



## New Member Orientation

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We come to the end of another "great Kiwanis year." Many of your clubs have taken advantage of the many different programs available to you including our New Member Orientation. Those of you and your clubs should have appreciated the value of those assets when you took the time to research them and employ them in your clubs.

The problem is the same clubs take advantage and are successful and maintain memberships annually.

Clubs that complain and Presidents who cannot keep membership are usually those clubs that rarely take advantage of the many professional programs available to you.

New officers (coming on board October 1st) should at a minimum arrange to attend the COT training within your divisions. Almost all of the support mechanisms are displayed and discussed in detail. You will be able to leave that training with a running start on a truly successful year as your club's leader.

Unfortunately, not as many clubs and divisions sought to call me as New Member Orientation Chair. Everyone of Governor Peter's group of chairpersons and advisors agreed last October to give 100% to any club or officer who sought help. Too many of the leaders do not take the opportunity to use every vehicle given to you. No one knows the answer for that phenomenon.

I would like to advise all new leaders to take the initiative to use those tools sitting there for your use. Kiwanis International, the New York District and your divisions are all there for the asking.

Remember, you only have a few weeks to review your club membership and assure your Lt. Governor and Governor Peter that your club will have a plus in membership before the year ends.

Good luck to the new officers and thanks to Governor Peter for his great leadership.

## Rosell Dad Joins Hornell



Kiwanis Club of **HORNELL**, Chemung Division – President Tim Rosell swears in his father, Bob Rosell, with the help of Chuck Robertson, Induction Officer and Past President. Mr. Rosell was inducted at the Hornell meeting on July 20, 2004.

## Brooklyn Supports Special Olympics



*Year after year, rain or shine, hot or cold, the Brooklyn Division members are out at Poly Prep Schhol hosting the Special Olympics. Kiwanians donate, cook and serve coffee, hot dogs, ice cream and drinks to the Special Olympiads. One of their favorite jobs, besides presenting medals, is being cheerleaders and huggers at the end of the event.*

## Ticonderoga Honors Steve Boyce

The Kiwanis Club of **TICONDEROGA**, Adirondack Division –held a dinner to honor Stephen Boyce, Ticonderoga teacher and Advisor of the Key Club. In 1972, while a newly hired teacher, Steve agreed to act as an Advisor to the Ticonderoga High School Key Club. He remained with the Ticonderoga School District where he remained as a teacher and an Advisor to the Key Club until his retirement in June, 2004.

## Pat Farenga Designated One of the Points of Light



PLG Pat Farenga

**BRONX WESTCHESTER SOUTH DIVISION** – Congratulations to Pat Farenga, the senior PLG of the Bronx-Westchester South Division, who has been designated by Former President George Bush as one of the Points of Light for the month of June.

The distinguished service that occasioned this award occurred when Italy suffered a catastrophic earthquake in 1981. In response, Pat spearheaded a clothing and food drive for the victims, for which service he has also received the Congressional Medal of Merit and a New York State citation.

We are all very proud of this and all Pat's accomplishments, and wish him many more years of dedicated Kiwanis service. Visit the Points of Light Foundation Web Site and read the award: <http://www.pointsoflight.org/awards/dpol/winner.cfm?AwardNum=2703>

What started out as a one-year term commitment lasted for 33 years of service to the school, community and Kiwanis. During the years that Steve was Key Club Advisor, he mentored many Key Club meetings, and he and his wife, Sylvia attended many Key Club conventions and District meetings throughout NY state.

Howard Rathbun, who was a Kiwanian at the time that the Key Club was being established in 1972, introduced Steve and praised him for his dedication to the youth of Ticonderoga and for the example he set of service to others and for his mentoring skills. Past Key Club members, Chuck Gijanto, a Kiwanian from Plattsburgh, Jim O'Bryan, Andrea McDonald and Meghan Nadeau, all of Ticonderoga, gave short reminiscences of their times in the Key Club under Steve's tutelage.

Beginning in the fall of 2004, Dave Millard, a Ticonderoga High School math teacher, will take over the duties of Advisor to the Key Club. Steve Boyce will be available to assist Dave for the next year.

Steve received the thanks of the Kiwanis Club, along with a plaque and golf related gifts thanking him for his 33 years of dedication to the youth of Ticonderoga. He was also given membership in the Kiwanis Club of Ticonderoga for the 2004-05 year.

## Peteler Becomes Schenectady Newest Hixson Fellow

The Kiwanis Club of **SCHENECTADY**, Mohawk Division – recently celebrated its 85th Anniversary. The event was a celebration of service to the community while honoring the George E. Hixson and Legion of Honor Award recipients.

Roland Peteler, the latest recipient, joined the Kiwanis Club of Schenectady on February 4, 1987. He has been active with many club committees, working on projects that support youth programs such as "Bowl for Kids Sake." He became president of the club in 1995, and was the recipient of the Hixson award on June 4, 1996. He has served on the Board of Directors and Foundation Board, and for many years participated in accounting for regular weekly meeting attendance as well as collecting for lunch receipts. He has been exemplary in leading the club meetings in song and the Pledge of Allegiance. He has unselfishly given his time to mentor the Schenectady High School Key Club on a weekly basis for many years. Truly his dedication and commitment to Kiwanis has been exemplary.

## Here Come the Brides



Distinguished Immediate Past New Cassel Kiwanis Club Secretary Corliss Hawthorne recently wed Mr. Donald Crosswell on July 5th. A superlative club secretary during 2002/2003, Ms. Hawthorne now, Mrs. Crosswell, made a gorgeous bride, while Mr. Crosswell is certainly a very fortunate fellow to have her as part of his life.

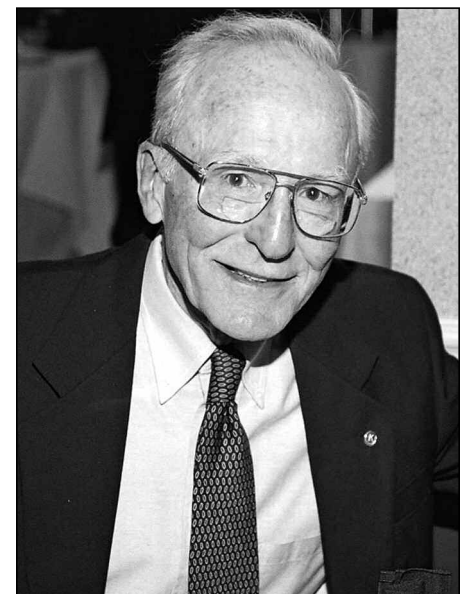
*Above: Corliss is being escorted down the aisle by her justly proud father.*



*New York District Aktion Club Administrator Diane Taranto weds Mike Horan on July 24th in Staten Island.*



*Past President of the New York City Young Professionals Laura Rienti was married to Kevin Bisceglia, August 14 at St. Frances de Chantal Church in Wantagh.*



Roland O. Peteler

Without any hesitation, Roland Peteler is distinguished and deserving of the honor of a Hixson contribution to the International Foundation because of his commitment to the club's activities and programs.