



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, LIS, 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>.