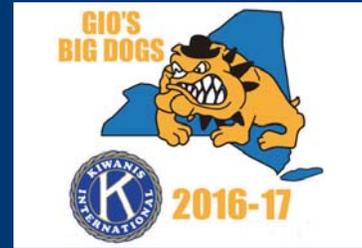


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Kamp Open House

The annual open house at Kamp Kiwanis took place on May 20. Many Kiwanians participated in work parties during the week, and on the 20th, tours were conducted, new donations to the Kamp were acknowledged, and the district Foundation Board met.

Above, Foundation President Sal Anelli, left, speaking to the group while dedicating some new benches. More pictures from the event are on Page 10.



District Convention is Aug. 24-27

The New York District Convention will be Aug. 24-27 in Lake Placid.

The convention will offer educational opportunities, fellowship, recognition, and the annual meetings for both the District Foundation and the District.

The District Foundation meeting will include reports on activities and elections. All New York District Kiwanians in good standing are eligible to vote.

During the House of Delegates, two candidates will be running for the post of Governor-Elect for 2017-18, and action also will be taken on proposed amendments to the district bylaws.

The convention schedule, forum schedule, and information on the candidates seeking office and the proposed bylaw changes can be found on Pages 4-6.

Governor

Stephen
Sirgiovanni



By the time you read this, I'll be returning from the 102nd Kiwanis International Convention in Paris, and I'll have updates about all of the events there.

We're also planning our 100th New York District Kiwanis Convention, set for Aug. 24 to 27, in Lake Placid. If you can't make it to Paris, I hope you can attend the convention in Lake Placid -- it's a great vacation destination and I know we'll have a wonderful time seeing our Kiwanis family.

Information about the New York District convention is at <http://www.kiwanis-ny.org/dc/> and hotel registration information is at <http://www.kiwanis-ny.org/registration/>.

I hope to see all of you there as we celebrate another successful year in the New York District.

Also, please join me well wishes for our former Formula Chair David Morse. He left the position last month and we are grateful for the work he did to help build new clubs and help clubs grow stronger.

There's still time to help the district

send more kids to camp. Last year we sent 620 kids and I'd love to give an additional 80 kids the opportunity to go to Kamp Kiwanis. It would be a lasting experience for them to be able to get off the streets of New York and spend a week at our beautiful camp, enjoying the outdoors and meeting other kids from the district.

I hope you will continue to support the efforts of the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation, which helps children who suffer from this debilitating illness. We also must continue to support the pediatric trauma centers. The Bensonhurst and Bay Ridge, Brooklyn is to be recognized for starting to working with the Maimonides Hospital in Brooklyn, as they are starting a trauma center there. Also, KPTC Long Island is working with the Stony Brook University Hospital, which is a level one trauma center. Congratulations to them for their efforts to help children in their communities.

I hope you all have a great summer and I'll see you next month at Lake Placid. Thanks for all you do for Kiwanis.

Summer is upon us, it's the time of year when kids are out of school and many of us are planning vacations. But as Kiwanis club members we can't take the summer off! We must keep working to build new clubs, engage new members and continue to support our district projects that help kids -- because kids need Kiwanis.

Thank you for all your efforts over the winter and spring to raise money for scholarships, to send kids to camp and to support all of the projects in your communities. I hope we can finish our Kiwanis year strong and meet our goals to gain new members and build new clubs, so we can help more kids.

Note to Club Secretaries: File Your Club's Election Report

Club secretaries have many duties throughout the year, one of which happens in the background out of the sight of club members but is important to district and Kiwanis International operations.

The club election report is due on June 1 each year. International and the district use the information supplied to maintain contact with club officers to keep them informed. Without that information, clubs will not get that information.

Twenty-four New York district clubs never filed their election report for the current year. As of July 1 this year, a

month after the deadline, only 92 of the district's 254 clubs had filed their reports for the 2017-18.

One result is that the incoming lieutenant governors are planning officer training, but they are unable to use the election reports for that since so many clubs have yet to file them.

The incoming lieutenant governors are seeking out that information for their use and for the district's use, but unless the club secretary files the report on the Kiwanis International web site, that information will not be available to

International.

Kiwanis International has recently changed its web site, and the "KiwanisOne" designation for club use no longer exists. To access the site now, go to www.kiwanis.org, click on Member Resources along the top of the screen, and then on the Member Login button. If you have trouble with your password, click on the Forgot Password link and they will e-mail you a link to reset the password.

Club secretaries also need to update the officer information during the year should any changes occur.



Above, left, Lt. Gov. Sue Sheehan, right, presenting the Kiwanis K keepsake picture to Gov. Stephen Sirgiiovanni. Key Club members in front, with Key Club Administrator John Goldstein and Past Lt. Gov. David Morse.

Hudson River West Welcomes Governor

On May 3 Middletown Kiwanis hosted the Hudson River West Division's Govern-

nor's Visit.

Lt. Gov. Sue Sheehan presented Gov. Stephen Sirgiiovanni with a handmade keepsake of the "Kiwanis K" that she made on behalf of the "Mighty Hudson River West Division." The governor also was presented with a check for \$500

from Hudson River West Division clubs for Kamp Kiwanis.

