



**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Bill Martin**

We are fast approaching the New York District Convention to be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Buffalo, New York from Thursday August 18th through Sunday August 22nd 2004.

The official call was in the last ESK and the delegate forms have been mailed to each club Secretary. Every club in good standing is allowed three (3) delegates. Two of the delegates must be the 2004-2005 club President and 2004-2005 club Secretary.

To be in good standing, clubs must be current in their financial obligations to the District and to International.

Your club's Board of Directors should select its delegates and alternates and use the form sent to your club. Forward the white copy to the District Office, the yellow copy to the Lt. Governor and the pink copy is for your club files. If needed, additional registration and delegate forms are available from the District Office.

The business to come before the House of Delegates is the election of District Officers, any By-Law changes and other business that may properly come before the delegate body.

At the Convention we will also be electing members to our District Foundation Board. All Kiwanians have the privilege of voting at the Foundation Annual Meeting at the District Convention.

There are many things planned by the Convention Chairman and the Convention Committee. It will be a convention that will have programs of interest to everyone. There will be a golf outing and a dinner/dance on Saturday Night. There are many things to see in Buffalo and the surrounding area.

But even before the convention, let's remember – our year is not over. We should all continue to work hard to bring our clubs, our divisions and our district to a successful ending – a finish we can all be proud of.



**Donate to Silent Auction**

by Jean Weeks

Basket Raffle /Craft Auction Chairperson

Just in case you missed the article in the ESK, I am writing to remind you that the Art and Craft Auction will once again be held at the District Convention. We are hoping to receive donations of any art or craft items, ceramics, woodworking, paintings, needle-work, flower arrangements, or other crafts for the Silent Auction. We have had much success in the past with this venture. I am hoping for your help in making this event as big as the Basket Raffle.

**President Bush attends 9/11 Long Island Memorial Dedication**



*Above: President Bush expressed condolences to New York District New Member Orientation Chair Peter J. Owens and his son, John Owens, and his sister-in-law, Lorraine Campbell, as well as other families who lost loved ones. Over 300 families were on hand for this 9/11 dedication.*

*Owens Sr. remarked, "This was truly an experience. President Bush spent considerable time with each and every family. There were no speeches given, just friendship and concern for everyone's well being."*

**Delegates Elect International Officers**

At the 2004 House of Delegates on Tuesday, June 29th at the Kiwanis International Convention, three international officers and five new trustees were elected.

The results are as follows:

President-designate:

**Case Van Kleef, Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District**

President-elect designate:

**Stephen K. "Steve" Siemens, Nebraska-Iowa District**

Vice President/Treasurer-designate:

**Nelson Tucker, California-Nevada-Hawaii District**

Trustees for Region I (United States):

**Fred Bishop, New England District**

**Peter J. "Pete" Mihelich, Jr., Missouri-Arkansas District**

**Paul Palazzolo, Illinois-Eastern Iowa District**

Trustee for Region III (Europe): **Grete Hvardal**

Trustee for Region IV (Asia-Pacific): **Hui-Wan "Michelle" Wu**

**Kiwanis International Club Newsletter Contest**

The Kiwanis International Club Newsletter Contest has changed. First, the term used to designate the club publication, formerly club "bulletin," is now club "newsletter."

The second change is the elimination of the five divisions based on club membership size. Beginning with the 2001-02 year, just one entry, the "best of the district," is eligible for judging in the International contest.

Districts are encouraged to continue their newsletter contests utilizing the traditional size categories. By awarding banner patches or prizes in five categories based upon club membership size or other criteria, more club editors will be encouraged to perform at the highest level in order to receive recognition in their district. But each district now also should create the new category of overall Best Club Newsletter.

The five club size divisions were originally created by Kiwanis International because printing was expensive and club size determined the potential publication budget. Recently, however, the Internet and the personal computer have rapidly developed into the communicative tools of choice for businesses, organizations, and individuals.

Today, any Kiwanian with a personal computer and desktop publishing skills can produce a top-quality club newsletter, regardless of club size. The International Club Newsletter Contest will encourage these efforts by recognizing the best of the best.

**PURPOSE:** To stimulate the production of effective club newsletters, build morale among club editors, and improve this prime source of Kiwanis communication.

**PROCEDURES:** Kiwanis clubs will enter their newsletters in their district's club newsletter contest, by such a deadline that judging can be completed in time for awards to be presented at the district convention. Each district will then forward its choice of the best club newsletter in the district for entry in the International Club Newsletter Contest.

**DEADLINE:** Three or more representative issues of district winners will be submitted to the Kiwanis International public relations department by September 30.

**JUDGING:** Judging will be performed by the chairman of the International Committee for Marketing and Public Relations and a judging panel chosen by the chairman.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNER:** The International Contest winner will be notified in the spring prior to the International Convention.

**Delegates approve merging Constitution, Bylaws; annual dues; global magazine**

A proposal to merge the Kiwanis International Constitution and Bylaws into one document was approved by the 2004 House of Delegates, which convened Monday and Tuesday at the 89th Annual International Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. In other action, delegates approved a measure that will allow for annual dues billing and a proposal to provide for a global magazine.

The effort to produce one governing document – to be known as the Kiwanis International Bylaws – was undertaken more than two years ago by the International Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. The committee met regularly, reviewing each document line by line to produce one that would be easier for Kiwanians to understand and use. Outdated language and redundancies were removed, but substantive provisions of each document were left unchanged.

The move to annual dues is expected to reduce a club secretary/treasurer's workload and save Kiwanis International money while increasing efficiency. Under the plan approved by delegates, which will not be implemented until the 2005-06 Kiwanis year, clubs will pay International and district dues, based on a club's anniversary date.

Under the amendment to establish Kiwanis magazine as a global publication, each club in the United States and English-speaking Canada will collect from each member US\$8 per year for six issues, with clubs in all other areas collecting \$4 per member for three issues.

Action taken by delegates:

AMENDMENT #1 – To require that any amendment to the Constitution require a two-thirds vote be made by a written or electronic ballot. PASSED

AMENDMENT #2 – To provide for annual dues, effective Oct. 1, 2005. PASSED

AMENDMENT #3 – To provide a worldwide publications. PASSED, AS AMENDED

AMENDMENT #4 – To reduce the number of members on the Standing Committee on Past International Presidents to eight members and provide that the members of the Standing Committee are members of Council. DEFEATED

AMENDMENT #5 –To include lieutenant governors-elect as delegates-at-large to all International conventions. PASSED, AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT #6 – To allow districts to establish an alternate form of district governance. PASSED.

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