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New York District, Kiwanis International

New York Kiwanians Heading to Toronto

New York Kiwanians will be convening in nearby Toronto June 23-26 for the 2016 Kiwanis International Convention, the shortest trip they've been able to make to an International Convention in several years.

While there they will have an opportunity to support one of our own, Distinguished Past Gov. Peter Mancuso in his campaign for election to the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees.

Each club is entitled to two delegates at the convention; the deadline for delegate forms is April 30. Online registration ends May 15, although registration on site will be available after that.

Toronto is more than just the convention location, it's one of the world's great cities that attracts tourists the

year round to its sports, shopping and cultural attractions. Kiwanis International is offering tours before and after the event for those who would like to extend their trip to Niagara Falls or to Quebec.

The New York District event at the convention will be a reception from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, at the CN Tower. Tickets for the reception must be purchased in advance; none will be sold at the door.



proposal to have voting done online and one giving the International Board the ability to make small increases in the International dues are among those on the agenda.

For the latest information, including hotel and convention registration, reserving tickets for the district reception and information on what issues will be presented to the convention delegates for action, see www.kiwanis-ny.org/intconv.htm.

Those who plan to attend also need to make sure they have the identification documents they need to enter the country. You must have a passport if flying to Toronto; if you are driving, a passport or an enhanced driver's license is required. (There are additional requirements for non-US citizens.)

International Leadership

Jim Mancuso



At the Mid-Year Conference this past February, we held another campaign rally for Peter Mancuso's Campaign to become the next Kiwanis International Trustee. We had a full house in attendance, including many of you, which was greatly appreciated. Our candidate delivered a speech for which the feedback was excellent. He once again demonstrated he will be a great International Trustee for our organization.

With our campaign theme song playing in the background, we built enthusiasm, distributed a new campaign brochure, handed out orange sneaker key chain tokens (accentuating our "Together We Can Go the Distance" campaign logo) and signed up convention volunteers.

At this rally, we reviewed several important items:

1. Registration for the Kiwanis International Convention in Toronto, June 23rd-26th, is now open. Please sign up. I am happy to say at the time of writing this article that the New York District has the most members registered so far for the convention, but we need many more!

2. Everyone who attends the convention should plan on arriving in Toronto on Wednesday, June 22nd, or early in the day on Thursday, June 23rd. You will want to be there for our fabulous District Reception at the CN Tower at 4 p.m. on the 23rd. We will also be looking for volunteers to man our campaign booth in the exhibition hall of the convention center on the afternoon of June 22nd and during the day on June 23rd until our District Reception.

3. Past Lieutenant Governors can register as delegates for any club in their division if a club is not sending delegates (or only 1 delegate as they can send up to 2). So if you are not, please seek out your PLGs to vote on your club's behalf and be heard!

4. Keep in mind that to enter Canada, you will need a valid passport. If you are arriving by car, an "enhanced driver license" can be used.

5. The election is scheduled for Fri-

day, June 24th, so I stress that you should not schedule to fly home anytime that day. In case there is a runoff, we don't want anyone going home early as delegates may need to vote again!

6. It is important to note that clubs must be up-to-date on fees and dues to be able to have their delegates vote.

7. Our campaign website (www.mancusofortrustee.com), Facebook page (search on Facebook for "Peter Mancuso International Trustee") and Peter's International Trustee campaign profile page (search on Kiwanis.org for "Peter Mancuso International Trustee") are all up and running. Please visit these sites and make sure to "like" his Facebook page.

8. I have also have been in regular contact with other Kiwanis North American district leaders. Support has been adamant for Peter!

9. Right now we have a fundraiser going (These campaigns cost a lot!). It is arranged as a simple donation of \$100 to the campaign. Please contact me at james.n.mancuso@gmail.com if you would like to make a donation.

Thanks for all you are doing to support Peter's campaign.

**Formula
Chair**

**DPG Joseph
Aiello**



It's springtime! Flowers are starting to bloom, the leaves are starting to sprout on the trees and there's something refreshing about this time of year. Let this season become a re-awakening of our spirits. Feel refreshed and start acting upon those New Year's resolutions we made!

Perhaps you wanted to exercise, plan more time with family and friends, book summer vacations, get ready for the upcoming graduations, weddings, communions, confirmations and other family fun events.

Feels like so much to do, yet so little time? No! Now is the perfect time to start anew and begin to think about growing our Kiwanis family. It's the ideal time to begin to plan for your club's

open houses. Start getting those creative juices flowing with refreshing new ideas to bring in new members. Spring is growth, and no time better than the present to plant new seeds and spread the wonderful word about Kiwanis.

Yes, we give back to our community, but we need to do more. The only way to continue to help those in need is to bring in new members to do the great work we must accomplish. The FORMULA is the answer! We have clubs that need to re-build so please support these clubs. Show them how it's done to become strong again. The answer is simple ... to make a real difference in our communities, we need more members. Strength is in numbers.

We have new clubs opening but, unfortunately, we have clubs closing simultaneously. Why? Are we too busy? Why are we losing members? As mentioned earlier, we have our own resolutions to fulfill, family functions to attend, but why can't we prioritize? Why can't we put those less fortunate ahead of our own needs. We can do it all. By learning to be more selfless, and put others first, we have the ability to bring

some of that wonderful springtime restoration to our communities. The only way to succeed is by bringing in new members, not losing them. We need Kiwanis to grow and thrive, especially now, today, this spring.

Look at our Key Club, and Circle K. They have thousand plus members. They take the initiative and make huge strides by creating and executing terrific projects and events. They have what it takes, and so can we, if we find the time to make the effort. In doing so, we will expand in leaps and bounds but it takes hard work, education and commitment. Let the FORMULA TEAM help you to not only reach your goals, but surpass what you think you are capable of. Let Kiwanis be a priority, and what you get in return is priceless! The children and their families need us. Don't let our communities down. Don't look back, spring ahead. Let's not lose members, let's water our seeds big time, and grow, grow, grow.

