What beautiful faces of the Lobell’s as they enjoy a old-fashioned family Christmastime! They had no idea what devastation and uncertainty was in store for them in the wake of one of the most horrifying hurricanes to hit the US.

Distinguished Governor Patrick J. Cooney and First Lady Linda were on pins and needles as broadcasts about Katrina overwhelmed the TV. “We anxiously awaited news from people close to us,” Linda reports. Their daughter Pam and son-in-law Lance’s family were unfortunately right in the path of Katrina’s destruction.

Lance’s parents, Lon and Debbie live in Ponchatoula, Louisiana (an hour from New Orleans between Baton Rouge and Covington), His brother Adam and sister-in-law Dodi and their three children, Cristin, Evan and Seth live in Gulfport, Mississippi.

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Administrative Resolution and By-Law Amendments Results

As per District Secretary Joe Eppolito

AUGUST 20, 2005 – Administrative Resolution # 1 – Endorsed by the 2004-05 New York District Board. Purpose: To recognize the delegates at the 2005 International Convention in Hawaii voted to pass bylaw amendments allowing Kiwanis International to begin proceedings to change from 510(c)(4) to 501(c)(3) tax classification status.

WHEREAS recognizing the advantage of reclassification to 501(c)(3) status for Kiwanis, which would allow: • A portion of member dues to become tax-deductible • Clubs to become charitable organizations eligible to receive charitable, tax-deductible contributions from businesses, organizations, and individuals • Clubs to become eligible for nonprofit postage rates and vendor discounts on goods and services • Clubs in some states to become exempt from state sales tax • Clubs to become eligible for grants from other 501(c)(3) organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in the event that Kiwanis International succeeds in changing itself from a 501(c)(4) to a 501(c)(3) tax classification status, this delegate body supports in principle such amendments to the District’s Articles of Incorporation, and By-Laws as would be necessary to change the District’s tax classification status to 501(c)(3) as well.

Passed NY District House of Delegates August 20, 2005 by voice vote as presented.

Proposed Amendment #2 – Endorsed by the 2004-05 New York District Board.

Purpose: To conform the New York District By-Laws to reflect the method for collecting dues from Semi-Annually to Annually based on the Club's Anniversary Date based on the Kiwanis International By-Law / Amendment approved in St. Louis, Missouri, at the International Convention in June, 2004.

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I would like to thank all the Lieutenant Governors and their clubs for hosting the Governor’s visits. Your warm hospitality and boundless generosity made us feel so special and each visit a distinct pleasure.

I will carry the warmth of your friendship in my heart forever and I look forward to a continued friendship and being part what we all can accomplish as Kiwanians. Once again, thank you and God bless all of you.

All my best wishes, First Lady Susan

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Proposed Resolution #1 – Dedication of the Convention to Domenic Sciarrotta Sr.

Domenic Sciarrotta Sr., a member of the Kiwanis Club of Peninsula since 1983, is an outstanding example of a real Kiwanian. Domenic’s extraordinary Kiwanis career has included dedicated service at the Club, Divisional and District levels, most notably as 1989 & 1996 Distinguished Lieutenant Governor of his Long Island Southwest Division, and serving on the New York Kiwanis Foundation Board of Directors. Under Domenic’s enthusiastic and tireless leadership in his club and community, thousands of dollars were donated to North Shore Pediatric Trauma, Down’s Anchor Program for Special Children, Fireman’s Programs, Thanksgiving for Families, Dream Christmas projects, Toys for Children at Christmas and many other projects. Domenic was a tireless work, servant and leader in the Long Island Southwest Division for over twenty years. He will be greatly missed by his loving & caring wife Lorraine, his three children Domenic, Jr., Angela and Cathy, his wonderful grandchildren, his community and us, his brothers & sisters in Kiwanis.

Therefore be it resolved that:

1. The delegates to this Convention hereby enthusiastically congratulate the election of E. DeJulio as President of Kiwanis International at the 2005 International Convention and, on behalf of the entire New York District, on his future election campaign.

