

**District Secretary**

**Justin Underwood**



Welcome to a new Kiwanis Year of Service. While we have all been working to assure that the business of Kiwanis continues without interruption, it is fitting that we take the time to thank "Mike's Mavericks" for all the work they have done to make sure that our clubs are working hard to make our communities better. THANK YOU, PG MIKE AND YOUR BOARD OF LT. GOVERNORS!

Additionally, we should thank Secretary Ann Sewert for all her work over 3 plus years as the District Office moved from an anchored building in Utica to one that can be mobile in both "working" and in different established locations as needed. Your District office has become close to "state of the art". You can reach the District Office 24/7 and get answers to your questions via e-mail as you need them.

Club secretaries for 2010-11 should be reviewing your club's monthly reports to assure that all of your club projects

have been properly reported and to assure that your club garners as many points as possible towards becoming a distinguished club. Yes, final reports (interclub reports, Governor's Project reports, etc.) can still be submitted through the end of October. Our District's achievement committee uses the information you submit throughout the year to make their determinations of many Annual District Awards.

The new address for the District office is as follows:

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**District Secretary/Treasurer Justin Underwood**  
**1-800-419-8898 (585-721-9185)**

Governor Bill Risbrook and his team have put together a most exciting program for this year. His Governor's Project this year involves Childhood Asthma. His Partner, and fiancé, Lavonia, has a great First Lady's Project concerning Fire Safety focused on our communities' children. You can get all the up-to-date information on each of these initiatives on our web site

([www.kiwanis-ny.org](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org)) along with all the instructions, forms and press releases to make your local club "Shine throughout the community".

As you know, the new World Wide Service Project in conjunction with UNICEF is EliMiNaTe. It's an effort to raise more than \$110 million to eliminate the devastating Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus through the vaccination of women and children in many underdeveloped countries. The cost, just a mere \$1.80 for three shots, will assure healthy children. Governor Bill is excited to lead the Great New York District in this initial effort.

Speaking of our website, please note the absolutely wonderful job that continues to be done by our Webmaster, Marty Toombs. All of the current club information should be correct and available on [www.kiwanis-ny.org](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org). Please review your club's information and if there is an error, or a change in secretaries, presidents, meeting places and times, please e-mail Marty directly and he will get it changed. All the forms and information you need to help your club grow in service and membership should be on that same website as well as on Kiwanis International's website.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact the District Office or me at ANY TIME!

**Pediatric Lyme Disease**

**DPG John Gridley**



Watch out! Lyme disease, the most wide-spread, debilitating and difficult to diagnose -- vector-borne (animal transmitted) ill-

ness in the northern hemisphere, is on the rise once again, experts say.

According to information provided by Wayne Memorial Hospital Public Relations Manager Lisa Champeau, 22 percent of those tested for Lyme in July came up positive, as opposed to just 8.5 percent of those tested in June and 3.5 percent in May.

Lyme disease, (or Lyme borreliosis) is an infectious disease caused by at least three species of bacteria belonging to the genus Borrelia. The disease is named after the town of Lyme, CT, where a number of cases were identified in 1975. Borrelia is transmitted to humans by the bite of infected ticks belonging to a few species. In our area, the deer tick is

by far the most common carrier.

Early symptoms of the disease can include fever, headache, fatigue, depression, and a distinct circulate (bullseye) rash, though this is not always present. Left untreated, later symptoms may involve the joints, heart, and central nervous system. In most cases, if the illness is treated early by antibiotics, the symptoms are eliminated. Delayed or inadequate treatment can lead to the more serious symptoms, which can be disabling and difficult to treat.

If you are aware of anyone with Lyme disease who is putting off treatment because of the expense involved, call any member of the Lyme Disease Foundation Board.

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**2011-12 Events**

**Nov. 18-20, 2011:**

Tri-K weekend, Holiday Inn, Wolf Road, Albany

**Feb. 24-26, 2012:**

Mid-Year Conference, Holiday Inn, Wolf Road, Albany

**May 3-5, 2012:**

Kamp Kiwanis Work Days, Open House

**June 28-July 1, 2012:**

International Convention, New Orleans

**Aug. 15-19, 2012:**

District Convention, Niagara Falls