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New York District Kiwanis Foundation



## Past Women Governors Honored at Mid-Year

Gov. Al Norato Jr. selected Past Gov. Doreen Pellittieri (left) and Past Gov. Susan Ganey (right) as honorees for the 2013 Mid-Year Conference as part of the celebration of 25 years of women in Kiwanis. Pellittieri and Ganey are the two women who have served as District Governor, Ganey in 1997-98, and Pellittieri in 2008-09. More Mid-Year coverage is on Pages 6-7.



 **Kiwanis**  
**CONVENTION**

## Conventioneers Headed to British Columbia

The 2013 Kiwanis International Convention will take place June 26-30 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

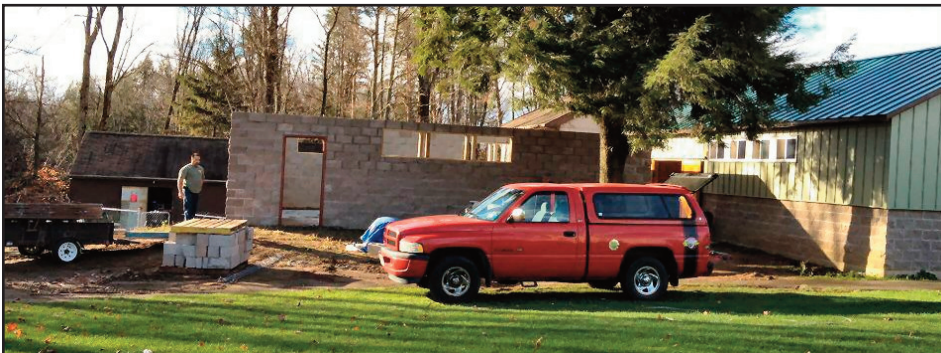
The site of the 2010 Winter Olympics will host the annual event which will attract Kiwanians from around the world.

The convention will be presided over by none other than our own past governor, Kiwanis International President Thomas DeJulio. As a result, the New York District needs to have a strong presence at the event.

Online registration ends May 15. After that only on-site registration will be available, at a higher price.

Clubs also need to remember to submit their delegate forms so the members who attend will be able to participate in all of the action at the convention. Each club is entitled to two delegates.

Elections will be conducted for vice president and International trustees. Delegates also will vote on proposed bylaw amendments. To see information on the candidates and the bylaw proposals, go to the KiwanisOne web site, [www.kiwanisone.org](http://www.kiwanisone.org).



## Kamp Library to be Dedicated

The newly constructed library at Kamp Kiwanis will be dedicated in a ceremony May 18 at the Kamp.

The library was built with a \$60,000 donation from the Queens West Division Foundation.

Shown are pictures of the new library being built next to the Arts and Crafts Shack.

See Page 6 for a picture of the library check presentation and Page 11 for more information on the 2013 Kamp Kiwanis season.



## New Club Building

DPG Joseph Eppolito



We started the 2012-13 administrative year at a membership deficit of -308 (7,712 to 7,404). I am happy to report that our deficit after nearly 6 months is down to about -191 (7,521) thanks to all of your hard work asking men and women to join the BEST service organization in the world -- Kiwanis!

We have many programs, or initiatives, to help grow clubs, divisions and the NY District.

Have you checked-out the programs that we have? Distinguished Kiwanian, Think 39, Interclub Contest, New Club Building, Retention ideas and Revitalizations ideas? We have District Chairs for all of these programs. You can check them out on our District web page and obtain many of the forms on the web page as well.

To date, we have only built one new Kiwanis club (Bethpage), but several are in the works. Governor Al Norato and I am confident that the new clubs will be formed before the end of the administrative year on September 30. I hope you will work with your Division

Lt. Governor and the Division New Club Building team to complete the new clubs. If you have a new club site, feel free to contact me and I will get our New Club Building District team to help make it happen.

Remember, more membership means more people available for your club to perform service to help children in your community, the division, the District and the World!

That is what we are all about.

So, take the INITIATIVE to bring a member in, participate in a growth initiative program, help build a new club (we only need 15 now to form a new club) and encourage your club members to do the same. Have contest, make a challenge, and do your best!

## Clubs Must Adopt New Standard Form for Club Bylaws

In October of 2012 Kiwanis International made many changes to the Standard Form for Club Bylaws.

Most changes were designed to provide clubs with more options for how they operate and provide service to their communities.

Also changed was the procedure used for clubs to update their bylaws. Previously it had been a paper-based system,

with bylaws submitted to Kiwanis International and reviewed before they were accepted.

The new procedure is entirely online. Clubs will complete their bylaws on the Kiwanis One web site ([www.kiwanisone.org](http://www.kiwanisone.org)) and they will be maintained there for future reference by clubs and by Kiwanis International.

The online application was recently completed and is now ready for clubs to access and utilize.

All clubs need to complete the new bylaws, choosing the options that are available.

More information, some Frequently Asked Questions and a PDF version of the bylaws clubs can use for review are all available on the KiwanisOne web site.

Clubs are expected to submit their updated bylaws on the new form by the end of the 2013-14 administrative year, Sept. 30, 2014.

## Women in Kiwanis Shirts Available

Shirts celebrating 25 Years of Women in Kiwanis are available for sale through the district web site, [www.kiwanis-ny.org](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org).

