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New York District Kiwanis Foundation

Governor

**Bill
Risbrook**



I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of myself and Dr. Lavonia, to wish everyone a very Happy, Healthy and Wonderful New Year. I am looking forward to a great year in the New York District of Kiwanis. We are off to a good start. Our district is doing a good job of building up our Sponsored Youth Programs. Since the beginning of October our divisions have added K-Kids, Builders Clubs, Key Clubs and Circle K clubs to our District. I am very proud of all the people who have worked hard to make this happen.

I am also proud of Lt. Governor Dr. Steve Perrick of the Long Island South Central Division and New Club Builder Georgiana Sena for helping to build our first Kiwanis Club during my year as Governor. I am referring, of course, to the new Farmingdale Kiwanis Club. At the organizational meeting was Past Distinguished Governor Joe Corace who also joined the new Club to lend support to the new Kiwanians, thank you PG Joe Corace. I also want to thank Past Distinguished Governor Joe Eppolito with his e-mail encouragement to the New Club Building Team.

I plan to build a new Kiwanis Club in my own Queens East Division and I encourage all my Lt. Governors to do the same in their divisions.

I am very excited about our up and coming Mid-Year Conference this year at the Holiday Inn on Wolf Road in Albany. We have added some new and exciting forums, many of them suggested by Kiwanians around the District.

Some of the new forums will help clubs build membership through the use of the Internet and social media such as Facebook. This is in addition to how to start an "Internet Club" and establishing Websites for Clubs and Divisions, helping them to become stronger and more effective through all the new electronic communication methods (e-

mail, social media, etc.).

We have forums set to amaze you! New ideas for Fund Raising, Getting your Club News Out, How do Clubs Qualify for District Awards, How do Clubs Become Distinguished, The Role of Kiwanis and Autism, plus forums by all of the Sponsored Leadership Programs, all of the Foundations and, of course, the Annual Kamp Kiwanis shower and the Basket Raffle. I have designated half of the proceeds of this year's Basket Raffle to Kamp Kiwanis and half of the proceeds to our Children's Trauma Centers.

We will also have sessions to help Treasurers, Secretaries, Presidents and Lt. Governors get a better understanding of their role in Kiwanis. I would encourage you to try and arrive by noon on Friday, Feb. 24, to take advantage of some of these excellent forums that will be starting at 1 p.m. that day.

Many thanks to Executive Assistant Joe Corace for helping to put together these interesting and informative forums.

Later Friday evening I will bring out my saxophone and play some music for your enjoyment and we will all just

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Mid-Year
Conference**

have some fun.

I would like to thank District Secretary Justin Underwood and Jack Roddy (secretary of the Albany Club) of the Holiday Inn Wolf Road for putting together a great package that I feel will be affordable for everyone.

All in all, I feel this will be a great Mid-Year Conference and an enjoyable time for everyone.

Thanks to all the clubs that have already completed the Governor's Project of Childhood Asthma and the First Lady's Project of Child Fire Safety.

Finally, I wish to thank each and every Division that have hosted Dr. Lavonia and me as we traveled the New York District. You have shared many of your successes in projects and fund raising with us and all of you have made us feel truly at home.



Gov. Bill Risbrook made a visit to the The St. Albans Veterans Hospital during Christmas. He was playing his saxophone while some of the veterans were singing along. Playing the keyboard is David Wattlely, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Cambria Heights.

District Secretary

Justin Underwood



International Convention

Registration Early Bird Deadline

On Feb. 15, 2012 the Kiwanis International Convention Registrations increase from \$195 to \$250. So, please, go to www.kiwanisone.org/convention/registration and register on line to save some big bucks!

The convention, of course will be in New Orleans and the New York District Kiwanis will be staying at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, right next to the Convention Center.

By the way, this is the convention where Favorite Son Past Governor Tom DeJulio will be elected as Kiwanis International President! Look for an announcement soon about a spectacular New York Celebration when Tom becomes International President Designate!

Mid-Year Conference

The committee has listened to Kiwanians from all around the district and so we have designed this conference to be educational for the "everyday" Kiwanian and for our District leadership team.