2. And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be entered in the minutes of this Convention.

Proposed Resolution #2 – Congratulations to the election of Thomas E. DeJulio, Kiwanis International Trustee

Thomas E. DeJulio, Esq., a member of the Kiwanis Club of Fordham, the Bronx, has had a distinguished career in the K-Family since 1983. He has served as President of his Mt. Vernon High School Key Club, President of his Fordham University Circle K Club, Kiwanian since 1972, President of the Mt. Vernon Kiwanis Club, Lieutenant Governor of his Bronx Westchester South Division, ten years on various District Committees including five years as Circle K Administrator, 1996-97 Governor of our District and several years as a member or Chairman of important Kiwanis International Committees.

In each of these positions and as Chief Legal Counsel for Fordham University Tom has proven himself an exceptional person and an outstanding Kiwanian leader.

Throughout his entire adult life Tom and we in the K-Family have enjoyed the great benefit of having by his side his soul mate and fellow Kiwanis leader Dr. Rosemary DeJulio.

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Joseph C. Eppolito, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Liverpool, before and after his term as our Past Distinguished Governor has been an extraordinarily dedicated Kiwanian and a highly effective Kiwanis leader. Kiwanis and our District have been very well served by Joe’s dedicated service at all Kiwanis levels, in particular as our 1999-2000 Governor; where he led the New York District to lead all of North America in growth. As District Secretary/Treasurer we are grateful for the modernization of the District Office in procedures, technology, and professional appearance, as well as his many positive contributions to the success of this Convention; and be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be entered in the minutes of this Convention.

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Proposed Resolution #4 – Thanks to all who staged our 88th Annual Convention.

The planning for and staging of a Convention requires effective coordination and cooperation among the Convention City, the Convention Hotel and the Kiwanis Club of Binghamton for our District and enjoyable experience for Convention attendees. Therefore be it resolved that:

1. Delegates of this Convention do hereby express their thanks to Joseph C. Eppolito and Virginig Eppolito for their many contributions to Kiwanis at all levels over many years and wish them many more years of good health and happiness, and continued service to Kiwanis; and

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Proposed Resolution #5 – Our gratitude to the officials of the City of Binghamton and Holiday Inn Hotels.

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Proposed Resolution #6 – On the service of District Secretary/Treasurer.

Joe will continue to serve at the Club, District Chairman for all your efforts on our behalf, District Secretary/Treasurer Joe Eppolito and his assistant Gerald Payanoff. Thank you District Chairman for all your efforts on behalf of Kiwanis and our children.

I was very proud of all the Kiwanians who quickly collected food, clothing, first aid kits, luggage and essentials for the victims of Katrina, a devastating hurricane. Thank you Mike Malark for your efforts in making sure the items got to Kiwanians of the Gulf Coast area. We should all be proud of ourselves, it’s the devotion to service that makes our organization great!
Lobell Family Loses Everything

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Finally, the phone call came and the Cooney’s heard the best of news and the worst of news. Lon, Debbie, Adam, Dodi and the three kids were okay. In Ponchatoula (home of Lon and Debbie), several trees were downed, there was no electricity or anyway of getting out of there. Grandma Lobell’s home was destroyed. A large tree came crashing through the front of the house. Luckily Grandma and her sister were also alive.

Adam and Dodi made the grueling trip from hard hit Gulfport, Mississippi to Ponchatoula with their frightened children. They had to borrow a pickup truck, since their own truck was destroyed near the shelter where the family waited out the storm.

After arriving in Ponchatoula and the shock of the experience subsided, Adam and Dodi shared their horrific tale. The housing development where the family lived (one quarter mile from the Gulf in Gulfport, Mississippi) was totally destroyed. The development of 40 homes now only has 6 shells standing. Adam and Dodi’s home was not one of them. In the home’s footprint, where this young family raised their children, worked hard and were a vital part of their community, there only remains a concrete slab.

Adam tearfully told his parents, “Our last memory of our home will be the children’s clothes and toys strewn throughout the sand. There is nothing else.”

