Kiwanians by now you have already signed up for the International Convention in Montreal. The New York Headquarters hotel is the beautiful Delta Centreville. All the New York events have taken place on Friday June, 30, starting with a special New York District Breakfast at 7:00 am, followed by a District caucus at 8:00 am, and the District Board meeting at 9:00 am. I’m sure that everyone enjoyed the Convention. I will update you about many of the items that were discussed and voted on in the Delegate sessions in my next column. There were two considerations for attending Kiwanian: (1) to be a voting delegate you must have been elected a delegate by your Club (each Club is allowed two delegates), and the forms stating your election must have been submitted to Kiwanis International. (2) your Clubs dues and any other financial obligations must be paid in full before delegate credentials will be issued at the Convention. Remember that delegates needed two (2) forms of I.D., a driver’s license and one other. You may have not been asked to show both, but if you were asked should have had them on hand. The District Convention will be coming up on us soon. The District Convention will be held in Saratoga Springs on September 8-10. There will be an issue of this paper in early August which will give the agenda for that Convention. Save the dates and join all your friends and fellow Kiwanian in Saratoga.

We look to be on track with the number of Kiwanian to Kiwanis International. So far 8,224 Kiwanian have paid their dues for this year (2006). Members from the following Clubs are still in the process of paying dues, but it looks as if we will be close to our budgeted number of 8,800. This is good but we still need to grow if we are to get to one million members by 2015. We must all do more in recruiting and retaining members. Your TAG team members are available to help. Call them or call me here at the District Office for help. Let’s put on a big push as we begin our summer activities.

DPLG Ciota Takes Penguin Plunge

Kiwanian Club of MOUNT VERNON, Bronx Westchester South Division Chair of Special Olympics DPLG Don Ciota of Mount Vernon Club took an icy dip into the Long Island Sound to support the Penguin Plunge. There were a hundred participants in the annual February event which raised $100,000 for Special Olympics.

BWS hosts Governor and First Lady

Kiwanian Clubs of Bronx Westchester South Division - held their annual Governor’s visit this past March. Gov. David Rothman and First Lady Debra Fuchs arrived at the Lake Isle Country Club in Eastchester and were received by more than a hundred Kiwanian. There was great fun as DJ and talented Kiwanian James Johnson (Kings Plaza Canaries’ newest member) kept everyone on their feet dancing. MC and DPLG Dr. Rosemary DeJulio aptly led the program through the welcoming and introduction of guests. NYD Past Gov. and Int’l Trustee Thomas E. DeJulio recognized the members of the Legion of Merit and the Legion of Honor with pins and certificates. The Legion of Honor was presented to PLG Rocco Riti of Yonkers Kiwanis, and PLG Joseph Wuest of Morris Park for 25 years; to Peter Galt of Mount Vernon, Gerald Langlais of Parkchester, PLG Pat Pienza of Bronx Shore, and to PLG Dr. Ron Volino of East Yorkers (for 30 years); to Anthony DeBellis of Mount Vernon, Int’l Trustee Thomas DeJulio of Fordham University, and to PLG Daniel Illich of Parkchester (for 35 years); to Angelo Frasconi of East Yorkers, PLG Robert Rubenstein of Riverdale, and Past Governor Ralph Vasami of Yorkers (all for 40 years); and to Joseph Torrisi of Mount Vernon for 45 years. The Legion of Merit was awarded to Bronx Shore members Michael Marinaccio (20 years), Mario DiGiorgio, Angelo Milone, and Dr. Nori, wife of Elmont Pres.. Bob Nori, whose son Matthew needs a bone marrow transplant – so if you know of anyone who might be willing to test for their son, I’m sure Mary and Bob will be extremely grateful. Don family and friends,

Elmont President’s Son Needs Help

I am passing along the request from Mary Nori, wife of Elmont Pres., Bob Nori, whose son Matthew needs a bone marrow transplant – so if you know of anyone who might be willing to test for their son, I’m sure Mary and Bob will be extremely grateful. Don family and friends,

There are still many of you who have not been tested to see if you are a match for Matthew. Those of you who have been tested, please pass this information along to anyone you know might be interested.

Over 100 bone marrow drives on May 12th, 13th and 14th nationally. Please go to: <www.marrow.org/NEWS/ARTICLES> site to read more about it. Please consider getting tested, so that when the time comes, God willing, we will find a match for him. If any of you find out about additional testing, please let me know. I want you all to keep in mind that until 6 years ago, we never thought what we would need to care about people getting tested. In the blink of an eye, anyone of us can find out that we need, or a family member needs, or God forbid, our child needs a bone marrow transplant. And when that time comes, you pray people will care enough to help you save someone you love. Well today, it is our family who needs people to care. Going to get tested may take a little time out of our busy days, but if you’re the lucky one, you could be the one who saves someone’s life. – Thanks, Mary