services of prevention, intervention, treatment and neighborhood revitalization.

I have received many awards within Kiwanis, especially the Kiwanian of the Year, Kiwanis Fellow, the Anthony "Tony" Kaiser, KPTC - Buffalo Pediatric Trauma Center and the Centennial Medallion for the Eliminate Project.

My wish, both at home and statewide, is that as a team we can continue to make the world a better place by Serving One Child and One Community at a time.

I was married to Joseph Corsaro (deceased) and am the proud parent of three wonderful children, Gilbert Jr., Mellissa, Sheri Lynn, and six delightful grandchildren.

I look forward to the opportunity to go to bat for you and your clubs.

# Candidate for Governor: Stephen Sirgiovanni

Gov.-Elect Stephen Sirgiovanni will be the sole candidate for the office of Governor for 2016-17.

His father was a charter member and past president of the Kiwanis Club of Howard Beach, and he was involved with various club projects as a child. As an adult, he joined the club. In the club's 53 years of service, he and his father are the only father-son members who were both distinguished presidents of the club.

As a member of the District Foundation board, Sirgiovanni was able to raise



more than \$15,000 from the City of New York for Kamp Kiwanis. He has been active with KPTC, president of the Queens West Foundation, chairman of the Priority One Project for Youth Services

for Gov. Eric Paul, on the finance committee for Distinguished Past Gov. Joe Aiello and Gov.-Elect Forbes Irvine.

He has been a distinguished Kiwan-

ian for the past five years. He chaired the club's Irene and Sandy disaster relief effort.

As the 2013-14 Queens West Division lieutenant governor, the division's clubs inducted 107 new members, and opened a new club, East River, a new Builders Club at St. Helen Academy, and a new K-Kids club.

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

# A note about the History of Kiwanis in New York

With all the well-deserved attention being paid to centennial celebrations, an historical note to clear up some confusion may be in order.



Kiwanis was founded in January of 1915, so Kiwanis International celebrated its centennial at the 2015 International Convention in Indianapolis.

The first club outside the United States was the club in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, completed in 1916. So the centennial of Kiwanis in Canada was celebrated at last month's International Convention in Toronto. An important historical note that often gets

forgotten is that the sponsoring club for the Hamilton club was our own Buffalo club.

The first club in New York State was Rochester, completed (that's the term they used at the time) May 1, 1916. Rochester was the fourth Kiwanis club in the world.

Here's the list of New York clubs celebrating centennials during 2016, with their completion dates:

- Rochester, May 1
- Lockport, May 17
- Buffalo, July 3
- Albany, Aug. 10
- Utica, Sept. 23
- Troy, Oct. 25

In the beginning Kiwanis didn't have a district structure. The formation of districts was approved at the 1918 International Convention.

On Sept. 27, 1918, the New York District was formed at an organizational

meeting in Syracuse. At the time there were eight clubs in the district: Rochester, Lockport, Buffalo, Syracuse, Albany, Binghamton, Utica and New York City.

The 1919 district convention in Elmira was small, drawing only seven Kiwanians, but 455 Kiwanians attended the 1920 convention in Utica.

So while 2016 marks the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis in New York, the 100th anniversary of the New York District will take place in 2018.

Go to the district web site,  
[www.kiwanis-ny.org](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org)  
for the latest information.