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anniversary date as set forth in the International By-Laws. Passed NY District House of Delegates August 20, 2005 as amended by voice vote.

Proposed Amendment #3

The net effect of this by-law change, if approved by a 2/3 vote of the delegate body, would increase the annual dues by $5.00, from $19.50 currently to $24.50, and an increase of $1.00 for the Foundation Bulletin, named Empire State Kiwanian from $5.30 currently to $4.50.

Submitted by the Kiwanis Club of West Seneca. Purpose: To increase the dues each member club must pay to the District for each of its members from $19.50 to $24.50 and to increase the Foundation Bulletin named Empire State Kiwanian from $3.50 to $4.50.

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Editor’s Note: Many Kiwanians have shared with me antidotes about the “Kindness of a Kiwanian.” Each and every time I am deeply moved and changed by the experience. I have decided it is time to share these stories with you...

When the HARTSDALE CLUB heard about the food collection for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, they shared the information with a club sponsored senior citizens group. The seniors also wanted to help. Buying and carrying heavy canned foods was too much for them. Instead, they purchased toilet tissue and paper towels (much lighter to carry) and quietly did their part. Thanks, seniors and Hartsdale.

The BROOKLYN Division acted as one of the collection points for food going on a 48 Tractor Trailer to Ponchatoula, LA. They received so much food that it quickly filled three rooms. The donations needed to get to the METROPOLITAN Division to meet the truck in Staten Island the next morning and there wasn’t enough room in the three vans they had. Governor Elect JOE CORACE picked up the phone and called Bensonhurst & Bay Ridge’s longtime member TOM COLASANTO of Abe Weiling. The next morning at 8:30 an empty truck was at the collection point with a driver – free of charge. They food got to Staten Island on time.

Thanks Tommy.

When TRISH HOOK and JANET CALABRESE read about Kristin Lobell they wanted to help. Kristin was looking forward to a new school term and learning to play the trombone. Unfortunately, it was lost in Hurricane Katrina. Trish had her flute refurbished and Janet went out and bought this 11 years old a new set of clothes for the first day of school and sent them. Way to go gals!

If you are interested in sharing a short paragraph about a kindness of a Kiwanian, call me (718) 299-5879, or email me at MGYKES@aol.com, or send it to: ESK, Maureen Neuringer, 1535 63rd St., B’klyn, NY 11219.

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Dear Kiwanians:

In the confusion to help our fellow members and communities in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, we find that Kiwanians around the District are fielding questions for assistance, offering help, accepting donations, etc. To coordinate the relief efforts by everyone, Governor Woody and I have asked International Trustee Lenny Simmons to help coordinate our District’s efforts.

Lenny is well-known throughout all of Kiwanis, mainly because of his office as International Trustee. He has a good handle on the areas that need help, as he is extremely knowledgeable about the clubs and the geography of the affected areas of Greater New Orleans, the north shore, and even the Gulf Coast.

For now, all information should be shared with or funneled through Lenny. When communicating with offers of assistance by e-mail, please remember to cc: him with your messages at katrinadavis@kiwanis.org. If contact is made by phone, refer the calls to Lenny at 504/874-1279. We realize that calls into this area are often blocked because the networks are busy – just be patient as things are getting better.

The offers to help in our District has been tremendous. To make sure that we have one voice communicating our needs, and coordinating the offers, it is imperative that one person maintains control of the situation. Lenny is willing to handle this, and can do it for us – knowing that one day soon, he and Cathy will return to New Orleans to see what damage Katrina left for him.

Yours in Kiwanis,

Mark

Mark G. Simmons
Governor-Designate

OCTOBER 2005

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Sponsored Organizations and Programs

Tony Palangi

The Avenue of Success for Sponsored Youth Organizations
Throughout the many years that I have had the opportunity of working together with the Sponsored Youth Organizations, especially Key Club and Circle K, I have found that the most successful clubs are those which enjoy a close working relationship with their sponsoring Kiwanis clubs.