We have forums on Running an Effective Meeting, Club Treasurer Secrets Shared, The History of NY District Kiwanis and Protocol, a New Club Project brainstorming session, New Fund Raising Ideas focusing on the small club, Getting your Club News Out, New Membership Initiatives, practical help on websites and all the social media and of course you will hear from our foundations and Service Leadership Programs and more. We even have a session for all you past presidents to find out what is involved in becoming a Lt. Governor and why you should seriously consider this rewarding position.

And we will have fun as well! Governor Bill will be breaking out his saxophone and you can groove with him on Friday night in the Courtyard area where there will be division hospitality rooms open to the courtyard.

The Holiday Inn at Wolf Road has been very cooperative. The package prices they have put together for us are outstanding. And if you do not like what you see, just give Jack Roddy a call at 518-533-1782 and he can craft a package just for you. In case you do not have

it, the address for the hotel is:
Holiday Inn Wolf Road
205 Wolf Road
Albany, New York 12205
Fax: 518-458-7377

Annual 990 Filing Reminder

Beginning in 2008, some organizations that were not required to file tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) - including Kiwanis Clubs - have a new filing requirement: the electronic postcard Form 990-N <http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=169250,00.html>.

To file the electronic Form 990-N, you will need your club's

- Official Name
- Mailing Address
- Website Address (if applicable)
- Employer identification Number (EIN)

- Annual Tax Period Date
- A statement that the Club's Annual Gross Receipts are still normally \$50,000 or less.

Previously the threshold was \$25,000 or less but for years ending after December 31, 2010, that amount was increased. Because Kiwanis International and most clubs operate on a fiscal year (October 1 - September 30), the current year filing will be for the tax period that begins Oct. 1, 2010 and ends Sept. 30, 2011 with a filing date of Feb. 15, 2012*

Refer to the IRS website <http://www.irs.gov/charities/> to see if the ruling applies to your club.

*Tax-exempt organizations with January and February filing due dates will have until March 30, 2012 to file their annual returns, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced.

The IRS is granting this extension of time to file because of the part of the e-file system that processes electronically filed returns of tax-exempt organizations will be off-line during January and February.

The agency stressed that the rest of the e-file system will continue to operate normally and urged all individuals

and businesses to choose the accuracy, speed and convenience of electronic filing.

Interesting things from Kiwanis International

• Clubs opened to date have nearly doubled their total from a year previous.

• Service Leadership Programs membership totals are currently ALL running ahead of last year's totals, a year that saw new all-time highs in most programs.

• The Johns Hopkins Comparative Nonprofit Sector Project estimates that between 1995 and 2000 the number of volunteers contributing through voluntary organizations in 36 countries, taken together, would make the ninth largest country in the world in terms of population.

• The top three searches on KiwanisOne.org are "TAG", "World Service Project" and "logo".

• To date the EliMiNaTe Project has raised \$7,350,000 to fight maternal and neonatal tetanus.

• The biggest Kiwanis Clubs on earth are: Birmingham, AL (547); Montgomery, AL (310); Cheyenne, WY (296); Marietta, GA (263); Indianapolis, IN (243); Richmond, VA (210); Fayetteville, NC (228); Augusta, GA (224); Tokyo, Japan (220) and Atlanta, GA (219).

And Finally

The District Office is always available to you. We are pleased to announce that Past Governor Jack Tetamore is helping us and is physically in the District office between 8 and 16 hours a week.

Please do not hesitate to contact us anytime at (585) 427-0006 or at districtoffice@kiwanis-ny.org. Many people wonder about the (800) 419-8898 number. That number is routed automatically, 24 hours a day, to (585) 721-9185.

Please leave a message if I am not able to answer and I will get back to you!

2011-12 Events

Feb. 24-26, 2012

Mid-Year Conference, Albany

May 3-5, 2012

Kamp Kiwanis Work Days,
Open House

June 28-July 1, 2012

International Convention,
New Orleans

Aug. 15-19, 2012

District Convention,
Niagara Falls

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Mid-year Conference in Albany Feb. 24-26

There will be a lot of activity at this year's Mid-Year Conference, including informational sessions, training for incoming Kiwanis officers, and the latest on what's happening.

Past Governor Mike Malark and his board will be honored. And while club representatives are there, they also will contribute to the district's disaster relief program and conduct a shower for Kamp Kiwanis, providing items that will help with next summer's kamping season.

The annual basket raffle proceeds will be shared by Kamp Kiwanis for Military Children and the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Centers.

