

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.



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.