Also present was International Key Club Trustee Daniel Suh, Key Club Past Division 13 Lt. Gov. Lovina John and our newly elected Division 13 Key Club Lt. Gov. Trisha Melton.

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County Seat Hears Autism Presentation

For Gov. Stephen Sirgiiovanni's project which includes Autism Awareness, the Kiwanis Club of County Seat, Mineola hosted a research reception at Past Lt. Gov. Luisa C Filipe's home with Dr. Stephen Mark Shore.

Dr. Shore, a professor at Adelphi University and a board member for Autism Speaks, spoke about the challenges and advancements of working with children on the autism spectrum. He talked about empowering individuals with autism and other special needs to lead fulfilling and productive lives using their strengths – just like everyone else. Making success for

people on the autism spectrum and other special needs the "rule rather than the exception."

Proceeds from the event will be used to send children with special needs to Kamp Kiwanis.

**The latest information on
district events is always
available on the district web
site, www.kiwanis-ny.org.**

Governor-
Elect

Candace
Corsaro



What a fantastic weekend with our new Lt. Governors' Training Conference for 2017-18. I am so very proud to have such a great team. Their hard work and dedication as a team says it all.

It's sad to say that at this time we do not have a lieutenant governor for the Southwestern Division. Clubs in a division without a lieutenant governor are at a disadvantage as they do not have a continuity of communication from the governor or the district office to their clubs and members. Please consider serving as lieutenant governor. It's a very exciting and rewarding year.

Membership is a MUST: This is up to us - the outcome is dependent on how well we focus on:

Membership Growth: Every commu-

nity needs a Kiwanis club and every club needs new members. Bringing in new members is your chance to change the future of your club and the kids in your community.

Retention: No matter how retention is described, it comes down to maintaining a relationship with members. With any relationship it's about open communication, information sharing, making people feel valued, and having FUN. With these elements present, your club will have an exciting atmosphere that will not only retain members, but attract new ones. Our members are Kiwanis' strongest assets. Without members there is no substance to our organization and our kids will suffer.

Opening New Clubs: If you're passionate about making a difference and helping kids then join our Formula Team in opening a new club in a community near you. Your neighbors are best served when people work together and share their time, talent and treasures. The Kids are waiting!

My governor's Projects will be "Children with Special Needs" and "No Veterans Left Behind." Information on how to

participate in these project will be available at the District Convention in August in Lake Placid.

Returning for 2017-18 is the "EVERY-DAY HERO" program. Also with special recognition of members, your club, lieutenant governors, Distinguished Kiwanians, all with an element of SUPER Distinguished mixed in.

Our SLP chairmen could use some help. If you're interested in working with the K-Kids, Builders Club, or an Aktion Club, please contact the respective chairman to ask how you can help. We would like to have additional Kiwanians to help each SLP program throughout the district.

Additional help is needed with our BUG, Terrific Kids and the Read Around the World programs. Please contact me if you are willing to help with these programs. Also, a few district chairmanships are available.

As we continue to help Gov. Stephen fulfill his year, let us have fun and accomplish his goals for the betterment of our children and our communities.

See you at District Convention in Lake Placid.

God Bless.

Past
Governor

Forbes
Irvine



People ask all the time what drives our commitment to Kiwanis? I believe the answer is very simple: THE CLUBS - your Club, my Club, Helene's Club. Each one is unique, each one vital to the community they serve, some with a signature project, some identify a different issue every year, some never change year to year, but that's what makes them great.

The reality is no two clubs are the same. Yes, we follow the same protocol and by-laws the way the clubs are set up, leadership, etc., but truth be told a need in Queens East can be completely different than a need in Southwest or Adirondack.

For example, the Anti-Prescription Drug Heroin Awareness Program really hit home with the Chinatown Club, but all our materials were in English. The Chinatown Club had the materials translated to Chinese so that the residents and the communities they serve would get the maximum benefit and impact from this tremendous program.

It is astonishing how YOU and YOUR Club identify the need, accept the challenge, develop a strategy, initiate a plan, gather the resources, overcome any obstacles, hindrances or handicaps and without many times even a simple "Thank You".

The New York District does have pro-

grams we can all rally around and support. They are tremendous projects that have a direct impact on people in need.

Our Anti-Bullying Program really speaks for itself. No parents or grandparents want to see their child afraid to go to school or be a social outcast. What child wants to be mistreated or picked on; what child wants to feel terrorized, threatened or tormented. Please contact Keith Cummings -- he's the chair of our bullying program and have him come to your division or club.

Helene and I recently went to a baby shower hosted by the Newburgh Club in the Hudson River Division at St. Luke's Hospital where according to their CEO nearly 70 percent of their patients have nothing new when they bring their baby home. This is a very rewarding project that makes a direct impact on YOUR community. Please plan a shower for your local hospital or organization that supports mothers and babies. Your club's imprint will last forever in the hearts of the nurses and volunteers. The gratefulness on behalf of the mother bringing their beautiful baby home is a lifelong memory that YOU gave her.

Really is there any better feeling than knowing that THAT child has a winter coat or shoes that fit, a backpack, a jacket, a pair of boots, underwear and socks. How about following that child you sent to Kamp Kiwanis making sure they have these essentials. These are the kids in our neighborhoods; the throw away kids the under privileged kids. These are the kids in despair, without hope, the forgotten kids. These are the kids who think they have nothing but thankfully they have something. They have YOU.