# New York Made its Mark

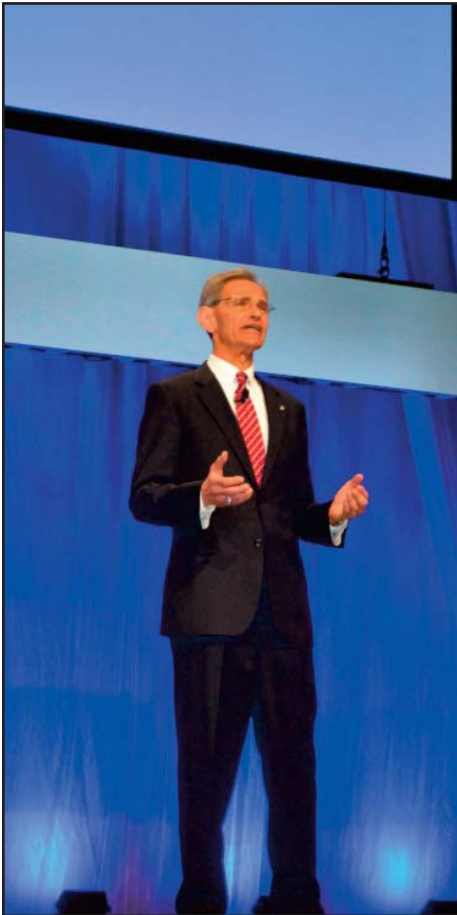


Above, New York Kiwanians at their caucus sporting "Peter Mancuso for Trustee" shirts; left, Gov. Forbes Irvine addresses the caucus; lower left, all the past International Presidents on hand in the exhibit area gathered for a picture; below, workers handing out ribbons supporting Mancuso's candidacy.





# At Toronto Convention



Above, Mancuso addressing the House of Delegates; below, Mancuso right, receives the applause of delegates along with others at the closing ceremonies. Above right, New York's area on the floor; next, celebrating 100 years of Kiwanis in Canada; lower right, incoming President Jan Erickson winds up the closing session.



# House of Delegates Action in Toronto

During a four-hour session at the Kiwanis International Convention in Toronto, the House of Delegates elected candidates (as described on Page 1) and voted on bylaw amendments.

There were 1,049 clubs represented at the convention. There were 1,509 delegates registered, including at-large delegates.

The most hotly debated actions involved a change in requirements for district treasurers; a provision which would have allowed the International Board to make limited increases in dues, and one to replace the House of Delegates with web-based voting.

All three were defeated.

The change affecting district treasurers would have required the District Secretary and the District Treasurer be two different people, and that treasurers be appointed by the district board with at least a 2-year contract.

The opponents cited difficulty filling the additional role, and said it was a



solution where there was no problem. International Trustee Kevin Dean, speaking for the International Board, said there have been issues in some districts. The

change would be similar to a change made a few years ago by International itself.

The proposal was defeated with 44 percent in favor and 56 percent opposed.

The proposal affecting dues would have given the International Board authority to approve a dues increase of up to \$2 per year with a maximum of \$5 over the next five years.

A similar proposal was defeated in 2015. Opponents objected to giving the trustees any control over a dues increase. The proposal was defeated, with only 33 percent in support.

A hotly debated proposal to allow clubs to vote online instead of requiring attendance at International Conventions in order to vote was defeated, as it was in 2015.

Supporters said it would allow all clubs to participate, noting that a minority of clubs are represented at the convention each year. Critics feared the change would hurt convention attendance and eliminate in-person debate and the opportunity to amend proposals.

The measure was defeated, with 46 percent in favor and 54 percent opposed; that was 10 percentage points better than the proposers did in 2015.

For a complete listing of delegate voting, see the district web site, [www.kiwanis-ny.org](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org).



## North Shore Assists Relay for Life

The North Shore Kiwanis Family once again participated in the annual Relay For Life event at North Shore High School. This is the 10th year the North Shore Kiwanis Club and the North Shore High School Key club joined hands for this event by donating \$745 to the American Cancer Society. Kiwanians also provided the BBQ that was free for all who attended the event. The Key Club members volunteered their service and assisted with the luminary bag fundraiser.

## Central Adirondacks Collects Food for Pantry

On July 1 The Kiwanis Club of the Central Adirondacks sponsored its 8th annual Food Pantry Kart Day for the Webb Community Food Pantry and it was very successful.

Kiwanis members and other volunteers were stationed at Kalil's Market in Inlet, DiOrio's Supermarket in Old Forge and Kinney Drugs in Old Forge.

Shoppers were provided with a "Shopping List" of typical non-perishable food items that might be pur-

chased for the Food Pantry.

The shoppers were very generous and cart after cart was filled with various food items.

At the end of the day, Kiwanis volunteers transported more than two pickup truck loads of food items to the pantry and collected more than \$400 in cash donations.

Kiwanian Bill Baumann, chairperson for this Kiwanis event stated, "The cooperation of the store owners was outstanding and the generosity of the shoppers who took the extra time to purchase an item for the Food Pantry was rewarding to see."

## Middletown Honored

Orange Regional Medical Center recently honored the Middletown Kiwanis Club with a 2016 Community Leadership Award for their "Angel Program."

The Middletown Kiwanis Club's Angel Program honors a member of the Pediatric Children Center who goes above and beyond in their service to patients.