The Women in Kiwanis logo is printed in white on a pink shirt.

No more of the shirts will be made, so once the supply is exhausted they will no longer be available.

## District Convention is Aug. 15-18

The 2013 District Convention will take place at the RIT Inn and Conference Center in Henrietta, just south of Rochester and adjoining the Thruway.

The annual event is when district business will take place, including the election of Governor-Elect and Governor for 2013-14, and voting on any district bylaw amendments which are proposed.

Two candidates have announced they will be seeking the post of Governor-Elect.

Candace Corsaro, past Lt. Gov. of the Niagara North division, and Eric Paul, Lt. Gov. of the Niagara South division, will be seeking election to the post.

Gov.-Elect Joseph Aiello will be the only candidate for the office of Governor for 2013-14.

Registration is open now for the convention. Online registration is encouraged and provides an option to pay online or register online and then mail in your payment. See the district web site at [www.kiwanis-ny.org/dc/](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org/dc/) for more information.

Online registration ends Aug. 11; all registrations after that need to be done on-site.

Delegate forms must be filed by July 18. Clubs are entitled to three delegates each.

More convention information will be published in the July ESK.

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## 2012-13 Events

**May 16-18, 2013:**

Kamp Kiwanis Work Days and Open House

**June 26-30, 2013:**

International Convention, Vancouver, British Columbia

**Aug. 15-18, 2013:**

District Convention, RIT Conference Center, Henrietta

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**Governor**

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**Al Norato Jr.**

As we complete one half of the Kiwanis year, this issue completes 75 percent of the news articles of the ESK that you will receive in printed form. Likewise, we now have limitations as to how many words can be written per article. In today's technological super highway of knowledge, we should be freer to communicate and to do so more often rather than limit us to the amount and number of times we are permitted. I'm told that many miss the old ESK days. I have to admit, I do too. Just by this one paragraph, I'm already more than 20 percent of my capacity. Maybe not everything new is better!

It's been an extremely busy month, especially in the Albany region. We had more than 300 Kiwanians attend the Mid-Year Conference. I trust that you all had a great time and that you learned a great deal in the forums/workshops and that you made or renewed many friendships, for that is what we do best: educate, congratulate and celebrate. My sincere and heartfelt thanks to the many who helped in making it a success.

Speaking of success, it was rather clear to many that our Keynote Speaker, Victoria Ruvolo, AKA "The Turkey Lady" was a smashing success. She was so impressed with Kiwanis and

what we do that I suggested we make her an honorary member of my home club. She was so touched that she started to cry. As a result, Club President Mike Siniski and I felt it was best to simply make her one of our own. I'm proud to sponsor her as the newest member of the Sayville Kiwanis Club. Welcome to the family Victoria!

Speaking of tears and Mike Siniski, during the awards ceremony on Saturday evening, a few were shed when we learned that Mike has been voted as the latest recipient of the Gerald Christiano Award. It is well deserved and it will be my honor to be on stage as the Past Governor's Council makes the presentation in August at district convention. Congratulations Mike!

Less than four weeks later, we were back in Albany to close out the 2012-13 Circle K and Key Club year and to commence the 2013-14 year. For those who have never participated in either the CKI Convention or the Key Club Leadership Training Conference, you are truly missing a significant and special portion of what the Kiwanis family is all about. The energy, enthusiasm and passion our young adults bring is infectious and inspires all Kiwanians who attend to want to become even more involved. It is my sincere hope that you will catch their passion by becoming more involved with your SLPs at the club level.

Speaking of SLPs, I want to take a moment to congratulate all of our SLP administrators. Each of our SLPs has grown by at least one club since October, with many more in the pipeline for additional growth. They are our future and what we do for them now will sow great rewards for us. While growth in

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the future is necessary, we also need to have Kiwanis growth today. In that regard, we have had one new club built thus far, but it's already a huge club: Bethpage Central Park, with approximately 65 new Kiwanians (no seed members), and growing still. My thanks to the Kiwanian who spearheaded this club's amazing growth, Lt. Gov.-Elect Ann Torcivia. If every division had just one Ann, Kiwanis would be unstoppable.

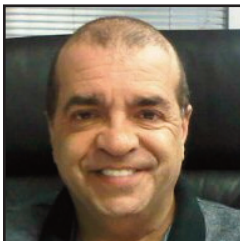
Soon, we will be leaving for the International Convention in Vancouver. For those who will be attending, it will be our chance to celebrate the year of the DeJulio's as Kiwanis International's 2012-13 leaders, while we elect a new Kiwanis International Vice President and slate of candidates for the position of International Trustee. If you can't make it to ICON to say farewell to the DeJulio's, don't fret, for they will be our honorees at the district convention, just six short weeks later in Henrietta, NY.

Finally, for those of you who are still experiencing the aftermath of Super Storm Sandy, our hearts continue to break for you. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We are with you and if we can do anything to alleviate your pain, please contact us.

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**Governor Elect**

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**Joseph Aiello**

Spring is in the air. With the Mid-Winter Convention behind us, congratulations to all the clubs that received awards.

To all the clubs, presidents and lieutenant governors who made Distinguished and Super Distinguished: job well done.