Completed registration forms must be sent to the hotel by fax or mail by Feb. 17; no phone registrations will be accepted.

More information, forum schedules, registrations forms, and updated Kamp Wish List are available on the district web site, www.kiwanis-ny.org.

Mid-Year Conference

Ernie Smith



As we come to our mid part of our Kiwanis year, we need to get a boost, and there no better way than coming to the District Mid-Year Conference.

It's a good time to meet old friends and make new ones, learn new skills at forums, talk with other club officers and get some new ideas to take back to your club.

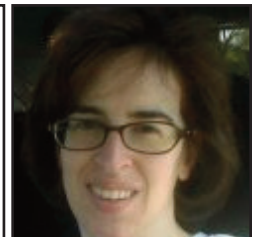
If you haven't signed up yet, here are

some of the reasons you should:

- The Conference is centrally located.
 - A large selection of outstanding forums.
 - Good room rates (one to four for the same price per night).
 - The Hotel has offered to pick you up at the Airport or Train Station (must prearrange for Train pickup)
 - A chance to meet and greet your International President Elect Tom DeJulio, our Governor Bill, Circle K Club Governor Josephine, and Key Club Governor Domenick.
 - An opportunity to congratulate Mike's Mavericks for the job they did during the 2010-2011 year.
 - Two great cocktail parties.
- And just to have a good time, and come back to your club with new ideas.

Membership

Kim Scharoff



The more flexible we are, the more attractive our clubs will be to new members. Kiwanis International is offering many options that allow us to be flexible in membership. This article will serve as a review of some of these options.

Satellite Clubs - This option allows a club to identify a group of perspective Kiwanians based on geography, age, employment, schedule or special interest to create an offshoot of the Kiwanis Club. No chartering is required. Satellite Clubs allow us to expand into areas where we might not be able to get the numbers to charter a club. Satellite Club members pay dues to the host club. They can attend meetings and projects of the host club in addition to those of the Satellite.

Corporate Membership - A corporate membership allows a club to designate a specific spot in the club's membership for an employee of a specific company or organization. As an employee changes jobs, the membership can be transferred to another individual in the company or organization, without that individual being charged the new member add fee. Corporate membership might appeal to companies where there tends to be transfers every few years - banks, financial institutions, restaurant chains, school districts, etc. The corporation can send a different individual each week to attend the club meeting but only the designated individual can vote or hold club office.

These two options offer us the ability to reach out to individuals we may not have thought of for Kiwanis membership. More information is available on the [kiwanisone website](http://kiwanisone.com) or please do not hesitate to contact me - kscharoff@gmail.com.

2012 Mid-Year Conference Tentative Schedule

Friday, Feb. 24, 2012

Registration.....	9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Board Luncheon.....	Noon-1:15 p.m.
Basket Raffle and Display Tables.....	Noon-4 p.m.
New Club Building.....	1-4:30 p.m.
Presidents and Secretaries Leadership Session.....	1-4:30 p.m.
Board Meeting.....	1:30-4:30 pm.
So You Want to be a Lt. Gov.....	1:30-2:30 p.m.
Past Lt. Governors meeting.....	2:45-4 p.m.
Welcome to New Orleans Reception.....	4:30-5:30 p.m.
Sponsored Youth Dinner.....	5:45-7:15 p.m.
Opening Session.....	7:30-9 p.m.
Grooving with the Governor and Exploring Bourbon St.....	9:30-10:30 p.m.
Hospitality Rooms.....	10:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012

Past Governors Breakfast.....	7-9 a.m.
Breakfast.....	7-8:45 a.m.
Lt. Gov. Elects Breakfast with Gov.-Elect Al Norato.....	7:30-8:30 a.m.
Registration (closed during lunch).....	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Basket Raffle and Display Tables.....	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Forums.....	9-11:50 a.m.
First Timers/Member Recognition Luncheon.....	Noon-1:30 p.m.
Forums.....	1:30-3:20 p.m.
On To New Orleans Gala Presentation.....	4-4:30 p.m.
Catholic Services.....	5-6 p.m.
Jewish Services.....	5-6 p.m.
Protestant Services.....	5-6 p.m.
Reception.....	6:15-7:15 p.m.
Gala Governor's Dinner and Awards.....	7:30-10:15 p.m.
Hospitality Rooms.....	10:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012

Breakfast (on your own).....	8-9:30 a.m.
Foundation Board Meeting.....	9-11 a.m.