Free Car Wash Total: 107 Vehicles

The Kiwanis Club of the Central Adirondacks, the Key Club and Builders Club of the Town of Webb School washed 106 cars and one golf cart at their 17th Annual Free Car Wash on May 27 at the Calypso's Cove Parking Lot in Old Forge. The combined Kiwanis Club and Key Club effort raised nearly \$1,400.

Co-Chairman Bob Teesdale and Mike Griffin were pleased to report that the Kiwanis Free Car Wash was a great success. "We washed 106 cars and pickup trucks as well as 1 golf cart. Thanks to the 14 Kiwanians and 18 Key and Builders Club members who helped."

The event is the primary fund raiser for the Kiwanis Club's child-oriented community programs. The Kiwanis Club, Key Club and Builders Club would like to thank the following for their continuing support: The Noonan family at the Enchanted Forest/Water Safari for the use of the Calypso's Cove Parking Lot and pizzas, The Rowe Family at The Donut Shop, NAPA for donation of car wash soap, Kinney Drug Store for bottled water and chips, DiOrio's Market for soda and hot dogs and the other sponsors and patrons who make this special fund raising event possible.

2017 District Convention, Aug. 24-27

Convention
Chair

Kimberly
Davis



"Welcome to Lake Placid!"

I look forward to saying those words to all of you travelling from the corners of our great district to attend this year's district convention. This historic Olympic Village will amaze you with its beauty and I'm hoping you have already registered and booked your hotel.

Registration fees will increase July 16. On July 24 the hotels can open up any rooms that have not been reserved by Kiwanians to anyone else, so make sure you reserve your room today! Information is available on the district web site.

There is so much to do in the Lake Placid region that I am hoping that everyone can come a day or two early to see as many of the amazing sites as possible.

My top priority to visitors is to drive up Whiteface Memorial Highway - the only mountain in the area that you can drive up and then take an elevator to the top (4,865 feet). For the more adventurous types, you can also walk up or down the mountain after parking your car.

There are also the numerous Olympic venues -- you can hop on a bobsled and make your way down the track (with a driver and brakeman) and reach speeds of 55 mph. Visit the Lake Placid Museum or the Olympic Jumping Complex, where you can tour the facility and take the elevator to the Skydeck at the top of the jumps (120 feet).

For those looking for more casual sight-seeing, take a gondola ride to the top of Little Whiteface, take gorgeous photographs at the observation deck at 3,676 feet and then settle in for a picnic. For more information on these activities, go to: <http://www.lakeplacid.com/do/activities/olympic-sites>

If you prefer staying closer to our hotels, there are plenty of quaint shops on Main Street as well as the incredibly beautiful Mirror Lake, that you can walk around (2.7 miles), or rent a kayak, canoe, or stand up paddleboard.

Whether you choose to visit as many sites as possible or just enjoy the scenery of Mirror Lake, I doubt that any Kiwanian will go home without a smile on their face from this amazing place that we in the Adirondacks are lucky enough to call home!

See you in August!

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District Convention Schedule

Tentative Schedule, Subject to Change

Wednesday, Aug. 23

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

Thursday, Aug. 24

Registration and Credentials 2-6 p.m.
2016-17 Board Meeting 1-4 p.m.
Welcoming Reception 6:30-7:15 p.m.
2016-17 Board Dinner (by invitation only) 7:30-9 p.m.
Past Governors Dinner 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 25

Past Governors Breakfast and Council (\$25) 7-9 a.m.
Exhibits and Baskets 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Registration/Credentials 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation Board Meeting 9-9:50 a.m.
Forums (see page 6) 9-11:15 a.m.
2016-17 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. 26

Recognition Breakfast (\$20) 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Exhibits and Baskets 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Registration/Credentials 9 a.m.-noon
Forums (see page 6) 9 a.m.-12:30 p.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 (\$60) 7 p.m.
Hospitality Rooms 10 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 27

Memorial Breakfast (\$20) 8-9:30 a.m.
Installation of Officers 10-11:30 a.m.
2017-18 Board Luncheon (by invitation) Noon-2 p.m.

See the District Web Site, www.kiwanis-ny.org, for the latest schedule.

Bylaw Amendment Proposals To Be Considered

During the House of Delegates, a proposed bylaw amendment submitted by the Kiwanis Club of North Central, Staten Island, will be considered, as will several housekeeping changes which have been requested by Kiwanis International.

Go to the district web site to see the housekeeping proposals. Further changes in the wording may occur as a result of pending review by Kiwanis International.

The North Central's proposal affects how dues are allocated.

Here is the proposal:

The North Central Kiwanis Club moves to amend Article X, Section I of the New York District of Kiwanis International By Law by inserting that:

"\$5.00 (five) US Dollars from the \$24.00 (twenty-four) US Dollars paid by members' dues be restricted to The Empire State Kiwanian. This restricted fund shall not exceed after all expenses are paid a surplus of \$10,000.00. Any surplus/excess shall be duly deposited into the general fund. This amendment shall become effective October 1, 2017."

Candidates for Governor-Elect

Bruce Brooks

I am proud to be running for the position of governor-elect.