It was a wonderful weekend. These conventions should be fun and enjoyable. I believe we are on our way to do exactly that.

We cannot make it fun unless we hear your ideas. I'm committed to do just that.

I have attended the convention for Circle K and Key Club on March 21-23

in Albany. It was one great time. You can feel the energy from these young adults. It is an honor to work side by side with these Kiwanians. I'm so proud of them. I encourage all the clubs in the district to work with the Service Leadership Program and advisors. Give them the support they need. Remember we are building a foundation for their future.

Thank you, to the Queens West Foundation for the efforts in building the new library at Kamp Kiwanis. It will be dedicated on May 18, and a plaque will remember Super Distinguished Past Lt. Gov. Angelo (Monti) Maltaghati. This is great time to visit the Kamp and also help getting it ready for the children.

To all the lieutenant governors-elect, I'm looking forward to seeing you at the training in May. I want to congratulate you again for making a difference. I would like see that you have a vision, mission and goal.

Also, please start introducing yourself to your division. Please gather the infor-

mation of all the presidents and secretaries that will be elected for 2013-14. This is very important for the directory. Have this information by May 15. We will build a stronger bridge for the future of our district. We will make a difference.

We are volunteers and we do the best that we can, because "Kiwanis is in our Hearts & Our Hearts are in Kiwanis".

I'm proud to be part of the Kiwanis Family. We will never lose our focus for the children of the world.

In closing we are getting ready for our International Convention lets show our support to our International President.

Let's have a good showing from our district.

I would like to hear from you, if you have any suggestions or ideas to make our district stronger, fun, and enjoyable. You can contact me at JOA9014@nyp.org or 718-386-3766. So let's continue to be a family and grow.

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Ellie Grella, at rear, is pictured with some of the youngsters and parents at the hospital in Guatemala.



Show is Ella Grella (center) with some dolls she will take to Guatemala; with Marlene Herring (left) and Diane Howser.

## Club assists nurse with work in Guatemala

When RN Ella Grella of Solvay-Geddes-Camillus Kiwanis makes her week-long child-serving trip to Guatemala this spring she will be fulfilling a dual-purpose pledge.

This will be her seventh time to shift from her regular nursing duties at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse to help treat children in Guatemala hospitals and clinics. The program is coordinated by Helping Hands Medical Missions, a Catholic church program. Nurse participants pay their own way for round-trip airfare and certain other expenses.

Ellie's daily schedules will probably be something like helping with as many

as 10 surgeries a day in the hospital or clinic help where 300 to 400 youngsters may need eye care, inoculation or other attention.

This fits an interesting parallel with Kiwanis, where basic themes have always been concerned with "Children Of The World."

On this trip to Guatemala, she will be taking a big batch of Kiwanis Therapy Dolls. She has taken some before and child patients are thrilled with the cloth dolls in hospital gowns they can call their own. Most get decorated with eyes and mouths or other markings by the children. Often a doctor or nurse will

show on the doll where a child will be treated and help to calm any qualms about hospitalization the child may have.

A majority of the dolls which have been provided to Kiwanis and the Syracuse and Guatemala hospitals have come through the efforts of Barbara Redmond of Holland Patent, a member of Solvay-Geddes-Camillus Kiwanis.

She got her skillful seamstress daughter, Kathy Schaller, and Kathy's sewing club interested in making the dolls with hospital gowns, and they have found ready homes throughout Kiwanis projects.

### Minisink Valley Completes Governor's Project

As part of the New York District Kiwanis Governor's Project, on Dec. 21 the Kiwanis Club of Minisink Valley donated a complete Dr. Seuss series to Mrs. Cardinale's first grade classroom at Minisink Valley Elementary School.

The project consists of collecting and distributing books to children to promote literacy and early childhood reading.

MVES feels very lucky that one of our classrooms has been chosen to be the recipients of these books. The children are thrilled with their new books and are happily reading all of the old time favorites, "Green Eggs and Ham", "Cat in the Hat", "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" to name just a few.

### Jefferson Breakfast Committed to Literacy

More than 20 years ago the Jefferson Breakfast Club of Watertown was challenged to help promote literacy. The group stepped up to the plate, contacted the Flower Memorial Library and the Story Line was launched.

The program involved reading a book at the library into a recorder attached to the phone. Children would call the Story Line and listen to the recorded book.

When technology was updated the book was recorded over the phone and again children would call and listen to the recorded book.

As you can imagine when the library contacted our club about 10 years ago to sponsor a new program for literacy we

were excited. In nine months we had almost 25,000 full books read on the "TumbleBook" program we sponsor. Can you imagine a reading program in three different languages, English, French and Spanish, where books are read to you or you can read them, with videos, games and puzzles all for free?

Book marks have been shared with our local schools, local and area libraries, literacy programs around the area and our neighbors from Canada.

With the help of the St. Lawrence Division, a reading nook was built at the New York State Zoo at Thompson Park in Watertown to help support literacy. The area contains books donated by the division.

### K-Kids Raise Funds for Juvenile Diabetes

The Sea Cliff Elementary School K-Kids, led by Faculty Advisor Mark Mihopulos, had a Walk for the Cure for Juvenile Diabetes on Feb. 26.

