



New Member Orientation

Peter J. Owens

Governor Joe has ended and completes his service to the District. He will be ranked among the best we had."

Back in June he asked me to develop another and final COMMUNITY SERVICE project - but for only the month of JUL. The activity had to be original - new - and never done before by your club. We had many clubs misunderstand that requirement and sent projects that they were repeating again. That repeated project was prohibited under Governor Joe requirements.

For the record - only 22 clubs replied with Hudson, Long Island North and LI South Central leading the divisions with multiple entries. Five divisions only had a single club participate.

When you remember we have just under 300 clubs in our district - and only 22 clubs took part- it looked dismal.

Fortunately when you look at the particular activities that the 22 clubs submitted - if great and highly significant number of children and seniors benefited during July by the sacrifices of those 22 clubs who made the effort.

Governor Joe provided Certificates of Achievement for the Lieutenant Governors to present to their respective clubs. Governor Joe and our Community Service committee appreciate the special effort these clubs made during July and are certain those people on the receiving end of these good deeds also appreciate what you did for them.

An expression I heard in Buffalo that I thought was very profound - "Are you a member, or are you a Kiwanian?" You may wish to pose this question to the members of your club and see how they respond !!

Troy Cleans Up Riverfront Park



The members of the Troy Kiwanis Club, RPI Circle K and Russell Sage Circle K participated in the City of Troy Earth Day clean up. With brooms, rakes and shovels in hand, the crew worked hard on a sunny afternoon to clean up Riverfront Park along the Hudson River. The Mayor of the City of Troy stopped by to extend a thank you to the group and have a quick photograph.



Governor Corace

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And what a celebration for the "20th Anniversary of Women" joining Kiwanis. There were roses, chocolate covered strawberries, New York District insignia cookies, fountain cocktails and a great video of many of the Ladies' in our Great New York District.

I thank each and every one of you for helping to make our "Everyday Hero" project a success. Over 500 individuals were singled out and presented this award throughout the New York State. Governor Don has asked that we continue this program and I have agreed to be chairperson.

Congratulations to the clubs that completed the "Governor's Project," all six categories. Your patch is completed. Let's hope some of these new programs continue in each and every club.

The addition of two (2) new Kiwanis clubs made my time as Governor complete and let me say thank you to all those involved.

Of course First Lady Nydia and I need to mention the "Governor's Visits." Each and every Division visit was unique, special, memorable and filled with pride and accomplishment. We will never forget your hospitality.

This year the New York District Foundation said congratulations and good-bye to Lindy Marrazzo for ten years of service to the foundation and Kamp Kiwanis as its president. We welcomed DPLG Sal Anelli as its new president. We add our best wishes to Lindy for his devotion and congratulate Sal on his new appointment.

It was First Lady Nydia and my distinct pleasure to congratulate the incoming First Lady Marlene and Gov. Don. We are sure that they will have a wonderful memorable year.

The New York District elected a new Governor for 2008-09, Doreen Pellitteri. Doreen is a longtime devoted Kiwanian, from the Finger Lakes Division, who served as LG on Peter Mancuso's board. She also served as Chairperson for our Governor's Project. Congratulations, Dr. Peter Pellitteri on becoming our First Gent.

Again, we would like to thank all the committee and chairpeople involved in making all our special events at our Mid-Winter at the Desmond, our International Convention in San Antonio, our Convention in Buffalo and all our District Chairs making our time a fantastic success.

Please join First Lady Nydia and myself, for our Mid-Winter Conference at The Hudson Valley Spa, to Celebrate!!!

Mancuso Honoree

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Foundation, supervising our Outreach program (1997-2002). His honors include Life Membership, the Diamond Kaiser, Diamond Hixson Level 1, Tablet of Honor, KPTC Fellowship and the Richard Hill Award.

Peter is also a Super Distinguished Past Lieutenant Governor from the Long Island South Central Division, and served as President of the 1996-1997 Board of Lieutenant Governors. He has also been recognized by his division as their Kiwanian of the Year (1990-1991).

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Peach Festival

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The parade, which is always held on Saturday of the Peach Festival, has been a real success story. It attracts bands and parade groups from throughout Western New York, Pennsylvania and Southern Ontario. It ranks among the top festival-type parades in New York State. Long-time parade Chairman Jerald Wolfgang has been called upon for advice on several other parades due to his experience in this area. The annual Peach Festival Fun Run was instituted in the 1970's. It has become a regular for dozens of runners from Western New York and Southern Ontario. Past President Tom Baia and volunteer Mimi Cacciatore instituted the four-mile run, from which the proceeds benefit organizations in the area.

Another activity popular among area residents is the Peach Bake-off. It was originally sponsored by the Niagara Gazette, and is now chaired by Kiwanis members or their wives. Many delicious recipes have been shared through this event.

Since 1991, the Festival kicks off Friday evening, with one of the events after opening ceremony being the cheerleading competition by various school teams. The cheerleaders are usually featured in the parade the following morning. Friday night also gives everyone a chance to try out the Conklin rides, as well as make the round of the game booths.

Another unique flavor of the Peach Festival is the involvement by many area civic organizations. Several community groups find that the Peach Festival Weekend offers them an opportunity to raise the majority of their funds for yearlong projects. Some of these include the Lewiston Service Guild, All Sports Booster, Ransomville Lions Club, Lewiston-Porter High School Key Club, and other area Kiwanis Clubs.

Since 1958, the key to the success of the Peach Festival has been the core of volunteers, Kiwanians and their families, senior citizens and others interested in assisting the Club raise funds which ultimately filter back into the community.

International Results

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Delegates (Amend Article XXIX, Section 6).

WITHDRAWN:

AMENDMENT #10, INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S DUTIES, to remove the aspect of chief executive officer from the duties of the International President (Amend Article XII, Section 1).

AMENDMENT #12, PRO-RATED INDUCTION FEE, to provide a pro-rated membership induction fee for new members based upon the annual membership dues and all other fees paid by current members to Kiwanis International (Amend Article VIII, Section 3).

AMENDMENT #15, 2/3 VOTE FOR NEW BYLAWS PROVISIONS, to provide that two-thirds (2/3) of the valid votes cast be required to enact any new Articles or Sections not currently stated in the International Bylaws (Amend Article XXIX, Section 1).

NOTE: Since Amendment #14 was substituted entirely by Amendment #15, the intent

PAST GOVERNORS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

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 has 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."— Submitted to ESK for publication, 07/23/07 — New York District Past Governors Council — Past Governor Jack Tetamore, Award Committee Chairperson.

of #15 passed as #14, then #15 was technically withdrawn.

NOT CONSIDERED DUE TO LACK OF MOTION FOR ADOPTION:

AMENDMENT #13, INTERNATIONAL DUES FOR MEMBERS IN COMBAT, to relieve Kiwanis members who are in the military service and deployed to a combat zone from payment of International dues (Amend Article XXII by adding a new Section 4).

REFERRED BACK TO INTERNATIONAL BOARD COMMITTEE:

AMENDMENT #16, DISTRICTS OF SPONSORED ORGANIZATIONS, to ensure the geographical boundaries of all Service Leadership Program (i.e. Circle K and Key Club) districts remain aligned with Kiwanis districts and corresponding oversight by the appropriate Kiwanis district board (Amend Article IX by adding a new Section 2).

RESOLUTION: COLLABORATION AMONG KIWANIS, ROTARY, LIONS, AND OPTIMIST

The resolution PASSED, with no revisions.