Middle Village Club Chartered

The Middle Village Kiwanis Club received its charter in a ceremony on Dec. 7, 2011.

Tina Di Troia was installed as president, Al Gentile as treasurer and Blanca Ilanos as secretary.

Joining the 30 Charter Members were members of other area Kiwanis Clubs, Queens West Lt. Gov. Mike Terry, Queens East Lt. Gov. Carson Johnson and distinguished Immediate Past Lt. Gov. Joe Aiello, who played a major role in the club's formation.

The club, which was organized Sept. 22, 2011, didn't wait for its charter to

begin its work. The club gave out more than 30 turkey dinners to the needy, had a tree lighting in town with more than 100 children participating in the event, and its members were instrumental in working with the Middle Village Chamber of Commerce in getting holiday lights up on Metropolitan Avenue.

The new Kiwanians also have raised money for Kiwanis International's Eliminate Project.

At right, Queens West Lt. Gov. Mike Terry pinning President Tina Di Troia at the charter event.



Pediatric Lyme Disease
DPG John Gridley



A new Lyme related infection has been discovered by Yale University scientists who have found the disease causing microbe in ticks on Long Island.

Yale epidemiologist Durland Fish said the corkscrew shaped bacterium, *Borrelia miyamotoi*, is a distant cousin of Lyme causing *Borrelia burgdorferi*.

Compared with Lyme, *Borrelia miyamotoi* causes higher fevers, he said, and has a tendency to cause so-called relapsing fevers. For instance, in about 10 percent of cases. Fish said, fevers disappear, but return about a week later. "We have a lot of patients who are complaining of a lot of Lyme like disease and post Lyme diseases"

said Dr. Ben Luft, an expert in Lyme disease at Stony Brook University Medical Center. "And the question is, which of these organisms play a role in this?"

The newly identified agent may help explain the complexity of tick-borne illnesses while offering more evidence that ticks, though tiny, can carry a multitude of infectious bacteria. Luft said his team has also identified a Lyme related bacterium, but he is uncertain if it differs from the one isolated by Fish. "We need testing that is specific to this organism itself so we can say how clinically important it is", Luft said.

Fish, who analyzed ticks from Long Island, Westchester, New Jersey, and Connecticut, received a grant from the National Institutes of Health to develop a diagnostic test for the microbe. "If you get infected with this organism, the Lyme disease (diagnostic) tests will all be negative," he said. "You won't have a diagnosis, and you can't get treated."

Dr. David Hirschwerk, an infectious disease specialist at North Shore Uni-

versity Hospital in Manhasset, said Fish's discovery requires more research. "It is interesting, but not surprising," he said. The discovery of a new tick-borne infectious agent was announced in the current edition of the journal *Emerging Infectious Diseases*. The report was written in collaboration with a Russian team. Fish said he actually discovered the infectious agent a decade ago, but was denied a research grant until the Russians proved it does cause human infections.

Lyme Disease sufferer Eva Haughie, who heads the Empire State Lyme Disease Association, said she would like to see all controversy surrounding Lyme and related diseases end. "This has consumed 20 years of my life," added Haughie, who said she has been bitten by ticks on 54 different occasions. "The suffering is unbelievable."

As always, if you or someone you know suffers from Lyme Disease and needs financial assistance please contact me or any member of the Lyme Foundation board, and we will help.

KPTC Albany
Rick Sturm



It's a wonderful life!

Little did we realize just how successful the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Program would be at the Albany Medical Center Children's Hospital! K family members have gone from the ill fated duck race in the Hudson River to providing actual cash payments to the hospital totaling more than \$480,000. Kiwanis, Circle K, Key and Builders Clubs in the Capital and Van Rensselaer Divisions continue to

support this worthwhile project.

Genesis - NE Children's Hospital In Boston - Past International President Anton Kaiser. One cold and snowy Sunday, Tony approached capital district Kiwanians in the hopes of realizing a dream of creating trauma coverage for all of New York State's children.

