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New York District Kiwanis Foundation

New Geneva Club Chartered

On Oct. 10 the new Kiwanis Club of Geneva received its charter in an event at Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

Organized in July, the club has already conducted several projects. It fills a gap in Kiwanis service which occurred several years ago when an existing Geneva club folded.

Also chartered at the event was a Builders Club at Geneva Middle School. The Builders Club had functioned under another name for several years for lack of a Kiwanis sponsor, but returned to the Kiwanis program with the formation of the new club.

Several people were honored for their role establishing the new club, including Jacobus and his wife, Bonnie; Past Canandaigua Club President Marianne Gallagher; Linda Roby of the Farmington-Victor Club; District New Club Building Chair Distinguished Past Gov. Joe Eppolito, and Finger Lakes Lt. Gov. Philip Alamond.

Members of both new clubs along with many supporters and guests attended the charter event.

Tricia White, who received care at the Golisano Children's Hospital in Rochester spoke. The hospital benefited from one of the new club's projects.

Also speaking was Ontario County Sheriff Philip Povero.



Above, the new club's president, Don Cass, receiving the charter from Gov. Eric G. Paul and Past Finger Lakes Division Lt. Gov. Dave Jacobus. At left, Bernadeta Kairys, the Builders Club Faculty Advisor, receiving the club's charter from District Builders Club Administrator Joanne Underwood.

Governor

Eric G. Paul



It is an honor to become the Governor of this great Kiwanis District. I never thought when I joined Key Club 40-plus years ago that I would join the ranks of great Kiwanians like Jack Tetamore and Eliot Spiro (who were the first Governors I met) and serve as governor.

This year, our Governor's Project will be a re-dedication to our Sponsored Programs. Essentially, I want

our Kiwanis Clubs and members to re-examine their sponsorship and commitment to our K-Kids, Builders Clubs, Key Clubs, Circle K Clubs and Aktion Clubs and become full service partners with them. We must insure they are properly trained in the details of our organizations. We must support their activities and projects, as they become partners in ours. We must assist them to attend Kiwanis sponsored events, conventions and training opportunities to help make the best of their experience as a Kiwanis family member.

If your club does not sponsor a program, why not? We will make opportunities for sponsorship easier by working with the Kiwanians who support these programs to encourage the opening of new clubs. We will encour-

age our SLP's to work with multiple Kiwanis Clubs in their area.

We have said for many years that these programs are the "best thing we do" and "what distinguishes us from the other community service clubs". It is time to re-establish our commitment in time and funds, to make them the best they can be.

This year, we will strive to EDUCATE our members and make them better Kiwanians.

We will RE-DEDICATE ourselves to our SPONSORED PROGRAMS.

We will work to complete our commitment to the ELIMINATE Program.

And we will CELEBRATE the 100th Anniversary of Kiwanis through events and activities.

I hope you will join me in these efforts!

**Past
Governor**

**Joseph
Aiello**



Kiwanis Family,

I would like to thank the NY District for exceeding its goal of 1,000 members to 1,056 new members. It was the whole District that believed and entrusted your Governor to lead this great family of Kiwanians. It has been a great year - I cherished each visit, project, and

event. Cookie and myself made so many great new friends. When I say that we are a family, I mean every word of it.

2013-14 has been a fantastic year because of you! Together, we accomplished so much to be proud of. But, we cannot stop here. We need to continue to grow, and I want to educate our new members, and motivate them to become our future leaders. I want to thank all of the district chairs, lieutenant governors, presidents, secretaries and all the members. It's all of you that built so many more bridges for the future for our children. Kiwanis is in my heart and my heart will always be in Kiwanis.

Now it's time to say THANK YOU for a great year.

As of Oct. 1 I am the chair for the Formula. We will be having a conference call at least once a month to discuss strategies on growth, club building and retention. I hope you will be as motivated as I am on this new assignment. PDG Joe Eppolito and I will be working together to make our District stronger than ever.

To all 25 new lieutenant governors and to our new Gov. Eric Paul, I wish you all much success in 2014-15 year. We need to continue to work hard for the children, sponsored youth and for those who are need. I know all of you and feel extremely confident that you are motivated and have the energy to take our NY District to the top.

The Formula: New Clubs, New Members

Governor Eric Paul has appointed Immediate Past Gov. Joe Aiello as THE FORMULA Chair for 2014-15 and Distinguished Past Governor Joe Eppolito as the New Club Building Chair. He wanted to keep the winning team of the "two Joes" moving forward for the district. (The third Joe, JP DiTroia, who was outstanding as 2013-14 Membership Growth Chair, is serving as lieutenant governor in Queens West for 2014-15.)

THE FORMULA Program was created by Kiwanis International as a five-year program to grow Kiwanis in a significant and measurable way. We are starting the second year of the campaign.

The district is divided into nine zones, each with a Zone New Club Building Chair. Each of our 27 divisions has a Division New Club Building Chair along with two New Club Building Counselors. The Club Counselors will work with the new clubs once they are char-

tered. Both the NCBers and can help advise struggling clubs rebuild their clubs as well. They have all received training from Kiwanis International. Many are past lieutenant governors with good experience in membership and leadership. The 2014-15 lieutenant governors also received training on THE FORMULA as well.

