

Governor-
Elect

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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.

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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.