Founding Chairman KTPC Campaign, E. Kenneth James, a past Lt. Governor from the Van Rensselaer Division, and many other Kiwanians from the Van Rensselaer, Mohawk and Capital Divisions adopted Tony's goal and planned the OVIDE Fund raising Duck Race in Hudson River. On September 11, 1993, more than 15,000 plastic ducks raced down the Hudson River to raise funds for KTPC.

The race spawned many other fund raising efforts for the benefit of KTPC. These included three Black and White Balls, a children's day at the Great Escape Amusement Park in Lake George

and many individual club projects. The program has also benefitted from donations arising from Convention basket sales and from the receipt of contributions by our District Governors.

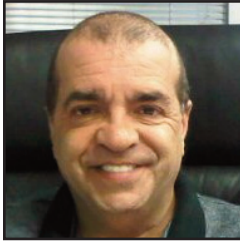
These efforts morphed into the Bells of Life Program. The Bell originator, Dominick DeCecco, Past president of the Delmar Kiwanis Club and past Lt. Governor, approached me with the idea that people would donate \$1 to see their name on one of the Bells. What a successful program! In addition, this program has been run for all these years with little or no administrative costs.

Since 1994, It has been an honor and a pleasure for me to have teamed with so many New York District Governors and K Family heroes who have worked so hard to see this program through!

Let's keep the program moving at all locations and associate Pediatric Trauma Coverage with the Kiwanis organization!

New Club Building

Joseph Aiello



New Club Building

PG Joseph Eppolito



New Club Building

Rev. Rosita George-Williams



So many times we hear the discussion: why should we build new clubs when we have so many weak clubs?

It is a good question but the better question is: if we believe that Kiwanis is the BEST service organization, then EVERY community deserves a Kiwanis Club AND all of its Service Leadership Programs.

With rare exceptions, the NY District has NOT grown without New Club Building. We have changed the trend in New Club building as we have built 8 new clubs over the last two administrative years as opposed to 8 over the previous 5 administrative years. We MUST keep that momentum building.

The New Club Building process CAN be used to revitalize weak clubs. If we would ONLY use the tried and true process that KI has established, we can do BOTH. The case in point is that Geor-

giana Sena, from the Wantagh Kiwanis Club, successfully built the FIRST new club in the 2011-12 administrative year in Farmingdale, where a former club had turned-in its charter in the Spring of 2010. She followed the NCB process that KI outlined, was teachable and very enthusiastic. The club was chartered with 35 members in December, with 2 more new members coming on board and 9 more in the process of joining. She will be the Charter President and wants to reach 50 by Charter Night. She was a delight to work with and she attended two successive NCB forums at the 2010 and 2011 District Conventions.

Under Governor Bill Risbrook, we have developed 9 NCB Zones with 3 Co-Chairs. PLG Rev Rosita George-Williams is Co-Chair in Long Island, PLG Joe Aiello is Co-Chair of Metro NY and PDG Joe Eppolito is the Co-Chair for Upstate

NY. Each zone has a Zone Chair. Refer to your Lt. Governor for your Zone Chair and/or find them with contact information on the District web site. All of us have experience in building new clubs and revitalizing weaker clubs. Our Zone chairs are willing to work hard as well.

As we head into the last two-thirds of the administrative year, let's ALL work together to grow the NY District.

Be part of the solution and think out of the box, not part of the problem and be in the way of growth. More members, more service. More clubs, more community involvement.

Let's all get strive to be a team and one of Bill's Boosters and "take off" in New Club Building. Contact any one of us, we will help you "blast-off." Stop by and attend the NCB session at the upcoming Mid-Year Conference in February in Albany.

Builders Clubs

Joanne Underwood



My family gets a great deal of pleasure "camping" on my lack of knowledge of the computer and the internet. Don't get me wrong, I think computers are a true blessing - I haven't used a typewriter since I learned that I don't have to erase (thus getting a hole in my paper and having to start over again) when I use the computer. And, equally as exciting for me is that genius "spell checker" that computers have. After all, it was usually a spelling mistake that I was trying to erase when I put the hole in my typing paper! (But I digress.) I just find the Internet to be frustrating! Just today I tried to go to Kiwanisone.org to get some new information and every time I clicked on a new page, it told me "error" and when I tried again I got a "cute" page that told me "we don't have all our ducks in a row, as there's nothing here". In desperation, I went to my husband (Justin) who is a whiz with computers, for help. He said, "Let's see what the problem is" and went to the same webpage I had been on, and everything worked perfectly! It's frustrating! I'm sure the computer hates me and loves Justin. There is no other acceptable ex-

planation!

