Hornell Kiwanians Celebrate 65 Service Years to Community

On September 11, 2004, the Hornell Kiwanis Club celebrated the 65th Anniversary of their Charter at Rupert’s at the Lodge. The Club was chartered on September 8, 1939 by Hornell Area businessmen. Graciously accepting the invitation of the club to attend the celebration was past Kiwanis Governor Peter Mancuso and his wife Karen, Past Governor Justin Underwood (02-03) and his wife current Lt. Governor of her division Joanne. Former Governor from Hornell’s Chemung Division Dutch Craumer (93-94) attended with Bonnie. Days before the event former Governor Jim Yochtum (98-99) and his wife Mary became unavailable but had intention of attending.

International Kiwanis President Robert Moore sent along his congratulations on our years of service to the community and wished the club many more to come.

Three Divisions Interclub at Holiday Tree Festival in Canandaigua Area

The night began with a moving invocation by Hornell Past President Chuck Robertson acknowledging the 9-11 events of three years prior followed by a moving clarinet solo of Amazing Grace by Jim Herrick who entertained the crowd with wonderful dinner music throughout the night.

Sal Matroniano Receives Christiano Award

This past August, the Past Governors Council presented their coveted Gerald P. Christiano Award to Rochester West Central’s Sal Matroniano. The award was presented by Past International President Jerry Christiano and Past Governor Jack Tetamore to Sal Matroniano for all his devoted efforts on behalf of Kiwanis and our children. The Gerald P. Christiano award is presented annually at the NY District Convention by the Past Governors Council, after they have consider the nominees for this award based on their time in and service to the New York District.

Circle K Does Their Part to Help Tsunami Victims

This letter comes from Andrew Sindell Circle K Club Building and Development Chair in response to the tsunami disaster.

Hey Everyone – I know everyone is having difficulty taking the devastating news of the recent Tsunami disaster. Many people I know are trying to find a way to help. I want to share a personal story that took place two days ago in Westchester County, NY that other people can use as a possible example of how they can help.

I was talking with one of my friends over this winter break and we decided we wanted to do something in order to help the victims of the Tsunami disaster. Since we both lack creativity we figured something simple to do something to help the victims of the Tsunami disaster. Since we both lack creativity we figured something simple would work best. We gathered a bunch of our friends and decided to go to the busiest part of town where we all grew up and simply set up a table. Before choosing a location we decided to pick an organization to donate to. Our goal was to find an organization that would give the highest percentage of money to the Disaster Relief. To our amazement we found one organization in Stamford CT called Americares (www.americares.org) which is giving 100% of the money to relief with no overhead.

We simply had a table with a few chairs and information about the organization we had chosen to donate to. We had some flyers, facts, as well as pictures, about the Tsunami and Americares. The reception we received was amazing, tons of people donated money some over $100, both cash and checks. Many people told us that they have been meaning to donate but didn’t know which organization to choose or how to donate so this gave them a wonderful opportunity. In the end the local news ended up coming and did a story on the fundraising campaign.

Today I went to Stamford to drop off the money and meet with the President/CEO of the organization, he was extremely thankful and told me people all over the country were beginning to rally local citizens to donate. In total we raised over $2000 in about eight hours. I urge everyone to try to organize some fundraising efforts for tsunami relief whether it be at your school, within your Circle K club, division or in your hometown.

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Representatives of three New York District Divisions attend the 2004 Festival of Tree’s in Canandaigua. Pictured: representing the Brooklyn Division were Hydia and Joe Corace, representing the Finger Lakes Division were Pat & Linda Cooney and Patricia Hook and representing the Genessee Division were Justin & Joann Underwood and Guy & Terry Desant. It was a beautiful start to a great holiday season.

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2004. The presenters were: Kiwanis International first woman Board member, Lisa McCoy, C. Janet Banks and Al Gilbert II, the latter two are members of the Kiwanis International Diversity Committee since its inception. This diversity forum was warmly received as indicated by the attendance and the questions asked following the presentations.

New York District Past Governor Justin Underwood followed the lead of Kiwanis International and created the New York Kiwanis first Diversity Committee and appointed C. Janet Banks as the Chairwoman of the New York District. Governor Justin initiated a first diversity forum during New York District mid winter conference, the presenters during the Diversity forum was Past Governor Tom DeJulio, Lt. Governor Maureen Allen and Chairperson, Lt. Governor C. Janet Banks. This forum helped to promote awareness of the enrichment and strength diversity has to offer clubs. Chairwoman Janet and the diversity committee main objective was to create more awareness and to motivate clubs to see the benefits from diversity and inclusiveness. Janet created a diversity patch with the assistance of a fellow Kiwanian, Cheryl Kovary from the Kiwanis Club of Holis. The Diversity patch has created interest anti clubs in the district are on the increase for meeting the criteria to earn it. NY District Immediate Past Governor, Peter Mancuso has continued to carry the baton for diversity in NY District relay race. Under his leadership, the first diversity forum was held during the 2003-2004 NY District Convention, Tiffani Banks Day, Peter Yu, Phyllis Smith and C. Janet Banks were the Presenters, Under the leadership of Past Governor Peter an Asian Club, the Kiwanis Club of Flushing was organized in Queens East Division. This new club has already strengthened the NY District with its membership and plans to meet the needs of its community and increase its membership.

As New York District Governor Glenn Hollins took office he and the 2004-2005 District Diversity Committee are committed to continue the New York District Kiwanis mission in diversity.

In a recent article that appeared in the Kiwanis magazine, the writer mentioned a request by Janet and that is she hopes that “Each Kiwanian will remember that “Kiwanian has a place for each face.” The New York District 2004-2005 Diversity committee is reflective of that logo.