Orlando Effort a Success
Delegates Elect Peter Mancuso Kiwanis International Vice President

It took a run-off vote, but New York’s candidate for International vice president, Peter Mancuso, won election at the International Convention over two other candidates.

Mancuso, a member of the East Meadow club and a past distinguished governor for the New York District, also is a current international trustee and past president of what is now known as the Kiwanis Children’s Fund.

No candidate received 50 percent of the vote on the first ballot and Mancuso won in a runoff vote against Gary Levine of Ontario, Canada. As vice president in 2019-20, Mancuso will no longer have any opposition as he serves at president-elect in 2020-21 and then as Kiwanis International president in 2021-22.

The 150 delegates from the New York District celebrated when the election result was announced on June 28 at the 2019 Kiwanis International Convention. See pages 4-5 for more information.

Register Now
For District Convention

This year’s District Convention, Aug. 15-18, will take place in Niagara Falls, one of the busiest tourist locations in the world.

One result of that is pressure on hotel rooms. The Kiwanis block of rooms at the Seneca Niagara Casino are only guaranteed through July 14. If you fail to register for the hotel by then, you may be faced with reduced availability and much higher prices.

Some other hotels in the area are already sold out that weekend.

Registration for the convention itself is done online, but you will need to call the hotel to reserve your room. You must call (877) 873-6322 or (716) 299-1100 to book a room at the casino.
The Suffolk East and Suffolk West Divisions of the district, hosted the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center Foundation at the June 17 debut of the new Pediatric Trauma Center at Stony Brook Children’s Hospital in Stony Brook.

Welcoming remarks to the visiting Kiwanians, Circle K, and Key Club members were delivered by Dr. Richard Scriven, Chief of Pediatric Trauma, and his Stony Brook Children’s colleagues Elisa Ruoff, Development Coordinator and Kristi Ladowski, Injury Prevention & Outreach Coordinator.

In addition to the presentation of $10,000 to Stony Brook Children’s Hospital on behalf of the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center Foundation, the evening involved a sneak preview of the new hospital lobby and an update on the Pediatric Trauma Center, but also included presentations about existing Pediatric Trauma programs known as the Teddy Bear Clinic, “Safety Games” Kits, Teen Driving: Reckless and Distracted Driving, and Bleeding Control (BCON).

"Inasmuch as Stony Brook Children’s Hospital is not only a Tier One Trauma Center, but also because the hospital is home to the most advanced pediatric specialty care in the region offering a full range of comprehensive services for infants, children and young adults, affiliating the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Foundation with Stony Brook Children’s Hospital was a natural fit for our joint mission to safeguard and as necessary cure, those who sustain pediatric trauma related injuries" noted Joseph Corace, president of the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Foundation.

The KPTC at Stony Brook Children’s Hospital joins the existing KPTC facility at Cohen’s Children’s Hospital which is part of Northwell Health, and is located adjacent to the Queens/Nassau County border. This addition of Stony Brook Children’s Hospital to the roster of KPTC centers permits the KPTC to provide vital services to the pediatric population from Montauk and Orient Point in the east of Long Island, all the way west into the five boroughs of the City of New York.

Central Adirondacks Honors School Counselor

On June 18 the Kiwanis Club of The Central Adirondacks presented Town of Webb School Counselor Kandis Griffin a Distinguished Service Award.

Kiwanis President Sharon Finkle-Kleps presented the award stating: “Kandis Griffin is recognized for her exceptional contributions and dedicated service to Central Adirondack Kiwanis and Town of Webb School”.

Kandis, who will soon to retire, has been instrumental to the successful Kiwanis Student of the Month/Year program.

2018-19 Events

Aug. 15-18, 2019:
New York District Convention, Niagara Falls
Hello New York District.
Mission Complete. Peter is International vice president. Our contingency that made the trip to Orlando successfully rallied around our candidate and successfully triumphed. The best man won ...

