

**District
Governor**

**David
Booker**



I hope that all the members of the District are as excited as I am about the start of our new Kiwanis Year! This promises to be a very dynamic and upbeat year for us all.

As you may have noticed our District Board has moved forward with some changes in the ESK and the District's web site. Rather than having these two very important means of communication with the membership operating independently the decision was made to combine the positions of Webmaster and ESK Editor. At the same time the web site has been overhauled and expanded - all the clubs are encouraged to forward any pictures and articles for inclusion on the web site. The result will be an always changing source of information about the events around the District while the printed ESK can then be a source of information on upcoming District events and general information. Be sure to read Marty Toombs' article

in this ESK about this change.

The International Convention is going to be in Las Vegas; Colin Powell will be the featured speaker at the opening session and as if that weren't enough our own Tom DeJulio is a candidate for International Vice President. If you have attended an International Convention when the District has had a strong candidate you know just how great a time it can be - be sure to read DPG Peter Mancuso's article for more.

The Mid-Year Conference promises to be one to remember. Two very dynamic forward looking International leaders have offered the assistance at the conference. It is always an honor to have the International President visit a district but President Paul Palazzolo is coming not for an "Official International President's Visit" but to roll up his sleeves and work with us. Our International Trustee/Counselor, Stew Ross, has rearranged his schedule so that he too can attend the conference. At the Albany Convention, Stew offered a forum on "Kiwanis Magic" which was very well received (he promises to have more of the "rabbit in the hat - 'Kiwanis Magic'" pins). The knowledge, experiences and insights of these two men when combined with the expertise of the "Two Joes" (the District's New Club Building and Membership Growth Chairs, Joe Eppolito and Joe Weiss)

should leave no one uninspired or unmotivated to "Take Their Club From Good To Great!" See the articles on the front page and by Secretary/Treasurer Ann for more information about this event. And do plan to attend.

Don't overlook any of the information in this issue.

I have to add that, for me personally, the start of the year has exceeded my expectations. The K Family Weekend was a great experience. To watch the members of the three NYD K-Family Boards interacting and working together was inspiring and I know new friendships were formed at all levels. I am looking forward to all future visits to the District's clubs and divisions. If those that I have completed are any indication I will have a most enjoyable time meeting new friends and learning firsthand about the great works being done by our Kiwanians in New York.

Lastly I must thank you, the Kiwanians of the New York District, for the individuals you have chosen to serve on the District Board this year. I can not envision working with any group of Lieutenant Governors, District Chairs or Officers that would be more motivated by the spirit of Kiwanis as they serve the New York District. I hope to see many of you in March at the Mid-Year Conference if not before.

**District
Secretary**

**Ann
Sewert**



Plans are under way for our Mid-Year Conference scheduled for March 5-7, 2010, at Honor's Haven Resort and Spa, in Ellenville, New York.

The focus of our Conference will be on Membership, club and member recognition and how to create a better Kiwanis experience for everyone.

Activities begin on Friday afternoon with a Club Leadership Training session for Presidents and Secretaries, and our New York District Board Meeting. Friday evening is our Sponsored Youth Dinner, followed by "Opening Session" where we'll hear from our Service Leadership Programs Leaders.

Saturday morning will be dedicated to our "Club Excellence Summit", presented by Paul Palazzolo, our Kiwanis International President. Paul and members of the Kiwanis International Staff will address "What Your Members Want to Know", in a fast paced interac-

tive forum. It's a forum you won't want to miss. After lunch, Membership Chair Joe Weiss will tell you how to get your club "Guest Ready" and New Club Building Chair Joe Eppolito will share his secrets on how to build a new club.

Mid-afternoon, you will have an opportunity to "Ask the Experts" specific questions about your club, during a Question and Answer Forum with International President Paul, International Trustee Stewart Ross, Kiwanis International Staff member Lanton Lee, Membership Growth Chair Joe Weiss and New Club Builder Joe Eppolito.

Late afternoon we will hear from "Team Tom", Tom DeJulio and his team will share their plans for Las Vegas, the importance of registering early and sending a full delegation from your club.

Saturday evening, we will honor Immediate Past Governor Doreen Pellitieri, First Gentleman Peter and their team of Lieutenant Governors, for their dedication to the New York District.

Throughout the weekend you can purchase tickets for our Annual Basket Raffle. Carole Anelli and her committee will collect items from the "Kamp Wish List". (The Wish list can be found on the New York District web site at www.kiwanis-ny.org.) Governor Elect Mike Malark will be collecting items for Disaster Relief. A list of Disaster Relief items can be found on our district web site.

The 2010 Mid-Year Conference will be full of fun, fellowship, celebrations and sharing. Be sure to make your reservations early as we are expecting many Kiwanians to attend..

Rooms will be available on a first come, first serve basis, so register early. Mail or fax your registration to Honor's Haven Resort and Spa, Att: Kiwanis Desk, 1195 Arrowhead Rd., Ellenville, New York 12428. Fax: (845) 210-1612. Our conference will end with breakfast on Sunday morning. Hope to see you all in Ellenville.

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