I hope that all of you had Happy Holiday Season.

This past November we completed a very successful K-Family weekend at the Friar Tuck Inn. We brought together Kiwanians, Kiwanis Key Clubs and Kiwanis Circle K Clubs for a weekend of fun. We held Kiwanis Board meetings and worked with young children from a nearby school on Saturday afternoon to kick off Governor Mancuso’s project for 2003-04 promoting physical fitness in children.

Now that we are in the new year it’s time to look forward to coming events:

**Mid-Year Conference**

This year’s Mid-Year Conference will be held February 27–29, 2004 at the Nevele Grande Resort & Country Club, Elkinsville, New York. We are planning a very exciting and fun-filled program. There will be many new forums that will be of interest to all. You will find reservation forms on page 14 and page 15 of this ESK.

**International Convention 2004**

The 89th Annual Kiwanis International Convention will take place on June 25–29, 2004 in St. Louis, MO. The New York delegation will have the Sheraton City Center Hotel as its headquarters. St. Louis has many things to offer to the Kiwanians and their families. Points of interest include Riverboat Casinos, the Gateway Arch, Edward Jones Dome, Busch Stadium and many other historical and fun areas to visit. You will enjoy your stay at St. Louis at the International Convention. Willie Nelson will be the star attraction at the superstar show.

The convention promises to be one you will enjoy. Make your plans early and enjoy your visit to St. Louis and the Kiwanis International Convention.

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**Governor-Elect Candidates**

Now is the time when those of you wishing to run for the office of Governor-Elect make your intentions known. In order to officially do so, the nominations must be published in the E.S.K. by the deadline of January 1, 2003 and May 31, 2003. The District Policies on Campaigning are clear and must be published annually in the E.S.K.

Please accept the following publication of such policies as fulfillment of that requirement.

**191. Campaign Policies for District Office**

The following policies shall be used in campaigning for an office of the New York District of Kiwanis International.

191.1 Announcement and Publicity

a. Campaign policies shall be published in the E.S.K.

b. Candidates for District Office (with the exception of Lieutenant Governor) shall not announce or publicize their candidacy for said District Office until January 1st of the year in which they are to accept election and having filed a written statement of intent not later than June 1st with the District Secretary.

c. Information for campaigning shall be sent to all candidates and their home clubs by the District Secretary.

d. The Governor, Governor-elect, Past Governors, District Secretary, District Treasurer and Sponsored Youth Administrators shall refrain from making a public endorsement in connection with any contested District election, specifically Governor and Governor-elect, except when invited to do so by the District Secretary.

e. The District Office shall provide a maximum of two (2) sets of mailing labels to the candidates at their expense for the following: Lt. Governors, Lt. Governors-elect, Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, District Committee Chairs, Past District Governors and Past Lt. Governors maintained in the District Office database.

191.2 Invitations to Conferences, Conventions and General Campaigning

a. During the year in which the election takes place, all announced candidates shall be invited by the Governor and/or Governor-elect to attend all Conferences, District Board Meetings and Conventions at their own expense.

b. Mid-Winter and District Conventions site activity should be primarily conducted in or around the convention booth area. Candidates shall assure that campaign supporters and workers do not block entry and exit ways to convention facilities. Each candidate for a District office (other than Lt. Governor) shall be provided a booth at the Mid-Winter Convention and the District Convention. Promotional material and upkeep of the booth are the candidate’s responsibility and at his/her expense.

c. If official Kiwanis stationery is used in a campaign, the present statement that the writer/author must be clearly identified, i.e. JOHN DOE PAST LT. GOVERNOR.

d. Active and personal campaigning:

1. All candidates shall be responsible for the decorum of their workers and shall accept full responsibility for their campaign finances and appearances.

2. Visits may be made to Division functions only by written invitation from the Lt. Governor. If an invitation is extended to one candidate, the Lt. Governor must invite all candidates for the same office. In order to minimize the time and expense of campaigns for District Office it is recommended that divisions join together to host a “Meet the Candidate” gathering. It is also recommended that between seven (7) and fourteen (14) “Meet the Candidate” events (either single division or multi-division-sponsored events) be attended by the District Office Candidates.

3. If a candidate does attend an official visit for the Governor to a Division other than his/her own, no campaign buttons, no lapel pins, and no attire that would indicate campaigning will be worn. However, private verbal campaigning shall be allowed.

4. Nothing should be said or inferred against another candidate.

5. No candidate shall solicit or enlist the aid of Kiwanis-sponsored Youth in the campaign.

6. The list of registered delegates shall not be available to any group or individual before or during the convention for electioneering or other purposes, other than those required by the Rules and Regulations necessary to the conduct of a District Convention.

7. All campaign material shall be prohibited in the House of Delegates or any General Session at a convention or conference.

8. No more than five thousand ($5,000) dollars shall be used by any candidate or in support of any campaign activities or in any individual, groups, Kiwanis Clubs or divisions. This includes all costs, both actual and in “like-kind” goods and services used by the candidate’s campaign.

9. Within ninety (90) days of declaring his/her candidacy, the candidate shall submit his/her budget for the campaign to the chairperson of the Campaign Practices Committee. The Committee shall review the budget, accept or recommend changes or ask for clarification of items.

10. The Campaign Practices Committee, consisting of seven (7) members shall include at least two members of the past Governors council, two Past Lt. Governors, two current Lt. Governors and the chair of the Laws and Regulations Committee. The Committee shall superintend campaign practices and shall receive, consider and act upon any complaints or violations of the letter and spirit of these policies. The Committee shall act upon any complaints or violations of the letter and spirit of these policies. The Committee shall act upon any complaints or violations of the letter and spirit of these policies.

11. Campaign reports shall be handled in the same manner as violations of District policy under Section 111., except when the District Board of Directors, by majority vote, rule there has been an intentional violation of campaign policy.

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