A \$250 check is presented to ORMC quarterly in honor of the "Angel Recipient" with their named being added to a plaque displayed in the Hospital's Pediatric Department.



# District Clubs Celebrate Centennials

Three of the first clubs formed in New York State have celebrated their centennials.

On April 29 and April 30, Kiwanis International President Sue Petrison participated in the celebrations by the Rochester and Buffalo clubs, respectively. On May 1, Gov. Forbes Irvine highlighted the centennial celebration in Lockport.

More than 100 people including celebrities from around the district gathered April 29 to celebrate the centennial of the Kiwanis Club of Rochester, including International President Sue.

The Rochester club, the fourth Kiwanis club in the world and the first in New York, also was the home club of George F. Hixson, the first president of Kiwanis International and a key player in the organization's early development.

Hixson, who remained active in Kiwanis until his death in 1967, had 41 years of perfect attendance with the Rochester club, and served as charter president of the club in 1916-17, and returned to the post in 1925.

On Sunday, May 1, the Kiwanis Club of Lockport celebrated its 100th anniversary with an event which also served as the Niagara Frontier North Governor's Visit.

Gov. Forbes Irvine and First Lady Helene and several dignitaries attended the event at the Lockport Canalside Banquet Center.

Lockport, which was completed on May 17, 1916, was the second club in New York State and the sixth Kiwanis club in the world.

The Buffalo club was completed July 3, 1916. No pictures from the Buffalo centennial celebration were available.

Later this year the Albany, Utica and Troy clubs will be celebrating centennials.

The Utica club will celebrate with a dinner on Sept. 30 at the Trackside Restaurant.

The Troy Club will have a two-day event on Oct. 28-29.

See the district web site for more on those events.



Above, International President Sue is welcomed. At left are President Sue and the Master of Ceremonies for the event, Past Gov. Jack Tetamore, a member of the Rochester club since 1959 who holds the distinction of having George Hixson as his Kiwanis sponsor. He told the audience about his relationship with Hixson. His club surprised Tetamore with a Centennial Award. International President Sue gave him a pin marking the award.



Above, Gov. Forbes Irvine addressing the Lockport event. Below, Gov Forbes, Helene Irvine, Niagara Division Lt. Gov. Susan Smith and Lockport Club President Mike Sandone.



# Kiwanis Presents Scholarships Around the District

## District Foundation Awards Four

The District Foundation has announced the winners of the 2016 scholarships. The scholarships are for \$1,000 each.

The winners are:

- Colleen Augello of Camillus, recommended by the Solvay-Geddes-Camillus club. She is a student at Colgate University.
- Leonard Pietrafesa of Port Chester was nominated by the Port Chester-Rye Brook club. He is a student at the University of Buffalo.
- Madelyn H. Smith of Syracuse, also nominated by the Solvay-Geddes-Camillus club. She is attending St. John Fisher College.
- Jessica Norrs of Old Forge, nominated by the Central Adirondacks club. She is attending Mohawk Valley Community College.

Foundation Board Member Ed Sexton and Former First Lady Marlene Herring chaired the scholarship program this year.

## Peninsula Awards Eight Scholarships

On June 15 at Butera's in Oceanside, Peninsula Kiwanis held its annual scholarship awards night. The club was joined by eight winners and their families as awards were presented to students from Hewlett and Lawrence High School in acknowledgement of their scholastic excellence and service to the community.

Each scholarship winner received a plaque to commemorate their award and \$500 to help with their college expenses. This year's winners were:

- Lawrence: Thomas Lira, Arthur Chen, Dahlia Rose Forte, Frank Manara  
Hewlett: Dylan Isaacs, Erika Mastorakis, Steven Gitsin, Maui Mawhinney

## Woodridge Assists Five Students

The Kiwanis Club of Woodridge held its annual Scholarship Dinner at the Woodridge Family Restaurant, where \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to five Fallsburg High School seniors.

The students selected excelled at academics, community service and extra-curricular activities. The awards were given to Gisselle Caballero, daughter of Janice Caballero; Stephanie Perna, daughter of Anthony and Michelle Perna Jr.; Jaidon Ramirez Zeno, son of James and Maria Zeno; Brendon Sapolsky, son of Neil and Jennifer Sapolsky; and Morgan Williams daughter of Maribel Pomaes.