Having been active in the Island Park, Long Island, Kiwanis club for 31 years, having been a lieutenant governor of the Long Island Southwest Division three times, I feel I have the experience to lead our District of New York.

In my travels, I've composed five particular phrases:

Insight: What Kiwanis is about, basically helping others. We started out 100 years ago helping children, now we help any and all neighbors, families, veterans that call upon us.

Qualities and Capabilities: The qualities are similar to the management of my business for 44 years. Qualities bring my customers back, the quality of Kiwanis is that we don't stop helping those in our community, this is our most significant attribute and our best. We don't stop short of our capability of helping others.

Innovation: As a Kiwanian and a club we are always being different than our sister clubs, we are always improving our fund raising efforts through innovation, we also find new methods for the causes that need our help -- particularly the sen-



iors or veterans in our individual communities.

Solutions: We are problem solvers. We are always asked by our neighbors for help. Do we stop -- no -- we ask how.

Now: If elected I would continue to support our three foundations, Kamp Kiwanis, KPTC, Pediatric Lyme Disease and our SLP are our significant purposes.

In my term if elected I will ask Kiwanis International if they have public service announcements that individual clubs can use. In a previous presentation, I realized we as clubs or as a district, don't advertise

'We ... don't advertise enough. Through advertising, we can announce the purpose, goals of our contributions to each community and how we help others.'

enough. Through advertising, we can announce the purpose and goals of our contributions to each community and how we help others. Public service announcements can advertise us on television, radio, Facebook and other media venues.

How many know we are the only service organization that has affiliated with UNICEF -- where we help UNICEF with health issues in countries around the world.

Thus is my 31 years as a Kiwanian, I've learned how to be a good neighbor. My 44 years in business has guided me to be success with others.

Please allow me to be your next governor-elect.

John "Hank" Baker

My name is John Baker, better known as "Hank". I am a 100 percent disabled Veteran.

After serving in Vietnam I married my high school sweetheart Bonnie and have been married now for 46 years. We have four beautiful daughters, 12 wonderful grandchildren and two great grandchildren on the way.

After retiring from National Fuel after 33 years of service Bonnie and I had our retirement home built in the beautiful hills of Colden. One year later I was a Kiwanian!

In my years as a Kiwanian, I served as president-elect, two terms as president, am a two time Kiwanian of the Year recipient, served as chairman on many of our club fundraisers, and am also a life member.

In 2013-14 I was lieutenant governor for the Niagara Frontier South Division which had 14 clubs where I opened two Aktion Clubs, recruited 68 new members in the division and became Distinguished Lt. Governor of Excellence under Past Distinguished Gov. Joe Aiello. We also ran an autism event and raised \$11,000 for an addition to one of our children's special needs school.



In 2014-15, I was election chair for Gov. Eric Paul and in 2015-16 served as Executive Assistant and was on the finance committee for Gov. Forbes Irvine.

In May I attended the Foundation Board Meeting.

I am currently serving as lieutenant governor for the NFS Division which now has 15 Kiwanis Clubs and a new Aktion Club is on its way to being chartered! I was also club counselor on the Formula.

My project this year was Pediatric Lyme Disease. The NFS Division came together and raised \$8,000 for a one day event. Throughout the year, each club individu-

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ally raised their own funds for a combined total of approximately \$15,000.

I believe in the foundations and our SLP programs. I was honored with the Kaiser and the Brittany Fellowship.

Along with attending the SLP Leadership programs, Circle K and the K Family conferences, I have been to many mid-winter conferences and district conventions along with the International Conventions where I even served pan-cakes!

I feel I would be a great asset to our Kiwanis District.

Please consider me when you vote for governor-elect.

2017 District Convention, Aug. 24-27

Candidate for Governor: Candace Corsaro

The sole candidate for governor for 2017-18 will be Gov.-Elect Candace Corsaro.

She believes that membership is key to our success and pledges to continue to work hard to introduce, invite, and motivate people to join Kiwanis.

During her Kiwanis career she was Distinguished Lt. Gov. of the Niagara Frontier North Division in 2011-12.

She has held numerous positions at the club level, committee chairman for membership and other purposes and club offices including Distinguished Past President.

At the district level, she was the sitting lieutenant governor for the Niagara Falls Convention, district chair for Women of the Year, Interclub, and the Legion of Honor/Legion of Merit committees.

She also has served on the District Policy and Procedure Committee, Youth Protection Committee, and attended many Finance and Foundation meetings and International and District Conventions and Mid-Winter Conferences. She has attended Tri-K Weekends, Circle K, Key Club conventions, Youth Leadership Seminars and Key Leader weekend.

She has received many Kiwanis awards, including Kiwanian of the Year, Kiwanis Fellow, the Anthony "Tony" Kaiser Award, KPTC - Buffalo Pediatric Trauma Center Award and the Centennial Medallion for the Eliminate Project.

In her community of Niagara Falls, she 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.

She 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.

She was married to Joseph Corsaro, who is deceased. She has three children, Gilbert Jr., Mellissa and Sheri Lynn, and six grandchildren.



District Convention Forum Schedule

Tentative Schedule, Subject to change

Friday, Aug. 25

9-9:45 a.m.

