Past Governors’ Distinguished Award

by DPG Jack Jatamone.
Award Committee Chairperson
Every New York District Kiwanian now has the opportunity to recognize and honor an “unsung hero,” grass roots Kiwanian with the District’s highest Distinguished Service Award. If you know of a Kiwanian who works tirelessly and continuously to help your club improve the lifestyle of disadvantaged citizens in your community and is seldom or never recognized for their efforts, you can reward them by submitting their nomination for this prestigious Distinguished Service Award.

The New York District Past Governors Council encourages all New York District Kiwanians to submit recommendations and proposals for nominees qualified to receive the “Gerald P. Christiano Distinguished Service Award” sponsored by The New York District Past Governors Council and awarded annually at the District Convention. The award is intended for the ‘grass roots Kiwanian’ often overlooked for their continuous dedication, untiring efforts and commitment to the betterment of people in their community who are less fortunate than themselves.

Nominations must comply with the following criteria established by the Council March 3, 2003.

The award may be presented to only one Kiwanian each year at the annual New York District Kiwanian Convention. The Honoree should be a living New York District Kiwanian member in good standing, who has exhibited outstanding meritorious service to individuals in the community and has contributed in an extraordinary manner over a significant period of years to the advancement of Kiwanis. Governor-elects, sitting Governors and Past Governors shall not be eligible to be nominated for or receive this award.

Award presentation and expenditures will be financed by the Council only, and cannot be purchased by any club or individual. Recommendations and proposals for award nominees must be submitted by a Past Governor and shall be presented in writing to the current Council Chairman, not later than January First each year.
The Council Chairman shall mail a copy of submitted proposals to Council members not later than February First each year.

Evaluation and approval of each award recipient shall be by a two-thirds majority vote, by closed ballot of all Council members present at the Mid-Year Conference Council Meeting each year.

Kingston Runs in 27th Classic 10K Race and Supports Senior to End

Kingston Kiwanians race participants with LG Matt Hall in background.

Kingston Kiwanians and run along side of 77 year old to offer support.

The Kiwanis Club of KINGSTON, Hudson River Division – 27th Annual Kingston Classic 10K Race was held with 463 runners finishing the challenge. The Kiwanis Club of Kingston had seven members run in the race proudly sporting their Kiwanis shirts. At the finish line they were met by Matt Hall of Mobile Life and currently the Lt. Governor for the Hudson River District.

Along the race route, the group encountered a 71 year old runner who had collapsed and was having difficulty. The Kiwanians stayed with the runner who eventually decided to not quit the race and make it back to the finish line with their assistance. The gentleman sent a very nice thank you card to the Kiwanis Club for their kindness and help.

by Joe Battista

This year marks the first of a series of new venues for our District Convention. On August 6th thru the 10th the 2008 New York District Convention will be held at the Turning Stone Resort and Casino (TSCR) located inVerona, Oneida County NY. Exit 33 on the New York State Thruway. This facility is on The Oneida Indian Reservation, A sovereign state.

The TSCR has many amenities to offer to us. There are 3 health spas, 2 beauty salons, 3 indoor pools, 3 golf courses, tennis courts, and of course a full casino, from Keno and slots to craps and card tables; which ever your choice of gaming, I’m sure you’ll find it at the TSCR.

The facility itself is constantly upgrading. Our guest accommodation will be in the Towers, a new addition to the TSCR as of 2004 which is a 21 story modern building with a spectacular lobby with water falls and indoor horticulture arrangements that are soothing to the eye; which immediately relieves the stress and tension of the day. Or you may prefer their award winning “LODGE” suites, which premiered in the fall of 2005. If relaxation and a stress free environment are your pleasure, then I strongly urge you to partake in the accommodations at the Lodge.

A morning or late afternoon stroll around the rear of the facility by the golf course is highly recommended. The grounds of the facility are nothing less than a pictures fanfare of flowers, trees, ponds, wildlife, and breathtaking views.

There are 9 eateries within the facility. EMERALD(S), a dine type environment open 24 hours a day with a wide variety of items; PEACH BLOSSOM($), an Asian restaurant with an atmosphere of tranquility and food to match. PINO BIANCO TRATTORIA($$) an Italian restaurant that is second to none, (try their Osso Buco). THE FOREST GRILL($$$) an authentic New York steak house, featuring the finest cuts of meat and fresh seafood situated in a sophisticated atmosphere. RODIZIO,(set pricing 29.95 per person) is a Brazilian style grill complete with Gaucos cowboys serving an unending array of grilled meats continuously until you burst, (a definitive must); WILDFLOWERS($$$) which is located off the Great room of the Lodge, here exquisite fine dining is the to call of order, if your palate is up to the challenge, I recommend making a reservation, ask for Jerry and mention my name, he will see to your request. SEASON’S HARVEST($ set pricing 12.95 to 16.85 per person) open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, this is a buffet style restaurant featuring a wide variety of foods, including, Mexican, Italian, American, Seafood, Chinese, a salad and desert bar and so much more! even hot dogs and hamburgers are available. RIVER MAIENET($), consists of several types of eateries in one, from sandwiches, pizza, fried chicken, panini’s, desserts etc. And lets not forget OPALS, they feature Starbucks coffee, and their desserts are to die for, (try the peanut butter brownie). Or you may choose to dine in...