

## Secretary/Treasurer

J. Don Herring

By the time you read this, I will have completed my journey as your District Secretary. I have had the pleasure of serving four Governors. They were all very different from each other, but all shared the common Kiwanis dream – serving the children of the world.

The responsibilities of the office of District Secretary now passes to the capable hands of Past Governor Justin Underwood. I'm sure that with all our support, he will do an excellent job.

The District Convention in Saratoga Springs went off as planned. There were many and varied training sessions. These sessions were well attended and the evaluations reported that the participants got a lot out of the workshops. There were three forums devoted to the need for a dues increase. The increase sparked many questions about the District's finances which were answered by Jim Yochum, Finance Chair and other members of the Finance Committee. The vote on the issue showed that 197 were in favor of the increase, and 147 were opposed. This did not reach the necessary 2/3rds majority for passage, so the Finance Committee will make recommendations on how the District may proceed to budget for next year.

As we close out this year, I would like to thank the now Past Governor David Rothman and First Lady Debra for their excellent leadership and all their hard work during the past year. It is because of Kiwanians like David and Debra, that our great New York District continues to play a leading role in Kiwanis International.

We now look forward to Governor Joe Corace, First Lady Nydia, and District Secretary Justin Underwood to provide direction for this next year. They have made great plans during this past Governor-Elect year and are ready to go 100% starting Oct. 1st.

I wish them well. We should all stand ready to be one of Joe's Heroes.

In closing, I thank you for the trust you have shown to me as your District Secretary, and I look forward to my new responsibilities

# 2006 Christiano Award Given to LG Mike Malark



*The Gerald P. Christiano Award was presented to Capital LG Michael Malark, right, during the New York District Convention in Saratoga by Past Governor Bob Calabrese, center, for his untiring efforts on behalf of the New York District. Governor David Rothman, left, adds his voice to the congratulations wishes. Mike was instrumental in organizing a tremendous relief effort during the Katrina crisis. He went so far as to drive with four tractor trailers filled with food and supplies for the Gulf Coast area victims. He also quickly secured supplies for a past devastating upstate ice storm. Mike has held a position on the New York District Foundation Board for many years and is truly devoted to our Kamp Kiwanis and "serving the children."*

## PAST GOVERNORS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

by Past Governor Jack Tetamore, Award Committee Chairperson.

The New York District Past Governors' Council encourages all New York District Kiwanians to submit recommendations and proposals for nominees qualified to receive the "Gerald P. Christiano Distinguished Service Award" sponsored by the New York District Past Governors Council and awarded annually at the District Convention. The award is intended for the "grass roots Kiwanian," often overlooked for their continuous dedication, untiring efforts and commitment to the betterment of people in their community who are less fortunate than themselves. Nominations must comply with the following criteria established by the Council, March 3, 2001.

The award may be presented to only one Kiwanian each year at the annual New York District Kiwanis 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 had contributed in an extraordinary manner over a significant period of years to the advancement of Kiwanis.'

Governor-Elects, sitting Governors and Past Governors shall not be eligible to be nominated for or receive this award.

Award presentation and expenditures will be financed by the Council only, and cannot be purchased by any club or individual.

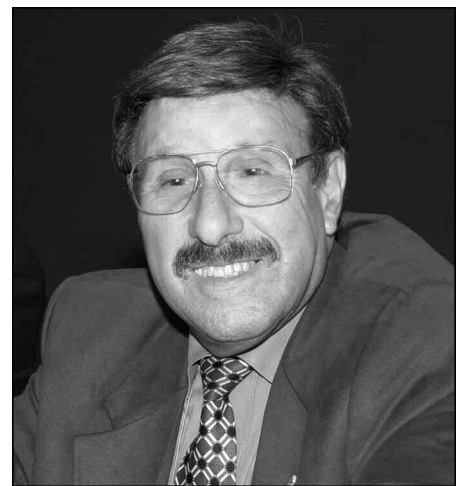
Recommendations and proposals for award nominees must be submitted by a Past Governor and shall be presented in writing to the current Council Chairman, not later than January first each year. The Council Chairman shall mail a copy of submitted proposals to Council members not later than February first each year.

Evaluation and approval of each award recipient shall be by a two-thirds majority vote, by closed ballot of all Council members present at the Mid-Year Conference Council Meeting each year."

## Celebrate Kiwanis' 92nd Birthday

Kiwanis clubs around the world will celebrate the 92nd anniversary of Kiwanis during the week of January 21-27, 2007. The first Kiwanis club was organized in Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A., and received its state charter on January 21, 1915.

Clubs can mark this occasion with a special meeting program or project. The meeting should include a birthday cake and candles. Invite members of neighboring clubs for an interclub celebration. Recognize your club's longest serving members and ask them to say a few words about their early Kiwanis experiences. Give a special gift in honor of Kiwanis' birthday to a local school,



## Governor Elect

Joseph Corace

By the time you read this article our term will have begun, the time of Joe's Heroes.

Governor David and his 'Diamonds' will have helped to make a smooth transition with all the class and respect they have shown all year long. Governor David, it is my honor to be your successor and thank you for leaving the District on such a high note.

I would now like to say thank you to my fellow Kiwanians who helped me reach my goal as Governor of this great New York District and for allowing me to be a leader in an organization that I love and am proud to serve in. Thanks to my campaign committee lead by Marty Neuringer for everything that he along with Maureen have been a part of. Along the way, many of you were supportive and so generous when I visited your area. THANK YOU. And finally, to my wife and my 1st Lady, Nydia, thank you, you're the best.

At the convention, we had a forum on the "Governor's Project" and the different programs to achieve the Governor's special recognition patch. Each President and Secretary was e-mailed the information. Each district chair has also been e-mailed this project, so if you have not received or seen it, please let me know.

We are now planning our K-Family weekend on November 17 – 19.

The Mid-Winter Conference will be held at

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## Win a Trip to the 2008 KI Convention in Orlando Florida

Want to win a trip to the 2008 Kiwanis International Convention in Orlando, Florida, June 26-29, 2008?

Last summer two lucky Kiwanians won the chance to attend the 2007 Kiwanis International Convention at no cost, because they recruited new members and entered the 1-2-3 Key drawing. Chu-Liang Hsu of Taiwan and Angie Dark of California won hotel, airfare, and registration costs for the

annual worldwide meeting of Kiwanis in San Antonio, Texas, this July.

Second place winner, Hiroshi Kawasaki of Tokyo, Japan, won a day at the home of 2005-06 International President Steve Siemens, and third place winner Pixie Stone from Florida won a day with the Executive Director at the Kiwanis International Office.

Again this year, each Kiwanian who recruits one, two, or three new members and completes their enrollment process by June 1 can earn one, two, or three entries in the random drawing to be held on stage in San

Antonio. In addition to the top three prizes, one Kiwanian will win a Kiwanis International Life Membership, 50 will win a \$100 gift card to the Kiwanis Family Store, and 100 will win \$25 gift cards.

Each recruiter also will receive a bronze key lapel pin for one new member, a silver key for two new members, and a gold key for three new members. These keys symbolize the fact that Kiwanians who recruit new members hold the key to achieving the goal of one million Kiwanis members by the 100th anniversary in 2015.

Angie Dark is looking forward to attending the 2007 International Convention. She actually recruited more than three new members, helping to grow her club from 48 to 60 members. Her secret? "Every day is an opportunity to talk to someone about Kiwanis – at the hair salon, the auto mechanic, the cleaners. It's second nature for me, I tell them how much I enjoy Kiwanis and invite them to join."

For complete information about the 1-2-3 Key program, check the Kiwanis International web site at [www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org).