

Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse Receives Christiano Award

The Gerald P. Christiano Distinguished Service Award, the top award for service in the New York District, was awarded Saturday to Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse, who for five years headed the district's Eliminate Project fund-raising effort.

Kirmse, a member of the Fordham, Bronx, Kiwanis club, was selected for her service to Kiwanis and especially for her work on the Eliminate Project, explained Past International President Thomas DeJulio, who also is a Fordham club member.

The Eliminate campaign raised \$1.1 million in the New York District during her time chairing it. She noted that there were 49 countries in the world with maternal neo-natal tetanus when the project began, and now there are 32. It has been eliminated in the Western Hemisphere.



Sister Ann-Marie Kirmse and Past International Presidents Jerry Christiano and Thomas DeJulio.

Past Governors Seeking Nominations for 2018 Christiano Award

The New York District Past Governors Council annually recognizes the extraordinary, meaningful and distinctive achievement of the New York District Kiwanian with 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. The presentation takes place at the annual New York District Convention.

The honoree should be a living New York

District Kiwanian 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.

All Kiwanians are invited to suggest

someone as a candidate for the award. To do that, they need to recommend an individual to a past governor. Nominations must be submitted by a past governor and shall be presented in writing to the current council chairman not later than Jan. 1 of each year.

Evaluation and approval of each award recipient shall be chosen by vote of the council during its Mid-Winter meeting.

Past winners of the award can be seen on the district web site, www.kiwanis-ny.org/distserv.htm.



The Kiwanis Club of Minisink Valley awarded 17 \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors from Minisink Valley High School. The winners, from left, first row: Ashely DeRose, Lovina John, Molly Clayton, Izzy Schatzle, Ashely Durma; second row: Lauren Fritsch, Maggie Cazzetta, Erin Clifford, Bridget Wiley, Meaghan Cahill; third row: Jack Golden, Kevin Lewis, Jacob Banse, Morgan Volpe, Jordan Spordone. Award winners unable to attend the dinner were Madison Ball and Shannon Feely.



On Aug. 22, James Tong Scholarships for \$1,000 each were awarded to Alvin Zhu and to Sharon Leung, members of the Stuyvesant High School Key Club. From left, club President Jimmy Yee, Alvin Zhu, Distinguished Past President James Tong and Sharon Leung.

Copiague Awards 9 Scholarships

Nine scholarships have been presented to new high school graduates by the Kiwanis Club of Copiague.

The Anthony Iannotta Scholarship was awarded to Lyndsey Wilson. The Robert McIntosh Scholarship was awarded to Jackalyn Gonzalez.

The Warren Gumbs Scholarship was awarded to Sofie Wilson.

Other scholarships were awarded to: Nicole Mikolajczak, Jenna Langan, Ashley Burgos, Tiana Roe, Amrelle Pence, Nilsu Yildiz.