

## Membership Initiatives

DPG Joseph Eppolito



Well, another new year has started but the challenge remains: we need to grow our membership so we have more people to do more service to help children locally, division and district-wide and internationally. It is EVERYBODY's responsibility. We all need to be one of Al's All-Stars.

Congratulations to Immediate Past Gov. Bill Risbrook and his Boosters for building four new clubs in 2011-12. PG Bill kept his promise by helping build two new clubs: St Albans, Bay-side, Farmingdale, and the e-Kiwanis Club of Long Island North. Please reach out and welcome them to the NY District!

In the last three administrative years, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12, we

have built 12 new clubs which far exceeds the nine built over the previous 5 years from 2004-2009. New Club Building is making a turn for the better! We need to continue the momentum! Our dream goal is to build one new club in each of our new zones.

We will continue the zone set-up for both Membership and New Club Building for 2012-13 that I set-up with Past Gov. Bill Risbrook. Gov Al Norato helped add a wrinkle to it: every chair in Zone Membership also is in charge of a District-Wide Chairmanship as well. Please look at the team, invite them to speak to your club and especially your division. They are all experienced, enthusiastic and willing to help you in any way possible.

Be sure to go to the district web page as all the revised programs will be available to you sometime in October: Distinguished Kiwanian, Interclub Contest (winners in each Zone will get NYD Convention free registrations), Project 39, Legion of Merit, Charter II, Membership Contest, and more surprises!

We look forward to helping all clubs have a successful year.

## Key Leader

Mary Jean Sprague



Initially we were trying to host a Key Leader Program in Long Island for November. Unfortunately we were unable to secure a camp that had all the necessary facilities.

We need a camp that has climate controllable cabins, a rope course for team-building exercises, a dining area with kitchen, a meeting area large enough for 80-100 people with work space, and last but not least it should be affordable.

Then we will need approximately 10 volunteer men and women to be chaperones. I have two dynamic individuals willing to be site coordinators and they are anxious to get us going. We are now setting our sights on a mid-winter timeframe, perhaps January/February.

Now for the important part - from the Long Island area and its surrounding divisions I will need a guarantee of 60-plus students to attend. What this means is that right now you need to work Key Leader into your budget, commit to sponsoring at least two or more area high school students and contact

your lieutenant governors with that information. If you don't have a local high school student to attend we still need your sponsorship for students who can attend but have no Kiwanis Club to support them. I will need the Long Island and surrounding divisions' lieutenant governors to let me know what commitments are being made and which clubs are working with us to achieve our goal of hosting a Key Leader program in their area.

Key Leader is a dynamic leadership experience for high school students 14-18 years of age offering emerging leaders a taste of what service leadership is all about. Our goal is for Kiwanis to be the premier provider of programs that develop competent, knowledgeable and ethical youth and adult leaders.

We focus on five key principals: Personal Integrity - doing the right thing, Personal Growth - developing in mind, body and spirit, Respect - Showing consideration for self, others and property, Building Community - Developing relationships to achieve positive goals, Pursuit of Excellence - Expecting and achieving the best.

Here are some reasons why students think it's amazing: friends that will last a lifetime, it teaches how to interact with society, an experience with amazing energy and hands-on activities, a sense of community and building life-long skills.

For more information on Key Leader, please contact me at askmj@hvc.rr.com or visit the website at [www.KeyLeader.org](http://www.KeyLeader.org) Watch for an event coming your way.

## Membership Leaders

### Membership Growth

Zone 1	Wendy Wilcox
Zone 2	Miriam Melegrito
Zone 3	Kristen Reed
Zone 4	Robert Loveridge
Zone 5	Raymond L. Sculky
Zone 6	Mario DeGiorgio
Zone 7	Herman Ovadia
Zone 8	Rev. Rosita George-Williams
Zone 9	Greg Menegio

### New Club Building

Zone 1	James McGrath Susan Ganey
Zone 2	Peter J. Pellittieri
Zone 3	Joseph Eppolito
Zone 4	Richard Thompson
Zone 5	Al Teetsel
Zone 6	TBA
Zone 7	Joseph Aiello
Zones 8, 9	TBA

### Other Committees

Charter II	Robert Loveridge
Distinguished Kiwanian	Rev. Rosita George-Williams
Diversity	Miriam Melegrito
Interclubs	Raymond Sculky
Legon of Honor/Legion of Merit	Mario DeGiorgio
Membership Retention	Wendy Wilcox
Member Orientation	Greg Menegio
Revitalization	Herman Ovadia
Think 39	Kristen Reed

**For contact information, see the District web site, [www.kiwanis-ny.org](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org)**

The first weekend in May, May 3-5, there will be a Key Leader Program at Camp Stella Maris, in Livonia, near Rochester.

We ask that you start having students register in late February so we can prepare for camp. Enrollment is limited to 80 students, in order to secure this program we will need to reach 60 students to hold the program. We did a great job last May and we are counting on your continued support.

Registration is via [www.keyleader.org](http://www.keyleader.org) and the costs are as follows: \$200 per student, \$175 per Key Club member, \$115 per student facilitator (student facilitators will have to fill out extra paperwork and are usually returning students).

Refreshment donations are always appreciated as well.