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New York District Kiwanis Foundation

There's still time to join the celebration in New Orleans

New York Kiwanians will be headed to the Big Easy in late June for the annual Kiwanis International Convention with a little more to celebrate than usual.

One of our own, Kiwanis International President-Elect Thomas DeJulio, will be installed as President of Kiwanis International at the final event of the three-day convention. He will serve as Kiwanis International President for the 2012-13 Administrative Year.

As usual there will be many activities during the convention, including a variety of forums, a business session at which future Kiwanis International officers will be elected, and opportunities for Kiwanians to meet others from around the world.

And New Orleans offers many other attractions for those who are planning on attending.

This year's convention is exceptional for another reason as well. It will be conducted in conjunction with the Circle K International Convention. Also taking place at the same time will be the Aktion Club Training and Leadership Conference, and meetings of the Key Club Alumni and CKI Alumni.



The New York District Dinner will be on Friday at the Riverside Hilton, the official hotel for the New York District. It promises to be a festive occasion as the district celebrates with the incoming international president. Tickets for the dinner must be purchased in advance; none will be available in New Orleans.

One major topic of discussion at the convention will be proposals to change the Standard Form for Club Bylaws. There will be forums on the topic. The changes are intended to give clubs more options for how they are organized. (More information is on the district web site.)

This convention also marks the 25th anniversary of the convention when delegates voted to include women in Kiwa-

Convention Schedule

Wednesday, June 27

Welcome Reception: Celebrating 25 Years of Women in Kiwanis

Thursday, June 28

Workshops
Opening Session

Friday, June 29

Caucuses and workshops
Business Session
New York District Dinner

Saturday, June 30

Workshops
Closing Session

See www.kiwanis-ny.org for a detailed schedule.

nis membership, and that will be celebrated as well.

New Orleans means Jazz, and conventioners will have the opportunity to enjoy a performance by Jazz greats Aaron Neville and Branford Marsalis on Friday evening after the district dinner.

Online registration ends May 14; after that registration will be more expensive and can only be done on site.

Chinatown Enrolls as \$100,000 Eliminate Project Club

The Kiwanis Club of Chinatown has become the first in the district to enroll as a \$100,000 club supporting the Eliminate Project.

The project's goal is to rid the world of Maternal Neo-Natal Tetanus.

The club made the commitment after meeting with Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse, the New York District's Eliminate Project coordinator; Kiwanis International President-Elect Tom DuJulio and Past Gov. Peter Mancuso, who currently is President-Elect of the Kiwanis International Foundation, to discuss the club's commitment to the Eliminate Project

The club plans to raise the money over four years.



From left, Mancuso, Immediate Past Lt. Gov. Peter Yu of the Chinatown club, Sister Ann-Marie Kirmse, Tom DeJulio and club President Sandy Liew, pictured after Chinatown enrolled as a \$100,000 club for the Eliminate Project.

District Secretary

Justin Underwood



Club Elections are due NOW!

Checking your club bylaws, you will note that club elections are supposed to be completed by the middle of May. So Presidents, please, appoint your nominating committees. Secretaries, you can report your club elections "on-line" when you do your monthly reports. In fact, reporting on line is easier than submitting your elections in writing. Through your Secretary's Dashboard, just pick out your club's officers next year by using the convenient "drop down" list and the entire officer's required information is automatically filled in for you! If you wish to use "snail mail" then you can download the club officer reporting form from the Kiwanis International website, www.kiwanisone.org.

Mid-Year Conference

Just a note to thank you all for attending the Mid-Year Conference and making it successful. Governor Bill really wanted to push the envelope with the forums and all of our presenters did just that. Thanks to Executive Assistant PG Joe Corace in his work to make sure the forums and presenters had every-

thing they needed. Also, please help me in thanking PLG Udo Glosch and the Mid-Year Conference Committee for picking up the slack at the registration desk. Udo's team did an outstanding job in making sure that everyone got their proper name badge, ribbons, etc. Finally, thank you Holiday Inn Wolf Road and your complete staff for helping us smooth out the rugged edges so that the conference could be enjoyed by the attendees.

The International Celebration Convention

It won't be long now until we are enclosed in New Orleans at Kiwanis International's 97th Annual Convention. This should be a really special convention for the New York District as we see our favorite son Tom DeJulio installed as Kiwanis International's President for 2012-13. You will want to be there for the opening session at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, in the Convention Center, Halls C&D.

Our District Caucus will be at 7:30 a.m. Friday, June 29, at the Hilton Riverside hotel, just 2 blocks from the convention center. The Business Sessions (where Tom is elected President) will begin at 2 p.m. This is a most important house of delegates that will be working to "redo" the Club Bylaws so that clubs can make sure that their own governing documents actually reflect their club operations.

At 5 p.m. in the Hilton Riverside, the New York District Kiwanians will gather to throw a gigantic New Orleans style party to celebrate 2012-13 International President Tom DeJulio and First Lady Dr. Rosemary! Be sure your get your tickets now, because no tickets will be available in New Orleans. After the party, be sure to take in the Legends Concert with Aaron Neville and Branford Marsalis. Finally, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 30, you will want to be back at the Convention Center for the closing ceremonies where 2012-13 President Tom will unveil his plan for the coming

Kiwanis year.

The 95th Annual NY District Kiwanis Convention

Everything points to Niagara Falls in August! Set aside the dates of August 16-19, 2012 for our annual District Convention. The convention committee is working hard right now to make this one of the best District Conventions you have been to. From streamlining the registration table to Certification of Delegates to opening the convention to more Kiwanians with lower registration fees and more fun activities available. It is a great time of the year to be in Niagara Falls.

