Governor Glenn W. Hollins

First Lady Susan and I have been making our visits throughout this wonderful state. We are moved by the numbers of service projects that hard working Kiwanians perform each and every year. We have been extended the utmost in hospitality and friendship—for that we both sincerely thank you. We know that you have taken your time and money to create these special events for us and we want you to know that it is truly appreciated. We learned about each of your areas and you have given us special gifts which will always serve as mementos.

By the time you read this, we will be making our final preparations for our International Convention in Hawaii. With the help of our New York Kiwanians, we plan to work very hard to get our candidate PG Tom DeJulio elected as Kiwanis International Trustee. If you are attending, please see DPG Pat Cooney to make sure you are on one of our teams to give out Tom’s brochures.

In lieu of expensive giveaways, PG Tom has asked Kiwanians to participate in a service project. We will be giving out coloring books and crayons with the “Color Their World” theme. Kiwanians will be asked to add their club’s name and location to the cover. We will then collect them and have them distributed to children in Hawaii. The “Everyone Is Someone Special” coloring project does not have the expense of giveaways.

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