This is a critical time in Kiwanis for all of us. We MUST make a concerted effort to grow our clubs, divisions, district and our international organization

so we can maximize our service to children all over the world.

Your lieutenant governors have THE FORMULA list of New Club Builders and Club Counselors. They will be available on the district web site as well.

Let's get building and rebuilding the GREAT New York District of Kiwanis International! The children of the world need us!

THE FORMULA is simple: Love It, Share It, Live It!

International President at Buffalo Event

Kiwanis International President Dr. John Button will attend the Niagara Frontier South Governor's Visit on Saturday, Nov. 22, in Buffalo. Kiwanians from around the district are invited and urged to attend.

The event will be from 5 to 10 p.m. at the Buffalo Adams Mark Hotel, 120 Church St., Buffalo.

Button of Ridgetown, Ontario, was elected vice president of Kiwanis International in June 2012 at the 97th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. A second-generation Kiwanian, Button is a former Key Club and Circle K member, and a Kiwanian since 1978.

Dinner registration ends Nov. 12. Rooms at the Adams Mark Hotel for those who wish to stay overnight are available on a first-come basis.

To register online, see information on the district web site, www.kiwanis-ny.org. For further information, contact Niagara Frontier South Lt. Gov. Chuck Eckert, chuckeckert@yahoo.com or (716)759-1111.

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2014-15 Events

Nov. 14-17, 2014:

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

Feb. 19-22, 2015:

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

April 23-25, 2015:

Kiwanis Centennial Tour, New York City

May 16, 2015:

Kamp Kiwanis Open House

June 25-28, 2015:

International Convention, Indianapolis

Aug. 12-16, 2014:

District Convention, Desmond Hotel, Albany



2014-15 District Board

The 2014-15 District Board, joined by International President Gunter Gasser, at the District Convention in Albany.

**District
Secretary/
Treasurer
Justin
Underwood**



Welcome to yet another NEW Kiwanis year of service. Gov. Joe Aiello and his team of "Joe's Jaguars", especially Membership Chair J.P. DiTroia, are to be applauded for growing the NY District Kiwanis with 1,056 new members. This is fantastic and everyone should be rejoicing, because this means more hands to help our communities!

Additionally, we should thank Secre-

tary Ann Sewert for all her work, her special studies on the district budget and for her bringing us a smooth Mid-Year Conference and District Convention.

Secretaries for 2013-14 should be sure to review your club's monthly reports to assure that all of your club projects have been properly reported to assure that your club garners as many accolades as possible. 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 its determinations of many annual district awards. So please take this time to make sure your project detail is reflected in your reports.

The new address for the District office is as follows:

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Gov. Eric Paul and his team have put together an exciting program. His Governor's Project involves your club's work with Service Leadership Programs: K-Kids Clubs, Builders Clubs, Key Clubs, Circle K Clubs, Aktion Clubs, Key Leader, The Bring Up Grades (BUG) program and The Terrific Kids program. You can get all the up-to-date information on each of these initiatives on our web site (www.kiwanis-ny.org).

As you know, the new World Wide Service Project in conjunction with UNICEF is ELiMiNaTe. Worldwide we are well over \$53 million towards our goal of 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.

This is the last year for us to reach our District's goal and Gov. Eric is excited to lead the Great New York District on our final leg to meet that goal.

If you have any questions at all, please contact the District Office or me at ANY TIME!

2014-15 Dues Billing Changes

Action at the Kiwanis International Convention and the New York District Convention have caused some changes in the amounts clubs will be billed for the 2014-15 year.

What has not changed is that your club can charge member dues at whatever level you deem necessary to meet the obligations your club has with International and the District and allow you to meet the needs of your membership.

Dues and fees paid by the Kiwanis Clubs are as follows:

- International Dues: \$42
- Subscription to Kiwanis Magazine: \$8
- Insurance: \$16 (Includes \$4 Directors and Officers Insurance and \$12 for liability insurance)

• District Dues: \$24
Total Club obligation per member is \$90

NEW MEMBER ADD FEES (these are NOT dues):

International New Member Add Fee: \$50

District New Member Add Fee: \$15
Total New Member Add Fee is \$65

Please know that the new member add fees are an administrative fee, not dues. (You might liken our new member add fees to the "Initiation" fees of many other organizations).

The new member add fees provide new members with INSURANCE, a subscription of the KIWANIS MAGAZINE and a subscription to the ESK plus full services of the District and International Offices.

Convention Delegates Elect Paul, Irvine



Above, left, Forbes Irvine (in gray suit) acknowledges the applause following his election as Governor-Elect for 2014-15. From left the individuals are Jim Mancuso, Helene Irvine, Forbes Irvine and Past International First Lady Dr. Rosemary DeJulio. Above, Eric Paul thanks the delegates following his election as 2014-15 governor. At left, Niagara Frontier North 2014-15 Lt. Gov. Diane Hoffman, left, and First Lady Carole "Cookie" Aiello sort items for the First Lady's Treats for Troops project.