A representative from JDRF, Bob Parant, who has Type 1 Diabetes, spoke bringing an awareness to the K-Kids and other participants who were pres-

ent, and followed up with a Q & A period. Members had fun jogging around the gym at Sea Cliff Elementary School holding colorful posters they created during their meetings which displayed facts about Type I Diabetes.

Bob Parant thanked the K-Kids for their successful fund raising work

## Pediatric Lyme Disease

DPG John Gridley



In this issue of the ESK I think that I just want to say "Thank you," to our Kiwanis Family (Kiwanis, Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids and Aktion Club) for taking the time to care and share.

I have been in Kiwanis for almost 40 years and our Sponsored Youth have never failed to impress me. Their dedication to service is always over and above. Our Sponsored Youth should be recognized for their talents, skills and ideas.

Too often, we adults focus on Sponsored Youth as needing resources rather than being the resource, but are afraid

that their ideas will not be accepted because everyone already has an answer. Community Service can be used to give our Sponsored Youth the opportunity to be resources. It has been my experience that if Sponsored Youth are involved in the entire process of community service efforts, we can utilize their talents and see the positive outcome. The time, effort, and money spent obtaining resources are saved because the Sponsored Youth are the resources. Throughout this process the Sponsored Youth learn more about themselves and their abilities.

After Sponsored Youth have been engaged in the entire community service process from planing to completion, and after they have been utilized as resources, the best way to keep them motivated is to recognize them for their time and work.

Whether it is an award, a certificate or just taking a moment to say "Thank you," acknowledging the fact that Sponsored Youth are doing something posi-

tive encourages them to continue to give back to their community and motivates them to get others involved in the Kiwanis family.

Community Service must not be taken beyond the level where our Sponsored Youth do the work and adults get the credit. With so many options to chose from, our youth don't have to be involved in Kiwanis Community Service. Recognizing them lets them know that their actions speak and are not taken for granted.

Sponsored Youth are our future in Kiwanis. Community Service helps prepare our Sponsored Youth for the future. Let us as Kiwanis members empower our Sponsored Youth to determine their own destiny.

So on behalf of all the members of the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation and all the young children with Lyme disease, I say "Thank you" for remembering that the main thing, is to keep the main, thing the main thing, and the main thing is helping children.

## Aktion Club

Debra Rothman



I am excited to report that three new Aktion clubs have joined the New York District this year.

Please welcome the Aktion Club of Abbott House, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of White Plains, the Aktion Club of Jamestown, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Jamestown and the Aktion Club of Holland, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Holland.

We are growing in numbers and have

more than 600 members. Our members have been assisting our K family in many activities as well as performing many service hours on their own projects.

We had a very successful forum at the Mid-Winter Conference. Thank you to Jeff Sanderson and Richard Hermanson, advisors from the Niagara County Aktion Club, and members of the Kiwanis Club of Lewiston who provided a very informative slide show at the forum.

Thank you to also to Martha Bachman and Tim Holmes, advisors to the Adirondack Aktion Club and members of the Kiwanis Club of Plattsburgh Breakfast and the Kiwanis Club of Saranac Lake respectively, for bringing members of the club down to the Mid-Winter to participate in the forum. They

prepared a slide show of their fundraisers and service projects. They all did a great job!

Kiwanis International and the Indiana District will be holding the third annual Training and Leadership Conference Sept. 6-8. The fee for each TLC attendee is US\$100, which pays for food and lodging during the conference, as well as events and transportation at the camp. Registration begins May 1. Please go to [www.aktionclub.org](http://www.aktionclub.org) for more information.

Kiwanis International has also added a new contest, a T-shirt contest, to promote our Aktion Clubs. Rules for the contest can also be found on the Aktion Club web site.

As always, please follow us on our Facebook page, NY District Aktion Clubs and thank you for all you do.

## Key Leader

Mary Jean Sprague



Are you a Key Leader? A Key Leader is one who embodies the many qualities of Servant Leadership.

A Key Leader, asks questions, listens to the answers, has a vision, is passionate about their beliefs, is a great decision maker, is a team builder and is of good character.

Key Leader is a life changing leadership program for 14-18 year olds. We accept students for our program regardless of where they fall academi-

cally in their class.

We believe that everyone deserves a chance to grow, learn about themselves and reach beyond where they are today. Key Leader impacts the potential of these students by encouraging and supporting growth in personal integrity and community building.

Every day you meet young people with promise and potential, and you can tell they would excel if given the opportunity. Key Leader is one of the best opportunities that Kiwanis offers.

We reach out to students who are not necessarily in Key Clubs and give them a chance to lead. Key Leader is a unique and powerful opportunity for reaching out to these students and inspiring them to be more.

Key Leader Camp is May 3-5 at Camp Stella Maris in Livonia, south of Rochester.

Unfortunately our numbers are still low this year. So I find myself pleading for students again.

If you have students without funds, I have scholarship assistance available. Please have them register immediately so that we can prepare for them appropriately.

Registration cost is as follows: \$200 for non-Key Club Members or late registration; \$175 for Key Club members and \$115 for Student Facilitators or additional Chaperones.

