**Connelly’s Heroism Memorialized - 2005 Recipients Awarded**

The first Robert P. Connelly Medal of Heroism was awarded posthumously to Robert P. Connelly at the 52nd Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Houston, Texas (1967) with this statement—“By his unselfish action he put tremendous and dramatic meaning into the phrase ‘personal involvement,’ which is so much a part of Kiwanis philosophy. This man was the epitome of all that Kiwanis strives to be.”

The Kiwanis International Board of Trustees established the Robert P. Connelly Medal “for service beyond the call of duty.” Recipients receive a bronze medal displaying Robert P. Connelly’s likeness, mounted on a walnut board with the inscription “for service beyond the call of duty.” The recipient’s name is engraved on a medal plaque. Connelly recipients may receive a financial award along with the medal.

The medal is to honor those who risk death or physical harm when “they might just as well have passed along the way.” There are more than 500 Robert P. Connelly Medal recipients. A complete list of medal recipients is maintained at the Kiwanis International Foundation office in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The following individuals were recognized for their heroic acts by the Kiwanis International Foundation Board of Trustees in February 2005:

- **Michael Bennett and John Sawchuck**, who subdued an armed student after he already shot at two other students, barely missing them. The 16-year-old student shot Bennett, a special education teacher at the school, in the leg. Sawchuck, the assistant principal, then stopped the student and held him until police arrived. They were nominated by the Kiwanis Club of Sand Lake, New York.

- **Paul Kostner**, who rescued a man who was drowning in rough surf created by Hurricane Frances. The 17-year-old Kostner dove in and swam 500 feet through turbulent water to save the man. “You just have to dive to the bottom until they let go,” Cutter said at the time. Both made it to shore safely. The Kiwanis Club of Southampton, New York, nominated Kostner.

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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

The International Convention in Hawaii is almost here. We have a quota of 300 for the Convention which we should strive to meet. We have an excellent hotel, The Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, which all will enjoy. For those who want to save some money and enjoy another five star hotel, the NY District has an excellent land package only arrangement with the Double Tree Inn. It is less than 10 minutes from the Convention Center and beaches. Check our District web page for details and forms. There are many things to see in Hawaii. Pearl Harbor, The Arizona, volcano sites, oceans and island cruises are just some of the things to see and do. It truly will be a trip of a lifetime!

Also we should show the rest of the Kiwanis world our interest in International affairs. There are many issues to be brought up at the Convention and as delegates for your club you will have an opportunity to voice your club dues up to date in order to be able to delegate forms go to those who register for the convention and must be signed by the Club President and Secretary before processing copies to KI and the NY District offices.

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