These students have great plans for the fall. Morgan will be attending SUNY Oswego, Brendon is interested in a career in producing and will attend SUNY Buffalo majoring in communications. Jaidon is interested in architecture and plans to attend SUNY Buffalo. Stephanie will attend SUNY Brockport, majoring in exercise science and Giselle is interested in pre-med and will attend SUNY Albany.

The Kiwanis Club of Woodridge started the scholarship program in 2000 with two \$250 scholarships. The program has grown since; to date, \$64,900 has been distributed.

## North Shore Awards Scholarships

The North Shore Kiwanis Club annually presents four scholarships to graduating seniors at North Shore High school.

Elias Mastakouris received the New York State Distinguished Past Kiwanis Governor Jim Hebron Memorial Scholarship of \$4,000.

Three additional awards of \$1,000 each were presented to Madalyn Conklin, Jessica Hannon and Alaina Van Pak.

## Monticello Supports 10 Students

Ten Monticello High School Seniors and their parents/guardians were guests of honor at the Monticello Kiwanis Scholarship Dinner that was recently held at the Blue Horizon Diner.

A total of \$10,500 was awarded in scholarships. The recipients were Mackenzie Mitchell, Jaclynn Sorensen, Allison Linen, Jenna Hogue, Allison Kurthy, Daniella Bodden, Rebecca Bass, Samantha Sherb, Shaun Jackson and Jacob Lilley.

## Movie Draws 500

On June 17 the Oceanside Kiwanis Club held its fifth annual Free Outdoor Movie Night.

This year the club showed "Star Wars – The Force Awakens" and with the help of the 501st Legion: The Empire Garrison we had some special guest make an appearance before the movie.

### Pediatric Lyme Disease

DPG John Gridley



Treatment of early-stage, acute Lyme Disease requires immediate, aggressive antibiotic therapy.

The probability that acute, early-stage Lyme Disease will progress into chronic Lyme Disease increases dramatically the longer antibiotic therapy is postponed. Therefore, if you think that you were recently bitten by a tick

and you are in the early stages of Lyme Disease, it is critical that you find a Lyme Literate Medical Doctor (LLMD) immediately to initiate antibiotic therapy.

LLMDs are much more qualified to treat Lyme Disease than are general practitioners or infectious disease doctors. You can get a referral to an LLMD at [www.lymenet.org](http://www.lymenet.org) and also at [www.lymediseaseassociation.org](http://www.lymediseaseassociation.org).

The "LLMD" title is not an official credential or designation, but instead indicates that a physician is willing and qualified to work with Lyme sufferers. LLMDs are physicians who believe in the existence of chronic Lyme Disease and who are willing to help patients suffering from Lyme Disease. LLMDs are compassionate, supportive, and understanding when dealing with chronic Lyme Disease sufferers. They are also

willing to prescribe aggressive antibiotic therapy to fight the entrenched bacterial infection. LLMDs are willing to use antibiotic therapy because they observe that, time and time again, chronic Lyme Disease sufferers actually get better with antibiotic therapy.

So as I always say, if you get bitten by a tick go directly to your doctor and demand that you start antibiotic therapy immediately.

I would like to thank Gov. Forbes Irvine and all the Kiwanis members, clubs, divisions and sponsored organizations who have taken the time to care and share and support our cause. For without your help we could not do what we do.

As always, if you know a child with Lyme disease and is in need of financial assistance just give me or any board member a call.



# New York District Kiwanis Foundation

## District Foundation

Sal Anelli



I am very happy to report to you that our 2016 Kamping season is under way.

The Kamp is really looking great as we constantly keep up with the maintenance. This year our maintenance cost soared due to some unexpected expenses that popped up such as a new food warmer and a replacement for the van used to transport staff and Kampers.

New government regulations forced us to purchase a new pool lift for our handicapped Kampers; the drama building roof has been deteriorating for a few years now and we could not take a chance on leaving it for another season so we hired a really good roofer so that it can be done prior to Kamp opening.

Those expenses were not in the budget but needed to be addressed. Of course there are the costs we encounter every year in order to get the Kamp in

shape for the Kamping season.

Thanks goes out to Kiwanians like Herb Chan, Anthony Merendino, Vice President Joe Battista and all the volunteers that come up every year for opening day and provide the labor for many of the things that need to be done around the Kamp. Without the most gracious Kiwanians our costs for upkeep would soar out of control.