What a year it has been. Though we still have three months left in this year, everything is going great. I have to be a realist, I don’t see our district being distinguished this year. I believe the goal set by International was a little steep this year. But I have to say I believe every one you in the New York District is distinguished. Our projects with crafts for the campers, our membership work and most important the way you all hopped on board on my Military Kids to Kamp Kiwanis Project was unbelievable.

As your governor and friend I have never been prouder. Remember we are not done, we still have 3 month to get better. We truly took this District from GOOD TO GREAT. Thank you all and see you in Niagara Falls.

What an incredible time this has been for me. We had our Lt Governor training in mid-May. We had a great turnout, with almost every division represented. It was a great opportunity to get everyone together and put our minds to work. As usual we were in Utica, more or less central New York. Also very close to Kamp Kiwanis, which some people have not had the great pleasure of seeing. On the Saturday of the training, we traveled to the

press the enjoyment and honor to serve as your Governor for 2017-18. Many of you worked diligently at my governors projects: Children with Special Needs and No Veterans Left Behind. You made that difference, once again as you worked hard at opening new clubs and increasing your club membership.

As we wind down in Gov. Hank’s year, please let’s get these new clubs open AND a plus increase of members so Gov. Hank could have the same honor as our next Distinguished Governor.

Hope to see many of you at our district convention in my home town of Niagara Falls. Our 2017-18 board will be holding our first annual dinner at our famous Como Italian Restaurant on Friday evening 4:30 p.m. Please contact our Board President Joel Harris for your reservation. Open to all of our committee chair people as well.

What a fantastic Kiwanis International Convention at Disney World with many educational workshops, meeting many of our worldwide Kiwanians once again. But the highlight of it all was when our very own Peter Mancuso was elected Ki Vice President.

See you all at convention next month.

Sand Lake President Honored by YMCA

On May 19, Sand Lake Kiwanis President John Brownrigg was honored by the Capital District of the YMCA for his military service and his service to the community.

Brownrigg, 73, served in the 101st Airborne Division following graduation from Cornell University in 1967, and served in Vietnam. He received the Silver Star, two Bronze stars, two Purple Hearts and other awards for his service in Vietnam. He served five years in the Army and then 22 in the National Guard, retiring with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

A member of the Kiwanis Club of Sand Lake for 31 years, Brownrigg has served as president, distinguished lieutenant governor, and three times as a district chair. A former Key Club member, he is the current Sand Lake president.

Empire State Kiwanian
Minnie and Mickey Mouse welcoming the delegates at the Opening Session.

Past Gov. Candace Corsaro being congratulated as distinguished for 2017-18 by Past International President Jim Rochford.

Campaign shirts were the uniform of the day at the district caucus on Friday morning. The district had about 150 delegates in Orlando.

At the victory celebration following the win, Kevin Kamper, Karen Mancuso and District Secretary Rich Hall having a discussion.

More pictures can be seen on the district website, www.kiwanis-ny.org
Elections:
President: Daniel Vigneron, Belgium-Luxembourg District
President-Elect: Arthur Riley, Capital District
Vice President: Peter Mancuso, New York District
Board of Trustees (3-year terms): Gary "Coop" Cooper, Carolinas District, David Hurrelbrink, Kansas District, Cathy Szymanski, Pennsylvania District

Resolution
Delegates approved, 1,386-30, a Safe Kids resolution stating that Kiwanis "stands against violence, neglect, and abuse directed towards children."

Amendment #1, Non-discrimination Clause
Approved a bylaw change to add a provision stating Kiwanis clubs will not discriminate based on race, creed, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity, 1,187-207.

Amendment #2: Abstention on Trustee Votes
The bylaws require that all delegates cast as many votes for a seat as their are seats at issue. The proposed change, to delete that requirement, received significant debate but was defeated with 400 in favor and 903 opposed.

Amendment #3: New Requirement for Vice President
Defeated a proposal which would have prevented sitting International trustees from running for International vice president. It was defeated with 447 in favor and 820 opposed.