The American Falls is a well-disguised tourist attraction that many people miss. But, do not forget to bring your passport and/or enhanced NYS Driver's license so that you can easily visit the entire Niagara Falls area on both sides of the river.

25th Anniversary of Women in Kiwanis

This year marks the 25th year that Kiwanis has opened their doors to women. And what would Kiwanis be today without these dedicated Kiwanians? Take a look at what your club can do to celebrate our female Kiwanians. How about throwing a party? How about some news articles strategically placed in your local newspaper or even on a local TV or Radio show. We will be celebrating Women in Kiwanis at our District Convention in Niagara Falls and Kiwanis International will be celebrating Women in Kiwanis in New Orleans.

And Finally

The District Office is always available to you. Currently Past Governor Jack Tetamore is generally in the District Office between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays of each week. Please do not hesitate to contact us anytime at (585) 427-0006 or 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!

By-Law, Resolution Submission Deadlines

Any Club wishing to propose a By-Law Amendment to the New York District By-Laws must present the proposed change to the Laws and Regulations Committee at least 90 days before the District Convention.

Proposed amendments must be submitted by May 18, 2012. They should be sent to the Laws and Regulations Chairman, Steve Eisman, 1111 Marcus Ave. Suite 107, Lake Success, NY 11042.

Any club wishing to propose a Resolution must do so at least 30 days before the District Convention, by July 19, 2012. They should be sent to the Resolution Chairman, Past Gov. Peter Mancuso, 917 Oakland Court, North Bellmore, NY 11710.

The committee shall have the authority to originate resolutions and to modify, combine and edit all resolutions submitted to it.

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2011-12 Events

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

Governor

Bill
Risbrook



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you New York District for making this year's Mid-Year Conference a huge success. I have received many calls and also many compliments as I have traveled around the district saying how much everyone enjoyed this year's conference.

Everyone was excited about the new forums that we introduced at the conference. Our forums on the use of Facebook, establishing websites for clubs and divisions and helping to start Internet clubs went over really well with our members. I want to thank all of the people who conducted the forums for a job well done.

One forum in particular that was well received was "How to Run a Proper Kiwanis Meeting", which was conducted by Lt. Governor-Elect Frank Romeo of the Genesee Division. When I walked in, it was standing room only. Even I could not get a seat. Good Job Frank.

As always, I want to thank Jack Roddy and the great staff of the Holiday Inn for the great job that they did. I would also like to thank our volunteer photographer Joel Harris of the County Seat, Mineola, Club for his taking photos that you have seen on our website. And as always, a

special thanks to Rebecca and Herman Ovadia for the wonderful job they did with the Basket Raffle. We raised more than \$5,000 this year from the baskets which was then distributed to both Kamp Kiwanis for military children and to our Pediatric Trauma/Hospitals throughout the district.

Our membership in the New York District is steadily growing. As I travel throughout the district, doing my Governor's Visits, I am delighted by the good news of new members coming into our Kiwanis Family. Also, I have enjoyed listening to reports on all the great projects that the clubs are doing. Keep up the good work.

One of the great moments for me as your governor took place on April 4, 2012. On that date I was very proud to present the charter to our new Kiwanis Club in Farmingdale. Congratulations to Charter President Georgiana Sena, who played a big part in organizing the club. Also to Lt. Governor Dr. Steven Perrick for all his hard work in helping to start this new club. And of course to past Distinguished Governors Joseph Corace and Joseph Epolito for all their help with the new club. I am looking forward to more new clubs during my year as Governor. Also, let us congratulate Immediate Past Distinguished Governor Michael Malark and his team of "Maverick's" for leading the New York District to Distinguished status during the year of 2010-11.

Our next big event will of course be our International Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. This year will be extra special for our New York District because

our next International President will be our very own Thomas E. DeJulio and our next International Foundation Board President will be Peter J. Mancuso. I am looking forward to a large number of our New York District members attending this great event to honor two of our greatest Kiwanians to ever represent our District. We are also planning a huge celebration to honor Tom and Dr. Rosemary for their accomplishments and dedication to Kiwanis. New Orleans has a lot to see and do in the way of fun, music and education, and I know our New York District will want to take advantage of this.

Our own New York District Convention will take place this year in beautiful Niagara Falls. This will be held August 15-19, 2012. Please start making your vacation plans now. Our members are encouraged to stay at the beautiful Sheraton At The Falls hotel. This hotel is right in the heart of everything and has a casino directly across the street. The convention center is right next door. Our convention committee headed by chairperson Ron Parent is now in the process of setting up sightseeing tours and other entertainment to help make this a great week to remember. We hope to see everyone there.

In closing, I want to thank all of my Lt. Governors for their hard work and dedication and on behalf of myself and First Lady Dr. Lavonia, I want to thank all of the Divisions we have visited so far for our Governor's visits. We have been overwhelmed by the great hospitality and welcome we have received at each Division. Thank you so much.

District Historian

PIP Anton
Kaiser



At the June 28-July 1, 2012, Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans a highly significant event in our New York District History will occur: Our own favorite son, Tom DeJulio, our 1996-97 District Governor, will be elected the 96th president of Kiwanis International. Tom will be only the third New York District Kiwanis Leader to achieve the highest officer in our global organization in the 94 years since our 1918 formation as a district of Kiwanis International, the first being yours truly at the Washington, D.C. convention 25 years ago, in 1987, and the second being Jerry Christiano 16 years ago in 1996.

