President Bush attends 9/11 Long Island Memorial Dedication

Above: President Bush expressed condolences to New York District New Member Orientation Chair Peter J. Owens and his son, John Owens, and his sister-in-law, Lorraine Campbell, as well as other families who lost loved ones. Over 300 families were on hand for this 9/11 dedication. Owens Sr. remarked, “This was truly an experience. President Bush spent considerable time with each and every family. There were no speeches given, just friendship and concern for everyone’s well being.”

Delegates Elect International Officers

At the 2004 House of Delegates on Tuesday, June 29th at the Kiwanis International Convention, three international officers and five new trustees were elected.

The results are as follows:

---President-designate: Case Van Kleef, Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District
---President-elect designate: Stephen K. “Steve” Siemens, Nebraska-Iowa District
---Vice President/Treasurer-designate: Nelson Tucker, California-Nevada-Hawaii District
---Trustees for Region I (United States): Fred Bishop, New England District Peter J. "Pete" Mihelich, Jr., Missouri-Arkansas District Paul Palazzolo, Illinois-Eastern Iowa District
---Trustee for Region III (Europe): Grete Hvardal
---Trustee for Region IV (Asia-Pacific): Hui-Wan "Michelle" Wu

Kiwanis International Club Newsletter Contest

The Kiwanis International Club Newsletter Contest has changed. First, the term used to designate the club publication, formerly club “bulletin,” is now club “newsletter.”

The second change is the elimination of the five divisions based on club membership size. Beginning with the 2001-02 year, just one entry, the “best of the district,” is eligible for judging in the International contest.

Districts are encouraged to continue their newsletter contests utilizing the traditional size categories. By awarding banner patches or prizes in five categories based upon club membership size or other criteria, more club editors will be encouraged to perform at the highest level in order to receive recognition in their district. But each district now also should create the new category of overall Best Club Newsletter.

The five club size divisions were originally created by Kiwanis International because printing was expensive and club size determined the potential publication budget. Recently, however, the Internet and the personal computer have rapidly developed into the communicative tools of choice for businesses, organizations, and individuals.

Today, any Kiwanian with a personal computer and desktop publishing skills can produce a top-quality club newsletter, regardless of club size. The International Club Newsletter Contest will encourage these efforts by recognizing the best of the best.

Delegates approve merging Constitution, Bylaws; annual dues; global magazine

A proposal to merge the Kiwanis International Constitution and Bylaws into one document was approved by the 2004 House of Delegates, which convened Monday and Tuesday at the 89th Annual International Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. In other action, delegates approved a measure that will allow for annual dues billing and a proposal to provide for a global magazine.

The effort to produce one governing document— to be known as the Kiwanis International Bylaws— was undertaken more than two years ago by the International Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. The committee met regularly, reviewing each document line by line to produce one that would be easier for Kiwanians to understand and use. Outdated language and redundancies were removed, but substantive provisions of each document were left unchanged.

The move to annual dues is expected to reduce a club secretary/treasurer’s workload and save Kiwanis International money while increasing efficiency. Under the plan approved by delegates, which will not be implemented until the 2005-06 Kiwanis year, clubs will pay International and district dues, based on a club’s anniversary date.

Under the amendment to establish Kiwanis magazine as a global publication, each club in the United States and English-speaking Canada will collect from each member US$8 per year for six issues, with clubs in all other areas collecting $4 per member for three issues.

Action taken by delegates:

---AMENDMENT #1 – To require that any amendment to the Constitution require a two-thirds vote be made by a written or electronic ballot. PASSED
---AMENDMENT #2 – To provide for annual dues, effective Oct. 1, 2005. PASSED
---AMENDMENT #3 – To provide a worldwide publications. PASSED, AS AMENDED
---AMENDMENT #4 – To reduce the number of members on the Standing Committee on Past International Presidents to eight members and provide that the members of the Standing Committee are members of Council. DEFEATED
---AMENDMENT #5 – To include lieutenant governors-elect as delegates-at-large to all International conventions. PASSED, AS AMENDED
---AMENDMENT #6 – To allow districts to establish an alternate form of district government. PASSED

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