Trustee DeJulio Addresses Delegate Body

International Trustee Tom DeJulio explains the Kiwanis International Board position on the proposed amendment relating to the elimination of the title of “Treasurer” and refers to best practices learned from other leading nonprofit organizations. The House of Delegates overwhelmingly supported the Board position on each amendment addressed by Trustee Tom.
OFFICIAL CALL TO THE
89th ANNUAL CONVENTION
NEW YORK DISTRICT
KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL INC.

This is the Official Call to the Officers, Directors and Members that the 89th Annual Convention of the New York District Kiwanis International Inc. will be held at the Saratoga Hotel, Saratoga Springs, New York from Wednesday, September 6th through Sunday, September 10th, 2006.

The business to be transacted will include the completion and reporting of all 2005-2006 Administrative Year business and all such new business as is needed for the operation of the New York District for the 2006-2007 Administrative Year. Included will be the election of District Officers, installation of the Board of Directors and any other business that may properly come before the delegate body. The General Session will be convened at 9:00 A.M. on Friday, September 8th, 2006. The House of Delegates will be convened on Saturday, September 9th, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.

The Annual Meeting of the New York District Kiwanis Foundation Inc. will be convened at 3:15 p.m. on Friday, September 8th, 2006.

Article X Section 6 of the New York District Bylaws states that each chartered club in good standing is entitled, in any District Convention, to three (3) Delegates. The club shall designate one (1) Alternate for each Delegate to the convention.

The form for properly certifying Club Delegates and Alternates will be mailed to each club and must be filed with the District Secretary at the New York District Kiwanis Office no later than August 11th, 2006, thirty (30) days prior to the Convention.

J. Donald Herring, District Secretary / Treasurer
Dated July 10, 2006
Utica, N.Y.

The New York District of Kiwanis International is now accepting advertisements for the

2006 District Convention Program

Honoring
Governor David Rothman and First Lady Debra
Dedicated to
Orlando “Lindy” Marruzzo Jr.,
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Governor Elect
Joseph Corace

Last month the 2006-2007 Board of Lt. Governors met in Binghamton for their official Training Session. The sessions were run by Master Trainers DPLG Dr. Rosemary DeJulio and International Trustee Tom DeJulio. I sincerely thank them for being at my side and giving my team the tools they need for a great year. Each of our 28 Lt. Governors were filled with exciting new ideas and are ready to take on the job ahead of them. Many District Chairs are in place to offer support and help them whenever they need anything.

We are all looking forward to continuing in the Kiwanis service tradition, while having some special fun this year. Nydia and I thank everyone for their commitment and friendship. Finally, at our first board meeting, we officially approved our team name, “Joe’s Heroes.”

PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The following proposed amendment will be brought before the House of Delegates at the 2006 District Convention in Saratoga.

Language to be added is in bold face type. Language to be deleted is in parenthesis.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Submitted by: the 2005-2006 Finance Committee

Purpose: To increase the dues each member club must pay to the District for each of its members from $19.50 to $25.50.

Article XV REVENUE

Section 1. Each member club shall pay to the District for each of its members, with the exception of its honorary members, $25.50 ($19.50) per annum as dues and $4.50 per annum as a reimbursement contribution to the district foundation for its cost in issuing the Foundation Bulletin named Empire State Kiwanian, such amounts to include all District Charges, other than the registration fees paid by those in attendance at district convention, council or conferences. The total amount of $30.00 ($24.00) per member shall be payable annually on the club’s anniversary date as set forth in the International By-Laws.

A majority of the 2005-2006 Board, the 2006-2007 and the Finance Board favored this Amendment
Kiwanis International Convention, Montreal, Canada — Two-time distinguished club president Nelson Tucker becomes President of Kiwanis International, effective October 1, 2006. Delegates attending the 92nd International Convention and President Steve Siemens congratulated Nelson Tucker as the Northridge, California, Kiwanian was introduced at the Montreal convention as the organization’s 2006-07 President. Adding their applause are Vice-President-designate Don Canaday and President-Elect-designate Dave Curry.

Annual International Convention in Montreal, Quebec, this past July elected the Northridge, California, Kiwanian as the organization’s next worldwide leader, joining seven other new and returning International Board officers and Trustees.

David A. Curry, Kiwanis International President Elect.

Also elected in Montreal were:

- President-Elect: David A. Curry, a 17-year member of the Silver Bow, Butte, Montana, Kiwanis club. He earned distinguished status as a club president (1995-96), lieutenant governor (1997-98), and Montana District governor (1999-2000). In 2001, he was elected a Kiwanis International Trustee.
- Region I (United States) Trustees: A. Alan Penn of the Medina Breakfast, Ohio, club; Donald J. Sanker of the Penn Hills, Pennsylvania, club; and Stan L. Storey of the Arlington, Jacksonville, Florida, club.
- Region II (Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District and Western Canada District) Trustee: Roy S. Bird, of the Edmonton, Alberta, club, was elected to this three-year term at the Western Canada District Convention in August 2005.
- Region III (Europe) Trustee: Theodor “Theo” Riesen of the Bern-Aare, Switzerland, club, was elected to this three-year term at the Kiwanis International-European Federation Convention this past May.

Delegates Endorse Member Goal

Kiwanis will have 1 million members before its 100th birthday on January 21, 2015. The goal is written into Kiwanis International’s strategic plan, and it is the target on which North American, European, Asia-Pacific, and Latin American regional strategies focus. Now, Kiwanis clubs have expressed support of the membership goal too.