The convention had an unusual number of International Presidents in attendance. Pictured are, from left, front row, Past International President Dave Curry of the Montana District; International President Gunter Gasser, and Past International President Tony Kaiser; back row, Past International President Thomas DeJulio, Gov. Joseph Aiello and Past International President Jerry Christiano.





At the installation ceremony Sunday morning, Gov.-Designate Eric G. Paul (left) applauds as Helene Irvine pins her husband, Gov.-Elect-Designate Forbes Irvine. Also pictured are International President Gunter Gasser and Gov. Joe Aiello.

District Convention Voting, Activities

Christiano Award

The Gerald P. Christiano Distinguished Service Award was awarded to Don Bach, a member of the Kiwanis Club of East Aurora.

A Kiwanian for 27 years, Bach was honored by a career in Kiwanis that included a special interest in promoting Aktion Clubs and other programs which support developmentally disabled adults. In 2002 his President's Project was to form an Aktion Club, which became the first in the district outside New York City. He has since assisted with establishing 12 Aktion Clubs.

He also started the James Lilley Aktion Club Baseball League, which has 75 participants, and in 2012 started an annual Aktion Club Regional Conference.

The Christiano award is presented by the district's Past Governors' Council and honors service to Kiwanis and to the community. Past governors are not eligible for the award.

By-Law Amendments

Two by-law amendments were voted on and approved by the delegates.

The first changed the way dues are paid to the district. Previously cubs paid \$19.50 per year per member as district dues and \$4.50 per member to the District Foundation to support publication of the Empire State Kiwanian. Begin-

ning in 2014-15, a single dues fee of \$24 will replace the former charges. The amendment also authorizes the District Board to charge a new member fee.

The second approved amendment changed the by-laws regarding the Empire State Kiwanian so that the District, not the Foundation, is responsible for its publication.

Resolutions

The delegates unanimously approved five resolutions:

- Honoring the Convention Honorees.
- Thanking the Convention Committee for its efforts.
- Thanking International President Gunter Gasser and First Lady Christiana Gasser for their participation in the convention.
- Noting that the Gerald P. Christiano Award had been awarded to Don Bach, a member of the Kiwanis Club of East Aurora.
- Supporting the candidacy for the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees of Past Distinguished Gov. Peter Mancuso at the 2016 Kiwanis International Convention in Toronto.

Foundation Election

During the annual meeting of the District Foundation, three people were elected to the Foundation Board.

Sal Anelli and Joe Battista, the board's president and vice president, respectively, were re-elected. Elected for the first time was Kim Scharoff of the Merrick Club. Scharoff had previously served as an appointed member of the board.

Kiwanis Oscars

The winners of the Kiwanis Oscars were announced at the District Convention. Promoted by Public Relations and Marketing Chair Jim Mancuso, the Oscars were designed to encourage clubs to make use of video and audio recordings to publicize their efforts.

The winners were:

- Maspeth for Best Community Service Message
 - Oceanside for Best Membership Growth Message
 - The five Long Island Divisions (LI North, LISC, LISW, Suffolk East and West) for Best Kiwanis Story
- Honorable Mention went to:

- Batavia
- Penfield-Perinton

You can view the videos and listen to the radio spots which were entered by using the links on the district web site at <http://www.kiwanis-ny.org/1314/os-cars.htm>.

**Governor-
Elect**

**Forbes
Irvine**



Welcome to a New Kiwanis year, the perfect time to reflect on our past year.

First and foremost Helene and I would like to thank each and every Kiwanian for your support at District Convention. We pledge to work tirelessly for you, your club, your division and this great district over the next three years.

I would like to thank Immediate Past Gov. Joe Aiello and First Lady Carole (Cookie) for their dedication and relentless enthusiasm in bringing in 1,059 new members. THAT IS OUTSTANDING. It is now incumbent on all of us to engage and keep them; a busy Kiwanian is a happy Kiwanian. There is no better way than to do projects that directly impact the community YOU serve - no one knows your club and your com-

munity better than you.

2014-15 promises to be an exciting year. Kiwanis will be celebrating 100 years of service. There will be many parties and celebrations. Please take the time to enjoy them while keeping in mind that Kiwanis is at its finest when we do heartwarming projects cut from at-times heart-wrenching situations. It's often not pretty but it's what we do and why we are KIWANIANs. I call it KIWANERGY it's the ability to help - that child - that senior - that veteran - your neighbor - your friend - your friend's friend. Get involved, get your club involved, get your division involved.

Many of us sent a child to Kamp. Now would be a great time to follow up on that child. Do they need a warm coat - a pair of jeans-winter boots. Do they have a safe place to Trick or Treat, do they have a costume? Are Kiwanians or Key Clubbers available to take them?

Thanksgiving is coming. Can your club provide a meal or basket a place at a table?

At your meeting please consider a collection for Pediatric Lyme Disease. These

kids are ill and can't afford treatment.

The Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center provides trauma kits to hospitals and first responders. A collection for any of these goes along way to helping and/or saving CHILDREN. It's what we do - WE TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN.