Now why did I take up so much space telling you all of that? Because I know some of you "Gentle Kiwanian readers" feel the same way! If that's the case you can still get all the information you need to start a Builders Club or to help make your Builders Club everything it wants to be - by just contacting me! It's easy, and all the information you need to reach me is in the district directory or you can save this article and have the same information here. My phone number is (585) 342-7657 and we have an answering machine if we're not home. My e-mail address is hjoanne202@aol.com. I tend to delete any e-mail from an address I don't recognize, so in the "subject box" please put Builders Club. You could even mail a note to me at 91 Jewel Street, Rochester NY, 14621.

As the NY District Builders Club Administrator, I often get calls or e-mails from people who don't know how to start a Builders Club or need help with some particular question or problem that their Builders Club has. That's a major reason I am here, and I encourage all of you to call or e-mail me when you have any question at all about a Builders Club. You can also give my contact information to your Kiwanis and Faculty Builders Club advisors. There is a great deal of things that Kiwanis has to offer our Builders Clubs that I don't think many people know about. For example, do you know that each year there are several Kiwanis sponsored contests that Builders Clubs and

their individual members can take part in? There's a Scrap Book competition, an Essay contest, a Speech contest, and a Leadership Award (where each district has a winner who gets a \$200 savings bond). I'd like to have entries from each of our Builders clubs, but the most I've ever gotten for any of these awards are seven (7)! Right now we're working on getting all of the SLP's involved in the EliMiNaTe project. There's so much going on, if you need help in ANY way, please contact me.

My goal is to have one new Builders Club in each of our 27 Divisions this year. Congratulations to the Baldwin Middle School Builders Club chartered October 3, and their sponsor the Baldwin Kiwanis Club (Long Island Southwest division); to the Albany Academy for Girls Builders Club chartered Nov. 11, and their sponsor the Delmar Kiwanis Club (Capital division); and to the East Rockaway Junior-Senior High School chartered Dec. 6, and its sponsor the East Rockaway Kiwanis Club (Long Island Southwest division). These new Builders Club members are on their way to developing leadership skills and real self-esteem; and their communities are already a better place, because they exist. Isn't it time your community has a Builders Club? Contact me! I can help you get one started and you will be so glad you did!

Eliminate Project

Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse



The EliMiNaTe Project is off to a good start here in the New York District. As of Dec. 19, 2011, our total gifts and pledges amount to \$178,977.63, and pledges and contributions keep coming in. This translates into almost 100,000 lives saved. What an auspicious achievement for the beginning of the Campaign!

Why is the EliMiNaTe Project so important? In 38 countries of the world today, maternal neonatal tetanus is a deadly disease. Tetanus spores, which are found all over and cannot be eradicated, pose a real danger to mothers in areas where there are unsanitary birthing conditions. Tetanus can enter the baby through the cut umbilical cord and leads to an excruciatingly painful death marked with increased sensitivity to light, sound and other sensory stimuli. Worse than these conditions are the severe convulsions that the baby suffers. One child dies from MNT every nine minutes, and a mother dies every fifteen minutes. I shudder at the thought of the anguish of parents as they see their baby suffer without being able to comfort the child. Holding the baby, saying soothing words or singing



lullabies only make the problem worse.

In the face of such a terrible scourge, we Kiwanians are once again poised to make a momentous gift to humanity. MNT can be eliminated by a series of three injections, at a cost of 60 cents each. \$1.80 is all it takes to immunize a woman and her future unborn children. Surely each one of us can find this much change in our pockets or purses! Almost 20 years ago Kiwanis pledged to rid the world of IDD, and we did it! The world is a better place today because of us. If you were a member of Kiwanis in the 1990s, you can rightly be proud of the contribution you made. But this is not the time for us to rest on our laurels. Our New York State motto is "Excelsior," meaning ever upward, ever onward. We did it once, we can do it again!