Representatives from clubs worldwide, participating in the House of Delegates at the 91st International Convention in Montreal, Quebec, endorsed the 1-million-members goal with the passage of a resolution titled “One Million Members by 2015.”

The resolution notes that Kiwanis volunteers are changing the world one child and one community at a time and that the strength and effectiveness of this service depends on the strength and effectiveness of the organization’s membership. “To change the world, by serving more children and more communities, Kiwanis membership must grow to meet tomorrow’s needs,” the resolution states.

According to Kiwanis International’s strategic plan, the organization emphasizes three routes to its 1-million-members destination: Build on the current Kiwanis, adding members and enhancing traditional-style clubs, expand into communities and nations where Kiwanis is under-represented or does not yet exist; and explore new styles of clubs and memberships.

Delegates backed up the resolution with their approval of a Bylaws amendment, which grants a one-year dues reprieve for news members for clubs that experience membership gains of 25 percent or higher.

“This is the new type of thinking that will help Kiwanis achieve its 1-million-members goal by January 2015,” says International President Steve Siemens of the proposal submitted by the Kiwanis Club of Alpine, Rockford, Illinois.

Other policies and decisions during the House of Delegates:

Approved:

- An amendment to change the office of International President-Elect to Vice-President/Treasurer to Vice-President.
- An amendment to expand the definition of conduct unbecoming a member of the Kiwanis International Board to all Kiwanis International officers, including district governors.

Failed:

- A proposal to allow flexibility in the composition of club boards of directors by setting board size at 10 percent of a club’s membership.

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Not having any more business the Convention adjourned to 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 16, 2006.

The New York District has a lot to be thankful for. Recently over three hundred members attended the International convention in Montreal. The theme for the convention was about the need for change for our continued growth to 1 million members as we celebrate our 100th anniversary in 2015. International President Bart Siemens opened the convention by telling of her experience while visiting our Camp Kiwanis. She mentioned about the moral values of the camp and the attitude that "change begins here." It made us all proud, but what made us even shine more was when she continued her story. Several weeks later, while back home in Iowa, attending a membership roundup she was introduced to a woman who was joining Kiwanis because of an experience earlier in her life. Thirty plus years ago, while growing up in New York, her local Kiwanis club sent her to Camp Kiwanis for three consecutive weeks and she never forgot her camp experience. To borrow a phrase from International Trustee Tom DeJoulo, “we touched her life” and she is now in a position to give back and join the K family to touch someone else's life. What a great story! Thanks to your continued support, as you read this, our District is once again providing a positive camping experience to hundreds of needy and special needs children.

Our District convention is approaching rapidly. Please get your reservations early. You will note that it will take place in September, something that hasnt been done for over twenty years. The convention honoree will be New York District Foundation President Lindy Marrazzo. Lindy does so much without looking for any recognition. Congratulations Lindy! Beware there will be some surprises at the convention. One special event I will tell you about is scheduled for Friday evening. It will be a “nite at the races,” using Kiwanians as the horses — more information to follow. I wish all of our candidates well in there respective elections. Debra and I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your gracious hospitality. We have had much pleasure visiting this great district of ours, I would like to thank all of those people that helped make the International Convention a success.

In the last few weeks we have lost some very hard working members of our K family. Our deepest sympathy to their families, they will forever be in our hearts.

By now all club dues should have been paid. If you are not sure if your club has paid their dues please contact the New York District Office. If they have not been paid, the club will not be in good standing and will not be able to vote at convention.

Lastly, on a very serious note the New York District is being asked once again, to come to the aide of fellow Kiwanians in the lower southern tier of our district. Several weeks

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How Do We Make The Kiwanis Structure More Member-Focused?

Recently a special committee comprised of Kiwanis members and leaders from around the world, issued a report to the Kiwanis International Board containing 12 recommendations for changes to our organizational structure. The International Board has not offered a position on any of these recommendations. These recommendations were submitted by the special committee to offer solutions on how Kiwanis could be a more efficient, member-focused organization.

In order to properly evaluate the committee’s recommendations, the Board has established four task forces on Global Structure, District Structure, Election of International Leadership and Conventions and Council with the important task to gather as much feedback from the members as possible. For this reason, you, the member, are an important part of the process.

By far, the single most important thing that the International Board can do for you is to listen. Listen to your ideas, your concerns and your questions. If it’s important to you, it’s important to us because you are the future of Kiwanis and the one who will help it grow.

The International Board would like to know what you think about the proposed recommendations. You may find, that after reading the special committee’s recommendations, you have more questions than answers. We’d like to hear about those too. We are asking for your comments; if you agree tell us why. If you disagree, offer a solution. Help us to understand your rationale.

As you know, we have an aggressive goal as an organization and that is to grow Kiwanis to one million members by 2015. The only way we are going to do that is by making our organization more member-focused.

Help us do that by sharing your suggestions and thoughts.

The “R” Word – Derogatory Slang

Written by: Denise M. Dejaiffe, Secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Northern Chautauqua-Southwestern Division and her daughter, Katherine “Katie” Wilkes, New York District Key Club Past Lt. Governor, Southwestern Division

“r-word” (r., [r]ard) – to make slow or slower; to delay or impede the progress, course or event of... (Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary. 1961 G. & C. Merriam Co.) Our nation’s special education law, the IDEA, defines mental retardation as... significantly subaverage general intellectual functioning, existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior and manifested during the developmental period, that adversely affects a child’s educational performance.” [34 Code of Federal Regulations §300.7(c)(6)]

That out of the way, this article is not about the actual definition or origin of the word retard, or the term mental retardation. Rather it is about the derogatory way retard, (herein referred to as the “R” word) is used as a slang word in everyday language to many people.

