

**Bill Martin** 

# **DISTRICT CONVENTION**

What a great time – especially Saturday Night. Governor Peter and Chairman Jim Yochum put together a great program. People danced the whole evening, the food was great and as Peter promised, no long speeches. The entire convention was wellplanned and well-run.

### **Monthly Reports**

Our last report shows a number of monthly reports missing. I ask that each Lt. Governor reduce the number of missing reports to zero. Please contact each of the clubs and ask for their missing reports.

### Membership & New Club Building

We have on month left to make this a great year. We already have a great year in new club building. If we can end the year with an increase in membership it will be an even greater year. I ask each Lt. Governor to contact each club in their division and make September Membership Month. If each club brings in two or three new members in September, it will help us in our year's end results. Let's give Governor Peter J. Mancuso the year he deserves. Those Lt. Governors who are working on new clubs should push hard to complete them early in the month.

# Lt. Governors Reports

There are still some Lt. Governors who have not submitted their required reports. I ask that all Lt. Governors make an extra effort this month to complete their reports, which enables the Governor and the District Office to determine the status of each of the clubs in your division.

At the end of this Kiwanis year I will be retiring as New York District Sect./ Treas. I have enjoyed working with all of you over the years I have been in this position. This is our last month, let's make it a good one.



# Kiwanis Int'l Fdn Recognizes Robert P. Connelly Heroes

Indianapolis, Indiana – Robert P. Connelly, 34, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Lisle, Illinois, lost his life September 23, 1966, in an attempt to rescue a disabled woman who had fallen in the path of an on-rushing passenger train. Both were killed.

The first Robert P. Connelly Medal of Heroism was awarded posthumously to him at the 52nd Kiwanis International Convention in Houston, Texas (1967) with this statement: "By his unselfish action he put tremendous and dramatic meaning into the phrase 'personal involvement,' which is so much a part of Kiwanis philosophy. This man was the epitome of all that Kiwanis strives to be."

The Kiwanis International Board of Trustees established the Robert P. Connelly Medal to honor Kiwanians or non-Kiwanians who had no official responsibility in a rescue effort yet risked physical harm or death by attempting to save the life of another.

The following recipients were recommended by the Grants and Connelly Committee and approved by the Kiwanis International Foundation Board of Trustees at the June 2004 Board meeting to receive the Robert P. Connelly Medal for Heroism:

**Justin Gregorich**, nominated by the Kiwanis Club of Countryside-Clearwater, Florida. Gregorich, a 14-year-old high school student, saw an automobile careen off the road and into a retention pond. He and another gentleman pulled the driver, trapped in the submerging vehicle, to safety.

**Yusuke Hara**, nominated posthumously by the Kiwanis Club of Tokyo, Japan. Hara, a 13-year-old junior high school student, drowned attempting to save a classmate from death.

**Dan Johnson**, nominated by the Kiwanis Club of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. Johnson worked feverishly for six hours at the site of a horrific crash that took the lives of six and injured 17. Johnson warned oncoming cars and trucks and helped people trapped inside their vehicles in the 44-vehicle interstate pileup.

**Mark Johnson**, nominated by the Kiwanis Club of St. Cloud Sunrise, Minnesota. Johnson helped disarm a student in a shoot-ing rampage inside a school where one student died and another was critically wounded.

John Lane Jr., nominated by the Kiwanis Club of Brunswick, Georgia. Lane rescued two people form a burning car after it was struck by an out-of-control tractor-trailer.

**Douglas Peterson**, nominated by the Kiwanis Club of St. Charles Noon, Illinois. Peterson saved the life of an elderly woman by pulling her from her vehicle after a train struck it leaving it in the path of a second train plowing toward her at 65 miles per hour.

Cedric Redus, Latoris Shepherd, and Michael Travis, nominated by the Kiwanis Club of Dearborn Heights, Michigan. Redus, Travis, and Shepherd saved a man from burning to death in a tanker explosion by racing into flames, hoisting the man on their backs, and moving him out of danger before the tanker exploded into a fireball. Lynn Rich, nominated by the Kiwanis Club of Dexter, Michigan. Rich rescued a horse show visitor who was attacked by an out-of-control stallion. Police reported the visitor and the horse's owner could have been killed if Rich had not stepped in. Eric Tiemann, nominated by the Kiwanis Club of Little Falls, Minnesota. Tiemann rescued a nine-month pregnant mother and her two young boys from a burning home. The mother dropped her children out of an upstairs window into Tiemann's arms before she maneuvered herself out of the narrow window, also to be caught by Tiemann.