The business and professional men and women that encompass Kiwanis membership, have the experience and the knowledge to offer professional counseling and personal assistance to our young people.

With the opening of the first semester of the school year this fall, rapidly approaching, it's important to remind ourselves of the outstanding characteristics largely responsible for the success of our sponsored youth program. I would like to list them for your review and implementation:

• 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 community.

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

• Annually, ask 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, fundraisers, Kamp Kiwanis, and many other activities. Key Club and Circle K are a very important source of manpower. Financially support delegates to the District and Int’l Conventions including the Kiwanis and Faculty Advisors. The advisors play a vital role in the success of the Sponsored Youth Program.

• Assist with the implementation of a membership drive, the life line of the club.

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

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

• Most important: Communicate, work together, our young people look to us for guidance and support. It’s our responsibility to help them become responsible citizens and future leaders of our country.

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Oceanside Kiwanis Heads to the Sea

The Kiwanis Club of OCEANSIDE, Long Island Southwest Division – treated Oceanside children to a glorious day at sea aboard the Freeport’s Captain Pete to see who could catch the biggest fish. Even though most fish caught were under the state minimum and had to be returned to the water, there were two keepers meeting the state requirements of 17 1/2 inches. It was clear from the smiles on the children’s faces that all fisherman aboard had a fun day.

Department of Community Activities staff and Kiwanis Club representatives with happy fishing contestant winners.

In the girls division, congratulations to Michelle Cozzi for catching the “Most Fish” and the “Biggest Fish,” and Ava Feirera caught the “Biggest Fish” also. In the boys division, Nicholas Comesana won for catching the “Most Fish” and William Remsen won for catching the “Biggest Fish.”

Kid’s Safety Day Held in Floral Park

Kiwanis Club of FLORAL PARK, Long Island North Division – recently held a Kid’s Safety Day. The Floral Park Police gave instructions on bicycle safety and the Floral Park Fire Dept. gave instructions on what to do in case of a fire in your home.

Department of Community Activities

Kiwanzis Fitness

With Rockland County Scouts

Kiwanis Club of SPRING VALLEY, Hudson Tri-County – again sponsored a day of fitness with the local Girl Scouts who attend the Saturday afternoon drop-in program in Haverstraw, NY. The program is one of several run by member Elena Lavalas, a district Girl Scout administrator. Kiwanians were joined by Spring Valley’s three Key Club (North Rockland, Ramapo, and Spring Valley) as well as the Willow Grove Builders Club making this a real K-Family event. It was just as successful this year as it was last year.

North Rockland Key Club Secretary Katie Bulson goes through the hula hoop.

Four teams of girls between the ages of five and twelve or so ran, jumped and hula-hooped through ten relay races. Each girl received a t-shirt, snack, juice and a prize at the end. Thanks are owed to DPG Peter Mancuso who asked every Kiwanis Club to do some project that would encourage fitness in youth. At the 2003 Mid-Winter Convention Karen and Peter put on a series of relay races at the Nevele. Lenora, ever the teacher/learner, sat there and wrote everything down so we could know what to do for each race. This became the basis of our successful Girl Scout event. Wanting to complete the Governor’s Project in support of our own then LG Patricia Caldwell, Spring Valley managed to translate this into a now annual event.

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EMPIRE STATE KIWANIAN

NY Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship Winner

Kiwanis Club of FONDAL-FULTONVILLE, Mohawk Division – recently presented Key Clubber David Johnson with the New York State District Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship at David’s school. David was Key Club Lt. Governor for 2003-04 and executive assistant for 2004-05.