My son David was born on November 28, 1984. He suffered a lack of oxygen at the time of his birth, resulting in a chronic seizure disorder and mental retardation. At the age of five he was diagnosed as having profound mental retardation. It was a heartbreaking diagnosis, more so even than the seizures he suffered from almost daily. One of the first things that came to my mind was that he would be called “R” the rest of his life. I was determined from that moment on to help change the minds of people about using the “R” word. David was a child with mental retardation, not a “R.” It was a diagnosis of his intellectual and adaptive functions, not who he was. He was still a beautiful boy with brown curly hair, blue eyes and a sweet, crooked smile that would make anyone smile back at him.

It is disturbing enough that over the years the “R” word has been used to make fun of someone whose intelligence is less than what is considered normal, whether they have mental retardation or another learning disability. Much more lately it is used as everyday slang by many people towards just about anyone. They use the “R” word without even thinking about it. I hear young children, teenagers, college students, adults, professionals, teachers and even my own family use the word every day. Comedians, actors and radio hosts use the “R” word to supposedly be funny. I’m not laughing!

My daughter, Katie, age 19, and I almost always bring it to the attention of the person using the “R” word that it is both hurtful and offensive to us. We tell them briefly about David and ask them if they have ever known someone who has mental retardation. We ask them to personalization for them. We then ask them to think twice about using it again. We do this not just for David, but for his friends, classmates and all persons who have mental retardation.

Our beloved David passed away on August 18, 1996 from a sudden illness. His courage, faith and unconditional love are daily reminders to us to live each day to the fullest and to show respect and compassion to those less fortunate.

“Great strides are continually being made to include children and adults with special needs in our schools and community. Let us welcome them with open minds and open hearts.” from David’s eulogy, written by Mom.

I had the honor of meeting New York District First Lady Debra Fuchs at the Southwest Division Governor’s Visit. We talked about Debra’s Partner’s Project and shared our experiences about Debra’s brother, Richard A. Terry, who had mental retardation.

We found out that both hated when people use the word retard, we termed it the “R” word, and decided to write this article together.

Richard A. Terry Memorial CMN Golf Tournament Raises Over $3,800

The GENESSEE DIVISION raised over $3,800 for the Golisano’s Children’s Center at Strong Memorial Hospital. On Friday, July 7, 2006, over 45 golfers (mostly Western New York Kiwanians) participated in a scramble event that saw two winners: Nunda Kiwanis and Henrietta Kiwanis Team 1, who shared the honors.

Since the early eighties the Geneseo Division has hosted this event in conjunction with the Children’s Miracle Network. Distinguished Past Lt. Governor Dick Terry began this tournament and promoted it throughout Western New York.

The Geneseo Division has raised over $250,000 since the early 80’s and currently shares the naming rights with sister Division, Finger Lakes, for a patient in the state-of-the-art PICU. The New York District also funded Golisano Children’s Center’s Pediatric Trauma Unit.

Photo left, Greece club Secretary Vivien accepts shirts with Dick Terry’s likeness on front on behalf of her family. This is a token of appreciation to honor Dick Terry’s persistence in making sure that the Geneseo Division continues to support CMN and Kiwanis International (a National Corporate Sponsor of CMN).
Jamaica Club Formed In Queens

The QUEENS EAST DIVISION was very happy to welcome the Kiwanians of Jamaica into their division. The charter night for the new club was held on July 21, 2006 at a Gala Dinner/Dance at Thomasina’s Catering Hall in St. Albans. Governor David Rothman was proud to present the official charter to Jamaica’s President Mary Burton-Forbes.

This new club is one of five clubs formed in the last five years in the Queens East Division. SDPLG Bill Risbrook with the help of DPG Peter Marcoux and PR Chair Janice Seyfried were instrumental in the birth of the Jamaica club.

Also in attendance was PLG Gwendolyn King, as well as many of the newly chartered club members. The new club received total support from all the clubs in the Queens East Division and many other clubs throughout the New York District. Welcome to our family Jamaica Club!

Southwestern Hosts Gov. David and First Lady Debra

The SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION recently welcomed Governor David Rothman and First Lady Debra to the official Governor’s visit at the Moonbrook Country Club in Jamestown. Lt. Governor Elect Jason Hansen was the Chairman of the event and over 50 members were out in force, to make the New York District First Family feel special. The Gov. and First Lady were presented special mementos from the region. The First Lady helped draw the grand prize for the Division’s Raffle for the Kiwanis Safety Village Building. The Grand Prize was 4 tickets for the Cleveland Indians/Pittsburg Pirates game in Cleveland, a limo ride to Cleveland and $200 spending money.

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KI Board Trustee
Thomas E. DeJulio
Did You Know?

These facts about Lyme Disease and other tick borne infections:

Across the globe, all types of media are reporting increasing problems with ticks and their diseases. All local reports suggested an increase of Lyme Disease in New York State and on Long Island. Ticks can go unnoticed, because they are so small. Ticks can carry and transmit several diseases at once. Reported cases of tick-borne disease continue to rise in many states in the US and many countries across our earth. Any person can be infected for weeks or months or a LIFETIME.

An infected person can experience combinations of symptoms. They can be few or many in number, subtle or strange effects, difficult or tolerable pain, painful, or sometimes even there is an absence of symptoms altogether. There can be various types of rash or even no rash at all. Tick and effective treatment following a tick bite could prevent persistent infection. Find a good specialist. Unidentified and untreated infections can progress indefinitely.