They can register themselves; at [www.Key-leader.org](http://www.Key-leader.org) If you have any further questions about Key Leader or registration please email me at [askmj@hvc.rr.com](mailto:askmj@hvc.rr.com)

# 2013 Mid-Year Conference



The Queens West Foundation made a formal presentation of its \$60,000 gift to the District Foundation to pay for a library at Kamp Kiwanis at the Mid-Year Conference. Shown above, from left, are Queens West Foundation board members J.P. Di Troia, Governor-Elect Joe Aiello, Past Queens West Lt. Gov. Mike Terry, Carol Masiello, Past Governor Ed McGowan, Herman Ovadia, District Foundation President Sal Anelli, Rebecca Ovadia, Robert Kueber and Maureen Allen.



Above, from left, Hank Self, Earl Lynch and Gov. Al Norato Jr. during the opening reception. At right, Peter Pellittieri, Past Gov. Bill Risbrook, Lavonia Francis and Past Gov. Doreen Pellittieri. Above right, Victoria Ruvolo speaking at Saturday's lunch. Her new book, "No Room for Vengeance", is part of her effort to convince people not to seek vengeance when they are wronged. She suffered severe facial injuries as a result of a senseless act by a teenager, who she later forgave and sought a minimum sentence for.





Lanton Lee at a forum on membership, assisted by Alison Mandel (right)



Key Club Administrator John Goldstein, Key Club Gov. Daniel Ivan Lin, Circle K Gov. Corey Oses and Circle K Administrator John Keegan during a forum.



Above, left, Circle K Governor Corey Oses, and above right, Key Club Governor Daniel Ivan Lin report on their organizations' efforts during the year. At left, Sister Ann-Marie Kirmse, the district's Eliminate Project coordinator, during a forum for division Eliminate Project coordinators.



## Eliminate Project

Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse



Spring has sprung, and the EliMiNaTe Campaign's Year of Participation is now in full swing! All Kiwanis clubs around the world are asked to devote some of their time and energy to raise funds for this project. Many of the clubs in the New York District have already donated money or are planning an event in the next few months. To those groups, I say "thank you" on behalf of all the mothers and babies you have protected.

Some clubs have been requesting more information on fundraising. The challenge is to raise money for our Worldwide Service Project without neglecting the projects you are already sponsoring in your local communities. A tall order, some say-but I say not so! There are many ways in which our clubs can do this:

1) Use an existing fund raiser and add

to it something new for EliMiNaTe. For example, if a club has a luncheon or dinner planned, think of having a 50/50 raffle with the proceeds going to EliMiNaTe. OR have a basket raffle. OR just put a baby bottle (easily obtained at a dollar store) on each table and after describing how a mother and her future babies can be protected for the amazing rate of \$1.80, ask folks to put a contribution in the bottle. OR let your imagination soar!

2) Have a new fundraiser dedicated solely to EliMiNaTe. An easy way to raise funds and make people outside of Kiwanis aware of the problem of MNT is to work with a local eatery to give a discount on a certain day. Distribute flyers about EliMiNaTe to the general public, and state the amount of the discount offered to those who bring in this flyer on the designated date. This has already been successfully done in California Pizza, Arby's, and Boston Market. I am sure that other chains have the same policy. If there are nearby stores such as Chico's, The Gap, etc. ask them to participate at the same time.

3) Gift card sale programs work well. Members purchase cards for the places where they regularly shop, e.g., ShopRite, Target, Walgreen's, even de-



partment stores like Boscov's, Macy's and Bloomingdales to name a few. A percentage of the price of the card is given to the club. To illustrate how this works, one school on Long Island offered these cards each week to families of the students. A family spending \$100 for groceries a week would purchase a \$100 card to their supermarket, and approximately 7-10 percent of that \$100 would go to the school. The family was not actually spending any more money than usual, but using the card to pay their weekly bill. I am aware of the Great Lakes Scrip Program, but I am sure that there are other similar ones. More information can be found at [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) or by calling (800) 727-4715.

For more information, please contact me at [kirmse@fordham.edu](mailto:kirmse@fordham.edu).

Let's all swing into spring with some new and creative fundraising ideas. Excelsior!

## Finger Lakes Division Raises Funds For Children's Hospital

On March 16, the Kiwanis Clubs of the Finger Lakes Division collected donations at Eastview Mall in Victor to support a Kiwanis Family Waiting Room in the soon-to-be built Golisano Children's Hospital at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester.

Kiwanians and members of K-Kids, Key Clubs and Aktion Clubs collected \$4,081.

Seated at the table talking to supporters of the event are division Past Lt. Govs. Peg Bobzin and Brent Myott.



## Lyme Disease Awareness Week was March 2-8

Bayside High School's gym had 65 K-Family members working out to Zumba at the Empire Division's Body, Mind and Service Event.

The group also received a primer on Pediatric Lyme Disease, its treatment, its prevention and the work of the Pedi-

atric Lyme Disease Foundation from Foundation VP/Treasurer Distinguished Past Gov. John Gridley.

Foundation Director and Service Leadership Chair Rich Santer also explained the work of the Pediatric Lyme Disease Service Leadership Committee and invited interested Circle Kers and Key Clubbers to join the committee.

The event raised more than \$750 for the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation.

The Empire Division's event brought together K-Family members from Long Island and New York City to kick-off Pediatric Lyme Disease Week which ran from March 2-8.

The week was planned by the newly formed Pediatric Lyme Disease Service Leadership Committee.



