I’m looking forward to starting a new year under the leadership of Gov David Rothman. Dave had been member of the District Foundation for years, and we are looking forward to working with him. Dave, by the way, will continue to chair the Campership Committee.

I’m glad to say, that I was the first to return a full canister of coins and bills to Ed Sexton, our chairman of the committee. If you have raised money, send it to Ed or the District NY Office.

We had a great year at the camp, but expenses are going up. Transportation, including gas for the busses increased dramatically over the last year, together with food prices. At our last board meeting, the board, in order to cover these expenses, voted on an increase in campership fees, to $500 dollars per camper. A study we performed, indicates that it will cost us an average of $681.09 per camper next year. As we have done in the past, we will raise the balance of the fees through our fundraising activities.

Congratulations to Maureen and Marty Neuringer on their first grandchild.

This is a slow period for us in the collection of monies, however, we still have expenses of the camp. Now is a good time to purchase a Kaiser, a brick, or any other types of donations to help us pay these expenses. Also remember to contribute to our Outreach program of $2 or more per member.

Our condolences go to the families of Carmela Baptista, Joe Battrilo’s mother and Ed Shid, a long time member of my club. Both families request that donations in their memories be made to Kamp Kiwanis.

DPLG Pete Owens accepted a major grant from Ridgewood Savings Bank. The grant was given to Kiwanis International for specific use with Kamp Kiwanis in Utica. Thank you Ridgewood for your generous donation of $8000 for our children.

If you are interested in getting some canisters to give to your Sponsored Youth to help raise some funds for Kamp Kiwanis this holidays season, please call Maureen (718) 259-9679 or email her at <NYKIWESK@aol.com>. It’s a great way to celebrate the season and support our camp.