All diseases a tick can transmit can be difficult to diagnose. Tests can be falsely negative, leaving infected persons undiagnosed. When a tick bite results in sickness, symptoms of the infection can be varied and easily mistaken as other illnesses or diseases.

There are NO 100% conclusive, diagnostic tests for most of these infectious diseases. There are very few doctors, tests, or labs able to diagnose ‘Lyme’ or associated tick-borne diseases.

There are even less doctors treating Lyme and associated diseases. Upon completion of 2 to 6 weeks or more of treatment, countless individuals continue experiencing symptoms and some continue testing positive for tick-borne diseases.

The reality of tick-borne diseases continues to be an enigma for scientists and doctors worldwide.

As you know, this program was started when I was Governor of this great district. We have come a long way since then. We are now a Foundation (Pediatric Lyme Disease Emergency Fund) and any donation is tax deductible. We now have two fundraisers. One is selling pins and the other, which has been courageous one of our Kiwanians, is selling a medallion called "The Brittany." The name-sake and her proud parents, Mark and Patti Mezzancello were present to witness Joe receive the very first “Brittany,” which is designed in her likeness. DPG John Gridley sponsored the premiere award and unveiled a sketch of “The Brittany.”

Joe’s face displayed a thrilled and proud expression upon receiving the honor. The event was a fitting tribute to the quintessential Kiwanian, Joseph Michael Wuest. The vibrant, forthright, influential, dedicated, philanthropic Kiwanian has been courageously battling cancer for several years, but is undaunted in his struggle.

The New Kiwanis will reach out to that untapped potential to assume club regional and district leadership roles so that “funny” story about the last person to arrive at a club meeting becomes next year’s president will become fiction rather than common practice.

Yes the New Kiwanis CAN AND WILL DO IT — Climb Higher, Achieve Success and Nurture Excellence. But the new Kiwanis is not the bricks and mortar of a building in Indianapolis. The New Kiwanis is you.

You are the ones transforming lives daily by your volunteer spirit. You are the one who by what you do, transform your own lives through the magic of Kiwanis service. You are the ones who love this organization so much, and all that it does collectively and all the time honored values it stands for, that you will not only continue in Kiwanis with your compassion and great heartedness, but you will also recognize that one of the most important responsibilities of your being a Kiwanian is to SHARE your love of Kiwanis by inviting others to join.

The New Kiwanis believes that member-ship growth is not a numbers game, it’s not a game at all but a serious desire to render more service in your community and in newly defined and more diverse communities who need Kiwanians and who are willing to go beyond random acts of kindness and make a commitment, a long term commitment to the Kiwanis brand of service.

How? By touching the lives of children today. Making a difference in one life that will make a difference in our lives and in our world.

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Joseph Michael Wuest Honored by Morris Park Kiwanians

Kiwanians of the Morris Park Club of the New York District Foundation for Pediatric Lyme Disease who are recipients of the Kiwanian’s Lifetime Award on May 18th at the NY Athletic Club in Pelham. President Peter Caliendo presented the award as one hundred fifty Kiwanians gathered to celebrate Joe’s twenty year commitment to Kiwanis. Joe is recognized for his generous support of children, especially those afflicted with Pediatric Lyme Disease. The Pediatric Lyme Disease Project is a cause close to the hearts of Joe and wife Ginnie (DPLG, Westchester Village Club) as grandchildren Brittany and Courtney Mezzancello are victims of the disease carried by ticks.

Joe Wuest was accompanied by family and friends while a parade of distinguished Kiwanians from across the NY District filled the room. Son-in-law Mark, nephew Justin Scrafani, daughter Pattie and granddaughter Brittany Mezzancello, son-in-law Roy and daughter Debbie Ellefson, granddaughter Lynn and her husband Frankie Cherubini were by Joe’s side.

As you know, this program was started of the NY District Foundation for Pediatric Lyme Disease by Kiwanis International, with Joe Wuest as the driving force. Joe and his wife Mary Ann.

BWS LG Jack Glazer was MC for the evening and introduced a long list of dignitaries: Past Gov. & Int’l Trustee Thomas E. DeJulio and DPLG Dr. Rosemary DeJulio (Fordham Club), DPG John A. Gridley (Floral Park) and former First Lady Rose Marie, BSW DPG Dr. George Kane, USW PG Alfred J. Bevilacqua, and Gov. Elect Joseph L. Corace, and future First Lady Nydia.

Also, present from other divisions were: Finger Lakes DPLG Ray Pfeifer and Sarah, SDPLG Dr. Peter Pellittieri and Doreen Pellittieri, LISC DPLG Mickie Learney and LSC LG Warren Kalmenson.

BWS PGs who attended included: IPDPLG Recco Ribi, SDPLG Sister-Marie-Kirma, O.P., PLG Danny Ich, DPLG Don Costa, PLG Bob Rubinstein, PLG Bob Frestor, PLG Anthony Guarino, DPLG Pat Piana, DPLG Dr. Rosemary DeJulio, PLG Ron Volino, DPLG Angela Pellittieri.

Joe Wuest has been the recipient of every award that Kiwanis offers! Among those are the Diamond Kaiser, the Diamond Hiroson, the KPTC Fellowship, and the Tablet of Honor. Ginnie Wuest was handed a bouquet of roses by Mark Mezzancello for the prodigious support of her husband. But, let’s make it clear that the woman behind the man has earned numerous Kiwanis awards of her own. Kim Wuest, DPLG, made the award.