Pediatric Lyme Disease FoundationPediatric Lyme Disease Foundation Board Partnership/Public RelationsPast Lt. Gov. Chuck Eckert, Lt. Gov.-Designate Joel Harris Builders ClubDistrict Administrator Millie Mandese Governor's Project 2016-17 Wrap UpGov. Stephen Sirgiovanni

9:50-10:35 a.m.

District Kiwanis Foundation/Kamp Kiwanis/Disaster ReliefDistrict Kiwanis Foundation Board Circle KCircle K Gov. Jack Curzon, Administrator John Keegan So You Want to Be a Lt. Gov.?Distinguished Past Lt. Gov. Sue Sheehan Membership/FormulaPast Gov. Eric G. Paul

10:40-11:25 a.m.

Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma CentersDistinguished Past Gov. Joe Corace,Past Lt. Gov. Rich Sturm, Past Lt. Gov. Stan Thompson Key ClubKey Club Gov. Gavin Li, Administrator John Goldstein Risk ManagementPast Lt. Gov. Roger Eltringham Protocol and ProceduresTBA

Saturday, Aug. 26

9-9:45 a.m.

Aktion ClubAdministrator Debra Rothman Terrific Kids, BUG Program and Read Around the WorldPast Gov. Sue Ganey Club Treasurer TrainingDistinguished Past Lt. Gov. David Vail Navigating the Kiwanis Web SiteDistinguished Past Lt. Gov. Kim Scharoff

9:50-10:35 a.m.

K-KidsAdministrator Mickie Leamey Children with Tourette's Syndrome/ Childhood CancerChristine McCormick, Lt. Gov.-Designate Joel Harris Club Secretary TrainingDistinguished Past Lt. Gov. Kim Scharoff How to Complete the IRS 990/ Becoming a 501(c)3Bruce Privetz

10:40-11:15 a.m.

Key LeaderDistrict Chairperson Dean Beltrano Governor's Project: Children with Special Needs Past Gov. Bill Risbrook So You Want to be Governor?Past Governors' Council Kiwanis Children's FundDistinguished Past Lt. Gov. Jim Mancuso

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Youth Protection GuidelinesPast Gov. David Booker Governor's Project: No Veteran Left Behind Al Federico, Joe DeMarco and Gary Heuch Young Children, Priority OnePast First Lady Helene Irvine The Eliminate ProjectDistinguished Past Lt. Gov. Kimberly Davis

Minisink's Sweet Corn Festival is Sept. 10

The third annual Minisink Kiwanis Sweet Corn Festival will take place on Sunday, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 366 County Route 12 in New Hampton.

The admission is \$10 a car load. There will be live music, a performance by the Pokolenie Dance Group, a corn maze, a hay bale maze for little ones and other events.

Eliminate Project

Kimberly Davis



Many Kiwanians were surprised to learn at the Mid-Winter Conference that The Eliminate Project is not over.

In 2015, New York District Kiwanians voted at the district convention to fulfill our pledge to Eliminate, which is \$1,796,314. We still have a long way to go. Our outstanding obligation, as of June 23, is \$454,676. This amount, due by the end of 2020, means that we need to be raising

an AVERAGE of \$10,826 a month. Although this is no small feat, we can do it!

You can donate any amount as an individual and there are three levels of recognition for higher donations: \$300, \$625, and \$1,250. The \$1,250 level gives you a Walter Zeller Fellowship, which includes a lovely medallion, pin, and certificate. Zellers will be available at the district convention in Lake Placid, and anyone purchasing one will be presented their medallion and pin at the event.

There are also a few clubs that have not donated at all and that is another place to start. Please ask your president or secretary to find out how much your club has donated to date. You can take a day and do a simple fundraiser (car wash, garage sale, bake sale, etc.) or do something more elaborate. Anything you and your club can do

will save lives. Every \$1.80 raised saves the life of a mother and her future children.

Here's the good news: between 2010-15, the number of babies dying from MNT (maternal and neonatal tetanus) has dropped by more than 40 percent, from 58,000 to 34,000. For the first time ever, it is estimated that less than 100 newborns die each day from tetanus. But we still have a long way to go.

Please ask one of the District Advocates how you and your club can help. For the Long Island and Metropolitan divisions, contact Brenda Leigh Johnson at (631) 316-3502; for Central to Western New York, contact Ron Parent at (716) 534-1953, and for Central to Northern New York, please contact me at (518) 536-0934. Together, we can fulfill our promise to Eliminate MNT for good!

Key Club

John Goldstein



Greetings from the almost 13,000 Key Clubbers in the great New York District.

I am again writing this as I am preparing to take 34 students and 6 adults to the Key Club International Convention in San

Antonio, TX. This trip would not possible without the support of the Kiwanis Clubs that sponsor our Key Clubs. The clubs and divisions have been very generous to help fund the student cost to attend this convention.

This year at our annual Leadership Training Conference we had the largest convention since we have been in the Albany area with over 850 in attendance. I want to thank the Kiwanis clubs and divisions for their financial support of the conference.

We do however have a challenge. The New York District has just about the same

number of Key Clubs as we do Kiwanis Clubs. But, we have several Kiwanis clubs that sponsor more than one Key Club (one sponsors 6) and we have several Key Clubs that do not have sponsors. This does bring us around to Kiwanis membership and the Formula. Key Club is our best hope for the future of our organization, but if there are no Kiwanis clubs to sponsor Key Clubs then they will have no connection to Kiwanis. If your Kiwanis Club doesn't sponsor a Key Club - please think about it! I know that we here in the Great New York District will rise to the challenge.