So 2014-15 is under way. Get your Builders, Key Clubbers and Circle K's involved. Show our kids why they are "terrific" even if no one else does. Teach them about Kiwanis. We only have them for a few years let's ensure their future and ours and turn them into Kiwanians. Engage our Aktion clubs. They are vital and relevant to ALL the communities they serve. We are proud to serve with them as KIWANIANs.

Finally, Helene and I are off to Indianapolis. We are looking forward to meeting the other governor-elects and bragging about The New York District. We look forward to seeing many of you at Tri-K in November and many more throughout this year.

Good luck Gov. Eric and this year's board. Thank you Joe Aiello and the 2013-14 board. Simply put, extraordinary.

Woodridge Holds Event for Autistic Children

It was a Saturday afternoon of pure fun and meeting new friends at Fallsburg High School.

The Woodridge Kiwanis Club and Benjamin Cosor Elementary School K-Kids coordinated an event for children on the autism spectrum and with other special needs. The goal was to create awareness of children with disabilities and to give them a chance to interact with their regular peers. The idea for this event originated from the concept of "Autism Awareness", which is the New York State District Kiwanis Governor's project for 2013-14.

Together the children engaged in hands on activities. Seven Kiwanians supervised the children and activities, as well as set up the event. Volunteers with a background of working with special needs children helped make this event meaningful.

Cory Nichols, a riding instructor, and Dorothy Novogrodsky, a Behavioral Specialist, taught the children about horse care, with a real miniature horse. Rachel Countryman, a Kindergarten teacher from Liberty, captured children's attention with a tank of live newts.

Other activities that interested the children were kite flying with Fallsburg



Teacher/Councilman Mike Weiner, singing with FCS high school students Alexis Shea on the guitar and Ilyssa Weiner on the keyboard, and lots of music to go along with the event. There were also crafts, bubbles, tactile materials, gross motor activities, and remote control vehicles. Sherry Eidel and Charlene Wright from New Hope Community provided parent resources.

The children ranged in age from 3 to 17. The nine K-Kids, three Builders Club members and other volunteers, along with K-Kids advisor Jill Weiner, helped plan many of the activities, taking into consideration the needs of the special children.

Christiano Award Nominations Sought

The New York District Past Governors Council recognizes, on an annual basis, the extraordinary, meaningful and distinctive achievement of the New York District Kiwanis member with an award titled "The Gerald P. Christiano Distinguished Service Award", named in honor of Past International President "Jerry" Christiano.

This award may be presented to only one Kiwanian each year at the annual New York District Convention. The honoree should be a living New York District Kiwanis member in good standing who has "exhibited outstanding meritorious service to individuals in the community and has contributed in an extraordinary manner over a significant period of years to the advancement of Kiwanis."

Sitting governors, governor-elects and past governors are not eligible for the award.

Award presentation and expenditures will be financed by the Past Governors Council only, and cannot be purchased by clubs or individuals.

Recommendation and proposals for award nominees must be submitted by a past governor and shall be presented in writing to the current council chairman not later than January 1 of each year. Evaluation and approval of each award recipient shall be chosen by vote of the council during its Mid-Winter meeting each year.

**Pediatric
Lyme Disease**

**DPG John
Gridley**



The following is a letter that I received from a young person named Stephanie Szymanski in the East Aurora area who has chronic Lyme disease, and that the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation has been helping.

I was diagnosed with Lyme disease nearly three years ago; but, my symptoms started about a year and a half before that. I went to various doctors, three neurologists, a few chiropractors, an infectious disease doctor and an ophthalmologist to try and have them figure out what was wrong with me. They all did many tests and gave me many different treatments and medications to try and help.

The first neurologist said my problems were psychosomatic. The second one wasn't sure what was wrong with

me; and the third one told me I had a convergence disorder. All those diagnoses were wrong and my parents had the same feeling. A chiropractor gave us a name of a specialist who treats Lyme disease. We got an appointment with her and she diagnosed me immediately.

The doctor put me on a 30 day IV; but, after 28 days I developed an allergy to the antibiotic. Various antibiotics were tried and continued with very little easing of symptoms. The doctor also believes in a holistic approach to healing and prescribed many vitamins, minerals and supplements to help my body heal.

All of this was out of pocket for my family as well as the doctor's visits. My parents used up all their savings, remortgaged our house, accepted money from family and had a fundraiser in September of 2013 to keep up with all of the expenses.

At the same time my illness took a downward turn and my doctor consulted with Dr. Charles Ray Jones in New Haven, CT. It was also at this time we were introduced to the New York District Kiwanis Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation. A member from the

local Kiwanis Club gave us Mr. John Gridley's telephone number. My mom spoke to him about a program that offers financial aid to families with children under 18. The Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation has generously covered our expenses. This has enabled doctor visits, including those to Dr. Jones as well as other doctors' visits to be covered. This has been a great relief to my family.

Words cannot express my gratitude for this help. The financial support from the foundation enabled us to pursue the additional help we needed from experts. The foundation gave my family the ability to carry on when we were desperate and needed it the most.

