

Kiwanis Club of Staten Island Celebrates 80 Years of Dedicated Community Service

The Kiwanis Club of **STATEN ISLAND**, Metropolitan Division – On Thursday, June 10th, celebrated their 80th Anniversary at the Staten Island Hotel Ballroom. Kiwanians from many different clubs came out to celebrate and show support for Kiwanis. Among them were, New York District Governor Peter Mancuso and First Lady Karen.

Two members of the Staten Island Club, Metropolitan Lt. Governor Designate Fran Hogan and Club Treasurer Ed Sheil, were awarded Diamond Kaiser Awards for their outstanding service to the community and to Kiwanis.

To make the night extra special, two new members were inducted into the club. Rebecca Ortiz, the Coordinator for the Staten Island Cares/AIDS Network, and Adam Brenner, a financial adviser and Vice President with the firm of Quick and Reilly, were brought in as members of the club. Both new members were inducted by Gov. Peter in a special ceremony.



Kaiser Chairman Steve Saletto (left) and Foundation President Lindy Marrazzo (right) present Lt. Governor Designate Fran Hogan with Diamond Level Kaiser.

One of many interesting points of the evening was the presence of Jim and Jack Braisted, both members of the club and a family legacy since their grandfather James



Lt. Governor Mike Assenza and PLG Theresa Manley enjoy the festivities.

Sr. was a founding member of the club in 1924. The Braisted family has served in the club continuously since the club was formed.



PLG George Dorry congratulates Lt. Gov. Designate Fran Hogan on her honor.

The night culminated in a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday to Diamond Kaiser recipient Ed Sheil who is celebrating his 80th birthday this year also.

Elmira Celebrates 85th Anniversary and Vows To Continue Service

The Kiwanis Club of **ELMIRA**, Chemung Division – celebrated its 85th anniversary with a dinner meeting featuring New York District Governor Peter J. Mancuso.

The meeting was hosted by Chemung Division Lieutenant Governor Kathy Peris and Elmira President Alison Mandel. Also in attendance were: Distinguished Past Governor Patrick J. Cooney, from the Canandaigua Club in the Finger Lakes Division and Past Governor and Candidate for KI Trustee Thomas E. DeJulio, from the Fordham Club in

Elmira Downtown Development Operation Green Streets. • Kiwanis high school athletes of the month, coaches and athletes of the year, and softball and baseball players of the year awards. • The Senior Citizen Dinner Dance, as a sponsor and participant. • Salvation Army bell ringing, Arctic League packing and the Christmas Basket project.

“Our activities are designed to impact a wide section of our community,” President Mandel said in a news release. “We’ve been involved in many projects for many years, but



Elmira Kiwanis Club President Alison Mandel, left, is shown with New York District Governor Peter J. Mancuso and First Lady Karen, at the Elmira club's 85th Anniversary Dinner meeting.

the Bronx Westchester South Division and Past Governor Robert Calabrese, Penfield Perinton Club in the Finger Lakes Division.

The Elmira club was chartered by Kiwanis International on May 10, 1919, and was the 12th club formed in the state.

It has 125 members and is among the 100 largest clubs in Kiwanis International. The club meets for lunch at noon each Thursday at the Holiday Inn-Riverview.

The club has participated in more than a dozen community service projects this year, including: • The Terrific Kids programs at Diven and Beecher elementary schools. •

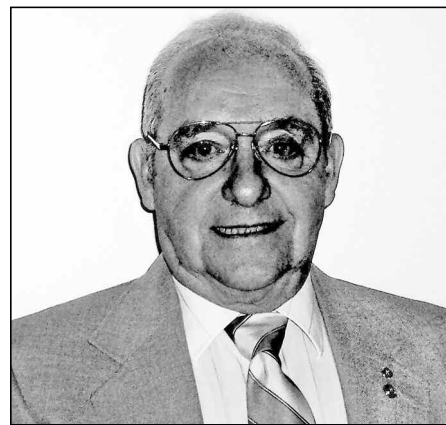
we’re not afraid of accepting new challenges to address new needs within the community, as evidenced by our newest project, A Day of Caring.”

In this latest endeavor, Kiwanians assisted a number of community agencies and plan to do so at least twice each year, the club said.

The Elmira Kiwanis Club also sponsors Key Clubs at Elmira Free Academy, Southside High School and Notre Dame High School, and a similar Circle K Club at Elmira College.

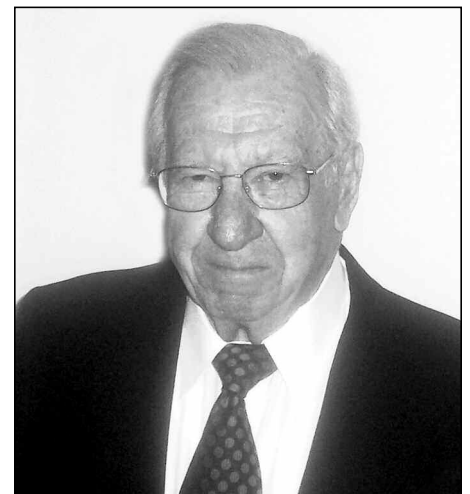
Additionally, the Elmira Kiwanis Foundation awards college scholarships to area high school students in June and has awarded more than \$100,000 in scholarships since its inception in 1972.

Rochester West Central Celebrates 25 Years and Presents Four Hixsons



Rochester West Central Hixson recipient Joseph Mangione.

The Kiwanis Club of **ROCHESTER WEST CENTRAL**, Genesee Division – PLG Ray Jobs reports that on Friday, June 16th, the Kiwanis Club of Rochester West Central celebrated its 25th Anniversary at the Ridgemont Country Club, with approximately 155 Kiwanians and guests in attendance. Two of the original sponsors, then Past Governor Gerald Christiano and PLG Pat Bonacci were present, as they were 25 years ago, when Rochester West Central Kiwanis was installed into Kiwanis.



Rochester West Central Hixson recipient Henry Opipari.

Along with this 25th Anniversary, Rochester West Central proudly presented four George W. Hixson awards to some special hard working Kiwanians. George W. Hixson awards were presented to Kiwanians Henry Opipari, PP James Gligora, PP Vince Lang and Kiwanian Joseph Mangione. Rochester West Central can not say enough to thank these fellow Kiwanians.



Rochester West Central Hixson recipient PP Vince Lang.



Rochester West Central Hixson recipient PP James Gligora.

KI Foundation Helps Hurricane Victims

Your International Foundation has received numerous messages of concern for the well being of those distressed by the recent Florida hurricanes. It has been determined, therefore, that the Kiwanis International Foundation Disaster Relief Fund will be utilized to aid children affected by these devastating hurricanes.

The Foundation, working through the Florida District and clubs within the affected areas, ensures that contributions will be directed to children with the most immediate and critical needs. Contributions are being accepted.

Please send your support to the Kiwanis International Foundation Disaster Relief Fund, 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA 46268.

Our thoughts are with the countless individuals suffering because of this disaster. Please join us in serving children who are truly the most innocent victims of severe tragedies.