Pediatric Lyme Disease

DPG John Gridley



This year is predicted to be a particularly bad one for ticks and tick-borne diseases, whether you're vacationing upstate or just going for a walk in Central Park.

June and July are especially dangerous, since ticks in the second stages of their life cycle cause the most cases of Lyme disease.

Here are some ways to protect yourself from ticks. Avoid shady, wooded and brushy areas with high grass and leaf litter. Repellent with DEET is the most effective way to repel ticks, but those with picaridin or IR3535 work too, says Richard Ostfeld, Ph.D, a disease ecologist with the Cary Institute in Hudson Valley.

To get rid of a tick use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible; slowly pull out in an upward motion; and then wash the area with rubbing alcohol. See your doctor immediately if you experience flu-like symptoms such as fever, headache, lethargy and body aches. You should also know that repellents don't actually kill ticks, so the best way to protect yourself

and your children from tick bites is to spray clothing - especially shoes and socks, which baby ticks love to latch onto - with permethrin. Though the ticks may still find you, they'll die before they have a chance to infect you. According to the CDC natural repellents include essential oils from rosemary, lemongrass, thyme and nootkatone. The EPA hasn't registered them as repellents but some studies have shown that they do keep ticks away.

So if you or your child or grandchild get bit by a tick go directly to you doctor, hopefully a LLD doctor and demand a blood test and to be put on antibiotics. Do not wait for the blood test results, start the antibiotics immediately. Remember that precaution is the best remedy.

Monticello Has Baby Shower

The Kiwanis Club of Monticello is continuing to support the Warm Beginnings project.

Members recently purchased and donated newborn baby items to the Birthing Unit at Catskill Regional Medical Center in Harris. A beautiful hand-made baby blanket was also graciously donated. These contributions will be distributed to families in need to help bring their newborns home in brand new baby items.

Northport-East Northport Assists Fire Victims

On the same day that their community was affected by a downtown fire, the Northport-East Northport stepped up by contributing \$1,000 to a fund raiser to help the affected tenants.

An early morning fire on May 23 on Main Street gutted Gunther's Tap Room, the legendary Northport bar once the favored haunt of Beat Generation writer Jack Kerouac, with the four apartments above the stores gutted also, fire officials

said.

The tenants lost everything.

Club President Jim McKenna called the club's board members the day of the fire and got approval to donate \$1,000 to help the tenants recover.

KPTC North
Shore

DPG Joseph
Corace



I would like to share with you some exciting news about the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center Foundation, Inc. (KPTC) serving children who are victims of preventable trauma.

At its 2016 Annual Meeting, a name change was approved omitting a specific reference to one particular pediatric trauma hospital in the 14 counties in which the KPTC Foundation is chartered by Kiwanis International to operate.

The foundation had previously been named the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at North Shore University Hospital Foundation.

The KPTC Board voted to widen its serv-

ice opportunities to where Level One trauma centers operate in Long Island, New York City, Westchester, and the Hudson Valley.

For more than 20 years, thanks to the dedication of so many Kiwanis Family Members and clubs predominantly on Long Island, the KPTC Board was able to grant more than \$1 million to Cohen Children's Medical Center (CCMC) and its predecessor, LIJ-North Shore. A plaque commemorating this remarkable achievement is located in the CCMC lobby.

The change will position the KPTC to support funding proposals from more than one qualified pediatric trauma center on Long Island.

Presently, the KPTC board is looking into supporting the Level One pediatric trauma programs at Stony Brook University Medical Center and will begin introducing its "Distracted Driving Program" to areas outside of Long Island.

Kiwanis clubs are invited to establish new relationships with their nearby Level

Black & White Ball Is Sept. 15

The 22nd annual Black & White Ball will be on Friday, Sept. 15, at Leonard's of Great Neck. The event is a benefit for the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center Foundation.

Tickets are \$75 per person. The cocktail hour begins at 7:40 p.m., with dinner to follow.

In addition to purchasing tickets, supporters also can put an ad in the program journal for the evening to support the event.

For further information, contact DPG Joe Corace, (917) 282-9498 or by e-mail to jcorace@icmdata.com, or by going to www.kiwanispediatrictraumacenter.org.

One pediatric trauma centers so that the KPTC can celebrate its quarter century of service and expand its potential to serve more children.

Aktion Club

Debra
Rothman



We are having a very successful Aktion Club year as we continue to grow.

Please welcome our two newest clubs, ACLD Bridges Aktion Club, sponsored by Bethpage Central Park Kiwanis Club and MS:Suburban Adults Service Foundation

Aktion Club sponsored by the following clubs: Elma, Marilla and Wales. This brings us to 41 paid clubs and 806 members.

Back in May I attended the charter and installation for the Anchor Aktion Club sponsored by Peninsula Kiwanis. It was a great honor to speak and I had a wonderful time.

Our Aktion Clubs have been keeping very busy. The Anchor Aktion Club did a cleanup on one of our local Long Island beaches. The Jamestown Aktion Club did a cleanup for Hands On Jamestown in May, and had a terrific time participating in this service project. The Sulli-

van County Aktion Club volunteered in April to clean up the village of Monticello and participated in a RISE Walk in Monticello, an advocacy program they support.