Woodridge Granddaughters Become Kiwanian Family

(L-R) Megan Gerow, Diane Garritt and Melissa Mielenicki – a true Kiwanian family. The Kiwanian Club of WOODRIDGE, which serves the children and families of the entire Town of Fallsburg, has always been a family affair...spanning generations. Diane Garritt, President of the Woodridge Kiwanis Club, is proud that her granddaughters have joined the Kiwanian family. Granddaughter Megan Gerow has served as President of the Fallsburg Central School ‘Key Club’ for the past year. Builder’s Club is sponsored by Kiwanis for high school students. Both Key Club and Builder’s Club encourage leadership skills and stress community service. Builder’s and Key Club members have visited nursing homes to interact with the residents, have had successful coat drives to assist with winter outerwear needs, collected new toys for children at the holidays, and many more things. All members of these Clubs should be proud of their contribution to the communities they serve. Among their other accomplishments and club activities Megan is a member of the Junior National Honor Society and is a Freshman this Fall; Melissa is a member of the National Honor Society and is a Junior.

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POW/MIA Remembrance Service

Past Governor William Martin and Sheila light the candle at the empty Table at opening session in Binghamton. Sheila’s brother A. Blanchard was MIA in Korea.

Editor’s Note: This was the very moving service held at opening session to remember our Prisoners of War and our Missing in Action.

We call your attention to this small table which occupies a place of honor near the head of the table.

This table is set for those who cannot be with us . . . those who have given their all for the sake of our country.

Some fell in anguish and are resting on foreign soil. Some we know were captured but were not released to rejoin their loved ones. Some simply disappeared. They may be lost from our fold, but they are not forgotten.

The table is small, set for only one. It symbolizes the frailty of one lone individual against many oppressors.

The tablecloth is white for the purity of a fighting man’s intentions in responding to their country’s call to arms.

The single red rose represents the families who keep the faith awaiting our comrade’s return.

A slice of lemon on the bread plate reminds us of our comrades bitter fate.

The salt beside it is symbolic of the families’ tears as they wait.

A red ribbon tied prominently on the vase is reminiscent of the red ribbons worn by thousands bearing witness of an unyielding determination to demand a proper accounting of our missing.

The chair is empty . . . they are not here.

The napkin is unfolded as though used, as the lives of our fellow soldiers were used up in the service of our country.

A solitary red candle stands straight and tall, proud like our comrades. It is red for the blood they shed and stands alone as they have stood. It is reminiscent of the light of hope (candle is lit) which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, away from their captors, to the open arms of a grateful nation.

In our frivolity, let us remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy here tonight. They may be gone, but let them never be forgotten. Let us pray to the supreme commandant that all of our comrades will soon be back in our ranks. Let us remember.

Loveridge Awarded

Sand Lake VP Robert Loveridge received a Certificate of Merit for nominating the two men who received Connolly Awards for stopping a teenager with a gun at the Kingston High School.

This year’s District Convention was named in honor of DPLG Dominic Sciarrotta, of the Long Island Southwest Division. Pictured above: DPG Joe Eppolito will donate $1000 to the New York District Foundation and presents the District Kaiser Award to Lorraine Sciarrotta. Governor Glenn congratulates Lorraine and her daughter Cathy on their well-deserved honor and tells everyone Dominic will be sorely missed.
In Memoriam, the bells were sounded by Past International President Jerry Christiano, one gong for each name.

NY District Honors Past District Officers Who Have Gone to Their Rest During 2004-05

Past International Trustee Jack Harten offered the benediction and ended the Memorial Service.

Reverend Kenneth Nelson, Human and Spiritual Values Chairman presented the Memorial Address.

Past Governor Robert Calabrese performed the traditional lighting of the candles ceremony.

NYC Young Professionals enjoy reading about Tom DeJulio successful run for Kiwanis International Trustee in the Empire State Kiwanian.

Those crazy Kiwanians enjoy a turn at Karaoke in the hospitality rooms.

Kiwanians enjoy a Saturday picnic lunch while cruising an antique car display. Governor Dave wants to take one for a spin.

Newly elected Governor Designate David Rothman enjoys a moment with his family, partner Debra Fuchs and daughter Gabriella.

Joseph L. Corace received the nod as Governor Elect 2005-06. New First Lady Nydia, left and Kiwanians mom Frances Corace congratulate Joe on his victory.