Amendment #4: New Trustee Seat for a member under Age 50
The proposal, which was withdrawn by its proposers, would have created a new seat on the International board for a person aged 50 or less at the time of election.

Amendment #5: Family Membership
Rejected a change which would have allowed those living in the same household as an existing member to join and pay one-half of the normal dues. The proposal received 727 votes in favor and 475 in opposition, less than the two-thirds required.
July 14 Deadline Looms for Convention

The site of the 2019 District Convention is one of the leading tourist attractions in the world - Niagara Falls.

That’s both good and bad. The good part is that convention attendees can see the site of the falls and the area. The bad thing is pressure on local hotel rooms.

The convention hotel, the Seneca Niagara Casino, has reserved a block of rooms for the district. But at midnight on July 14, that block will no longer exist.

Finding a room at the casino or else in the area after that date will be difficult and more expensive.

As a result, everyone who plans to attend the event should get their hotel registration done by July 14.

Online hotel registration is not available. You must call (877) 873-6322 or (716) 299-1100 to book.

The registration for the convention itself is being done on the district web site, www.kiwanis-ny.org.

The latest information on the convention is available on the web site as well.

One Candidate for Governor-Elect

During the House of Delegates on Saturday during the convention there will be an election of a governor and governor-elect for the coming year.

The sole candidate for governor will be Gov.-Elect Joe Ruggiero of the Parkway East, Brooklyn club and a past lieutenant governor of the Brooklyn Division.

There is one announced candidate for governor-elect for 2019-20, Brenda Leigh Johnson, a member of the Northport-East Northport club and a past lieutenant governor of the Suffolk West Division.

Gift Card Raffle

Instead of the usual basket raffle, the raffle at this year’s convention will be a gift card raffle.

Donors are encouraged to provide gift cards for various businesses which can be raffled off to the convention attendees.

District Convention Schedule

Tentative Schedule, Subject to Change

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Much to Do in Niagara Falls Area

Start at the Frederick Law Olmsted-designed Niagara Falls State Park, a 400-acre gateway to the Falls. There’s no better place to catch a view (and a selfie!) than the park’s Prospect Point.

In the summer you can delve a little deeper into the falls experience. Consider a trip to the base of the falls on the Maid of the Mist boat ride, or a heart-pounding walk along the wooden walkways to the Hurricane Deck at Cave of the Winds, where you’ll get an up-close feel for the powerful Bridal Veil Falls.

And be sure to circle back in the evenings, when the Falls are illuminated — and, in season, when a fireworks show sparks up the night.

Niagara Falls USA played a pivotal role in early American history, with lookout points belonging to the French, the British and eventually the Americans.

Take a step back in time at Old Fort Niagara, where you can trace the first several hundred years of the area’s military history — check for days when they do reenactments for the full experience. If you’re more interested in nautical history, you’ll want to take a day trip to see the Erie Canal, originally completed in 1825.

Taking a leisurely boat cruise to see the Lockport Locks is a great way to get to know the canal better.
Candidate for Governor-Elect: Brenda Leigh Johnson

We, the Northport/East Northport Kiwanis club are proud to introduce candidate for Governor Elect of New York District, Brenda Leigh Johnson.

She has every quality that one would look for in a leader: she is intelligent, disciplined, ambitious, organized, and understanding. Brenda Leigh is a member of the Northport/East Northport Club. She is two-term Past Distinguished Lieutenant Governor, Kiwanian of the Year, a Life Member of Kiwanis, a Brittany Fellow, she holds a Presidential Zeller, she’s a Founder’s Club Member of the Children’s Fund, she has served as Convention Chair, as well as being on the Planning Committee, has done Site Selection for three years and she has worked in the New York District Office for two years.

