

As I look back over the years and the past Secretaries that I have known – Don Miekam, Clive Bubb, and Don Herring – I have big shoes to fill. I look forward to working to the best of my ability to meet the high standards they have set. As the 2003-2004 year begins the NY District Office stands ready to assist you in your problems, ideas and explanations of our many programs

The Annual Club Report for 2002-2003 that was due in October is an important obligation for every club. If you have not filled it out do so NOW and forward it to the District office. We would like to have 100% participation. so ask the out going officers of your club if this has been accomplished.

I hope you accomplished the dues procedure as prescribed by Kiwanis international so that we can begin the new Kiwanis year with the correct membership numbers.

2002-2003 Round Robins forms are now being accepted and compiled in the District Office. If you have completed a Round Robin be sure to send in the paper work so that your club can be recognized. This form and others can be downloaded from our website www.kiwanis-ny.org

To all Club Presidents and Secretaries — - All Monthly Reports are due in the District Office by the 10th of the month.

As I have said we are working hard to maintain the high standards of the District Office. We want to hear from you. You can phone the District Office (315) 735-3463, or fax us (315) 735-4647 or email at Kiwanis@borg.com, or write us to our District Office, 1522 Genesee St., Utica NY 13502.

Let's all work together as Peter's Leaders for a fantastic, successful year for our Governor, Peter Mancuso.



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Bensonhurst & Bay Ridge Celebrates 51 Years of Dedicated Community Service



Left to right seated: DPLG Governor Sal Anelli, Secretary Frank Micari, Treasurer Dennis Ferrier, New York District Imm. Past Governor Justin Underwood, PP Tom Colasanto, Fundraising Chairman Victor Allegretti. Standing I-r: District Governor Peter Mancuso, President NY District Foundation President Lindy Marrazzo, District Governor Elect Glen Hollins, LG Joseph Schiavo Jr., PP Frank Naccarato, President Gerald Bertuna, President Elect Ty Yorio, and PLG Nick Gales.





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100% participation award. Each year since 2001-02, District Clubs have increased their participation...let's hit 100%!

Photo above: Bensonhurst & Bay Ridge Kiwanis members Willy Basso, John Milone and Gabe Raneri are presented Kaiser Fellowship Awards by New York District Foundation President Lindy Marazzo (left) and DPLG Sal Anelli (right). Photo left: Immediate Past Governor Justin Underwood presents Kiwanis Past presents plaque to Frank Naccarato for a job well done.



(I-r) Fdn President Lindy presents outgoing President Frank Naccarrato with a Kaiser Award for a great year with the help of DPLG Sal Anelli, who is also a Foundation Board Member and Kamp Kiwanis advocate.



International Trustee Dana Cable

The New York District really knows how to provide a memorable convention! It was, for Sylvia and me, a new experience to carry glow sticks to our room. It was the first address I've given in Bermuda shorts. And it was a convention that we will never forget. You were all wonderful hosts and the blackout just made it more of an experience. We had a terrific time and met kind and generous people. And we saw the spirit of Kiwanis very much alive in the district. We thank you for a great convention, good friends, and "warm" memories.

A new Kiwanis year has begun. Having gotten to know your leadership team, I am confident that the New York district is in good hands. Governor Peter has enthusiasm, plans, and support. What more could one ask? I know that with his leadership, you will accomplish much this year and I look forward to watching the progress you make.

International President Bob Moore has given us all important goals for the year. The first goal, succeed with service, is the keystone of Kiwanis. Whether the service is a project on the local club level, or efforts to raise the additional funds for our Worldwide Service Project, we need the active involvement and commitment of every Kiwanian. Service is the common language of Kiwanis. Through the service we do for the children of the world, we build our identity.

The second goal, excel with membership, ultimately provides us with one of the tools we need to perform our service. More members means that we will have more hands to do the important work of Kiwanis. Our members provide service, and the service we do attracts new members for our organization.

The final goal, to educate everyone, crosses all levels of Kiwanis. We clearly must provide good educational experiences for our leaders at all levels. In reality, I believe that the education we provide is one of the benefits of membership. But education goes beyond the leaders. Every member of our clubs needs to better understand our organization. Too often, someone joins Kiwanis without really understanding who we are and what we do. And education also means helping the community at large to know what Kiwanis is all about. If we have good publicity, we educate the community, and we build enthusiasm among prospective members. The goals are straightforward and can be accomplished. But it will take the efforts of all of us to make it happen. I know you will give Governor Peter your support. I am available to assist in any way I can. I hope you will call on me with your questions, concerns, and problems. If I don't have the answer, I'll find someone who does. We will make the lights shine bright in NY this year.

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I urge you to review the contents of the materials that you received from the Int'I Foundation on the Annual Club Gift program. KIF supports our Sponsored youth programs. so please give generously. If we hit 100%, KI Foundation matches FIVE Scholarships for Key Club AND Circle K.

I am available via phone, email, and within reason...in person, to talk at one of your Division meetings to speak on the KI Foundation and New Club Building, where I also am a member of the 2003-04 KI Committee on Membership Growth & New Club Building for KI President Bob Moore as well as the NY District Growth Team for Gov. Peter Mancuso. Phone: (315)-449-8613, email: Pepster@aol.com

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unchanged since then, was done by Lewis Mitchell (president of our Buffalo Club in 1922 and District Governor in 1923) and Walter O. Lloyd (District Treasurer in 1922, District Governor in 1924 and District Historian 1940-1963) in consultation with George Ross of Toronto, Canada.

Clearly, while the Detroit Club has a legitimate claim to its logical #1 status among the thousands of present and former Kiwanis Clubs in the world, New Yorkers were indeed prominent among the key players in the gestation, birth and early childhood of Kiwanis.

Check out the New York District Website at www.kiwanis-ny.org