Testimonials regarding Joe’s many contributions to Kiwanis were presented by NGV. Elect Joseph Corace, Int’l Trustee Thomas E. DeJulio, LG Elect Palma Volino and Pres. Vicki Volino. DPG Dr. George Kane, and PG Al Bevilacqua.

Significant among the speakers was DPG John Gridley, who is co-chair along with Joe Wuest, of the NY District Foundation for Pediatric Lyme Disease. Joe has introduced John to many “nice kids” suffering with the disease; and subsequently, the Governor’s Project in 2000-2001 became the PLD Project. The Governor saw for himself how the spirochete bacteria can ravage a child’s immune system, possibly rendering the young immune system, possibly rendering the young
The Kiwanis Club of MASSAPEQUA, Long Island South Central Division — recently hosted the 57th Annual Installation of Officers and Board of Directors at the Stuart Thomas Manor. The dinner honored Massapequa Outgoing Officers and Board of Directors. The new Massapequa team was welcomed and highlights of the past years accomplishments were celebrated.

Special recognition awards and presentations were made to Joe Ruggiero, Kiwanian of the Year, for going above and beyond in assisting the president during his term; to Rocco Dionisio and Dom DiFranco, Legion of Honor Certificate and Pin recipients, for over 25 years of Kiwanis service including positions as president, treasurer, secretary, and board member terms. Peter Schmitt, a Nassau County Legislator, was presented with a Legion of Honor Certificate for over 25 years of Kiwanis service, which included President and Board Member terms.

Immediate Past President John Kilgus and Kiwanian of the Year Joe Ruggiero.

Patchogue Honors Supervisor Foley

Kiwanis Club of PATCHOGUE, Suffolk East Division — recently honored Brookhaven Town Supervisor Brian Foley for his support to a young Crohn’s Disease Patient. Chris Picini, Chairman of the Patchogue Kiwanis Golf Classic awarded Brian Foley with a plaque of appreciation for his supportive actions for a child afflicted with Crohn’s Disease.

The successful outing was held at Willow Creek Golf Club and the proceeds went to help the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation.

Hoosick Celebrates Haviland 100 Birthday

Lou Haviland began his Kiwanis career in 1944, in Hoosick Falls, N.Y. and after marrying a local girl, moved to the village and joined the local Kiwanis club. He has been a Kiwanian for 62 years and has been very active in the club helping with its Chicken BBQs and as editor of its newsletter for many decades.

Lou is the second member of the Hoosick Falls Club to have celebrated their 100th birthday - needless to say, Kiwanis helps keep us young!

Immediate Past President John Kilgus and Legion of Honor recipient Dom DiFranco.

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which will be number one, has been presented to DPLG Joe Wuest of the Bronx Westchester South Division. Joe is the one who brought Lyme Disease to my attention.

Kiwanians, for over 25 years of Kiwanis service, which included President and Board Member terms.

Immediate Past President John Kilgus, Legion of Honor recipient Dom DiFranco.

Seated left to right: PLG Joe Ruggiero, Lou Haviland, Bill Andrick. Standing left to right: PLG Jean Andrick, Tony Wirmusky (unseen behind Jean), Gil Wright, Sandy Cluett, Georgia Main, Bernie Graney, Dick Whalen, club President Gale Leva.

The Kiwanis Club of HOOSICK FALLS, Van Rensselaer Division — celebrated the 100th Birthday of its oldest member, Lou Haviland, on July 16, 2006 at the Hoosick Falls Health Center.

On hand were numerous friends and members of the Hoosick Falls Kiwanis Club, which is 78 years young this year.

Lou Haviland began his Kiwanis career in New Jersey and after marrying a local Kiwanian, was presented with a Legion of Honor Certificate for over 25 years of Kiwanis service, which included President and Board Member terms.

I have in my possession a photo album/ring binder which George Prout assembled and presented to our district “in appreciation of the privilege, it has been of knowing each of (the dedicated Kiwanians pictured) with the exception of (the first four district governors, who served from 1918 to 1922).” The album includes the official photographs of every one of the Kiwanians who served as NYDG, from the first Claren A. Nelson in 1918, through Richard J. Leary, Esq, in 1973, the year of George’s retirement as ESK Editor, as well as our district secretaries and treasurers from those years. The album is one of the most prized Kiwanis treasures, not only for its own sake but because of the story behind my having it.

When George presented me with the wonderful photo album in October, 1973, soon after my term as 1971-72 district governor ended, I wrote to him thanking him profusely for producing the album and presenting it to the District and especially for “including me among the few people to receive one.” George responded with a hand-written postcard, which is also among my treasures, not only for its own sake but because of the story behind my having it.

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Above: Governor David Rothman with his fellow board member Governor Tim McMahon, from the New England District. At right: Emmy and Grammy award-winning entertainer Art Linkletter, fluent in the language of children (Kids Say the Darndest Things) addressed Kiwanians at a special presentation.

Saint Lawrence LG Margaret Matteson and Southwestern LG Wendy Wilcox attend District Board Meeting on Sunday in the Delta Center-ville in Montreal.

K-Kids Chair Mickey Leamey, Finance Chair Jim Yochum and Parliamentarian James Prout attend NY District Caucus.

Suffolk East LG Frank Virno Jr. and Suffolk West LG Louise Perrotta represent their Divisions at Montreal Board Meeting.
PG Ed McGowan attend Montreal Delegate Session.

Sergeant-at-Arms Mickey Leamey and Mike Malark (Capital Lt. Governor) keep a watchful eye and make sure everything is going well at the official delegates session at the Bell Centre.