It is more than the money. By talking to Mr. Gridley, my Mom felt his compassion and understanding. It was heart warming to see the relief on her face when we were told about the financial assistance that we would receive.

Kiwanis has impacted our lives and we are eternally grateful.

The Kiwanis Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation is more than help; it is my lifesaver.

Sincerely, Juliet Szymanski (mom) and Stephanie.

**KPTC North
Shore**

**DPG Joseph
Corace**



Your Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at Cohen Children's Medical Center ended the 2013-14 service year with one of its most successful Black & White Balls ever.

This annual fundraiser raised more than \$20,000 to support the trauma center's treatments and preventative safety education programs. The foundation board would like to thank all the Kiwanis Clubs and individual Kiwanians who supported the event by taking an ad, presenting a KPTC Fellow or attending the ball.

On behalf of the KPTC Foundation, please accept my thanks to the donors and congratulations to the new KPTC fellows: North Shore: Catherine DeStio, Thomas W. DeStio; East Meadow: Rosa Principato; Massapequa: Susan Febraro; All Island: Sean O'Sullivan; Chinatown: Wing F. Kwong, Sophia Ng, Jimmy Yee; Rosedale-Laurelton: Augusta Van Duzen, Robert Witherspoon; Howard Beach: Steven Sirgiiovanni; Ozone Park: Paul Capocasale

KPTC Diamond Fellows: Riverdale: Bob Rubinstein; Mapleton: Nydia Corace; Five Towns: Rita Bevilacqua;

Flushing: Linda Ng.

KPTC Second Diamond Fellows: Fordham: Dr. Rosemarie DeJulio, Past International President Thomas DeJulio.

In a first for our KPTC, several board members joined other Kiwanians on an extended Labor Day weekend trip to Jamaica to model our programs for our fellow Kiwanians in the Eastern Canada and Caribbean District. This program was coordinated by KPTC Director IPLG Ann Torcivia. More than 120 Jamaican children received safety training. A trauma kit and safety educational materials were given to the Kiwanis Club of Discovery Bay through a donation to KPTC from the Joey Foundation.

Kiwanians in the downstate areas served by the KPTC at Cohen Children's Medical Center are invited to our annual meeting on Nov. 13 at the hospital. This meeting is a great way to learn how your support of the trauma center is saving lives. At the meeting, the KPTC Board of Directors is elected.

Our KPTC Service Leadership Committee has also been especially active. Led by our new Chairperson Nicole Hallett of the WT Clarke Key Club, the committee has created a safety coloring book to be distributed to children who participate in the committee's Safe Kids workshops. The pages which reinforce the safety concept taught during the committee's safety workshops were created by committee members and local Key Clubbers. The Service Leadership Committee is grateful to the many

Clubs, divisions and Kiwanians who supported the project. The committee also thanks the Huntington Kiwanis Club for donating crayons which will be distributed with the books.

The Service Leadership Committee is also holding a fundraiser at Levittown Hall in Hicksville at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 2. The International Cook-Off and Talent Show will feature a sampling of dishes from around the world entered by K-family members and their families, and talent that showcases our world's diverse cultures. The Service Leadership Committee is currently seeking entries in either category. For an entry form, please email Service Leadership Liaison Rich Santer at rs2wdd@aol.com. Tickets will be \$15 for Kiwanians and \$10 for SLP members and children.

North Shore Honored

On Oct. 1 the Kiwanis Club of North Shore, Long Island, was honored by the Salvation Army as the Volunteer Organization of the Year.

The Salvation Army, noted for its dedication and commitment in helping the needy and impoverished, has been a cause that is high on the list throughout the year for the club. The award recognizes the tireless and ongoing dedication necessary in helping others who are less fortunate.

Eliminate Project

Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse



In the last issue, I ended with a promise to announce the amount of money raised by the EliMiNaTe Walk and the Craft Fair, both held in mid-July. The Walk was a huge success, raising \$10,000, and the Inlet Craft Fair and the table at the District Convention in August raised \$1200. The items that remained are being offered at a Fall Festival in East Hampton in mid-October, so more money will be raised at that event. Thank you to all who participated in both of these district-wide efforts to help EliMiNaTe MNT once and for all!

Our new Kiwanis Year has begun and we are moving ever closer to our 100th Anniversary Celebration in Indianapolis in June. We in New York can take much pride and satisfaction in the fact that we have raised over \$980,000, thus protecting at least

544,444 mothers and their unborn children. That is over half a million mothers' lives, and well over a million unborn children. Over 80% of our clubs have participated. I hope that the other 20% will come on board soon! However, we still have a long way to go. We are still trying to reach that elusive \$1 million threshold, and our goal is \$1,796,314.

For the final push, the Campaign Staff has announced several new opportunities. The first is an exciting one for those who are thinking of becoming Model Clubs. A generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous is offering 20% of a club's amount needed to become a Model Club. For example, a club of 25 members needs \$18,500 to make a Model Club commitment. They have already raised \$3,000 with two Zellers and a pancake breakfast, leaving them with \$15,750 to raise. The Matching Gift will give them \$3,150, leaving them with \$12,600 to raise over five years.

