

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

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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.