# Bethpage Club Receives its Charter

Dignitaries from the New York District of Kiwanis helped Charter President Joanne Foley, the officers and members of the Bethpage Central Park Kiwanis Club celebrate the receipt of their charter by dancing the night away at HR Singleton's.

Welcomed by Nassau County Executive and Charter Member Ed Mangano, attendees witnessed the chartering ceremony followed by the fun and fellowship that the Kiwanis Clubs of the Long Island South Central Division are best known for. District Kiwanis Governor Al Norato thanked the many Kiwanians that helped form the club including Lt. Gov.-Elect Ann Torcivia, Super Distinguished Lt. Gov. Mickie Leamey, Distinguished Past Gov. Dave Rothman and Lt. Gov. James Mancuso.

Gov Al also commended the club for being comprised of almost all brand new Kiwanians and for growing from 29 members at its organizational meeting to 60 members by Charter Night. He also recognized the work of "Shadow Officers" Ann Torciva, Mickie Leamey, Lisa Santer and Rich Santer who have advised, trained and supported Foley, Vive President Ellen Scimeca, Treasurer Maryola Dannebaum and Secretary Patricia Donohue-Brown.

As the proud sponsors of the new



**Long Island South Central Lt. Gov. Jim Mancuso, Bethpage Charter President Joanne Foley, District Gov. Al Norato Jr.**

club, East Meadow Kiwanis Club members were out in force. They were joined by four past governors, numerous past lieutenant. governors and a multitude of past presidents representing more than half the LISC Kiwanis Clubs.

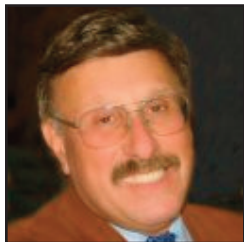
Kiwanis International Foundation President Peter Mancuso delivered greetings and congratulations for Kiwanis International President Tom De-

Julio and First Lady Rosemary. Mancuso also presented Foley with the International President's and First Lady's Bannerette.

The Bethpage Central Park Kiwanis Club was organized on the first day of the 2012-13 Administrative Year. With the receipt of its charter, the new club becomes the 16th club in the Long Island South Central Division.

## KPTC North Shore

### DPG Joseph Corace



As I am writing this ESK article I can't help but think of two words, THANK YOU and PROUD, Proud to be a Kiwanian and thank you for your support of our KPTC.

The help and support that our members and clubs were able to extend to the Sandy victims was overwhelming, yet while this needed unexpected effort went on our members and Kiwanis clubs continued their support of the Pediatric Trauma Center. Thank you.

In the month of February we had the Director and KPTC Coordinator of Safe Kids, Rosemarie Ennis, as our guest speaker. Rosemarie reported how the hospital allocates our funding and the difference that Kiwanis makes in helping save children's lives in our community.

- Prevention: safety programs taught by our Certified Key club and Circle K students in schools and fairs.

- Medical Attention: with our KPTC Trauma Kits and training for EMT and

First Responders.

- Hospital Care: State of the Art equipment and center with specially trained.

- Personnel to deal with pediatric trauma.

Rosemarie shared some statistics that showed a reduction in accidents and our Kiwanis programs being very much responsible. One of the comments that she left us with was something that she heard in reference to a child's accident, "This should never have happened, said by a doctor", and with your support of the KPTC we hope to have accidents happen less and less.

The board of directors then presented Ro Ennis with their annual donation in the amount of \$40,000 for this year to continue the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center programs at the hospital.

Please look for our upcoming events:

- A night of Jazz with our own DPG Bill Risbrook (details to follow)

- The Champs for KPTC and their annual wine tasting (details to follow)

- The Friends of KPTC - Basket Auction (May 15, 2013)

Note: Please think of serving on our KPTC Board as a committee member. We would welcome your help. For information call DPG Joe Corace 917-282-9498 or go to our website at [www.kiwanispediatrictraumacenter.org](http://www.kiwanispediatrictraumacenter.org)

## Central Adirondacks Raises Money With Showshoe Race

On Feb. 16 the Kiwanis Club of the Central Adirondacks held its 13th Annual Kiwanis Winter Sports Challenge.

The fund raising cross-country ski and snowshoe treks to raise funds for the Kommunity Youth and Activity Center (KYAC) and this year held the third annual Mountainman McCauley Mountain Snowshoe Quest.

Mountainman Outdoor Supply Company, Central Adirondack Kiwanis Club, McCauley Mountain, Dion Snowshoes and MSR Snowshoes jointly sponsored the McCauley Mountain Quest event.

The Mountainman McCauley Mountain Quest was a 6 km distance, Racers Points Series Race that is part of the Dion Empire State Snowshoe Series

Men's and Ladies' events were run.

# Metropolitan Division Responds to Super Storm Sandy

By Lt. Gov. Forbes Irvine  
Metropolitan Division

On Oct. 29 as the East Coast braced for Superstorm Sandy Kiwanians knew the best they could hope for was that the children, the adults, the organizations that we support would start Oct. 30 no worse than the day before.

Sadly, this was not to be. Thousands spent the night fleeing for their lives or watched as their homes became one with the Atlantic.

The following morning members of the Metropolitan Division were out searching, bailing, checking on family and friends. Throughout this the constant sound of sirens pierced the air.