That 1987 convention was especially significant in Kiwanis history as the occasion at which at long last clubs were

authorized to invite women to join Kiwanis. It was also only the second time in our history that a sitting U.S. President, Ronald Reagan, personally attended and addressed our convention, the first being Franklin D. Roosevelt who in 1936 addressed some 4,000 convention delegates assembled on the White House lawn. (Incidentally, that 1987 convention was during the term of Charlie Price, our first African-American district governor, and 25 years later, the upcoming convention at which Past Gov. Tom will be elected by a single unanimous ballot will be during the term of our current Gov. Bill Risbrook, only our second African-American governor.) But I digress ...

Our New York delegates in New Orleans will be on hand to celebrate Past Gov. Tom's and First Lady Dr. Rosemary's extraordinary and well-deserved culmination of a decades-long distinguished career in leadership roles at all Kiwanis levels. Their many years of service to our district and to worldwide Kiwanis have been highlighted by a long list of important elected offices and appointed positions, all most admirably performed and a constant source of

great pride to our district and of great benefit to our organization.

As our favorite son assumes the office of president on Oct. 1, 2012, our New York Kiwanis hearts will swell with justifiable pride and reflected glory with every expectation born of experience of a wonderful turnaround year, 2012-13.

We trust that our delegation to New Orleans will be the largest in our history and that all in attendance and all New Yorkers unfortunately not able to be with us will join in wishing Past Gov. Tom and First Lady Dr. Ro a most successful Kiwanis year and safe travels. I cannot imagine a Kiwanis couple better qualified in every way to lead Kiwanis in these challenging times. We are blessed indeed that they have offered themselves to Kiwanis. Tom and Ro, Viva con dios.

Editor's Note: Of course one other President of Kiwanis International also came from New York: George Hixson of Rochester, the first president of Kiwanis. He was elected president before the New York District was established.

Eliminate Project

Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse



Even after the winter-that-wasn't, Spring in New York is a welcome sight. The return of the birds, the new growth on the trees and the budding flowers are signs of hope and new life. And the yearly celebration of the events of Passover and Easter renewed the spirit of freedom and optimism in our hearts and minds.

This Spring we Kiwanians are living examples of the above themes as we extend the benefits of the EliMiNaTe Project around the world.

On March 21, the first day of Spring, the Chinatown Club pledged themselves to become a \$100K club, the very first such club in our district. What hope this gives to the more than 55,000 mothers and babies who will benefit from the tetanus immunizations and be freed of this dread disease! Chinatown has been a very active and a most generous club as is seen in their donations to KPTC, Kamp Kiwanis, the New York District Foundation, and the Kiwanis International Foundation. Congratulations, Chinatown! Thank you for always be willing to do more than you have done before, and for leading the way for us in so many ways.

The York-Leicester Club has become our district's second Model Club. They

accomplished this in a different way than usual. They have a major gift contribution and reached Model Club status with individual gifts from their members. Congratulations to York-Leicester!

But as wonderful as this news about the Chinatown and York-Leicester Clubs is, it is not the whole story--far from it. All over the district there are fund raising activities for EliMiNaTe. JP Di Troia, Queens West Division coordinator, recently arranged for another chain -- this time Arby's -- to offer a discount to buyers bringing in a special EliMiNaTe flyer. The store then donated a percentage of its profits that day to the project. What a tasty way to raise funds, and just as important, raise awareness of the situation we are trying to remedy.

With Mother's Day approaching, I have heard of clubs selling Mother's Day cards and sponsoring Mother's Day teas. What a wonderful way to honor mothers and at the same time to protect the lives of other mothers and their children. Mother's Day seems a natural time to plan events for EliMiNaTe. If you haven't thought of a Mother's Day fund raiser yet, there's always next year. (You may have detected my love for the Brooklyn Dodgers in that last observation!)

You have all received information about the special Mother's Day Zeller Awards, which feature a special lapel pin and certificate in addition to the Zeller medal. This is a limited time offer and will expire in June.

There are still several divisions that do not have a division coordinator. The Lt. Governors in those divisions have



been contacted by their multi-division coordinators. The role of the division coordinator is to oversee the clubs in that particular division and to act as a liaison between their divisions and multi-division coordinators and me. It is very important that every division have a coordinator. Don't allow your division to be out of sync with our District and KI. None of us likes the feeling of being left out, and your division is no exception. If you would be interested in serving as a division coordinator, please contact me at kirmse@fordham.edu.

I hope to feature some ideas for fund raisers in my next article, so if you have something that has worked for you, please send it to me and I will include it in the article. Let's share the wealth of our experience with each other.

As the auctioneer would say, "Do I hear a second \$100K Club? Do I hear a third Model Club?"

Since the last issue of ESK, I have been invited to speak at several division and club meetings. If you would like to have me visit your club or division, please let me know. I am ready, willing, and eager to spread the word about what we Kiwanians are doing -- and can do -- to rid the world of maternal and neonatal tetanus.

Excelsior!

Pediatric Lyme Disease

DPG John Gridley



The northeast US faces potentially "the worst year yet" for Lyme disease and other tick-borne infections because of the periodic abundance of a little noticed component of the disease's complex ecology: acorns.

Dr. Richard S. Ostfeld of the Carry Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, New York explained during a recent presentation at the International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases (ICEID) that a heavy crop of acorns in 2010, a phenomenon known as a "mast year" fueled a 2011 popula-

tion bloom in white-footed mice, which stash acorns for winter food and begin breeding earlier in years when they are well fed. That surge intersected with the two-year life cycle of the ticks that transmit Lyme disease, for which mice are the key host, and this summer could produce a bumper crop of infected tick nymphs looking to bite large mammals - including humans.