Outside of her Kiwanis life, Brenda Leigh is retired from Dale Carnegie but still consults as the company historian. She was awarded Woman of Distinction by the Town of Huntington. She has served on the boards of the Long Island Alzheimer’s Foundation, the Walt Whitman Birthplace and Old Westbury Gardens. She currently works with the organization, General Needs. She is an active member of the Northport/East Northport Auxiliary for St. Charles Hospital and she is an active member of the Ashroken Garden Club.

Brenda Leigh has been married to Peter Johnson for 30 years and they have an amazing son together. In her free time, she enjoys gardening, entertaining family and friends, sailing and roaming bookstores.

Brenda Leigh has the experience and has already proven that she has what it takes to be the leader that this organization needs. Without a doubt, she is the right person to serve as our next governor-elect.

Tentative Forum Schedule

Friday, Aug. 16
9:45 a.m.
Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Centers ..........................KPTC Representatives
Young Children Priority One ..................................................Past First Lady Helene Irvine
Partnership.................................................................Past Lt. Gov. Chuck Eckert

9:50-10:35 a.m.
Kiwanis Children’s Fund/Elimate.................Patrick Hall, Kiwanis Children’s Fund
Risk Management ....................................................DPLTG Roger Eltringham
Builders Club .......................................................Administrator Richard Wahmann
Project HELP ..........................................................Lt. Gov. Jeffrey Stone, Janice Talento

10:40-11:25 a.m.
Kiwanis Pediatric Lyme Disease........................KPLD Foundation Representatives
Aktion Club .........................................................Administrators Jaimie Neuringer, Dennis Gabel
Anti-Bullying .........................................................DPLTG Keith Cummings
Environmental Issues ................................................Circle K Representatives

Saturday, Aug. 17
9:15-10 a.m.
Circle K ..........................................................Administrator John Keegan
Integrating New Members ..........................................DPLTG Charlie Cronin
District Foundation ..................................................Foundation Representatives
Public Relations and Marketing .........................DPLTG Joe Harris

10:05-10:50 a.m.
K-Kids ..........................................................Administrator Mickey Leaney
Club Secretary Training ...........................................DPLTG Kim Scharoff
2010-20 Governor’s and First Lady’s Projects ..........Gov.-Elect Joe Ruggiero,
Youth Projection Guidelines ..........................................Debbie Rought

10:55-11:40 a.m.
Key Club ..........................................................Administrator John Goldstein
Club Treasurer Training ..........................................Lt. Gov. Matt Hall
Membership ......................................................Past Governor Eric Paul
General Needs .........................................................Lonnie Sherman

Candidate for Governor: Joseph Ruggiero

Joseph Ruggiero joined Kiwanis in 2006 after seeing his parents’ involvement in the organization.

He served as president of the Parkway East, Brooklyn club in 2008 and then was re-elected and ended up serving as president for six consecutive years.

In 2014 he became lieutenant governor of the Brooklyn Division. he was named a distinguished lieutenant governor for his efforts.

He served as a member of the district’s Formula Team.

Serving as his First Lady will be Deborah Rought of the Canandaigua club in the Finger Lakes Division. They met several years ago at a Kiwanis convention.

See the District web site, www.kiwanis-ny.org, for convention updates

Empire State Kiwanian
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The proceeds from this fundraiser are donated to the Cohen Children’s Medical Center located in New Hyde Park and other related charities. Dubbed “The Best Bike Ride On Long Island”, the event is organized annually by North Shore Kiwanian Tom Destio and his family who started the event to support the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center (KPTC) following the life saving treatment his son received from them as an infant. Much planning goes into organizing this event and members of the Kiwanis Club of North Shore are all on hand assisting to make this ride a true success.

A special thank you to the North Shore Community businesses for donating luncheon foods served to the bikers, as well as, all the fresh fruit, bagels, and more to stock each of the 5 rest stops for this 100 Kilometer journey.