**Carol Williams**, nominated by the Kiwanis Club of Canton, Ohio. Williams saved the life of an 11-year-old boy, pulled down-stream and struggling for air in a rain-swollen, swiftly raging river. Williams, unable to swim to the shore, put the boy on her back and found her way to a rock until help arrived.

**Wayne Wooten**, nominated by the Kiwanis Club of Greenville-Eastside, South Carolina. Wooten rushed toward a home after seeing flames shot up from the garage and smoke through the trees. Ignoring dispatchers' pleas, Wooten rushed inside the home to rescue a woman trapped inside.

**William Van Scoyoc**, nominated by the Kiwanis Club of East Yonkers, New York. Van Scoyoc ensured the safe evacuation of 276 employees from the 61st floor of the south tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

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# November 6th Sixth Annual NYD Kiwanis Charity Football Game

at Ralph Wilson Stadium Orchard Park, NY

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of WEST SENECA Niagara Frontier West

To benefit Kiwanis Camps in Taberg and Angola, NY

10:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Pre-Game Party and Buffet Luncheon
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Approximate time of Raffle
1:05 p.m
Bills vs. Jets Kickoff!
4:00 p.m ???
Post-Game Victory Party
with Subs and Liquid Refreshment

#### **Business Sponsorship**

Platinum
Gold\$500.00
Silver
Bronze

### Individual Sponsorship

**Kiwanis Int'l Foundation Board Approves Grants** 

The Kiwanis International Foundation Board meets officially three times per year at which time they review, recommend, and approve grant requests from throughout the world. Applications are accepted from Kiwanis International and Kiwanis-family sponsored programs, Kiwanis clubs, local club foundations, Kiwanis districts, & district foundations.

Because funds are limited and needs are great, priority is given to programs that are Kiwanis-family related, national or international in scope, serve young children, and are consistent with Kiwanis Int'l objectives. Funding for these grants are made possible from the generous contributions to the Foundation's Annual Club Gift Campaign and Kiwanis Children's Fund, among other donations.

The Board of Trustees approved the following financial grants in June 2004 for the 2003-04 adm. year: AYUSA International, Key Club Study Abroad (KCSA): To provide 10 to 25 partial scholarships to eligible Key Club members from across Key Club International districts with additional financial support to participate in a semester, summer, or academic year program abroad. From 1999 to 2004 AYUSA has awarded 56 full and partial scholarships to Key Club members.

University of the West Indies Mona Campus Circle K, Jamaica, Gordon Town All Age School Project: To prevent school closure and provide more than 1,000 students between six and 15 years of age a computer, improved learning environment, and various levels of reading material for those unable to read and those reading challenged. Kiwanis Club of Capital Hills, Salt Lake City, Utah, Kiwanis Baby Care Cupboard: To serve babies and young children through the Crossroads Urban Center, the only emergency needs pantry in Utah. The center gathers and distributes infant necessities such as diapers, formula, and baby food to lowincome families to meet basic survival needs and addresses issues affecting quality of life.

of critically ill or injured children being treated at the University of California Davis Medical Center in Sacramento. Staffed around the clock by Kiwanis volunteers, it has served more than 11,000 families from all over the world since 1984.

Kiwanis Club of Sebring, Florida, Heartland Horses and Handicapped Inc. Program: To provide individuals who are physically, emotionally, or developmentally challenged free equine interaction to improve motor skills, posture, balance, coordination, and strength. Approximately 50 families take advantage of the program.

Kiwanis Club of Stuggart, Arkansas, Kiwanis Early Learning Program and Early Learning Wing, Grand Prairie Child Development Center: To meet the early learning needs of 87 children ages six weeks to five years by providing quality learning activities to enhance their overall development and prepare them for academic success.

Kiwanis Club of Texarkana, Arkansas, Kidtopia Community Park Project: To provide the 'Kiwanis Tot Lot' part of the Kidtopia Playground that will be a picket fenced area containing scaled down playground equipment designed to give children ages six and under an area of their own.

Kiwanis Club of Escondido, California, YMCA Child Care Enrichment Program: To create an outside play area for 72 elementary students enrolled at a YMCA on-campus Child Care Enrichment Program. The program assists low-income families and single mothers in receiving quality before-and afterschool care. Kiwanis Club of Quito, Ecuador, Integral Care Service for Youngsters: To improve the integral health of urban teenagers, their families, and parents through an ambulatory service of integral health attention to youth. The Foundation financially supports the programs of Kiwanis International and its sponsored programs. It enables individual Kiwanians, Kiwanis clubs, and the general public to support national and international programs and organizations through disaster relief, grants, and scholarships.

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EMPIRE STATE KIWANIAN September / October 2004 Kiwanis Club of Kiwanis Family House, Sacramento, California: To fully equip one bedroom of the Kiwanis Family House that provides shelter and respite for the families