The health departments in Lyme endemic areas are already crafting messages to the public about the potential health risk.

The prediction relies on the key role that white-footed mice play in perpetuating Lyme disease. That species, appears to be the most competent reservoir for *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the bacterial cause of Lyme. Mice sustain the infection without cost to themselves, are frequently bitten by tick larvae and groom off or otherwise kill the larvae at lesser rates than other small mammals that are bitten - allowing the larvae to drop off naturally and complete their transformation into tick nymphs that

transmit infection in their second year of life. Mice also can survive in much smaller areas than the larger animals, chiefly deer, that are usually blamed for perpetuating Lyme. In a sampling of "forest fragments" sliced up by development in three northeastern states, which include New York State, a parcel as not been found in which mice did not thrive.

Because of the yearlong gaps between bumper crops of acorns, mice and then ticks, the reliable but irregular masting phenomenon could be used as an early warning signal for Lyme exposure risks. Oak trees mast roughly every three to five years, "and when you are in a mast year, you always know it."

Dr. Ostfeld says he and others are working with health departments throughout the state to warn the public in areas where Lyme disease may be an issue.

As always, if you or anyone knows someone that has Lyme disease and needs financial help please give me or any board member a call.

Builders Clubs

Joanne Underwood



The school year is progressing faster than most people think! Spring or Easter Break is here and the rest of the school year will be history, very soon! How is your Builders Club doing? If you don't have one yet, there is still time during this school year, but don't delay. You'll want your Builders Club starting off next year, right from the very start of school.

I've told you from the very start that Builders Clubs are (in my mind at the very least) the very "Best Bang for your Buck" that there is. The kids are amazing and when given the opportunity to come up with projects and really get involved, they will outshine most of our Kiwanis efforts!

Sometimes, we do not give the kids an

opportunity to work on Kiwanis projects for themselves. For example, does your Builders Club know about the EliMiNaTe Project? From now until the end of the EliMiNaTe Project, whenever a Builders Club chooses to "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" as long as UNICEF knows it is a Builders Club doing it, the money collected will go towards the EliMiNaTe Project!

And, did you know that the "Builders Club Project" is selling Mother's Day Cards to Benefit the EliMiNaTe Project? At the SLP Administrators Conference this last January, the Kiwanis International Builders Club Committee chose to make the EliMiNaTe Project "our project" by buying and selling Mother's Day Cards to honor our mothers and at the same time save mothers and babies lives in those countries where Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus is still a major problem today! From now until the end of April, Kiwanians and Builders Club Members can go into the Kiwanis Store and buy a package of 10 Mother's Day cards for \$2.10 (Plus \$9.25 shipping and handling) which means each card costs only

\$1.14. Then they can resell that card for \$3.25 (comparable to any card store Mother's Day card) and contribute the extra \$2.21 to the EliMiNaTe Project! For every card sold at \$3.25 one mother or baby can be inoculated against Tetanus! Isn't that a terrific way to honor a mother here? We had also planned on having a template online where the card could be downloaded and printed on their computers, and then sold, but I'm not sure that component of the project ever got off the ground; however, I just ordered 10 cards from the Kiwanis Store (you will find them under "gifts") for women I want to honor this Mother's Day. How's that for a project?

We're hoping to allow the Builders to work on the design of the card themselves during the coming year and come up with even better ones for next year! This year because of time constraints, we chose a card that had been submitted in an earlier contest!

Check with your Builders Club and see if they're doing the Mother's Day cards. It's a great idea and one whose effects can change to world, literally.

YCPO

Rich Santer



As we move into the second half of the Kiwanis service year, it is appropriate to consider the direction of our clubs and our service. It is time to examine how we are doing in terms of our club's adherence to the most basic principle of Kiwanis In-

ternational. We need to ask, "What have we done this service year to serve the children of the world?"

At the very core of our service to children is our work on Kiwanis International signature club projects such as Young Children Priority One (YCPO).

Young Children Priority One focuses on children from prenatal to age 5. Research shows that this is the time of a child's development that service can have the greatest impact.

There are four main areas of Young Children Priority One projects.

These are:

- Maternal and child health

- Child care and development
- Parent education and support
- Safety and pediatric trauma

Kiwanis International asks clubs to conduct two Young Children Priority One projects each service year.

Kiwanis International recognizes participating clubs through the issuance of a banner patch. Clubs can order banner patches by using the online YCPO banner patch order form at www.kiwanisone.org/ycpo.

If I can assist any club in locating resources or in planning their YCPO projects, please do not hesitate to contact me at rs2wld@aol.com.

Women in Kiwanis

Veta Brome



More than 150 years ago, women made an intricate mark in history when they rallied against unfair working conditions in a New York factory setting. It took another 42 years before women were observed and honored internationally for their roles in the working force.

It was a great year in March of 1981 when Congress established National Women's History Week and later in 1987 expanded to National Women's History Month. Later, Congress passed a resolution and the president issued a

proclamation honoring women each year thereafter.

That year was a historic and joyful turning point for women because they were given the opportunity to become Kiwanians.

Ever since then, there has been no looking back in the depths and fulfillment of what the Kiwanis women have done to give that extra touch to the projects and roles that they took on in their Kiwanis club, division, district or even internationally.

Women play significant roles in membership, they chair club projects, they hone their skills as secretaries, treasurers, presidents, lieutenant governors, governors and a few have become International Chairs for Kiwanis.

