



## District Historian

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### 80 Years of District Bulletins

This year's August 18-22 District convention in Buffalo marks the 80th anniversary of our first convention in that city. At that 1924 conventions the delegates approved the mailing of our district bulletin to each and every Kiwanian in the district. (Prior to 1924 a bulletin had been printed or multigraphed by District Secretaries Sam Stubbs of Rochester and Fred Loomis of Elmira and mailed only to club officers.)

Implementing the 1924 resolution, "The Kiwanis Courier," initially edited and published by District Secretary Robert C. Hyde in Binghamton, served us well until 1931.

On January 12, 1931 a committee of three lieutenant governors appointed by Governor Franklin C. Huntington of Oneonta recommended that the District enter into a one-year contract with Kiwanian/Printer George H. Prout of Troy to edit and publish a newly-formatted, approximately 6" x 9" district magazine named "The Empire State Kiwanian". The first issue was mailed on January 30, 1931 at which time there were some 5,000 members in 69 clubs in 7 divisions on the mailing list.

Incredibly and happily, the one year arrangement with George Prout continued for 42 years, until 1973, and for an additional nine years, until 1982, with his son Kiwanian W. Harry Prout also of Troy, over 50 years with the truly dedicated and esteemed Prout family. For this extraordinary contribution to our district, the much-loved George Prout was named an Honorary Past Governor in 1963. (His grandson James E. Prout Esq. Past President of the Troy club and past Lieutenant Governor of the Van Rensselaer division serves at this year's district chair for community services; and one of Jim's two lovely daughters, Olivia, is already a Key Clubber.)

The five decades of the Prout/ESK era ended in late 1982 with the appointment as editor of Kiwanian Richard Trupkin of Woodside, DPLG of our Queens West Division, who introduced the tabloid format so familiar to today's New York Kiwanians. With the exception of one administrative year, 1993 - 94, when our editor was David Gallagher of Hamburg, Richie Trupkin edited an award-winning ESK with flair and distinction until his untimely and tragic death in December 1996. Answering the call to complete the 1996 - 97 administrative year was Kiwanian Maureen Neuringer, our current editor.

For the following three years, from October 1, 1997 until September 30, 2000, David Gallagher of Hamburg returned to serve as editor with dedication and professionalism, upholding the excellent traditions and reputation of our district bulletin.

Since October 2000, we have benefited hugely from the expert and highly motivated services of a truly dedicated Kiwanian Maureen Neuringer, as our ESK editor.

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# New Hyde Park Kiwanians Flip Flap Jacks

The Kiwanis Club of **NEW HYDE PARK**, Long Island North Division - held its Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Holy Spirit Church. The proceeds from the successful day with support local charities, youth services and contribute to local scholarships.

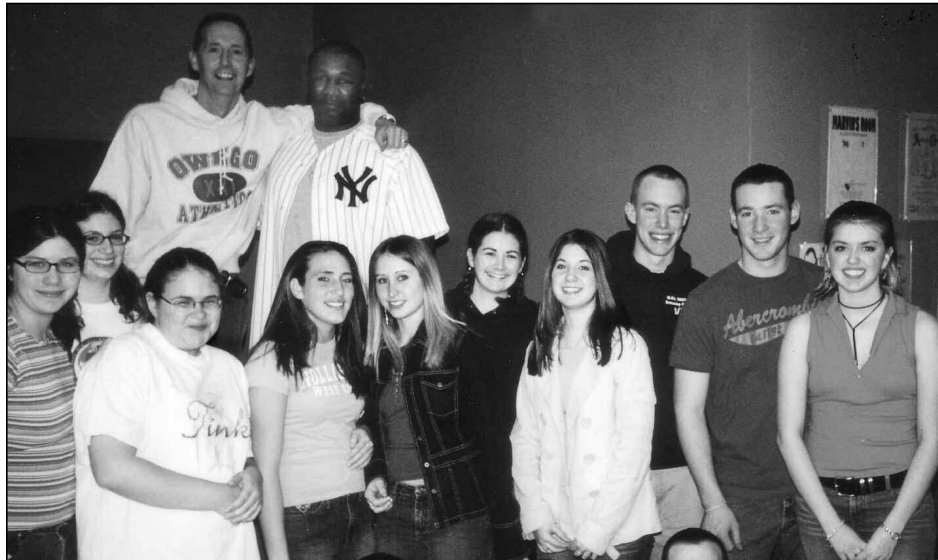


**Dr. Mark Buthorn, DPM, Long Island North Liason to the Boy Scouts of America and member of the New Hyde Park Club pours some OJ for the thirsty attendees.**