New York District Elects New Officers

2004-05 President of the Board of Lt. Governors Richard Fancher is congratulated by Governor Glenn and First Lady Susan for a job well done.
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Susquehanna Donates Tractor to Kamp

Kamp Kiwanis was in need of a tractor and the Susquehanna came to the rescue.
The Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center of Western N.Y. continues to be very active. The fund that was set up to finance our work will donate $30,000 over the next twelve months. The money will come from the interest on the trust fund that we set up to finance the program. After deducting the $30,000 we will have a current balance of $1,060,000.

The largest single expense from this year's budget will purchase a “safety tent.” The tent is complete with a smoke room, a 911 phone (with an operator who will talk to the children when they call in the emergency), an electrically heated door (which teaches the children that there is a fire on the other side), a window with an escape ladder, and a kitchen with all cleaners etc. identified with a poison symbol. This tent will

KPTC Holds Tenth Successful Golf Outing

On August 1, 2005, the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center Foundation of North Shore University Hospital and Merrill Lynch’s North Shore Complex sponsored the KPTC’s Tenth Annual Golf Outing and the Fourth “Steven L. Bank Memorial Golf Classic.” The event was held at the Tam O’Shanter Golf Club in Brookville, New York. It was attended by over one hundred golfers who enjoyed a full day of food, cocktails and golf.

The outing was highlighted by many “greens” “fairways” and “water holes”. Prizes, gifts and raffles were available to all participants. As usual the car for the hole in one which was sponsored by Competition Infinity of Smithtown, has no takers.

The events sponsors included:


Patrons: Robert Klein, Teresa Lavin, Manhasset Limousine Service Co., Inc., Doris and Neil McLeilian, Robert Read, Jerome Shifter and Arch Walker. Thanks to all.

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Dale Hall, Sand Lake club prepares Key Clubbers to answer telephones at the telethon. Thanks for a great job!

KPTC Past President and current New York District Governor Elect Joseph L. Corace sells lucky raffle tickets to golfers and KPTC friends.

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St. Albans Little League Gets Gifts From Rosedale-Laurelton

The Kiwanis Club of ROSEDALE-Laurelton, Queens east Division – recently made a presentation of baseball bats, gloves and other equipment to Jerry Waterman (second left), coach and director of the St. Albans Little League team. From left to right: Robert DeSouza, DPLG William Ristbrook and Nodia Chambers. Also sharing the moment (in front) are members of the St. Albans Little League.
The Kiwanis Club of BROOKPORT, Genesee Division – are helping to promote relief for tsunami victims. Rev. Sinnathamby Thevanesan, everyone calls him “Theva”, has been an active member of the Brockport Kiwanis club since 2002. He is Pastor of the Brockport United Methodist Church. Club members supported Theva on his trip to Sri Lanka, where he was born, both emotionally and financially.

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### Love Is In The Air

Hudson River West Li Governor Lou Morse and Lilly were recently married. They celebrated their honeymoon, where else, Hawaii, at our International Convention. Best wishes to both of them.

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### Think 39

The hot summer must have slowed down the Think 39 campaign. The grand total as of August 16, 2005 is: 22. The leading divisions are: Queens West and Hudson River West with 4 each. By the time you read this, there will probably be 1 month left in the 2004-05’ administration year. It’s not too late to put a little rally together and end with a bang. For your reading pleasure, here are the clubs who have participated:

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- Spring Valley . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .3
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Please remember that there is always a lag time between when you submit the names to me and the actual publication of the next ESK. Also, I have some leftover patches from the previous years. I do not have many but if you didn’t receive yours, please email me at: LIKSMITH@AOL.COM. I will do the best I can to help you out.

Thank you again for the hard work.

DPLG Rick “WHO” Levine

### County Seat Honors Owens and Parmett

Kiwanis Club of COUNTY SEAT, Long Island North Division – celebrated their 28th Annual Charter Night recently at the La Marmite with cocktails and dinner. They honored DPP Stephan Parram and Kiwanian of the year DPLG Pete Owens.