The census shows that there are more than 150 million women in the United States, with the average salary more than \$35,000. More than 80 million

women are mothers, more than 30 million have bachelors degrees and a high percentage are owners of businesses. A high percentage of women are in the work force in management, as doctors, nurses, professional and other related occupations, and another 200,000 plus are in the Armed forces, many of whom are officers. The caring and giving of these women in their professional lives and in their roles of parenting and sharing, makes them some of our greatest Kiwanians.

These women give from the depths of their being and our clubs and our children are extremely proud of them and of the day that women in the world became members of Kiwanis International.



The three Governors: Circle K Governor Josephine Lukito, Kiwanis Governor Bill Risbrook and Key Club Governor Domenick Pesce

2012 Mid-Year Conference Honors

Below, Gov. Bill Risbrook and First Lady Dr. Lavonia Francis enter Saturday night's dinner.

At right, party hats were the theme for, from left, Kiwanis International President-Elect Tom DeJulio and Rosemarie; Gov. Bill and Lavonia; Past Gov. Peter Mancuso and Karen Mancuso.

Below right, Kamp Kiwanis Executive Director Rebecca Lopez at the Kamp's display.





New York District Distinguished for 2010-11

The New York District has been honored as a Distinguished District for 2010-11 by Kiwanis International.

At left is Immediate Past Gov. Mike Malark and Immediate Past Secretary Ann Sewert who will be recognized at the Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans. They and the 2010-11 District Board were honored at the Mid-Year for their accomplishments.

Go to www.kiwanis-ny.org to see a list of distinguished clubs for 2010-11.

the Past and Looks to the Future



Above, Kiwanis International President-Elect Tom DeJulio and Dr. Rosemarie DeJulio as they entered Saturday's dinner; Above, left, Gov. Bill Risbrook entertains. Lower left, enjoying a laugh are, from left, Past Gov. David Rothman, Gov.-Elect Al Norato Jr., Immediate Distinguished Past Gov. Mike Malark, Past International President Jerry Christiano, District Foundation President Sal Anelli and District Secretary Justin Underwood.



At left, Levittown Club President Ann Torcivia (left) and Discovery Bay Kiwanis President Nellie Sievwright (center) are interviewed by Party 103.5 radio while in Jamaica. At right, Torcivia with children from the Hoolebury Primary School.

Levittown President Takes School Supplies to Jamaica

Inspired by her time at New York District Kiwanis Mid-Year Conference, Levittown Kiwanis President Ann Torcivia decided to incorporate her business as a Travel Agent into her Kiwanis work. After contacting the Discovery Bay Kiwanis Club in Jamaica regarding their effort to support the island nation's school children, Ann asked clients traveling with her to Jamaica to bring school supplies for the needy.

As Ann put out the word that she was looking for school supplies, the Bowling Green K-Kids responded by holding a club school supply collection drive. Ann also received items from Kiwanians from several clubs in the Long Island South Central Division.

When Ann and the Party 105.3 group arrived in Jamaica, their suitcases were stuffed with school supplies. After meeting with Kiwanians of the Discovery Bay Club, Ann visited the Hoolebury Primary School where she presented the school supplies to the school's administrator, teachers and

students.

Ann was also given the honor of naming four Hoolebury students terrific kids on behalf of the Discovery Bay Club.

After Ann shared that a majority of the school supplies had been donated by the Bowling Green K-Kids, the Hoolebury students filmed a "thank you" to Bowling Green. The students also performed a Jamaican children's dance which was included with the video.

After the presentation, Party 105.3 interviewed President Ann and Discovery Bay Kiwanis President Nellie live on air from Jamaica. The focus of the broadcast was Kiwanis' global mission to serve the children of the world and the organization's international fellowship.

Upon her return to Long Island, Ann visited the Bowling Green K-Kids meeting. She showed the K-Kids the "thank you" video, the Jamaican dance and shared a musical sideshow of her visit to Jamaica.

Exhibitors Sought for Convention

The New York District of Kiwanis International is inviting Kiwanis and non-Kiwanis businesses offering merchandise, programs, products, or services that may be of interest to Kiwanians and/or Kiwanis Clubs to participate as a Vendor/Exhibitor at the 2012 Annual New York District Convention, August 16-19 at the Niagara Falls Conference Center.

Exhibiting at the District Convention gives you an opportunity to make an impact, and show your stuff.

For information and contracts, contact District Convention Exhibitor Coordinator Jack A. Tetamore at the district office, (585) 427-0006 or by e-mail to pgjack72@yahoo.com.

Huntington Club Supports Home for Injured Marine

On March 31, Building Homes for Heroes broke ground on construction to the home of Lt. James Byler, 26, a Marine who lost both of his legs and 2 fingers in 2010 when he stepped on an improvised explosive device while serving in Afghanistan.

The goal is to make Lt. Byler's home handicap-accessible when he returns from the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., where he is learning how to manage using prosthetic legs.

Today he can walk with his prosthetics and the help of a cane, but for months he spent up to five hours a day in physical therapy.

The outpouring of support for Lt. Byler and his family was evident from nearly the minute the community heard what had happened. The lieutenant was hailed as a hero and emotional support and donations to modify



Mark Mayoka, Huntington Town Councilman and Kiwanis Club member gave remarks as Lt. Byler looks on.

his home started pouring in.

The Kiwanis Club donated \$3,000 from its November Veteran's Day "Field of Honor" to the construction effort.

The renovation will create an accessible ground-floor mini-apartment for Byler, and will be the first of 10 housing projects across the country planned for veterans this year. The group built or remodeled five homes last year.