The district convention is coming up in August. We will be holding a forum as usual. All contest entries will be due at that time. Please contact me if you have any question. If you have any pictures of your Aktion Clubs in "action", they will be posted on the New York District Aktion Club Facebook page if you forward them to me at blueyes1255@aol.com.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Fordham Honors Athlete

Fordham Football Senior Manny Adeyeye received this year's Kiwanis-sponsored Student-Athlete Community Service Award at the University's 83rd Annual Block F Dinner. The award was presented by Susan Brucculeri, past president of Fordham Kiwanis and Gabelli School administrator.

Manny fulfilled his academic and athletic responsibilities while also finding time to perform countless community service projects. These projects include visiting with students at the Eagle Academy he helps with their homework and serves as a role model.

Manny also volunteers for the overnight work shift at a local homeless shelter and has assisted with soup kitchen meal preparation at Crestor Avenue Baptist Church.

He participated in Special Olympics projects and the Fordham Football Team's Annual "Be the Match" Bone Marrow Registry drive inspired by the life saving message of bone marrow recipient Joseph Solimine, Past Lt. Governor of the Bronx-Westchester South Kiwanis Division.



Manny Adeyeye, left, receiving the award from Susan Brucculeri.

Five Towns Awards 22 Scholarships

The Kiwanis Club of Five Towns recently distributed 22 scholarships to students at three local high schools.

Lynbrook High School

Key Club Principal's Award: Andie Bodian and Aimee Estrin

Key Club Advisor's Award: Colleen Germain, Sarah Moelis and Danielle Simon

Key Club Community Service Award: Jillian DiGiorgio, Elisa DiLuca, John Long, Sarah Moelis

Giacomo Campanile Scholarship Award: Raquel Moreno and Rachel Valentino

Lawrence High School

The Principal's Choice: Jessica Mastorides and Danielle Portillo

Dale Sarro Scholarship: Kalia Marcus
Joseph Mandelbaum Scholarship: Stanley Faynblut

Harry Jimmy Nathenson Sports Scholarship: Jack Lanzilotta

Key Club: Arie Baum

Giacomo Campanile Memorial: Barbara Williams

Allane Essex Scholarship: Melissa Turcios

Hewlett High School

Giacomo Campanile Scholarship: Sam Bodner

South Shore Foundation Scholarship: Lori Matza

Five Towns Kiwanis Community Service: Marcelle Angeles

Amityville Awards Scholarships

Amityville Kiwanis Club's 2017 scholarship winners are: Ariana Sims, Samantha Lawrence, Barbara Ruggiero, Committee Chairperson, Christina Brown, and Esteban Idrovo and Jamell Dixon.

Students of the Year Honored

On June 4 the Kiwanis Club of the Central Adirondacks and The Town of Webb Police Benevolent Association (PBA) recognized October 2016 Student of the Month Lauren Beckingham and January 2017 Student of the Month Brandon Palmer, both of Old Forge, as the Town of Webb School Students of the Year for 2016-17.

Ray Schoeberlein and Carmen Mastroianni Committee Co-Chairs, presented a certificate and a check for \$500 to Lauren and Officer Kevin Birtle, President of the Police Benevolent Association, presented a certificate and a check for \$500 to Brandon.



From left, front: Sue Kasofsky, Master of Ceremonies; Mary Elizabeth Kellerman; Mekayla Perneszi; Brittany Leventoff; Deb Jacobsen, Kiwanis President; back: Pu (Sam) Zheng and Mirza Javed.

Woodridge Awards 5 Scholarships

The Kiwanis Club of Woodridge held its 18th annual scholarship dinner on June 8. Scholarships were given to graduating Fallsburg Central School seniors who will be attending an accredited two- or four-year college, other higher education program, or trade school. This year the club awarded \$1,000 scholarships to five graduates, bringing the total scholarships given to date to \$69,900.

Graduates must complete an application to be reviewed by the clubs's Scholarship Committee and meet the following criteria: academic achievement, community and school service and need.

The graduates given this year's Kiwanis Club of Woodridge scholarship are: Mirza Javed of Woodbourne; Mary Elizabeth Kellerman of Mountain Dale; Brittany Leventoff of South Fallsburg; Mekayla Perneszi of Hurleyville; and Pu (Sam) Zheng of Woodridge.



From left, front row: Andrew Pareles, Carlos Alas, Shainee Islam, Mathew Pareles; back row: President Dominick A. Curra, Joel Blanco, Wyatt McMahon, Emilio Gonzalez, Markus Maldonado, Dr. Michael DeRosa, Event Chairman

Peninsula Presents 8 Scholarships

On June 14 Peninsula Kiwanis held its annual Scholarship Awards Night dinner. 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: Carlos Alas, Emilio Gonzalez, Markus Maldonado, Joel Blanco.