(L-R) County Seat President Robbie Valentine, Nassau County Legislator Richard Nicotello, DPLG Pete Owens, DPP Steve Parmett, Assemblywoman Maureen O’Connell and Long Island North Li Steve Bernheim.

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### Samples of County Seat charter names

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Foundation First Golf Outing A Success

Long Island South Central Distinguished Past Lt. Governor Tom Gallagher chairs the New York District Foundations first annual Golf Outing. He did a tremendous job in raising about $12,000 for Kamp Kiwanis. Great job Tom.

New York Foundation Vice President Sal Anelli (left) displays his winning TV. Alan Beinhacker (right) helped co-chair the Wheateley Golf Outing and was on hand to help wherever he was needed.

Foundation President Lindy Marrazzo welcomes everyone to Wheateley Hills Golf Course and thanks them for their support of Kamp Kiwanis.

Foundation President Lindy, Vice President Sal and Board member Fran Hogan display their winning loot from the raffle tickets they purchased.

New York District Parliamentarian Steve Eisman came out to support the Foundation on this great day.

Haller Jr. Receives Kaiser Award

Stephen Haller Jr. (center), son of Past Foundation Board member Steve Haller is presented a Kaiser Fellow Award by the Past International President Tony Kaiser (right) at the Golf Outing for his devotion to the New York District and the children we serve. President Lindy congratulates Steve on this well-deserved honor.

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great time. Camp Director Rebecca and staff worked hard to make this year a success. The raffle at the Convention netted over $20,000. The Peninsula Club donated an additional $12,000 over and above the monies already donated in memory of Dom Sciarrotra. East Meadow President Jay Steinmetz donated $5000 from a club fundraiser and Tom Gallagher chaired the first annual Kamp Kiwanis Golf Outing at Wheateley Hills Golf Club which netted $12,000. The West End Club in the Brooklyn Division also donated and pledged $10,000.

We have some new “Coins for Campers” canisters available. Call Maureen Neuringer (718) 259-9679 to get some out to you. Ask your Sponsored Youth and members to go Trick-or-Treating this year for Kamp Kiwanis. You can even pass the can around at your club meetings. All canisters should be returned to your Lt. Governor before the K-Family Weekend in November.

Thanks everyone for your generosity with Kamp Kiwanis, the children really benefit from having this wonderful camp experience.

Yes, we want to honor a member with the Foundation Distinguished Service Award

Kiwanis Year 2004-2005

Club’s Name

Recipient’s Name

Date of Presentation

Send award to:

Make $150 check payable to: NY District Foundation and send to: Maureen Neuringer, District Editor, 1535 63rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11219 • 718 259-9679

Clubs Honor Members With Foundation Distinguished Service Awards

In an effort to recognize individuals for meritorious service, the New York District 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 right, enclose your check payable to the NY District Foundation, and send to Maureen Neuringer, 1535 63rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11219.
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be taken to child safety programs. In addition we will be spending $9,000.00 on X-Ray backboards to go with the trauma carts that we purchased some years ago and $10,000.00 to fund outreach programs. We will also spend $9,000.00 for the trauma registry programs. We also hope to do some billboard advertising to make people aware of the Kiwanis involvement with the hospital. All of this is made possible because of the work done by Kiwanis involvement,
Our involvement in Kiwanis is community service. Soon after Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans and Mississippi, we as Kiwanians started a relief fund through the New York District Kiwanis Foundation. The fund is being headed by Governor Designate David Rothman, Lt. Governor Mark Russo and Joseph Battista headed up the Metropolitan Division. Governor Elect Joe Corace and DPLG Marty Neuringer handled Brooklyn and the Bronx and Kiwanians from Long Island and the Suffolk also did their part. Foundation Member Mike Malark coordinated the truck and the effort throughout New York State.

Past Governor Pat Cooney and First Lady Linda’s son-in-law Lance, has a brother Adam and his wife Dodi with three children who live in Gullport, Mississippi. Their home has been demolished by the hurricane.