Opening session at the Bell Centre included a magical surreal performance of Cirque Sublime. This Canadian-based troupe thrilled Kiwanians with the Russian swing, flying trapeze, aerial skills and hoops. Contortionists and acrobats wowed the audience.

Genese Former First Lady Jeanette Cartwright, Genese current First Lady Norma Day and LT Governor Myron Day attend sessions.
New York K-Kids Growing Strong Diamonds Sparkle-Heroes Will Shine!

by Mickey Leamney, K-Kids Chair

Governor David and I would like to thank all the clubs and divisions that started a K-Kids club. We are sure that you are very proud, as you should be. The youngsters are a real joy to work with.

Imagine, less than three years ago there were as few as thirty two K-Kids clubs around our entire district. Since then, we have nearly quadrupled our total, that there are now over one hundred and eight! It proves as always, the clubs in the NY District decide to do the job with flying colors. We do not have time to stop. As I said before the state has over 2,000 elementary schools and the kids are the easiest mold to young productive citizens.

Wouldn’t it be wonderful if we doubled out total this year? Think of how it will make our District Governor Joe look in the eyes of the rest of the world.

Starting a club is only the beginning. To work with the kids is where we do our best job. School will begin shortly, so consider starting your very own K-Kids club. Contact me if you need any help.

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Tony Polanoni

September a Vital Period

Annually, the month of September represents the beginning of the first semester of a school year. It’s a very important time in many ways. It’s time for Kiwanis club presidents to make sure that their sponsored youth clubs have resumed regular club meetings following the summer recess. IT’S TIME TO IMPLEMENT A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE, especially for Key Clubs and Circle K Clubs who experience a membership loss due to graduations and transfers. Also, additional manpower is needed to implement programs and activities planned for the semester.

Traditionally, in this period enthusiasm among the students is at its peak and are anxiously seeking activities to become involved in. Let’s not overlook the opportunity available to us in the first semester that will ensure a smooth and early start.

Kindly review the following recommendations – the key to a highly successful school year.

• Establish a line of communication through the Kiwanis and Faculty Advisor: The individual Kiwanis club newsletter is an excellent vehicle for communicating. Make sure that your sponsored youth club is on your mailing list.

• Assist the club officers in planning for the first semester: prepare a budget, appoint service committees, analyze and implement service projects and activities that meet the needs of the school and the community.

• Share club meetings with you: invite your members to your club meetings and likewise, Kiwanians should attend their club meetings regularly.

• Invite your sponsored youth club to conduct a Kiwanis club meeting. It will expose them to the entire Kiwanis club membership.

• Participate in joint projects: Service projects, Fund Raisers, Kamp Kiwanis, and many other activities. Key Club and Circle K members are a very significant source of manpower.

• Financially support delegates to the District and International Conventions including the Kiwanis and Faculty Advisors.

• Include Key Club and Circle K members in your interclubs. Officially they can be a part of a Kiwanis interclub.

Make sure that your sponsored youth club has all the materials available from the International office to assist and guide them to a successful year of service and growth.

Most importantly, communicate and work together with the young people who look to us for guidance and support. It’s our responsibility to help them become responsible citizens and future leaders of the country.

Merrick Scrabbles To Help Kids

Kiwanis Club of MERRICK, Long Island South Central Division – The new project for Merrick Kiwanis is supporting and sponsoring School Scrabble in their community’s six elementary schools and one middle school. The first Merrick School Scrabble Tournament held at the Merrick Library. Thirty 5th and 6th graders competed in the day-long contest. The students had all tournament T-shirts that were donated by the Herald community newspapers, and movie passes donated by a club member who owns a local theater. First-, second-, and third-place teams from each grade received trophies, as did the team with the highest cumulative score and the team that had the highest score in one turn, 91 points (including a 50-point bonus), for using all of its tiles to make the word “waged.” An award also was given for Sportmanship.

Fifth graders Eric Fegan (left) and Skyler Rudolfski were thrilled to take home the first annual Merrick Kiwanis School Scrabble tournament trophy for the tournament’s single highest-scoring word, as Kiwanis School Scrabble chairperson Linda Susman (from left) and teachers Robin Harris and Arlene Manning look on. Eric and Skyler also won trophies as the top 5th grade team.

Big News from the 63rd Annual Key Club International Convention in Boston, MA.

Shivani Radhakrishan from Minisink Valley HS Key Club in NY was elected Key Club International PRESIDENT. Katrina Roehrig from Riverhead HS Key Club in NY was named Key Club International trustee. Mary Phillips from Jamesville-Dewitt HS Key Club in NY was elected Key Club International trustee. Ogdensburg Free Academy Key Club was named a Key Club International Diamond Level Distinguished Club. Kristen Reed from the Ogdensburg Free Academy Key Club in NY was named a Distinguished District Governor. Derrick Asiedu from the Spring Valley HS Key Club in NY was 1st place in the Key Club International Oratory contest.

The following NY Board Members were named Robert F. Lucas Outstanding Lt. Governors: Joseph Denoncourt, Steven Danies, Atrish Bagchi, Elizabeth Counterman, and Dana Modafferi. Today the Governor’s Project

Each year the Governor of the New York District has the opportunity to choose a project that they feel strongly about in an area they would like to make a difference. This year Governor David’s project is mentoring. Mentoring is working with others and helping to make a difference in their lives. Anyone who is a parent, a coach or a teacher has been a mentor. This project is all about helping others just by using your lifetime experiences. There does not need to be a cost involved – just your time and your ability to share the things and events that have shaped your life. We are extremely disappointed in the participation of this year’s project. We are here and willing to help in anyway we can. It is up to you to make this happen! We have information and ideas. Please let us know how we can help? This project means a lot to Governor David, he has been involved in mentoring for many years and talks about it all the time. Let’s show him how much we appreciate the time and effort he has given our district this year and let’s start a Mentoring Program in your hometown.
As we head towards the end of the 2005-06 Administrative year, I want to encourage all Clubs to contribute to the Annual Club Gift Campaign to support all of the worthwhile programs the Kiwanis International Foundations provides to us, if they have not done so already.