South Shore club Kiwanians Steve Argentine and Jack Biondi found themselves at a place that became known as the Guyon rescue center, a 24-hour center providing food and supplies. They put in 18-hour days serving this neighborhood with the help of Foundation Board Member Herb Chan of the Staten Island Kiwanis Club.

Steve and Jack discovered that an area known as Midland Beach was under-served. Member Ben D'Amato, who has a building yards from the beach, allowed it to be used. Despite the fact that the building had taken 15 feet of water, they set up what became known as 626 for the address, 626 Midland Ave.

They started simply: a tent, some supplies and a old bar-beque. A quick Kiwanis meeting and it was decided that the site would be kept open 24 hours a day. We ordered a Kiwanis banner, Herb Chan hung it and this was now our home.

People kept coming; tired, cold, hungry people with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Two weeks after the storm and still no power. South Shore Kiwanian Tom Beyer, owner of Beyers Market, sent endless trays of food. We were feeding around 400 people a day.

Members from every club in the division came down to 626. The members of NY Young Professionals collected and purchased supplies. Chinatown called and asked what was needed. Past Gov. Mike Malark, Foundation President Sal Anelli and Past Foundation President Lindy Marrazzo were in contact making sure we had what we needed. Lt. Gov. Warren Golden sent his ambulances full of supplies to my house with sirens blaring. My neighbors thought I would be coming out on a stretcher.

It was November, cold and often wet. They are serving hundreds of people a day from tents and nobody complained.

Gary Malandro, a member of the Staten Island Club, also

*Editor's Note:  
Kiwanians throughout the area affected by Super Storm Sandy responded to aid their neighbors, often with assistance of Kiwanians from around the district and across the Kiwanis world. This report submitted to the Empire State Kiwanian tells about one of those efforts.*



Volunteers preparing food at 626.

is the President of the Staten Island chapter of The St. Vincent dePaul Society. The society has a 40-foot mobile kitchen. Gary made arrangements to have the trailer sent.

As November changed to December it was decided that 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. was more feasible. December was a busy month. Thousands of items were distributed. As the holidays approached over a thousand toys were given away to neighborhood children that had lost everything.

The Kiwanis relief center was a monumental undertaking, including many not named here. Over the course of this project we partnered with some organizations that were instrumental in keeping us stocked. The New York District and Foundation were heroic in their support as was International, International President Tom DeJulio and International Foundation President Peter Mancuso.

More than \$100,000 was donated by Kiwanians. Governor Al Norato Jr. and District Secretary David Booker made sure that commitment to service was paramount.

Reading this you're probably wondering how this ended? Unfortunately not on our terms.

It was decided that on Christmas Eve an early meal would be served and we would remain closed through Christmas Day and reopen on the 26th. On Christmas Eve Past Lt. Gov. Glenn Mancuso and his wife cooked 80 pounds of ham; 450 people ate that day.

Late on Christmas Day thieves broke into 626 and what they didn't take they destroyed. It was decided we would distribute what we had that the vandals hadn't reached. The theft made the local and national news.

## Division 5 K-Kids Fundraiser Benefits KPTC

Key Club Lt. Gov. Alexandra Jannello and the Key Clubs of Division 5 supported by the Farmingdale Kiwanis Club raised \$200 for the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center in January at Bollinger's Family Restaurant in Farmingdale. The restaurant donated 15 percent of the day's receipts to KPTC.

The Bowling Green K-Kids arranged to visit Bollingers at 4 p.m. when their

Faculty Advisor and LISC Kiwanis Service Leadership Chair Rich Santer would be there with family and friends. LISC Lt. Gov.-Elect Ann Torcivia arranged for a birthday bake.

The K-Kids were joined by Long Island South Central Division Lt. Gov. Jim Mancuso, Immediate Past Lt. Gov. Steve Perrick, Farmingdale Kiwanis President Georgiana Sena and many other Kiwanians from East Meadow, Farmingdale and Bethpage Central Park. Also in attendance were Key Clubbers and Key Club Advisors from

Division 5.

K-Kids President Kira took the opportunity to discuss building a new K-Kids with Farmingdale Kiwanis Vice President Patrick and his elementary school aged daughters. Building a K-Kids in Farmingdale was enthusiastically received by the Farmingdale Kiwanis Club and the two Farmingdale students. K-kids President Kira and LISC Service Leadership Chair Rich Santer offered to meet with other students and their parents to begin the chartering process.

# New York District Kiwanis Foundation



## Work Week, Open House May 16-18

Kiwanians from around the district are invited to go to Kamp Kiwanis to help prepare the kamp for the 2013 season on May 16-18.

Work crews will be busy all three days of the event and clubs are welcome to participate in one or more days.

On Saturday, May 18, dedication cer-

emonies will take place. Following lunch the Foundation Board will meet; all are invited to attend the meeting.

Those planning to help out can contact Kamp Director Rebecca Lopez to let her know you are coming by calling (315) 336-4568 or by e-mail to [kampkiwanis@hotmail.com](mailto:kampkiwanis@hotmail.com)

## Kampership Sponsors Needed

While many clubs find local children to send to Kamp, Kamp Director Rebecca Lopez says an increasing number of families are applying directly to the Kamp for assistance with Kamp fees.