Under Malark’s supervision, we have already sent a 48’ tractor trailer to Ponchatoula, Louisiana filled with water, food, personal hygiene items and clothing. We are collecting monetary donations to help in the effort. Our intentions are to contact affected Kiwanians and help where and when we can. In one day, I was able to collect $3000 from friends on Staten Island.

Donations can be sent to me at my office, 1365 Richmond Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10314; Mike Malark, 14 Crowidge Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186; David Rothman, Island Associated Cooperative Inc., 27-25 Central Drive, Farmingdale, NY 11735 or to the District Office. Please have checks payable to: New York District Foundation, Inc. with the notation “Hurricane Relief Fund.”

Congratulations to Sal Anelli and Joe Battista on their reelection to the Foundation Board. Thanks to George Wells for all his hard work and efforts as a director.

During this year’s camping season, 628 children and adults every summer with a camping experience. The staff is comprised of young people from all over the world. The funding and administration for the camp is provided through the New York District Kiwanis Foundation. This camp fulfills our goal of serving the children of the world.

Foundation President
Lindy Marrazzo

New York Kiwanis Foundation
Elects Anelli, Battista and Jones

During this year’s camping season, 628 children attended Kamp Kiwanis, together with 80 handicapped seniors. Everyone had a Underrated.

ST. LAWRENCE DIVISION – On June 8, Lt. Governor Richard Fancher, Governor Hollin’s Board President, advised Potsdam member Daniel Fritz that the infirmary at Kamp Kiwanis was in need of medical supplies and specific medical equipment. Fritz placed a phone call to Camp Director Rebecca Lopez requesting a list of the new infirmaries needs. The list included a defibrillator, EKG Monitor, pulse oximeter, ekg cart, wheelchairs, a Hoyer lift, a hotpack machine with hotpacks, a pulse oximeter, patients beds and medicines. The Kiwanis Clubs of the St. Lawrence Division responded immediately to this vital need.

The infirmary will be receiving supplies from these generous clubs as they are collected. The defibrillator is presently being made available through the Zoll Corporation. Their philanthropic branch offered to make a new AED at half the cost. The St. Lawrence Clubs are making donations towards the $1000 cost of this device.

Lt. Governor Fancher, reappointed to the New York District Foundation Board, felt so strongly about this he personally offered to pre-cover the cost of the defibrillator to expedite its presentation to Kamp Kiwanis. The Division plans to make this project an ongoing one.

“I am proud to be part of Kiwanis. Every year Kamp Kiwanis asks for our help. Every year Kiwanians step up to the task and give gladly without reserve,” says incoming Potsdam President Daniel Fritz.

Corning Club Gets China Donated to Kamp Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of CORNING, Chemung Division – recently secured and coordinated a donation by World Kitchen of 150 Corelle China place settings and 12 serving bowls which went to Kamp Kiwanis. Kamp Kiwanis, located in Taberg, NY, provides over 700 underprivileged and handicapped children and adults every summer with a camping experience. The staff is comprised of young people from all over the world. The funding and administration for the camp is provided through the New York District Kiwanis Foundation. This camp fulfills our goal of serving the children of the world.

Camp Director Rebecca Lopez happily accepts the St. Lawrence Division Project donations of medical supplies for the Dominic Sciarrotta infirmary at Kamp Kiwanis from Potsdam incoming President Daniel Fritz.

East Meadow Donates Check for $5000

Governors Special Ass’t Siniski Receives Kaiser

NY District Foundation presented Mike Siniski (center) a Kaiser Fellow Award for all his hard work and dedication to Kamp Kiwanis. Board member Joe Battista, left and Governor Glenn, right congratulate Mike for a job well done.

New York Kiwanis Foundation Donates Medical Supplies

Some textual content was previously extracted for the image. The content includes information about the New York Kiwanis Foundation's involvement in hurricane relief and the donation of medical supplies to Kamp Kiwanis. There is also a mention of the St. Lawrence Division's response to the infirmary needs.

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