A contribution of $100, or $5 per member as of your 10/1/05 membership not only earns your club a banner patch, but earns 10 points towards Distinguished Club status, which for most clubs is necessary to make the 80 point requirement by 09/30/06. The money goes to help our Sponsored Youth Programs, Grants (which we have qualified for in the past for the NY District Foundation and other Kiwanis Clubs), Kiwanis Disaster Relief and many educational programs.

For those clubs who have already contributed to the ACG Campaign, thank-you for the over $12,700 donated through 07/15/06, which equates to $1.35 per member in the NY District. Our goal is to average $3.00 per member to gain District recognition (which has never been done before), so we have a long way to go! We need to get to about $28,500.

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Name for Badge __________________________________________________________________________

Club Name ________________________________________________________________________________

Division __________________________________________________________________________________

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SP Club Name (if Applicable) __________________________________________________________________

Division __________________________________________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________________

Home: ______________________________ Work: __________________________ E-Mail: ______________________

First Names and ages of children attending ________________________________________________________________________________________________

TITLE: Please write in your current highest title: Kiwanian __________________________

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HONORS: PLEASE CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY

Kiwanian

First Timer – Life Member – Kaiser – Diamond Kaiser – Empire Club

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REGISTRATION FEES: Rec’d by 8/15 AFTER 8/15 Number Amount

Kiwanian $60.00 $70.00 ______ $ ______

Partner/Guest (non-Kiwanian) $40.00 $50.00 ______ $ ______

Partners Both Kiwanians $100.00 $120.00 ______ $ ______

Children No Charge ______ $ ______

MEALS/FUNCTIONS

Thursday – Get Acquainted Party No Charge ______ $ ______

Friday – K Family Luncheon $30.00 $35.00 ______ $ ______

Saturday – Gala Cocktail Party No Charge ______ $ ______

Saturday – Governor’s Banquet $50.00 $55.00 ______ $ ______

Please indicate a menu entree choice: Prime Rib [ ] Chicken Piccata [ ] Stuffed Sole [ ] Vegetarian [ ]

Sunday – Memorial Breakfast $23.00 $27.00 ______ $ ______

Three Meal Package Rate $95.00 $105.00 ______ $ ______

Listing of name(s) in Convention Program $10.00 $10.00 ______ $ ______

Make checks payable to “NY District Kiwanis”

Total Fees ______ $ ______

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Kiwanians of SPRING VALLEY, Hudson Tri-County Division – again had a very successful Day of Fitness activity with about fifty Girl Scouts of all ages at the Knights of Columbus in Haverstraw. Dick, Audrey, Pat, Scott, Elena, and Lenora all attended. Both the Ramapo and Spring Valley Key Club helped out as team leaders and relay race callers. Audrey is our most active runner and general supporter for the girls’ running, hopping, jumping rope, hula-hooping, and balloon breaking in the relay races. Snacks were served and prizes were given as usual. The girls also got certificates of participation to go towards their fitness badges.

Kiwanian Club of MASTICS, Suffolk East Division – sponsored the installation of the Mastics Key Club at the Kings’ Buffet Medford. Key Clubbers, Advisors and Kiwanians were on hand to congratulate the new officers and wish them well for the upcoming year’s events.

Left to right: William Floyd School Advisor Thomas M. Clery, Mastics President Fausto Fabbro, Erica Kelly, Nicole Worthman, Key Club President Jennifer Toolah, PG Glenn Hollins, Doug Ramsey, Hemai Patel, Joe Bascardi and William Floyd School Advisor Tim Lullo.

Check out the New York District Website at www.kiwanis-ny.org

2002-03 Southwestern Division LG Denny Hedman, recently passed away unexpectedly from a heart attack. Kiwanians are still in shock, as you can imagine, Denny was only 51, in great health and never seemed to show any signs of health problems.

Denny was a Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Board Member and the 2002-03 Lt. Governor for the Southwestern Division. His wife, Peggy, is also Lakewood Kiwanians Club’s Immediate Past President. Both were very active in the division. “Over the years Denny was fortunate to know many members in the New York District Kiwanis and will be sadly missed by all,” sadly remarked Lt. Governor Elect Jason Hanson.

It is with sadness that we inform you that Albert Boccio has passed away. Al was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Ozone Park, is the father of Barbara Cirlincione, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Floral Park and father-in-law of SDPLG Ben Cirlincione, also a member of the Kiwanis Club of Floral Park. Contributions can be made to the Pediatric Lyme Disease Emergency Relief Fund Foundation. Attn: John Gridley - PO Box 20153, Floral Park, New York, 11002.

Denny Hedman

Hedman Dies

Al Boccio Dies

Spring Valley Girl Scouts Get Fit

Mastics Sponsors Key Install
Kiwanians Join our 10 Day Regal Princess

The Kiwanis Club of Bensonhurst & Bay Ridge, Brooklyn Division – recently honored DPP Joseph Rotante for being member of Bensonhurst-Bay Ridge Kiwanis Club for 50 years and for his devotion to the club.