**New Hyde Park Secretary Joanne Eagan, Center, and Club President Christine Early (seated left front) welcome attendees to the annual New Hyde Park Pancake Breakfast held at the Holy Spirit RC Church. Everyone enjoyed the flapjack!**

# Owego Kiwanis Club Holds 42nd Annual Radio Day

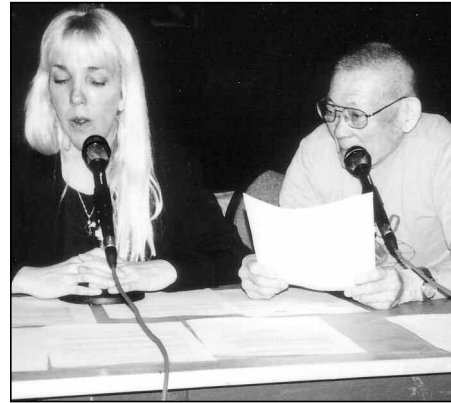


The Kiwanis Club of **OWEGO**, Susquehanna Division - held its 42nd Annual Owego Kiwanis Radio Day.

The Owego Club sells airtime to local merchants and organizations. The day of the event, members act as announcers in one-hour segments, interspersing ads with other content (i.e. interviews, music, trivia contests, etc.).

**Above: Owego Free Academy Key Club also participated in the Owego Kiwanis Radio Day.**

It's a fun day for everyone under the auspices of local radio station W.E.B.O. 1330 A.M. (for 42 years!). This year's event raised a record amount of funds for the various community activities and charities the Owego Club supports.



**Above: Owego members Wendy Post and Tom Ichikawa performing their broadcasting duties.**

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truck and sent to the Kamp tons of doors, windows, molding, wood, etc. I could not put a price tag on this merchandise, but it is in the thousands of dollars. It took many of us an entire day to empty the truck, build shelves in the barn and stock everything. Thank you Danny for your generosity.

Remember, our big fund raiser this year is the \$100 raffle. If each club purchased one chance, we would make over \$15,000 with \$15,000 in prizes being given out. Call either myself or Steve Haller at 516 731-4892 for details and chances. Speaking of Steve Haller, I could not think of a more worthy Kiwanian to honor in August at the New York District Convention in Buffalo than Steve. Kamp Kiwanis has a new fully handicapped pool due to Steve's efforts and the Haller family's donation of \$100,000. Steve has raised many thousands of dollars through the years for the Kamp.

It is indeed a pleasure to serve as President of the New York District Foundation. The people who serve as directors are amazing and give of their time and money like no other board I have been a part of. To give you an example, prior to last year each board member was allowed to be reimbursed for mileage or airfare to and from the board meeting. Few ever put in for reimbursement. Last year the board unanimously approved a motion doing away with all reimbursement of expenses. Everybody pays their own way. That is why, I can say without hesitation that all monies given to the Foundation and Kamp Kiwanis go to the Foundation and Kamp Kiwanis, there are no administration fees. - See you in Buffalo.

# Island Park Holds Roast Beef Dinner



**The Island Park Kiwanis Roast Beef Dinner was held recently at Sacred Heart Church Parish Hall in Island Park to benefit the Island Park Fire Department. Front row: (L-R): Norma Mayes, Town of Hempstead Councilman Anthony Santino, President of Island Park Kiwanis Gene Vandermosten, Debra Fuchs, Barbra Rubin, Joe Ponte, June Schod, Carol Vandermosten, Henry Brukhardt. Back Row: (L-R): Maurice Mayes, Treasurer of Island Park Kiwanis Mickey Hastava.**