We are in need of Kiwanians to serve the project as Division Coordinators or Club Chairs. Some divisions have these

positions filled, but most do not. A Division Coordinator assists the clubs in his/her division under the guidance of the Multi-Division Coordinator. The Club Chair would lead the fund raising activities of his/her club and oversee the preparing of reports. Ideally, the persons accepting these positions would agree to serve for the length of the campaign. For a more detailed description of these roles, please contact me at kirmse@fordham.edu or call me at (718) 817-4746. I will answer your questions and direct you to the Multi-Division Coordinator in your area.

It is truly my privilege to serve you in the capacity of District Coordinator for the EliMiNaTe Project. If there is any way that I can be of assistance, please let me know. I would be happy to come to a club or division meeting (within reasonable distance, of course, during the school year), to explain the project more fully. Just invite me!

Eliminate Project Work Keeping Clubs Busy

During the past quarter, many Kiwanis Clubs and Service Leadership organizations have gotten involved in raising money for the Eliminate Project:

The new **Middle Village Kiwanis Club's** raffle on Nov. 23 raised \$106 for the Eliminate Project to end neo-natal tetanus.

In December, several members of the **Bowling Green K-Kids** received New York Circle K Worldwide Service Project medals from Distinguished Past New York Circle K Gov. Rickie Santer, recognizing those who raised more than \$50 trick-or-treating for Kiwanis International's Eliminate Project. K-Kids Director Mia Biscardi received special recognition receiving a Diamond Level New York Circle K Worldwide Service Project Medallion. Faculty Advisor Rich Santer also announced that the club, as a whole, would be recognized with the Hixson Fellowship thanking the club for its \$1,000 contribution to the Kiwanis International Foundation.

The new **Sunnyside Key Club** conducted its first fund raiser, collecting \$194 for the Eliminate Project by collecting money with UNICEF Halloween boxes.

The new **Maspeth Key Club** raised \$160 at the its Flea Market for the Eliminate Project. Less than a month old, the club had fun at the flea market while raising money and awareness of the Eliminate Project.

Circle K members on Long Island staged a Murder Mystery

to benefit the Eliminate Project. Joined by K-Family from across Long Island and around New York State, the Circle K members from Adelphi University, Stony Brook University, Long Island University – CW Post, Nassau Community College and Five Towns College took to the stage to raise money to rid the world of Maternal/Neonatal Tetanus. Attending the event was New York District Kiwanis Eliminate Chair Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse.

By the close of the curtain, the event had raised more than \$3,300 for the Eliminate Project.



The Maspeth Key Club collecting for the Eliminate Project

New York District Kiwanis Foundation

District Foundation

Sal Anelli



Happy New Year to all. I sincerely hope that all your New Year's resolutions come to fruition and that 2012 will be a prosperous and healthy year for all.

As you probably know, December was an unusually hectic month for us at the New York District Foundation. My wife Carole and I along with Rebecca Lopez were very busy trying to get as many people as we could to vote for Kamp Kiwanis for the Chase Community Giving. Carole and Rebecca spent 90 percent of their day online asking and begging Kiwanians, Key Clubbers, Circle K'ers and just about anyone else to go on Facebook and vote, and it paid off. We wound up finishing in 15th place on the voting and were able to secure a \$25,000 grant. I want to personally thank all of the Kiwanians who responded to our plea to vote. Thank you for taking the time to make this grant possible.

I want to also tell you about our upcoming "Night With The Islanders" fund raiser, thanks to the efforts of Kim Scharoff and David Rothman. On

March 10, 2012, we will be hosting a night at the Nassau Coliseum where it will be Kamp Kiwanis Night. The nice people at the Coliseum will be helping raise funds with ticket sales and a 50/50 raffle, and you'll also be treated to a great hockey game between the N.Y. Islanders and the N.J. Devils, it will be a really fun night and a great help to Kamp Kiwanis. Tickets are available at a discount and we are looking to fill the place with Kiwanians. A flyer will be going out soon to everybody, but if you want more information on this, call Kim or Dave.

Looking forward to the 2012 season, Rebecca is preparing to make her annual trip for securing counselors, getting the applications ready to be sent out and getting the camp ready for opening day on May 5, 2012. As always I ask for your help for that weekend. There's always a great deal of work that needs to get done in preparing the Kamp for the season. As I stated before, we need people to come up and work at the Kamp. Get a couple of your fellow Kiwanians and make a weekend of it. If you need information on nearby lodging, call Rebecca and she will be able to help you, but please try to come up and help us. As always, opening day we have dedications to Kiwanians that have gone above and beyond in helping Kamp Kiwanis, this year, among other dedication, we will be dedicating the new "Bensonhurst and Bay Ridge Kiwa-

nis Arts & Crafts Building", thanks to the great Kiwanians in my home club we were able to build this much needed building that will allow more children to enjoy the Kamp.