The second new opportunity is the Centennial Medal, which will only be offered from October 2014 through June 2015. It will be awarded for a donation of \$1500, which can be paid



in full or as a pledge paid over a two-year period.

It is obvious from these two opportunities that funds will continue to be received until the pledges are completed. Model Club commitments are in effect from the day they are signed until five years after that date. Thus a club which signs its commitment on February 6, 2015 would have until February 6, 2020, to complete it.

As we reflect on our blessings this Thanksgiving, let us look at the children around our holiday tables and renew our desire to help those mothers who live "beyond the end of the road" to have the joy of raising healthy children. Let us look into our hearts and see if we can do more--as individuals and as clubs. In the immortal words of the Little Engine That Could, "I think I can...I think I can...I think I can." Let me add: "I know we can!"

Chinatown Club Awards 9 Zellers, is halfway to \$100,000 Goal

On Sept. 5 Past International Foundation President Peter Mancuso participated as the Chinatown club presented Walter Zeller awards to Wellington Z. Chan and Alice Hom, principal of PS 124 (Yun Wing Elementary School).

In June, the club presented a Walter Zeller Fellow Award to Distinguished Past Lt. Gov. Al Federico Jr., Peter Chan, Past President Evelyn Yu, Amy Cao, Shu Ping Rong DDS, Michael Mui, Distinguished Past President Louis Chow and Chi Vy Ngo.

Chinatown has pledged to be a model club for the Eliminate Project, with a goal of \$100,000. The club passed the halfway mark on meeting its pledge in May.



Metropolitan Division Walks for Eliminate

The Metropolitan Division had a Walk for Eliminate on July 17, timed to occur simultaneously with the Kiwanis International Convention Walk for the Global Campaign to Eliminate Maternal and Neo-Natal Tetanus in Tokyo-Chiba, Japan.

The walk had representation from 75 percent of the clubs in the division and large attendance from the members of Key Clubs in the Key Club Division 10. The event started with a reading of an email from Immediate Past Kiwanis International President Tom DeJulio regarding the solidarity of New Yorkers walking with the Kiwanians all around the world. Each club in the division contributed \$100 to defray the costs of the event including a banner, sponsor sign, and T-shirts which were given to each attendee. The event was coordinated by Distinguished Past Lt. Gov. Sean O'Sullivan and Courtney Gallagher, members of the new All Island Kiwanis Club. The walk was led by Metropolitan Division Lt. Gov. Chris Rubano and was approximately 2 miles long.

The event had corporate sponsors and walker sponsorships. Each club is being given credit for the funds that the club raised towards the division walk. While funds are still being collected, the total amount of money raised and pledged is \$7,600, with more than \$5,000 coming from the new All Island Kiwanis Club. The \$7,600 will save more than 4,200 mothers and their future babies.

KPTC Programs Presented in Jamaica

Kiwanians from clubs the New York District recently visited the Island of Jamaica.

Led by Long Island South Central Lt. Gov. Ann Torcivia and Nodia Chambers, the Kiwanians carried a half a dozen extra suitcases packed with school supplies which were donated to the children of the wait, kitchen, housekeeping and bar staff of the Jewel Resort at Runaway Bay.

Upon arrival, KPTC Foundation Vice President and Service Leadership Liaison Rich Santer presented a water safety program to 30 local Jamaican children attending a camp at the resort. The program featured the KPTC Service Leadership Committee's talking robot, Vycki, who was voiced by Linda Christiano. The kids were fascinated by Vycki.

The next day the New York Kiwanians interclubbed with the Discovery Bay and Garden Parish Kiwanis Clubs. Linda Christiano presented a program on the Eliminate Project, and KPTC Foundation President DPG Joe Corace presented a program on the



Rich Santer and Vycki teach a water safety lesson to Jamaican kids.

Trauma Center and the KPTC Service Leadership Committee's Safety programs.

On Saturday, the Kiwanians presented programs to 70 local children, with assistance from local Kiwanians including Eastern Canada/Caribbean

District Governor Hope Markes and Jamaica Lt. Gov. Nellie Seivwright.

Also participating were Kathy Heim, Mark Marrasso, Nydia Corace, Lisa Santer, Andrea Watson, Justin Underwood, Joanne Underwood, Veronica Witherspoon and Robert Witherspoon.

Division Joins Walk

Bronx Westchester South Kiwanians and associate members of the Fordham CKI came out in full force to walk and raise funds to end Alzheimer's Disease. Kiwanians were led by outgoing Lt. Gov. Frank Riti, incoming Lt. Gov. Rosemary Cornacchio and Lt. Gov. Elect John Bartunek, who chaired the annual event in White Plains with his wife Judy, both from the Yonkers club. Yonkers Kiwanians were joined by club members from Hartsdale, Mt. Vernon, Westchester Village, and Fordham which sponsored more than 20 Circle Kers to walk.



Central Adirondacks Part of Record Breaking Event

On Sept. 13, by gathering an estimated 3,150 boats in one raft and raising nearly \$185,000, and One Square Mile of Hope (OSMH) and Kiwanis Club of the Central Adirondacks of Old Forge unofficially regained its place in the Guinness Book of World Records.

