

**District Secretary**

**Ann Sewert**



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 "Al's All-Stars" for all the work they have done to make sure that our clubs are working hard to make our communities better. THANK YOU, PG AL AND YOUR BOARD OF LT. GOVERNORS!

Additionally, we should thank Secretary Dave Booker for all his work over the past year.

Secretaries for 2013-14 should be review 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 (inter-club 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.

Governor Joe Aiello and his team have put together a most exciting program for this year. His Governor's Project this year asks us all to "Open Your Heart to Autism."

Additionally, he wants us to add 1,000 new members and build new clubs while continuing to prepare for future disasters. You can get all the up-to-date information on each of these initiatives on our web site (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. An effort to raise over \$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

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\$1.80 for 3 shots, will assure healthy children. Governor Joe 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 on avail-

able on 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 at ANY TIME! ... Ann Sewert, NY District Secretary or Justin Underwood, Assistant Secretary.

## Conklin Club Honors Students Entering Military

The Conklin Kiwanis Club sponsored a special ceremony to honor 54 graduates from the 15 schools that make up the Broome/Tioga BOCES School Districts who entered the military upon graduation.

The "First to Say Thank You," event took place June 12 at Susquehanna Valley High School in Conklin and was at-

tended by more than 300 people.

In 2012, the club presented financial awards to five graduating Susquehanna Valley High School seniors who were going into the military. Shortly thereafter one of their members brought in a newspaper article about "Our Community Salutes (OCS)," a national organization that recognizes high school seniors and their parents who plan to enlist in the armed services.

That newspaper article struck a spark in the Kiwanis Club. This year's event grew from one high school to all 15 in the BOCES district.

Speakers at the Conklin ceremony included Gerardo Tagliaferri, superintendent of the Susquehanna Valley School

District; Eugene Clark, national executive director, Our Community Salutes; and Keynote Speaker, Fred B. Baker II, veteran chief warrant officer, US Army. The program also featured the Susquehanna Valley Music Department, and the Color Guard from the John W. Thurston Marine Corps League, Detachment 250 of Binghamton. The invocation was by Chaplain (Major) Douglas Brock and a presentation made to the recruits by Broome County Executive Debra A. Preston. Brandi Bailey of WBNG TV News was the hostess for the evening.

Members of the Penn-Dixie Band played in the parking lot to welcome the honorees and their guests.

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## 2013-14 Events

**Nov. 15-17, 2013:**

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

**Feb. 21-23, 2014:**

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

**July 17-20, 2014:**

International Convention, Toyko-Chiba, Japan

**Aug. 13-17, 2014:**

District Convention, Desmond Hotel, Albany