Governor-Elect

Al Norato Jr.



In less than 4 months, we shall be holding our 95th Annual Convention in Niagara Falls. At that time, and with your blessings, I anticipate being elected Governor-Designate. Throughout this year, our team has attended more events than one could imagine to better prepare the team for the coming year. For example, in less than one month, in a move that will save both time and money to all parties involved, we will be holding our Lieutenant Governor designate training, which will provide them more than five full months to better train the club leaders for next year. This is a change from the traditional July training period.

Open Audition Call to All NYD Members

The purpose for this letter is to inform you that we are assembling our team of "Al's All-Stars" now! I've had many excited Kiwanians approach me asking to become a part of the team. I'm humbled to see so many offering to help in any way that they can.

When I inquire as to what they would like to do, most candidly say "whatever you want me to do, because I know this is going to be a special year"! While I am pleased with the offers, the truth is that

I would much rather place team members in positions that they feel they are best suited for. For example, if we were assembling a baseball team, you wouldn't put a great catcher as a first base coach; nor would you take a starting pitcher and make that person a designated hitter. The job of the coach is to place the best players were they are going to work best together in the hope that in the end, the year will culminate in a championship banner. Being New Yorkers, I'm sure you all can appreciate that.

The Process to Become an All-Star

If you have any interest in being a district chair or co-chair or to work on a committee, (even if you've told me your desires already) please contact me directly with either a resume explaining your attributes that make you the better qualified individual, or better yet, provide me with a brief (a paragraph is fine) explanation of your experience and what you'd like to do to help the team accomplish its mission. I can be reached at alnorato@optonline.net.

Governor/First Lady Projects

Contrary to rumors you may have heard, we will be conducting a Governor's Project and a First Lady's Project. While we are in the process of finalizing the exact means in which to accomplish this, I can tell you that the Governor's Project will be dealing with collecting/purchasing books for school age children, especially, children who are in elementary school and reside in locations in which school budgets are either being tightened or have traditionally been less than adequate. Of course,

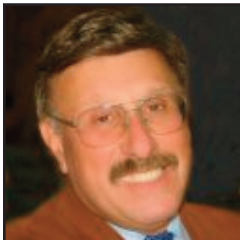
many clubs already perform this type of project, as past Governor's Projects and First Lady's Projects, but we would like to see the entire district become involved. If your club already performs a project similar to this, then perhaps you can expand upon the project by either sending books to other parts of the district that are in greater need or expanding the program to reading with the children. Regardless of which fork in the road you choose, the kids win and that's what it's all about!

The First Lady's Project is also geared towards helping our fellow neighbor, but also in helping yourself. This year, Dr. Jenny is seeking to help you in cleaning out your clothing closets with clothes that you haven't worn in many years that are simply collecting dust and taking up space. There are many people within our own communities who either don't have adequate clothing or more importantly, don't have situation-appropriate clothing. By this I mean they would like to apply for a better paying job, or an entry-level position, but don't have clothing that is suitable to make an impression with a prospective employer. If all they really need is a boost in their wardrobe to help them overcome that hurdle, I'm sure that we all have an over abundance of slightly worn clothing that will meet their needs.

Of course, if you have other ideas, I'm more than willing to listen/read your thoughts. We are all in this together, and together, we will make this a better world - one child and one community at a time.

KPTC North Shore

PG Joseph Corace



Well we have now come full circle with our KPTC North Shore Programs "SAVING CHILDREN'S LIVES ... in our COMMUNITY"

Our proven safety program now has our Circle K College students and Key Club High School students going into schools, health fairs, libraries and any place where we can gather children and show them how they can prevent accidents from happening and what to do if they do happen.

Bike Safety-Fire Safety-Water Safety-911 Calling, are some of what is covered.

If a child is in an accident we make sure that the first responders have the necessary equipment in the size needed to help save and prepare the child for

hospital care with the Friends Pediatric Kit program.

At the Trauma Center the staff is prepared to give the child the care he or she requires by trained professionals.

If the choice is made, because of logistics, and another hospital is chosen, chances are the staff there has been trained in one of our Trauma Programs at Our KPTC Center.

We must thank the entire Kiwanis Family for their support:

K KIDS that are so receptive and understanding of what this program is about and raise funds for it.

BUILDERS CLUBS that do the same in fund raising and also some times help with the Safety Programs.

KEY CLUB for taking the time to be part of a new project while continuing to fundraise as they have always done.

CIRCLE K for giving us their outstanding support to get this new safety program started.

KIWANIS CLUBS that have been fund raising and helping this program for over 20 years.

THE CHAMPS, Kiwanis members that have joined together to do fund raising.

THE JOEY FOUNDATION that has focused their fund raising for the Safety Programs

What better way to promote our Kiwanis organization in the communities that we live in.

On behalf of the KPTC Board I thank you for your support of a program you have help make what it is today..

Please give us an invite to your Kiwanis Club Meeting to say "THANK YOU" to your club members and let them know what they are a part of. It will be an uplifting experience to each and every member. Also, invite people in your community that you would like to learn about us.

The Friends Auction is May 16, 2012 at the Cedar Brook Country Club. For details please call Joe Corace (917) 282-9498 jcorace@icmdata.com and go to our web-site www.kiwanispediatrictrauma-center.org.

Kamp Kiwanis Makes an Impact

New York Kiwanis clubs have been sending children to Kamp Kiwanis for many years and often they learn that their effort meant more than just providing a child with a fun week at camp.

