

Bill Risbrook Elected Governor-Elect

At the 2009-10 District Convention in Binghamton, Bill Risbrook, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Cambria Heights, was elected governor-elect for the 2010-11 year.

Risbrook, a former lieutenant governor of the Queens East Division, defeated Michael Siniski of the Kiwanis Club of Sayville.

During his time as a Kiwanian, Risbrook has built three new Kiwanis Clubs and a Key Club. A member of Distinguished Past Governor Peter Mancuso's board, Risbrook was honored as a Super Distinguished Lieutenant Governor.

Bill's partner, Dr. Lavonia Francis, has been a Kiwanian for nine years; she currently is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Hempstead. She is senior director of nursing for Ambulatory Care at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City.



Above, Bill Risbrook receives the congratulations after his win. Lower left, he thanks the delegates for their support. With him is his partner, Dr. Lavonia Francis.



Kiwanians Support Project

Teen-age girls from the Owego area appealed to Kiwanians at the convention to support their efforts to send personal care items to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. Shown below at the microphone is Brianna Cart, the organizer of Angels Over Iraq and Afghanistan; behind her are some of the group's active

members.

Kiwanians attending the luncheon donated \$800 to the effort, enough for the group to send 300 gift bags to troops. More information, including how to support the project, can be found on the group's web site, www.angelsoveriraq.org.



Sexton Receives Christiano Award

Edward Sexton received the Gerald Christiano Distinguished Service Award during the opening session of the convention in Binghamton.

Sexton was honored for his service to the district and to the district foundation.

The award is presented by the Past Governor's Council to recognize a person for years of service to the district; past governors are not eligible for the award.

More information, including a list of past winners, is available on the district web site, www.kiwanis-ny.org.

The award is named for Past International President Gerald Christiano.