The North Shore Key Club members gathered June 28 at North Shore High School to create their annual peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to support the event. In one hour the members made more than 200 sandwiches that were wrapped and packed for the event.
Seniors Honored for Service

Pictured are seniors from North Shore High School Class of 2019 who have more than 500 documented hours of service for our community. From left, Kiwanis President Leslie Kle with the Seniors of Distinction Allison Markasevic, 525 hours; Andrew Gerard, 509 hours, and Miranda Kianka, 551 hours. The Kiwanis Club of North Shore recognized students who have excelled by spending time and effort contributing to the North Shore Community.

Geneva Sponsors
Easter Egg Hunt


65-Year Member Honored

From left, Huntington Club President Matthew Minero, Dr. Gordon Harris and Past Lt. Gov. Barbara Macchiaroli. Harris was honored by the Kiwanis Club of Huntington with a 65-year Legion of Honor for his dedicated active service to Kiwanis. He has served in all positions on the club level and as Distinguished Lt. Governor of Suffolk West Division.
Monticello Kiwanis maintains the flower beds at the entrance signs to the village. At left are Kiwanians Martha Johnson and Ellen Nesin with the bed on Pleasant Street. Above is the Jefferson Street one.
Kamp Open House Featured Mortgage Burning

The main event of the weekend was burning the Kamp's mortgage. The more than $300,000 mortgage was paid off with the proceeds of a life insurance policy paid for by Ivan Tarnopoll, a member of the West Seneca club for many years who died last fall.

Foundation President Sal Anelli said the mortgage was taken out several years ago and was an annual expense which has now been eliminated.

The insurance policy paid $500,000, thereby providing additional support to the kamp in addition to allowing the foundation to pay off the mortgage.

Anelli said the board is considering ways to permanently recognize Tarnopoll's generosity.

Newly inscribed bricks also were on display.

Work parties also carried out projects to prepare the kamp for the coming kamping season.

Craft supplies for Kamp donated as part of the First Lady’s Project being sorted.
We often say that Kiwanis is the BEST service organization in the world. If we REALLY believe that, then I believe that EVERY community deserves a Kiwanis Club along with the Service Leadership Clubs that no other service organization has in its portfolio.

During The Formula, from 2013 - 2018, the New York District was 9th in total clubs built (29) in Kiwanis International out of 63 Districts/Entities. We only lost 1 club during that 5 years. I am thankful for the vast majority of the Formula Club Team that I assembled in December 2013 served the entire 5 years.

The New Club Opening process requires a lot of planning BEFORE the recruitment process even begins. To form a club, have all the promotion materials and applications in hand BEFORE you start. It is key to have 2-3 people from the community committed to form the new club prior to your new club opening campaign.

The 2018-19 lieutenant governors have received a lot of information on the entire Club Opening process and the New Club Opening Zone Chairs have all opened clubs during the Formula, so we have the experienced Kiwanians in place. We HAVE MANY SITES IDENTIFIED. Contact your Division lieutenant governor and/or New Club Opening Zone Chair for details.

The opening of a new club can be an entire uplifting experience not only to those who join, and to those who helped open the club, but to the entire community. Charter Night is an exciting celebration when the governor presents the charter, the new officers and members receive their charter certificates and pins but unspeakable joy to those who worked the process of helping to form the new club.

Every community deserves a Kiwanis Club. The excitement of community service ignites the process of changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

Thank you to the clubs and Kiwanians of the New York District for your support of this Governor’s Project.

I can’t begin to thank you enough. Thank you to the clubs and Kiwanians of the New York District for your support of the Governor's Project.

What started out as a modest goal, to invite you become a sponsor. Become a part of the history that we are making.

As we continue this project. We will be able to send “200 plus Military Kampers” to Kamp Kiwanis.

The Kamp has a motto ... "Build tomorrow’s memories today". Because of your support, we will do just that. Build tomorrow’s memories for over 200 military children.

Please consider a pledge today. We are grateful for your generosity and support of this Governor's Project.

