



Secretary/Treasurer

Joseph Eppolito

Thanks to the District Kiwanians, we had another successful NY District Convention with nearly 500 in attendance in Binghamton. Convention Chair Peter Papastrat, LG Jim Whittaker and the Susquehanna Division Convention Committee are to be commended for all of their hard work. Ass't Secretary Gerald Payanoff did a great job doing the Convention Ad Program in-house with our new HP Laser Jet Printer and Konica Copier. He is such a great asset to the District. Credentials also went very smoothly with a newly-designed registry books we designed in-house.

David Rothman was elected Governor for 2005-06 and Joe Corace Governor-Elect for 2005-06. They gave excellent and heart-warming acceptance speeches at the House of Delegates. International Trustee and 2005-06 New York Counselor Joel Williams gave a number of inspirational talks as did KI Ass't Executive Director Andy Carey.

Gov. Glenn and First Lady Susan were gracious throughout the weekend showing their appreciation to all for their year. Glenn's Energizers had an excellent last Board Meeting to end their year on a high note.

The delegates PASSED overwhelmingly for a \$1.00 increase effective October 1st for the ESK to \$4.50/year.

An amendment to increase dues from \$19.50 to \$24.50 narrowly FAILED with a 61% vote. Two thirds vote was necessary for approval.

Amendments to change to annual dues and drop the 12 month joining time for a former sponsored youth member to get two years of dues waived PASSED with voice votes. We now have conformed to what delegates have done with KI by-laws.

Administrative resolution PASSED to move towards amending our by-laws and articles of incorporation from a 504 non-profit organization to a 501(c)(3) charitable, non-profit corporation provided Kiwanis International gains approval from the IRS in 2006.

Thanks to Lorraine Sciarrotta, and two of her adult children Cathy & Domenic, Jr., for attending the Convention which was dedicated to the late Domenic, Sr, NYD Foundation Board member and DPLG on my Board in 99-00. He will be sorely missed by all.

At the Foundation Annual Meeting, Sal Anelli and Joe Battista were re-elected to new three year terms along with newcomer Larry Jones. Thanks to George Wells or his service to the Foundation and to the other unsuccessful candidates, Barbara Schor and Rick Fancher.

We had other great Conferences & Conventions: Tri-K & Mid-Winter at the

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Administrative Resolution and By-Law Amendments Results

As per District Secretary Joe Eppolito

AUGUST 20, 2005 – **Administrative Resolution # 1**– Endorsed by the 2004-05 New York District Board. **Purpose:** To recognize the delegates at the 2005 International Convention in Hawaii voted to pass bylaw amendments allowing Kiwanis International to begin proceedings to change from 510c(4) to 501c(3) tax classification status.

WHEREAS, recognizing the advantages of reclassification to 501c(3) tax status for Kiwanis, which would allow; • A portion of member dues to become tax-deductible • Clubs to become charitable organizations eligible to receive charitable, tax-deductible contributions from businesses, organizations, and individuals • Clubs to become eligible for nonprofit postage rates and vendor discounts on goods and services • Clubs in some states to become exempt from state sales tax • Clubs to become eligible for grants from other 501©(3) organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in the event that Kiwanis International succeeds in changing itself from a 501©(4) to a 501©(3) tax classification status, this delegate body supports in principle such amendments to the District's Articles of Incorporation, and By-Laws as would be necessary to change the District's tax classification status to 501c(3) as well. **Passed NY District House of Delegates August 20, 2005 by voice vote as presented.**

Proposed Amendment # 1– Endorsed by the 2004-05 New York District Board. Purpose: To allow former Sponsored Youth members to join Kiwanis without the twelve month restriction in order to obtain the first two (2) years of district dues waiver and to conform to a similar Kiwanis International amendment approved in Hawaii at the Kiwanis International Convention in July, 2005.

The following revision to the Standard Form of District By-Laws, Article XV, shall become effective as of October 1, 2005

Article XV

REVENUE

Section 2. The dues to be paid to the District

by any new club admitted to membership during any fiscal year shall be prorated according to the unexpired portion of the fiscal year in which said club was admitted. A Kiwanis Club shall be relieved of any obligation to pay District Dues for any club member for a period of two (2) years from the date of joining that club, provided such member was a member of a Kiwanis International Sponsored Youth program ~~with in the twelve (12) months preceding his/her application for membership.~~ The financial obligations to said member's local club and the subscription to the publication of the New York District Foundation shall remain payable. **Passed NY District House of Delegates August 20, 2005 by voice vote as presented.**

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Proposed Amendment #2 – Endorsed by the 2004-05 New York District Board. **Purpose:** To conform the New York District By-Laws to reflect the method for collecting dues from Semi-Annually to Annually based on the Club's Anniversary Date based on the Kiwanis International By-Law / Amendment approved in St. Louis, Missouri, at the International Convention in June 2004,

Article XV

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Section 1. Each member club shall pay to the District for each of its members, with the exception of its honorary members, \$19.50 per annum as dues and \$3.50 per annum as a reimbursement contribution to the District Foundation for its cost in issuing the Foundation Bulletin named Empire State Kiwanian, such amounts to include all District Charges, other than the registration fees paid by those in attendance at District convent, on, council or conferences. The total amount of \$23.00 per member shall be payable ~~in semi-annual installments of ONE HALF (1/2) thereof each due October 1st and April 1st of each year~~ annually on the club's

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	Start of Year	Net Changes	Month End	Missing Reports
ADIRONDACK				
Elizabethtown	20		20	
Ellenburg	14	1	15	
Keeseville	20	-5	15	Nov Dec Jan Feb Jul
Lake Placid	35	1	36	
Plattsburgh Breakfast	22	3	25	
Plattsburgh Noon	50	-6	44	Jul
Rouses Point-Champlain	19	3	22	Jun Jul
Saranac Lake	31	-1	30	
Ticonderoga	76	2	78	Jun Jul
Tupper Lake	15	-2	13	
Willsboro-Essex	15	1	16	Jul
Totals	317	-3	314	11
BRONX WESTCHESTER SOUTH				
Bronx Shore	30	2	32	
East Yonkers	27	1	28	Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May
Eastchester	23	Missing	23	Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul
Fordham, Bronx	36	2	38	
Hartsdale	39	-6	33	
Morris Park, Bronx	66	1	67	Oct Jan Feb Mar Apr May
Mount Vernon	41	5	46	
Mount Vernon G.K.	21	-4	17	May Jun Jul
North-East Bronx	28	Missing	28	Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul
Parkchester	20	3	23	Jun Jul
Riverdale	28		28	
Westchester Village, Bronx	20	1	21	
Yonkers	23	2	25	Oct Feb Jul
Totals	402	7	409	40



First Lady

Susan Groenewoud

As my year comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for the kind and generous support you gave to my "First Lady" project. It was my privilege to work with so many of you as we endeavored to assist and bring comfort to the many children victimized by domestic violence or abused as runaways. It was through your dedication and tireless efforts that we were successful in accomplishing this goal.

I would like to thank all the Lieutenant Governors and their clubs for hosting the Governor's visits. Your warm hospitality and boundless generosity made us feel so special and each visit a distinct pleasure.

I will carry the warmth of your friendship in my heart forever and I look forward to a continued friendship and being part what we all can accomplish as Kiwanians. Once again, thank you and God bless all of you.

All my best wishes, First Lady Susan

Chester Remembers 9-11 Heroes



Chester, NY is the site of the Chester Kiwanis 9/11 Remembrance Memorial.

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