The Middletown Kiwanis Club received that message from the grandmother of a child they sponsored at camp last summer. The message came in the form of the letter to the right.

Application forms, schedules and more are on the Kamp web site

See the Kamp web site, www.kampkiwanis.org, for all the information your club will need to plan for sending children to Kamp this summer.

Pictures from the 2011 kamp season also are on display.

2012 Schedule

Adult Session 1: June 24-29

Adult Session 2: July 1-6

Child Session 1: July 8-14

Child Session 2: July 15-21

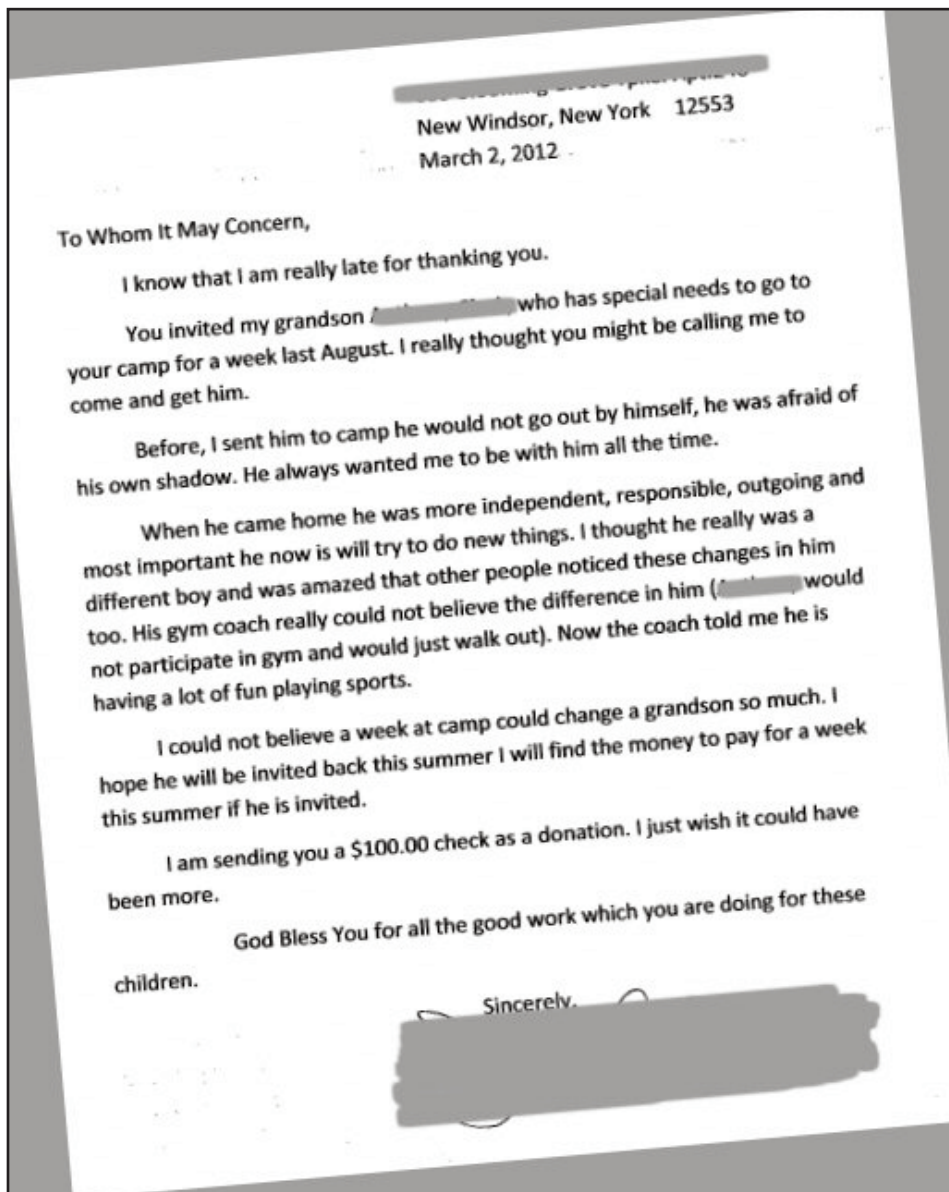
Child Session 3: July 22-28

Child Session 4: July 29-Aug. 4

Child Session 5: Aug. 5-11

Child Session 6: Aug 12-18

Child weeks 2 and 6 are the only weeks the Kamp will accept children with any type of nut allergy.



Distinguished
Kiwanians

Verdia Noel



"Calling All Distinguished Kiwanians"

If it makes you feel good to help someone in need ... we need you.

Kiwanians, it is time to review our 2011-12 commitments and complete our distinguished member forms. To qualify, club members must complete the following criteria:

- Recruit two (2) new active members.
- Participate in three (3) or more Kiwanis or SLP service projects.

- Attend one (1) of the following: International, District Convention, Regional/Zone Educational Conference, Key Club, Circle K, Aktion or Key Leader Convention, KIEF or ASPAC Conference or Convention.

- Make a personal contribution to the District or Kiwanis International Foundation.

Bonus activities that show a commitment to excellence are listed on the form.

To download all information, please go to: www.Kiwanisone.org/MemberResources/Membership/Distinguished-MemberForm.

All the above should be a great start to having a significant number of Distinguished Members, Clubs and Divi-

sions, culminating in qualifying as a distinguished District for 2011-12.

Many of our clubs have already completed several service projects before, after and during the holiday season. To be successful, we must continuously plan, create, and initiate new ideas and new programs with a focus toward leadership education and growth.