On behalf of Governor Hank and First Lady Bonnie, co-chairs Michele Geresi, Distinguished Past Lt. Gov. Keith Cummings. We thank you, the New York District for making this governor’s project an exceptional success.

I am writing this as I sit in my hotel room at the Key Club International Convention in Baltimore, Maryland. We have 38 students and six adults. Past Governor Erica Swirskey will be receiving her award as Distinguished Governor and Past District Secretary Peter Alegre will also be receiving his award as Distinguished District Secretary.

Past Lt. Governor Dominic Bossey will also be receiving the Robert F. Lucas Award which is the highest award for a Lt. Governor. You should be very proud of these three young adults who did an outstanding job in their positions this past service year.

I want to thank all of the Kiwanis clubs and Kiwanians who donated funds so the students could attend this great educational Key Club event. I would like to especially that Helene Irving and the Richmond County Kiwanis Club for their donation that paid for the breakfast food for the everyone for this convention.

This year we toured Washington, DC, for our pre-convention tour. Some of the highlights of our tour was a nighttime tour of the monuments and a tour of the Coalition. We also toured the National Holocaust Museum and the students found it very sobering and thought provoking.

I am very proud of the students that we have here in Baltimore and you should be also.

Again thank you for all that you do for your Key Clubbers and I truly believe that it is one of the best things we do.

Governor Visits Finger Lakes


Pediatric Lyme Disease

DPG John Gridley

In the spring of 2017 a young lady found a tick fully embedded in her skin. She removed the tick and watched for the bull’s-eye rash which is often associated with infection of the bacteria. But the rash never appeared. So the 51 year-old mother of two continued about her daily life.

It wasn’t until a year later, after a year’s worth of increasingly debilitating symptoms, including fatigue, the inability to concentrate, uncontrollable anxiety, and nervous and muscular difficulties that at one point was mis-diagnosed as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), that she was diagnosed with Lyme disease.

According to the state Health Department, early symptoms emerge between three and 30 days after the bite of an infected tick, but the circular bull’s-eye rash occurs only in 60 to 80 percent of the cases. Other early symptoms of the disease include chills and fever, headache, fatigue, stiff neck, muscle and/or joint pain, and swollen glands.

If Lyme disease is left untreated in its early stages, more severe symptoms including severe fatigue, a stiff aching neck, and tingling or numbness in the arms and legs, or facial paralysis can occur. The most severe symptoms of Lyme disease may not appear until weeks, months or years after the tick bite and can include severe headaches, painful arthritis, swelling of the joints, and heart and central nervous system problems.

GET THE FACTS AND SPREAD THE WORD: (1) you do not need to see a tick or have a rash to have Lyme disease, (2) a negative test does not mean that you do not have Lyme disease, (3) you may have co-infections with Lyme, (4) treatment does not mean cure, (5) your genes may be affecting your ability to heal, (6) you can die from complications of Lyme and co-infections, (7) Lyme can be transmitted to unborn children, (8) it may be transmitted sexually, (9) Lyme can lie dormant for weeks, months, or even years, (10) Lyme can hide from detection and treatment.

So as I always say, if you think that your child got bit by a tick, go to your child’s doctor or pediatrician and demand a blood test and to be put on antibiotics immediately.

The Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation will be celebrating 20 years of helping children with Lyme disease at a Gala on March 22, 2020, at which time we will have paid out approximately $1,000,000 for the treatment and/or medication of a child suffering with chronic Lyme disease. SO SAVE THE DATE.

Thank you all for your generosity and continued support of the foundation mission. No child should have to suffer with Lyme disease.

Central Adirondacks Conducting Raffle

Central Adirondack Kiwanis will hold a raffle for, your choice, of a Luxurious Weekend for four at Turning Stone Resort/Casino or one-night in the Presidential Suite for two, or $4,000 in cash.

The drawing will take place at a regular Kiwanis Meeting on Oct. 17.

Tickets are $20 each and will be available from all club members.