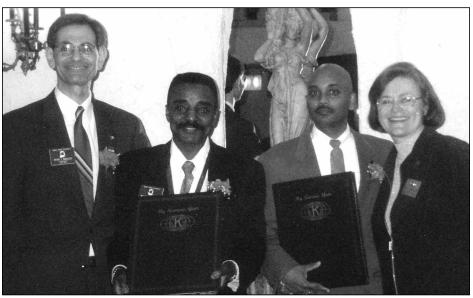
Governor Peter Goes to Queens



Above I-r: Queens West Division Lt. Governor Bill Risbrook welcomes New York District Governor Peter Mancuso and First Lady Karen to Queens with the help of Lavonia Francis (right).



Governor Peter poses with the Queens East Lt. Governor Bill Risbrook and Queens West Division Lt. Gov. Eric Shivnarain and First Lady Karen. The New York District's Governor and First Lady were treated to a wonderful Queens visit.

... and to the North Country



Pictured: Gov. Peter Mancuso, Lt. Governor Kathleen Hazel, Gordon Hazel and Karen Mancuso at the Governor's visit to the Adirondack Division.

The Kiwanis Club of **PLATTSBURGH**, Adirondack Division — hosted Gov. Peter Mancuso's visit to the North Country. Mother Nature welcomed Gov. Peter and First Lady Karen with bright sunshine and lovely weather.

Festivities were held at the Valcour Conference Center located on beautiful Lake Champlain. Club officers were the first to meet with Governor Peter. This meeting gave everyone an opportunity to hear Governor's Peter's message and share their opinions and concerns regarding their respective clubs.

Over forty gathered for cocktails and a delicious dinner put on by Sodhexo. Gov. Peter presented Lt. Kathleen Hazel with an official Kiwanis scrapbook to place her mementos in from this year and Karen Mancuso presented Kathleen's husband Gordon with a handsome Kiwanis tie clip. Everyone had a wonderful evening.

Syosset Woodbury Club Chartered



On Thursday, June 17th, the Long Island North Division brought a 'new baby' into their family. After a delicious dinner at La Viola of Syosset, Long Island North Lt. Governor Jo Greene presented the Syosset Woodbury Kiwanis Club with their banner with the help of KPTC President Jerry Rudnick (right). President Jayson P. Fazin (center) proudly accepts the gift from the Long Island North Clubs.



Governor Peter Mancuso presents LG Joe Greene with a Ruby Award for bringing 40 members into Kiwanis. KPTC President Jerry Rudnick also received the honor for bringing 60 members into Kiwanis. Way to Go!

Sheepshead Bay Verrazano Celebrates Club Chartering

The Kiwanis Club of **Sheepshead Bay Verrazano**, Brooklyn – received its charter at a recent celebration held at Sirico Caterers in Brooklyn. The club is a composite of the Sheepshead Bay and Bath Beach Verrazano Clubs, and was sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of Bensonhurst & Bay Ridge and Kings Plaza Canarsie. Congratulations!



Above: Sheepshead Bay Verrazano Sect. I. Stephen Miller, Lt. Governor Designate Sal Mazzaro, LG Joseph G. Schiavo Jr., New Club Builder Mike Malark, Pres. Charles Bono, VP Grace Ferlisi, Kings Plaza Canarsie Sect. Mike Russell and and Treasurer DPLG John Torrente.



Pictured above, Board Members: Doug Blancero, Rae Kahn, President Charles Bono, LG Joe Schiavo Jr, Marc Kahn, NY District New Club Builder Mike Malark, Tina DePietro, Lt. Governor Designate Sal Mazzaro and Lt. Governor Elect Maureen Lunetta, who is also a Board member.



Governor

Peter J. Mancuso

Congratulations to our fifth new Kiwanis club of the year, Rosedale-Laurelton, which was formally organized in May with 39 members! Kudos go to Queens East Lt. Gov. Bill Risbrook and District New Club Builder Mike Malark, who worked assiduously to see the club become a reality and have built a large, enthusiastic and diverse membership.

There have been many benefits to each of the five divisions that have built a new club that go well beyond the building of the club itself. Each of them has learned valuable recruiting techniques that are readily transferrable to their own clubs. Building a new club also acts as a tremendous energy boost for all of the clubs involved. After all, many of us have spent so much time convincing ourselves that it is impossible to build a new club in our own division that when we actually do, we feel like we can accomplish anything.

As of now, we have another half dozen or so potential sites in various stages of development throughout our district, including one in my own division, where I am serving as the New Club Builder. Will your division be the next to welcome a new addition to the Kiwanis family? We certainly hope so, and will do whatever we can to help. If you have any ideas for a prospective site in your division, please contact Mike Malark at 518-765-4392. We will arrange to provide your division with whatever assistance you need as quickly as possible, including participating in your recruitment drive and teaching your members how to recruit.

Each of our clubs is also encouraged to conduct a membership campaign, if you have not already done so. Notwithstanding the dog days of summer, this is an excellent time to recruit, because the remainder of the administrative year is short enough so that clubs can pro-rate dues to such an extent that it becomes very attractive to prospective members to join now. There are many different kinds of membership campaigns and a lot of different resources available to help you plan one. For more information, please call District Membership Growth & Development Chair Ray Pfeifer at 585-872-9130 (B) or 315-589-3251 (H).

At the end of March, each club and division was repeatedly reminded to get rid of the deadwood, that is, nonpaying members. I hope that you took those warnings to heart, because having done so, there should be no need for any membership drops at the end of this administrative year. The end of year roster that your club submits to International should contain the names of every member who has paid his or her dues for the 2003-2004 administrative year.

Please also remember that membership growth is essential for any officer to become Distinguished, whether it is the governor of a *Continued on Page 4*