Our Mid-Year conference is less than a month away and as you know we will have our annual Kamp shower. Our wish list will be published shortly so please look at it, if there's anything on that list that you can help us with, please bring it to the Kamp shower room at Mid-Year.

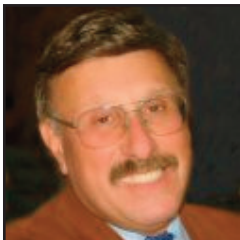
We had a great year in 2011 and I know with your help we will be able to have an even better year in 2012. Governor Bill has committed once again to the Military Kids program, which last year served over 120 children of active military personnel, and I know that Governor Bill can do better. I ask that you make a commitment for the "One More Kamper" program, send us one more Kamper than you did last year. That will go a long way to an even better year than last. We need to fill the Kamp. The more Kampers we get, the more lives we can change for the better.

Remember there are many other ways for you to help your Kamp: honor someone with a Kaiser, memorialize them on a brick, or a bench, sponsor a cabin, purchase an acre, and many more ways that you can help us help the children of the New York District.

Thank for all your support in the past and for the future.

KPTC North Shore

PG Joseph Corace



As we begin a new service year, the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at North Shore-LIJ celebrates more than 20 years of saving the lives of children and preventing traumatic injuries!!!

While we can never know exactly how many lives our efforts on behalf of KPTC have saved, statistics tell us it is many and that we have made and continue to make a difference.

Congratulations go out to the Kiwanis group that founded our Trauma Center. I would also like to acknowledge all those who have served on our Foundation Board. Appreciation goes to the Key Clubbers and Circle Kers who have supported KPTC through our Service Leadership Committee, all the Kiwanis Clubs that contributed funds through

the annual campaign, fellowship and trauma kit programs and, of course, the KIWANIS CLUBS who support the trauma center's fund raisers like the Black & White Ball.

I would be remiss if I did not pause to express my sincere appreciation to everyone responsible for the tremendous success of our Black & White Ball.

Last, but certainly not least, I thank the clubs that honored their members by naming them KPTC and KPTC Diamond Fellows at the Black & White Ball. The generosity of the clubs and the service of the honorees are greatly appreciated.

Our annual meeting was our most successful. Many new Kiwanis members heard and saw what your support is doing in our programs to save "CHILDREN'S LIVES".

The report from the hospital was outstanding and our pediatric trauma kit program continues to grow. Nearly 300 kits have been given to date to first responders. During the annual meeting, the WT Clarke Key Club presented the 297th trauma kit to Kiwanis International President-Elect Tom DeJulio. Key

Club President Gina Principato asked President-Elect Tom to give the kit to any community in the Kiwanis world where he finds a need.

The Bowling Green K-Kids also donated \$464 raised during their annual "K"aroling for KPTC event.

Our Safe Kids Program that goes into schools, health fairs, libraries and wherever a gathering of young children are together, was demonstrated at the meeting by our Service Leadership Committee. The KPTC Service Leadership Committee also accepted an animatronic "Sparky" the Fire Dog costume donated by Ann Torcivia and her Joey Foundation.

In closing, I invite all of you to get more involved in your region's Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center. Please call us to do a program at your club. Let all your club members know about this program. It's uplifting, rewarding and gives us the opportunity to say thank you. If you have any questions, please contact me at jjcorace@icmdata.com.

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New Farmingdale Club Organized

The organization meeting for the new Kiwanis Club of Farmingdale in the Long Island South Central Division took place on Dec. 8 at Tre Scalini Restaurant in Farmingdale.

Pictured below is the new club's membership.

Distinguished Past New York District Governor Peter Mancuso lead the procedures to elect a board of directors and of-

icers. Informational meetings on Oct. 13 and Nov. 16 were a huge success, with nearly 25 people signing up on the spot.

A Charter Night event is tentatively planned for Monday, April 2, 2012. The Kiwanis Club of Farmingdale will meet the first and third Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Tre Scalini Restaurant, 196 Main St., Farmingdale.

