

2016 District Convention Takes Place in Buffalo



Gov. Forbes Irvine speaking at the District Board meeting on Thursday. Seated, from left, are Past International President Thomas DeJulio, Gov.-Elect Stephen Sirgiovanni, Past Gov. Eric G. Paul.



Past International President Thomas DeJulio speaking to the district board.



Kamp Director Rebecca Clemence presenting her report at the annual meeting of the District Foundation on Friday.

Candidates Elected, Resolutions Approved

During the House of Delegates, Stephen Sirgiovanni was elected Governor for 2016-17, and Candace Corsaro was elected Governor-Elect for 2016-17. They ran without opposition.

Delegates also approved 10 amendments to the district bylaws. The amendments, which were required by Kiwanis International, were textual in nature and no debate occurred on them. They were approved in a unanimous voice vote.

The delegates also approved four resolutions:

- Honoring the Convention Honorees, Massapequa Kiwanis, Keith Cummings, anti-bullying chair; Jeanne Egan, pediatric cardiac screen chair; and Martin Toombs, ESK Editor and Webmaster.

- Thanking the convention planning committee, including Sara Vona, Kim Scharoff, David Rothman, Eric Paul and Hank Baker.

- Thanking Kiwanis International President-Elect Designate James Rochford, the counselor to the district, for his participation in the convention.

- Noting the awarding of the Gerald P. Christiano Award to John Vogel of Buffalo. A 50-year member of Kiwanis, Vogel was honored for his work in his club and his division, with the Niagara Frontier Camp Kiwanis Committee, and for other community service.

Kamp Kiwanis Has Good Year

The report from District Foundation leaders on activities at Kamp Kiwanis were positive.

Foundation Treasurer David Vail said the Kamp has received \$155,000 in six grants. The Kamp had 620 kampsers, the most in several years.

When a plea went out early in August for support so 31 additional kids could attend Kamp, within 48 hours 20 of them were taken care of and the other 11 have been paid for since, he reported.

Board President Sal Anelli praised the foundation board members for their direct efforts at the Kamp. He reported on several unusual expenses this year, but said they continue to position the Kamp for the future.

Clubs and Divisions were honored for

the number of children they send to Kamp. The club that sent the most was Peninsula, which sent 55. They were followed by East Meadow, 36, and LaGuardia, 27.

The division that sent the most was Queens West, 78, followed by Long Island South Central, 72, and Long Island South-west, 70.

Kamp Director Rebecca Clemence reported they had 64 adults and 820 children at Kamp. There were 32 in the teen program, and 12 kampsers required 1:1 staffing. Thirteen percent of the kampsers had special needs, and 31 were the children of active duty military personnel. There were 34 staff from 13 countries.

Three candidates, including two incumbents, were elected to three-year terms on the Foundation Board of Directors. Elected were incumbents Herb Chan, Michael Siniski and newcomer Keith Cummings.