After donating $50 as the number of years he was in the club, Joseph gave a speech bringing out all the accomplishments over the past 50 years. Joe’s induction into the Bensonhurst-Bay Ridge Kiwanis Club, which was sponsored by the DPLG Joseph Marciano and Peter Guastella, was held on May 31, 1956.

Joe Rotante served as Bensonhurst & Bay Ridge President 1996-97, under the leadership of Governor Tom deJulio.

Joe was so impressed by the work his fellow Kiwanians were doing for the underprivileged children and the needy that he immediately joined committees and became active. He noticed that in the Kiwanis song book there was no song for his club, so he decided to write a song for BenBay Kiwanis, bringing out the meaning of Kiwanis in his song.

As Key Club Chairman, 40 years ago Joseph formed his club’s first Key Club at New Utrecht High School with 96 members. The Key club is still going strong today. Later he also formed two other Key clubs and then a Builders club.

As Interclub Chairman, Joseph made two round robins, plus one in another state, and one out of the country. As Program Chairman, Joe arranged several educational meetings; at Kennedy Airport to see the operation of the airport and view the inside of the new supersonic jet; at a radio station to see the making of a radio program; at the United Nations building to listen in on a discussion of the world leaders and to see how the UN operates; at a Brooklyn brewery to see the making of beer and to drink some samples; to Philadelphia to see the Liberty Bell and the birth of our nation. Joseph also arranged some luxury cruise sailings honoring Kiwanians Joseph Marciano, Joe Conace and Victor Allegritti.

With the International Committee, when there was the hurricane in Friuli, Italy, Joseph obtained Alitalia Airline tickets and together with Joseph Baglieri and LG Vincent Purello, went personally to distribute over $50,000 that BenBay had collected. They gave it to the devastated families and also built four apartment units to house some elderly victims.

Joe remembers many other charitable activities during his past 50 years by BenBay Kiwanis and was happy to be a part of them. Joseph Rotante has received the prestigious Hixson, Kaiser and the KPTC Fellowship Awards, plus many other awards his Kiwanis club. Joe remarked, “the best award I have received is the friendships I’ve gained being a member of the great Bensonhurst & Bay Ridge Kiwanis Club.”

The Kiwanis Club of MONTICELLO, Hudson River West Division – awarded scholarships to 9 Monticello High School seniors totaling $8,000 at a recent meeting of the club. The scholarship winners are: Joseph D’Abbraccio - Ben Golden Memorial $1500; Chris Bittinger - Irving Kaufman Memorial $500; John Gerr - Florence Leshner Memorial $500; Danielle McEwen - Ursula Good Memorial $500; LaToya Newton - Kathy LaBuda Scholarship $500; Caitlin Huebner - Boris Shalman Memorial $1500; Joseph D’Abbraccio - Ben Golden Memorial $1500; Kirsten Van Hage - Founder’s Scholarship $1500; Danielle McEwen - Ursula Good Memorial $500; LaToya Newton - Kathy LaBuda Scholarship $500.
In an effort to recognize individuals for meritorious service, the New York District Kiwanian Foundation has developed the Distinguished Service Award. This high gloss color certificate will be personalized with recipients’ names and signed by our Foundation President and packaged in a leather folder with an embossed Foundation label. The award can be presented by clubs once a year for one club member. The donation for this award is $150. It is a great means of honoring someone in a special way. Just fill out the coupon on the left, fill in the recipient’s name and club’s name, and send to Maureen Neuringer, 1535 63rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11219.
Key Admin Cummo Dies

A FOND FAREWELL . . .

Written by Bob Cummo’s Friends and Family

On July 5, 2006, DPLG and DPP Robert D. Cummo, also known as Bob, passed away. Bob was the devoted son of Anne Cummo, father of Dianne and Michael Longofono, David, Gail, and Daniel Cummo, beloved ex-husband of Rosemary Trustove and Suellen Witte, and dear brother of Stephen. Bob was a former president of the East Meadow School Board and the East Meadow Little League. He was also Distinguished Past Lt. Governor of Long Island South Central Division of Kiwanis International. Bob was also a Board member and fellow of Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center, assistant Key Club Administrator of the New York District of Kiwanis International, Board member of the Wantagh Senior Center, and President of the Senior Center’s Men’s Club.

To his friends and family, Bob was a devoted sports fan. He followed the Yankees and Giants religiously. Neighbors and family members could judge the outcome of the game based on Bob’s cheer or jeers from his den. He was also known for his stories that seemed to add a little something extra each time it was told.

Through his positions with the School Board, Little League, and Kiwanis, Bob was able to express his love of children and do everything in his power to better things for children of his community and beyond. “Mr. Cummo” was the ultimate mentor, always there to help arrange meetings, events, fund raisers, rides — whatever the kids needed to help them serve others, and grow into civic-minded young men and women. Bob was a distinguished member of his community and the Kiwanis organization and will be greatly missed.

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Once again, we have to say goodbye to a giant in the Kiwanis family, Bob Cummo. Bob passed away recently from cancer. Bob was a distinguished PGL of Long Island South Central division, was a Key Club advisor, and was a great supporter of Kamp Kiwanis. We are going to miss him.

Thanks to all those clubs who are sending children to Kamp Kiwanis. The first week of camp we had 77 children whose parent or parents were in the military. The respite they had was appreciated thanks to your help. You can continue the support of these children by donating to the foundation as where there is an opening in any week, we will try to fill it with a child whose parent or parents are in the military.

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