More than 3,150 boats with participants from 31 states, two Canadian provinces, Thailand and Belgium converged on Fourth Lake in Inlet to shatter the Guinness World Record for the largest raft of canoes, kayaks and guide boats.

The raft, held together only by hands, fulfilled a Guinness rule by free-floating for at least 30 seconds. A seaplane carrying photographer Nancie

Battaglia flew overhead capturing what will become Inlet's third record-breaking event. A second plane piloted by Jim Payne, containing videographer Lori Diemer, recorded the moment for the Guinness Committee.

By using a high-resolution photo of the raft, the OSMH team was able to count at least 3,150 boats. The information has been submitted to the Guinness World Book of Records.

This year the primary recipient of the funds raised will be the Breast Cancer Research Foundation (BCRF), located in New York City. So far \$75,000 has been committed to BCRF, \$10,000 to Upstate Cancer Center at University Hospital, \$10,000 Clara Condie Fund

at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital and \$5,000 to Central Adirondack Kiwanis.

"The joint efforts of OSMH and Kiwanis and the hundreds of volunteers both on and off the water made this attempt to set a new world record successful," said Jim Connerty, Central Adirondacks Past President and OSMH committee member. "All the Kiwanis members who participated were both honored and excited to be working on such a worthwhile project along with the great people on the OSMH committee".

Key Club

John
Goldstein



Greetings and congratulations to all of new club presidents and division lieutenant governors. I would like to thank you for taking on this great responsibility and wish you much success in your administration.

I also want to follow up on my last article about the financial support from the Kiwanis clubs and divisions to the Key Club District Board for its ICON trip. We had more than 75 Clubs (30 percent) contribute anywhere from \$50

to \$7,000 to help send Key Clubbers to the convention. We also had 10 divisions that supported multiple district board members in their divisions. We had about 10 individual Kiwanians who sent money to help send the students to the convention. You should be proud of yourselves, because I am proud of you and I thank you.

As a follow up on the International Convention, I had told you that we had one candidate for International President and two for International Trustee. We are very proud that Laken Kelly (Ogdensburg HS) was elected as one of the 11 International Trustees. Laken will be serving the following Key Club Districts: Florida, Missouri-Arkansas and West Virginia.

While Paul DeSantis and Lillian Xie did not get elected, they ran great campaigns and Gov. Jacob is very happy to

have them back on the district board as his special assistants.

The fall is a busy time for your Key Club lieutenant governor. They will be running Fall Rallies where they will be training the officers from the clubs in their divisions. Some divisions will hold them by themselves and some will join with other divisions. Please encourage your Key Club officers and advisors to attend these when offered.

November is also Kiwanis Family month and Key Club week is Nov. 3-7. Kiwanis clubs should be looking to partner with their Key Clubs on fundraisers, projects and activities. At the very least plan to invite your Key Club officers to one of your November meetings and have them report on everything they have been doing. I know you will be impressed with these outstanding students!

Aktion Club

Debra
Rothman



For the first time since the formation of Aktion Clubs, dues have been raised \$3 so they are now \$8 per member rather than \$5. You can log onto

the MUC, Membership Update Center, to make changes to the roster, download the roster and make a payment.

If there has been a change in an adviser, Kiwanis International must be notified by both phone and an email.

First time users to the MUC, found at www.aktionclub.org, top right hand corner will have to enter their email, set up a password and receive correspondence from KI to allow them to access the site and the roster.

Katie Griffin is the Aktion Club liai-

son at KI and she can help you if you are having difficulty. Adviser guides and member guides are being mailed to all clubs.

I was advised by KI that this year a webinar for advisers will be held to guide you through your year, I will let you know when it is scheduled.

If you have any questions on the process of starting an Aktion Club, please contact me. Check out our Facebook page to see our Aktion Clubs in action. Have a great year with your Aktion Clubs!

Youth Protection

Jim
Mancuso



Please take a few minutes to search New York Times website (www.nytimes.com) for the title "Brooklyn Tech Teacher Was Known as Cool Friend, Until His Arrest" and then read about a current case of "grooming."

In the April 2013 ESK I first wrote about the grooming technique to lure children to covertly abuse them.

A teacher, Mr. Shaynak started grooming children for abuse in simple ways such as offering to buy them lunch or giving them cigarettes. His students viewed him as a cool and hip teacher but one who made suspect requests, including taking pictures of his students to "inspire a nude painting" he wanted to do. While students he proposed the concept to thought what he was asking was odd, they did not want to report it to school officials. Why?

Because they liked him for his "coolness" and did not want to cause trouble for him.

But then things started to get more aggressive and he started sending lewd pictures of himself to the children. Once this started happening, one girl reported him and then the truth started to come out. He now stands accused of preying on seven girls, giving them alcohol and cigarettes, sending them sexually charged photos, taking a few to sex clubs and a nude beach. He then had sex with a few of them after they reached 17 (the legal age of consent). Mr. Shaynak is now under indictment.

