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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, 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.