

EMPIRE CLUB MEMBERSHIP INVITATION FORM

If you qualify for membership in the Empire Club or would like to further explore the benefits of membership, just fill out and return this form to the New York District Foundation Office.

I/We have already made a planned gift to the New York District Kiwanis Foundation in the form of a:

___ bequest ___ gift annuity ___ charitable remainder trust
___ gift of life insurance ___ other (attach explanation)

I/We plan to include New York District Kiwanis Foundation in my /our financial estate plans.

I/We would like more information about the benefits of making a planned gift to the New York District Kiwanis Foundation

Name _____

Signed _____

Date _____

My spouse would also like to join.

Name _____

Sign _____

Date _____

Address _____

City/Town _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Kiwanis Club _____

Return To:

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Kiwanis
NEW YORK DISTRICT
FOUNDATION

How Are Members Recognized?

As a member of the Empire Club, you will be personally recognized at the annual New York District Convention. You will also receive a beautiful commemorative plaque and a pin to signify your membership. Your name, along with other members will be published periodically in the District ESK. Should you request anonymity, your request will be honored by the District Foundation.

How do you qualify for Membership?

It's easy. Simply let us know you have made some type of planned gift to the New York District Foundation. You can use the attached form or let us know by letter to the New York District Foundation Empire Chair Joe Eppolito (or the New York District Foundation Secretary).

WHO MANAGES NEW YORK DISTRICT KIWANIS GIVING PROGRAM?

The funds are managed by the New York Kiwanis Foundation for the express purpose of supporting the efforts of New York District Kiwanis. A Board of Directors with advice of its legal and financial counsel oversees the process of raising, investing, and distributing the District Foundation's funds to ensure that your gift receives proper attention and is used for intended purposes.

Sometimes donations are established to perpetuate annual gifts. For example, if your annual gift is \$400, an endowed fund of \$10,000 with just a 4% return, can perpetuate that annual gift forever. You can establish such a fund with cash or with a planned gift such as a bequest. Your gift is "one that keeps on giving" A great way to build the Empire!

**EMPOWERING THE
EMPIRE
OF THE
NEW YORK DISTRICT
KIWANIS FOUNDATION**



THE EMPIRE CLUB

Empowering the Empire of the New York District

The New York District Foundation is a major force in the preserving the legacy of Kiwanis in the New York District of Kiwanis for future generations. Still, many Kiwanians have questions about the Foundation and its programs. The purpose of this brochure is to answer the most frequently asked questions and show how you can play a major role in enhancing the legacy of service to others so that the banner of New York District Kiwanis continues to wave proudly.

What is the mission of the New York District Foundation

Its mission is to develop future gifts that will enhance the legacy of the New York District of Kiwanis Foundation to serve the needs of others. From supporting service leadership programs to funding Kamp Kiwanis to providing scholarships to high school students, the New York District Foundation funds a number of state-wide and national projects. Indeed, it is the vehicle by which all New York District Kiwanians can reach beyond their communities to make a real difference in our Country.

What is endowment and why is it so important to the future of the New York District of Kiwanis?

An endowment is a permanent fund set aside for special purposes. The principal of an endowed fund is invested with only its income used to finance projects. As new gifts are added the endowment grows and so does the income stream. Since the principal is never touched, the fund becomes a perpetual source of support for specific programs. It just keeps on growing and giving...and growing and giving.

An endowment development program will:

- Provide steady income for the District Foundation, regardless of the market fluctuations
- Allow funding of specific projects and grants
- Facilitate long-range planning.
- Ensure that the Foundation and the New York District's work continues forever

The Future of the New York District of Kiwanis Foundation Is In Your Hands!



HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE IN NEW YORK DISTRICT FOUNDATION'S EMPIRE CLUB?

The success of the program depends on private support.

These giving opportunities appeal to donors who may want to leverage their giving and to leave a lasting legacy. As a donor, you can give in a variety of ways. The easiest way is to make a cash contribution and designate it for a particular program or purpose. If you give \$1,000 or more to the District Foundation you automatically qualify for the Empire Club. Any gifts are exclusive of prior donations to the District Foundation that awarded Kaisers, Bricks, Cabins, etc.

Maybe the most popular way to participate is through planned giving. A planned gift is one that allows you to enjoy certain financial and tax benefits while helping the District. For example, you may be able to enjoy larger immediate tax savings through an outright gift of appreciated securities of mutual funds shares to the District Foundation; or increase your spendable income and tax savings from a life income gift plan(s); or, maybe, generate greater estate tax savings through a simple bequest provision for the District Foundation in your will.

What is the Empire Club & How does it relate to Planned Giving?

Since some gifts to the District Foundation program are planned gifts, the Empire Club was formed to recognize all Kiwanians who have made planned gifts to the District Foundation and to encourage others to do so. We want to be an encouragement to many District Kiwanians to make the commitment to include the District Foundation in their financial and estate plans and to become members of this prestigious group. We will need many District Kiwanians if we intend to support existing programs and carry our mission into the future for generations of District Kiwanians. It is vital if we are to successfully enhance the legacy of service.

Why are Planned Gifts so popular?

Because of tax and financial benefits that are available through planned gifts, a donor often can make a major gift at a substantially lower net cost, and thus, make a much larger gift than otherwise thought possible with cash. Planned giving is a great way to make a major gift and makes it possible for many more District Kiwanians to participate in the endowment program and to leave a lasting legacy for New York District Kiwanis. Consult your financial advisor, tax advisor or attorney if you are interested in exploring planned gift options.

How New York District Kiwanis Foundation Uses Funds to Strengthen Kiwanis.

The New York District Foundation uses income from endowed funds in various ways to support its mission. Some of the most important uses include:

Support of Kamp Kiwanis. Every New York District Kiwanian is a member of the Foundation. The Kamp is your Kamp and, thus, funds will be used to make Kamp improvements with the goal of an all-year-round usage.

Support of Service Leadership. Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids and Aktion Clubs- all outstanding youth and adult challenged leadership programs can receive funds from your District Kiwanis Foundation. Due to their significant growth, more funds are needed to ensure the continued success of these programs and new programs that are vital to the future of the New York District of Kiwanis. Scholarships are awarded each year to deserving students who make application. We need to expand our commitment to our Service Leadership Programs.

Recognizing Contributions to Mankind. We need to recognize on an annual basis members who make outstanding contributions to their fellow man. A strong giving program is essential to establish such future awards and enable New York District Kiwanis to be a statewide leader in recognizing those individuals who serve others.