Hewlett: Shainee Islam, Matthew Pareles, Andrew Pareles, Wyatt McMahon

Kamp Open House Features Work Parties, Dedications



The annual Open House at Kamp Kiwanis took place on May 20. Above, Past Gov. Forbes Irvine in front of the brick sponsored by the 2015-16 District Board thanking him for his service. Below, Foundation President Sal Anelli, right, with Distinguished Past Finger Lakes Division Lt. Gov. Jordan Neuringer. Between them is the brick from the Brighton club thanking Neuringer for his service. At right, upper, Foundation Vice President Joe Battisti (wearing sport jacket) conducting a Kamp tour for the 2017-18 lieutenant governors. Right, middle, Anelli dedicating three new benches. At right, lower, Distinguished Past Gov. David Rothman sitting on a new bench sponsored by his East Meadow club. Rothman joked that most of the bench honorees receive the honor after they die and he was happy to be able to actually sit on the bench.



New York District Kiwanis Foundation

District
Foundation

Sal Anelli



As you read this article, the 2017 Kamping season is under way.

Once again the Kamp is in great condition as a result of all the dedicated Kiwanians that donated their time and efforts to clean up and repair all that the winter caused. This year we had our usual problems opening the Kamp like the water system but we are making strides, it wasn't as bad as last year. We purchased new water filters and Vice President Joe Battista did the installation. As always, board members Herb Chan and Anthony Merendino did a tremendous amount of work this time in the administration building. We now we have two brand new bathrooms, brand new kitchen and the office area now has new counter space, new electrical layout and thanks to Kyle Hoffman, new central air conditioning units. All this at basically no cost to the foundation while

making the Kamp more efficient. I cannot begin to say thank you on behalf of the New York District Kiwanis Foundation. Every year, each and every member of our board is committed to making the Kamp a better place for the children. After all, isn't that what it is all about, making Kamp Kiwanis a place where memories last a lifetime.

I really love to talk about the Kamp but at this time I would like to change subject. I would like to talk about an upcoming event that will hopefully be one to remember. You see, in 1968, the Rome Kiwanis Club had a stretch of land that was used as the Kiwanis Health Kamp which was sponsored by the Rome Kiwanis Recreation Association. At the time, the 1968 Board of Lt. Governors, under Gov. Steve Hart, were in the process of looking for a camp site to purchase for a New York District camp. The Rome club decided to sell its camp to the district for the purchase price of \$1 (Gov. Hart paid from his own wallet) and that's when the New York District Kiwanis Foundation and Kamp Kiwanis were born.

In March of 2018 the New York District Kiwanis Foundation will be celebrating 50 years of service to the ideal of the Rome Kiwanis Club by hosting a

2017 Kamp Kiwanis Schedule

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| Adult Week 1 | June 25-30 |
| Adult Week 2 | July 2-7 |
| Child Week 1 | July 9-15 |
| Child Week 2 | July 16-22 |
| Child Week 3 | July 23-29 |
| Child Week 4 | July 30-Aug. 5 |
| Child Week 5 | Aug. 6-12 |
| Child Week 6 | Aug. 13-19 |

50th Anniversary Gala. More information can be found below. More information will be forthcoming. Please hold the date open, tell everyone in your club and division. Hopefully we can have a really great celebration.

Once again, let me remind every New York District Kiwanian, this is your Kamp, every member of the New York District is a member of the foundation. There are no dues and no forms to fill out, if you are a Kiwanian in good standing, you are automatically a member of the Foundation so let's all support your Kamp.

Save the Date: March 4, 2018, for Kamp 50th Celebration

For the past 50 years Kamp Kiwanis has served thousands of children in need. Those children who have had the opportunity to attend one glorious week at our Kamp enjoying sports, swimming, canoe-

ing, games, arts and crafts, fishing, entertainment, etc.

Thanks to dedicated Kiwanians all around the District who sponsor children every year, Kampers leave after an unfor-

gettable week with a sense of worth, new friends and an experience of happiness they will never forget. Just to put a smile on these children's faces after only one week is priceless. We should feel really proud of what we've accomplished to bring such joy into these children's lives.

The progress we've made from the time the Kamp started until now is outstanding -- the numbers of children attending Kamp Kiwanis keeps growing.

After 50 years of hard work and dedication to keep this Kamp going and growing, it's time to let loose and celebrate this landmark anniversary on Sunday, March 4, 2018, at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury on Long Island. Tickets will be \$75 per person. There will be an anniversary journal, raffles, baskets and a silent auction.

More information will be available as the date approaches.

Visit the Kamp Web Site:
www.kampkiwanis.org



New York District Kiwanis Foundation Inc.

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Kamp Kiwanis 50th
Anniversary Gala

- Sunday, March 4, 2018
- 1:00pm
- Crest Hollow Country Club
- \$75 per person
- Anniversary Journal
- Raffles, Baskets, Silent Auction

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Monticello Gives Books to Second Graders

Several members of the Kiwanis Club of Monticello recently visited and delivered books to the second grade classes at Monticello Central School District.

The books were selected by Kiwanian Doris Motl, who is a retired 4th grade teacher.

Accompanying her to the schools were Ellen Nesin (retired Kindergarten teacher and former school board member), Jane Sorensen (Kiwanis Vice President and EPIC Program Manager for the school district), Sheila Lashinsky (Kiwanis Public Relations Chairperson) and Martha Johnson, Kiwanis member and former school board member.

The students were encouraged to take their books home and read them over the summer and after reading them, to share -- or "trade" them -- with friends and family.

One class plans to invite kindergarten students to visit their classroom so that they can read their books to them.



One of the second grade classes showing off their new books.