I would like to personally thank Gov. Forbes Irvine for making his Governor's Project the four district foundations, I'm sure that the KPTC, Pediatric Lyme Disaster and Disaster Relief have benefitted from his project as well as we have at the District Foundation.

I would also like to thank Gov.-Elect Steve Sirgiovanni for his continued support of Kamp Kiwanis. Besides all the work that he and Kim Scharoff do putting together the Mets Game fundraiser, he was instrumental in getting a meeting with Councilman Eric Ulrich of Queens and as a result we were just awarded a \$10,000 grant from his discretionary funds.

Thanks go out to board liaison Brenda Leigh Johnson who opened her home to about 100 Kiwanians and friends for a fundraiser for Kamp Kiwanis, all the proceeds going to send children to Kamp. The East River Ki-

wanis club held a Golden Glove Night that raised enough money to send 11 children to Kamp and they are not done yet.

Thanks go to all those clubs that decided to do a Governor's Project to benefit Kamp Kiwanis, to all those who fulfilled parts of the wish list and sometimes taking whole category of items like Lou Cazzetta and the Staten Island Kiwanis Club who took care of all the medical items on the wish list as they have for the past 10 years or so.

To all of you I say don't stop, if for nothing else, just to change the fate of a child for the better, as I always say, we might not be able to help every Kamper but if one child is helped by attending Kamp Kiwanis, it's all worth it.

The New York Mets Game fundraiser is Saturday, Aug. 17, at 7:10 p.m. The Mets will be battling their division rivals Phillies; cost is \$60 per ticket. Bring your friends and come out to the ballpark. Last year this event was a great success, let's make it even better. For tickets please contact Kim Scharoff.

I hope to see you at this year's District Convention in Buffalo. Visit us at the Kamp table where we will be having "Bubbles for Kids".

## International Foundation

Jim Mancuso



If we could somehow bottle up all of the good the Kiwanis International Foundation does and inject it directly into the consciousness of prospective new club members, our membership challenges would evaporate overnight.

Why do I feel this way? If you attended the Kiwanis International convention, went to the foundation's meeting there or visited its booth in the Kiwanis World Showcase, you would understand.

If a member knew and honestly felt that their efforts and the resultant money raised at a club's pancake breakfast, for example, saved lives they would join in a second. It is easy to lose sight of what good work accomplishes. I do not believe that the average member always realizes this fact: WE SAVE LIVES. Because of something as common as a pancake breakfast and donat-

ing raised money to the ELIMINATE Project, for example, children did not die. That is nothing short of amazing to me that in these common ways, we save lives.

The good work of the foundation does not stop with our worldwide service projects.

Our foundation issues many grants each year for many worthwhile causes. Take for example the grant received by the Foothills Kiwanis Club of Boulder, Colorado. This club runs an "Alert Service Dogs for Kids" program for children with special needs such as diabetes or severe allergies. These children's lives can be very constrained given their needs for constant protection and monitoring. The burden is enormous, so their parents can use the help too. So, far they have trained 16 dogs who perform emergency tasks to protect the children in the homes they live in. I watched in amazement as one trained golden retriever in the program started immediately to look for his assigned child's medicine when his trainer issued one simple command - "seek." To date, these dogs, through their training and actions, have saved two children's lives. You can learn more at their website [www.alertdogs4kids.org](http://www.alertdogs4kids.org).

There were other examples on display, including adaptive tricycles, which require little effort to pedal. This unique tricycle allows the physically challenged child to ride their bike just like all the other kids on their block. Or, a robot used to provide therapy to children. The list goes on and on, as the foundation made dozens of grants supporting many worthy causes.

Now, as the foundation has stopped fundraising efforts for the Eliminate Project, what can you do? First, please fulfill any outstanding pledge to the Eliminate Project. Second, give.

The Kiwanis International Foundation is now trying to build up its Children's Fund, so grants like the ones given above can continue and grow. To do so, you can donate directly to the foundation or perhaps consider purchasing a George F. Hixson award to provide recognition to one of your members, which includes a donation to the foundation.

With your help, the Kiwanis International Foundation will become an even stronger force for good in our world.



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## Adult Week 1 at Kamp Kiwanis