All of the signs were missed because these students with whom he had built relationships with viewed him as "one of their own" and he had gained their trust. This is classical grooming. They trusted Mr. Shaynak so much (in addition to cigarettes and alcohol, giving them good grade on tests when none were deserved) that they did not want to tell anyone outside of the student circles in order to protect the predator who was preying on them! Going unchecked, Brooklyn Tech, the high school where he taught, was a virtually unlimited feeding ground with 5,400 students.

The even scarier part is that he slipped under school official's collective noses.

Years before Mr. Shaynak became a teacher at Brooklyn Tech, he was accused of other questionable acts. In 2005, he was accused of beating up an 11-year-old boy. But, because he was never convicted, although a restraining order had been issued, he still passed a NYC Education Department background check!

For Kiwanians there are many lessons to be learned by reading this article. We have to spot this type of behavior before it ever gets to the abuse stage. Secondly, perform background checks. Here is a case where the background check process failed because key facts were overlooked. We cannot afford to do the same, but if we never do a background check at all, we do not give our kids a chance to be protected.

I urge you to learn from this case, taking necessary steps, everyday, to protect our children.

Huntington Installs Field of Honor

The Kiwanis Club of Huntington installed the 5th Annual Field of Honor on the front lawn of Huntington Town Hall on Sept. 7.

Thirty-six volunteers installed 750 flags. The flags will fly through Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7.

New York District Kiwanis Foundation



Kamp Kiwanis 2014



District Foundation

Sal Anelli



I come to you once again to tell you that our Kamping season was once again a great one.

Executive Director Rebecca Clemence and her staff provided Kampers with everything that we promise in our mission statement and for those who haven't read it, on our website, this is our mission:

"Kamp Kiwanis is aimed at providing fun, physical exercise and adventure. It strives to afford opportunities to participate in a creative outdoor group experience in a democratic setting and develop characteristics of leadership and fair play. The program at Kamp Kiwanis is designed to mainstream all children, including up to 20 each session with special needs. It is non-competitive with emphasis on group and

team building. No activity is forced, but all are encouraged."

That statement says it all and that's how we make wonderful memories for the children that attend and that is how we change their lives for the better. I want to thank Rebecca and her staff for the great job done and the wonderful environment they provide for the children and adults at Kamp.

This year we were able to extend our Kamping season for an additional two weeks through the efforts of President Emeritus Orlando "Lindy" Marrazzo, who put us in touch with an organization called Lifestyles for the Disabled. This organization cares for adults with special needs.

This was a much needed boost to our finances but much more than that, we were able to provide a wonderful experience these adults have never had. The response from the adults and the organization was so positive, that we are now talking with them about 2015 and possible making it a yearly event.

There's a great number of people who need to be thanked for the great support they give to our Kamp but I'm afraid that if I start mentioning names I would

fill this page and many more and I would probably still leave some names out, so let me say this: Once a year we have work weekends, before Kamp opens, and after Kamp closes, and every year it's the same people that come up and work.

If you are a New York District Kiwanian in good standing, you are part owner of this Kamp. Come up and see what a great property it is and what a magical place it is during Kamping season, come up and help us keep it the jewel of the District.

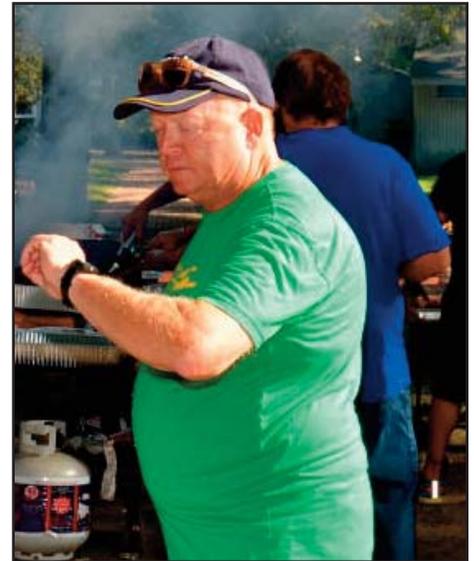
Opening day will be May 16, 2015. So why don't you get a few of your club members come up to the Kamp on the 14th or the 15th and help us get the Kamp ready for the season. I guarantee you that you will love it and will do it every year after that. Get in touch with Rebecca, tell her you will be coming up and what you can do. She'll have a list of things to do for you when you arrive.

Join us, it'll be fun.



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Patchogue Treats Campers to Picnic

What has turned out to be an annual event for the Patchogue club is a complement to the club's sending campers to Kamp Kiwanis. Each year the club spends an evening at the camp preparing a picnic for the campers.

Camp Paquatuck is a camp owned by the Rotary Club in Center Moriches, Long Island, New York. The facility specializes in caring for special needs children and provides intense coverage of care for these children.

For the Patchogue Kiwanis Club, the early evening event allows for the joining of the campers, counselors, and Ki-

wanian families for picnicking, face painting and ice cream floats.

A local car club brought several vintage custom cars for everyone to enjoy.

Above, left, the campers enjoying the picnic. At right is Project Chairman Robert Lawless who oversaw the preparation of the food by Patchogue Kiwanians and their families, checking on the timing.