Members help your clubs and clubs help your divisions and divisions help your district excel.

Although it is only April, the deadline for submission of forms is October 15, 2012. We all know how quickly time flies, therefore I encourage you to rally your members to begin documenting those items which apply now, and get ready for the big push to the finish line by September 2012.

Together we can make this a record year.

New York District Kiwanis Foundation



Dedication of the new Arts and Crafts building at Kamp Kiwanis will be one of the events to take place on Saturday, May 5, at the camp. The new building, shown here under construction, was sponsored by the Bensonhurst & Bay Ridge club.

Kamp Open House, Work Week is May 3-5

Kiwanisans are invited to the annual Work Week and Open House at Kamp Kiwanis from May 3-5 this year.

Work sessions will take place on Thursday, May 3, and Friday, May 4, beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing throughout the day.

Work parties will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 5, and end at 11:30 a.m.

Dedication ceremonies will take place beginning at 11:45 a.m., followed

by lunch at 12:30 p.m. Following lunch, everyone is invited to attend the meeting of the New York District Foundation Board of Directors.

The major project at the camp during the past year has been the construction of a new Arts and Crafts building, which was sponsored by the Bensonhurst & Bay Ridge club

The new building is shown in the pictures above as work continues so that

the building will be available for use this summer.

Clubs planning to send volunteers can contact Kamp Executive Director Rebecca Lopez for further information on available housing, etc.

Details about the 2012 season at Kamp Kiwanis are on the kamp's web site, www.kampkiwanis.org. Included are all of the registration forms needed by clubs to sponsor kampers.

**District
Foundation**

Sal Anelli



The 2012 season is upon us and we are gearing up for another great Kamping experience for our New York District children who will come to Kamp and again enjoy a great experience at our Kamp.

Opening weekend is just around the corner, this year it will take place on May 3rd, 4th and 5th. Saturday May 5th is our dedication day when we get to honor the people who have made special donations to our Kamp in the past year. This year among other dedications, we will be paying special honor to the Bensonhurst & Bay Ridge Kiwanis Club in the completion of the new Arts and Crafts building. This was a three-year project by my home club that is culminating with the construction of a new building which will give the Kam-

pers a great place to learn and create.

As we ask every year, we are looking for volunteers to come up to the Kamp on this weekend to help us with the general cleaning and sprucing up of the camp in order to get it ready for the season. We need people to come up and be willing to work, whether it be general clean up, some painting, helping with getting the kitchen ready and just about anything else that needs our attention.

Thanks to all you New York District Kiwanians, we are anticipating another great season of Kamping.

Gov. Bill Risbrook is continuing the military Kampers program so we are hoping to get a great deal of children of active military personnel. That's our way of saying thank you to them for their sacrifices.

Gov.-Elect Al Norato Jr. will be bringing his board to visit our Kamp and hopefully inspire them to continue supporting Kamp Kiwanis.

Our outreach program has been going better than it has in the past few years but it still not up to what it should be. So far only 70 clubs of the 265 in the district have contributed. I know that times are rough but we are asking that

each club donate \$3 or more per member for our outreach. This money comes in very handy in the off season when not much comes in but the bills still do, it gets us through the time of year when we really need it. We have reinstated the 100 percent Outreach program which rewards Lt. Governors whose division reach 100 percent giving to the outreach program with a plaque which will be presented at the 2013 Mid-Year Conference Foundation Board meeting. So far there are three divisions that are very close to achieving 100 percent. I hope that I will be able to give out a plaque for each division Lt. Governor.

Every club in the district should have gotten Kammership applications and are hopefully getting more so you can send lots of children. Should you need more please call Rebecca at the Kamp at (315) 336-4568 and she will be more than happy to send you as many as you need.

Thank you so much for your continuous support of Kamp Kiwanis and we'll see you on May 5.

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Aktion Club

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The New York District of Kiwanis currently has 27 Aktion Clubs and we are growing every day.

Quarterly, the clubs must report their community services projects, fund raising projects, donations and any Kiwanis family meetings. As of this month all reports will be electronically transmitted to Kiwanis International, keeping consistent with the way Kiwanis clubs submit their monthly reports.

For the quarter of January, February and March of 2012, members of the Adirondack Aktion Club held a dance to benefit the library in Jay, New York, which was heavily damaged by Hurricane Irene.

Members of the East Aurora Aktion Club visited a local nursing home, making crafts and other items with the residents. They hosted the "World's Largest Fish Fry", netting \$780 and



sold East Aurora Aktion Club calendars. They are involved in many large scale events/projects in their community and are currently developing plans to host the first Annual Regional Conference of Aktion Clubs in Western New York on October 13, 2012.

Members of the West Hempstead Court Aktion Club held a very successful fund raiser for the Eliminate Project, netting \$900 by holding an Art Show hosted by the GC Tech Key Club at their high school (shown above). The show brought together K-Kids from Franklin Square and Bowling Green, Key Clubbers, Circle K members and Kiwanians who helped out and supported the event.

Members of the FEC/HRW Aktion Club, sponsored by Chester, Middletown and Minisink Kiwanis, visited senior citizens on Valentine's Day, provided songs, entertainment and prepared cards and cookies for the members and the residents. They plan on doing it again for Mother's Day. They are also planning a fund raiser for Kiwanis One Day in conjunction with the Hudson River West Division.

Our Aktion Clubs are very busy and completed hundreds of service hours in one quarter. We are proud to be part of the Kiwanis family. Please remember to include the Aktion Clubs in your activities and/or events. We look forward to another successful year.