Clubs or individuals who would like to provide full or partial scholarships for kampers can contact Rebecca directly at (315) 336-4568 or by e-mail to [kampkiwanis@hotmail.com](mailto:kampkiwanis@hotmail.com) to make arrangements.

## Information, Forms Ready for 2013 Kamp Season

The 2013 season at Kamp Kiwanis will once again feature two weeks for adults, at the beginning of the season, and then six for youth.

Staff are now being hired for the season. The various forms, etc., needed by kampers are available on the Kamp web site, [www.kampkiwanis.org](http://www.kampkiwanis.org). Clubs also will find reservation forms and other information they will need, such as bus schedules.

## 2013 Schedule

**Adult Session 1: June 23-28**

**Adult Session 2: June 30-July 5**

**Child Session 1: July 7-13**

**Child Session 2: July 14-20**

**Child Session 3: July 21-27**

**Child Session 4: July 28-Aug. 3**

**Child Session 5: Aug. 4-10**

**Child Session 6: Aug 11-17**

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

### District Foundation

Sal Anelli



It is spring time and every year we usually forget about the ugly days of winter and concentrate on the upcoming bright days of spring and the dog days of summer.

This year we cannot easily forget the very ugly days of winter because there are still too many victims of Super Storm Sandy who are still suffering from its affect. The New York District Kiwanis Foundation was able to help some of these victims and we were very happy to do so. It was done thanks to the generous contributions that came in from around the country and around

the world, and of course, thanks to the efforts of DPG Mike Malark who traveled around the state collecting supplies and then delivering them to the affected areas.

As I stated in my last article, it was a "Herculean effort".

As much as we think about all of the devastation, we have to also think about our Kamp Kiwanis which is also feeling the effects of Sandy. No, the Kamp was not hit by the storm, but it has been affected by it. You see, a great number of clubs that normally are very supportive of the Kamp by way of donations and/or Kamperships were the very clubs whose members and neighbors were hit by Super Storm Sandy and naturally a lot of their funds went to the Sandy victims, and rightfully so.

In an effort to raise some very needed funds for Kamp, we have come up with two fundraisers that we hope will be able to replenish some of the lost income. One fundraiser is a "Kamp Kiwa-

nis Day at Yankee Stadium" on July 14. Kim Scharoff is the chair for this event and by now every president should have gotten a flyer explaining the event.

The other is a raffle for a 60-inch plasma television and again every president should have received an envelope with 10 tickets at \$10 each. The raffle winner will be pulled at the Yankee Game on July 14.

The beauty about these two fundraisers is that you can go outside of the Kiwanis family to get participants. So please, if you have tickets to the raffle please sell them or buy them, and let's try to get a lot of people to the Kamp Kiwanis Day at Yankee stadium.

If you need more information, please contact me, Kamp Director Rebecca Lopez or Kim.

Thank you for all you do for Kamp Kiwanis. God bless you all.

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Our Kiwanis International Foundation is the charitable arm of Kiwanis International, overseeing a \$16 million trust fund. It is a legally independent entity with its own dedicated and hard-working board of trustees and staff, but it works closely with Kiwanis International to fulfill its mission to financially support Kiwanis International in serving the children of the world.

We make grants for worthy service projects sponsored by Kiwanis and K-Family clubs all over the world who lack the financial resources to go it alone. When the Kiwanis Club of Laoag City, Philippines sought funding for its Mothercraft Health and Nutrition Program, which teaches basic skills in meal planning and food preparation to mothers and caregivers, we were there to help.

When money was needed for educational expenses and development toys for children with Down Syndrome in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, we were there for them. For every worthy grant application that we funded last year, however, there were four others that we were forced to decline because we lacked funding for them, which is heartbreaking.

We also have been active in providing emergency disaster relief assistance, whether for an Asia-Pacific tsunami or for Superstorm Sandy right here at home.

How do we fund these programs? While all Kiwanians who are members of clubs in good standing are members of our foundation, we do not receive any share of the dues paid by our members to Kiwanis International. We are able to provide grants only through the generosity of Kiwanians like yourself. And so, we have many fund raising programs that seek donations on an individual and a club level, and that offer appropriate recognition for the philanthropic spirit and generosity shown in these donations. These include the George F. Hixson Fellowship, which recognizes a \$1,000 donation, and offers increasing diamond level recognition for each successive \$1,000 donation; the

Tablet of Honor, which is bestowed upon a \$2,000 donation by a person other than the recipient of the tablet; and the Kiwanis Leadership Society, which is based on a \$250 donation to the Kiwanis Children's Fund.

We also recognize Benefactors for a \$5,000 lifetime donation; Honored Benefactors for \$10,000; and members of our Founders Circle for their \$25,000 lifetime donation, with different levels of this circle being attained at further \$25,000 intervals.

On the club level, our Annual Club Gift continues to be a substantial source of grant revenue. Each district is eligible for scholarships under this program, the number of which are determined by the amount of their per-capita member donation, and they also receive 5 percent of the money raised in their district, which may be used for foundation-related purposes. We also receive contributions from clubs for our Children's Fund through our annual Skip a Meal Program.

Thank you for everything that you have done and will do to support our International Foundation. When you give generously to our foundation you are promoting the aims of Kiwanis and extending your reach around the world to those who truly cannot help themselves.