As our Governor keeps telling us ... GO BACK TO BASICS. Let's do it strong!

Love It, Share it, Live it.

New on the Web Site

Be sure to frequently check the district web site for the latest information on upcoming events as well as much more on various events around the district.

The following items have been recently posted:

- Distinguished Divisions, Clubs and Kiwanians for the 2014-15 year.
- Updates on club Centennial Celebrations.
- Links to information on the Toronto Convention.



Castleton K-Kids Raise \$7,521

The K-Kids club of Castleton Elementary School, in Castleton-on-Hudson, has raised a record total of \$7,521 for the American Heart Association at its annual Jump Rope for Heart event.

Forty-three K-Kids club members participated in this fun annual tradition that was held Feb. 23. Key Club members from Maple Hill High School also joined in the fun and twirled ropes and created games for the participating K-Kids.

The Castleton Elementary School K-Kids club and Maple Hill High School Key Club are active clubs in their respective schools and community and are sponsored by the Castleton Kiwanians.

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2015-16 Events

May 12-14, 2016:

Kamp Kiwanis Work Week and Open House

June 25-28, 2016:

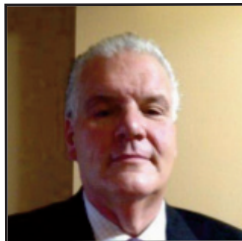
Kiwanis International Convention, Toronto

Aug. 17-20, 2016:

District Convention, Adams Mark Hotel, Buffalo

Governor

**Forbes
Irvine**



I would like to start off by thanking two individuals, Circe K Immediate Past Gov. Waala Ahmed and Key Club Immediate Past Gov. Hanna Nichols along with their Administrators John Keegan and John Goldstein.

The efforts and leadership of these two extraordinary students was exemplary. The service hours, fund raising, commitment to service and community was outstanding. Every division, club, and Kiwanian were well served by their dedication to the Kiwanis Family.

Please join Helene and I in wishing Waala great success in medical school and Hanna as she enters the freshman class of Syracuse University. These two institutions have no idea how fortunate they are.

Congratulations and best wishes to the new Circle K Gov. Jerry Cimo and Key Club Gov. Matt Garber. Please support them. Whether in your division or club, you will be amazed at their energy

and enthusiasm.

We are 6 months in and we have to say it's gone by very quickly. There is still time to schedule Keith Cummings to come to your club/division for his presentation on Anti-Bullying. No child should go to school scared and afraid; no child should be tormented and picked on. Invite him out – get your SLP's and let's all become upstanders, not bystanders.

For anyone who doesn't know, Keith's niece, Amanda, was tormented to the point she threw herself in front of a New York City bus and was killed. Let's work together so no other parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin, sibling, neighbor or friend ever has to go through that heartbreak.

The Massapequa Club in Long Island South Central has put together a wonderful pamphlet on prescription drugs and heroin. Invite them out.

Bob Thompson and next year's Lt. Gov. Ted Hines or a representative of the club will come and do a great presentation on this scourge.

If you don't think this is in your community, you're wrong. In Staten Island alone a young person is dying every 2 and a half days from a overdose. Three months ago three Kiwanians lost a loved one to overdose within four days

of each other.

Your club can and should be the voice of concern in your community.

I am proud to say we have had more than a thousand student athletes' hearts checked. If you haven't spoken to Lt. Gov. Jeanne Egan from Long Island North, contact her and hopefully she can work with your local hospital to get these cardiac screenings done in your community.

Have you done a fund raiser for KPTC or Emergency Disaster relief? Have you taken a bite out of Lyme for Pediatric Lyme Disease? How many kids are you sending to Kamp? These are our foundations and the heart of the New York District. If not us then who? Who will provide the Pediatric Trauma Kit? Who will provide for these children suffering with Lyme Disease? Who will give that child the best week of their lives when they go to Kamp Kiwanis?

This year let's fill every bed, every week at Kamp. This year have a Baby Shower for Helene's project "Warm Beginnings", so no child goes home with nothing; so that when someone asks you -- What does Kiwanis do? You can say very simply and eloquently -- We Change Lives and We Save Lives.

I couldn't be prouder to be your Governor.

Finger Lakes Nears Goal for Golisano Children's Hospital

On March 19 the Finger Lakes Division once again raised money for the Golisano Children's Hospital by asking shoppers at the Eastview Mall in Victor for donations.

The Miracle Mile Of Donations event raised \$5,570 toward the division's commitment to raise \$75,000 for the Finger Lakes Kiwanis Family Waiting Room on the 7th floor of the new hospital.

The event exceeded its goal, which was to raise \$1 for each foot in a mile.

More than 100 children also took time to make out get-well cards which will be delivered to patients in the hospital.

The chair for the effort, Past Lt. Gov. John Hanratty, said the division needs \$7,359 more to complete the pledge. He hopes clubs in the division will make donations to the project this year which will complete the effort this year, one year ahead of the original plan.

Hanratty gave credit for the Miracle Mile of Donations' success to the 97 volunteers who helped. That included members from 11 of the division's 12 clubs, and active participation by Aktion, Circle K, Key Club, Builders Clubs and K-Kids clubs. Hanratty said the sponsored organizations' members were responsible for 42 percent of the total raised. The most suc-

cessful group was the K-Kids from St. Joseph's School in Penfield, who raised \$979.27.



New Club Organized in B-WS

The Throggs Neck Kiwanis Club was organized on Thursday, March 31st by former Circle K member Marianna Terranova with help from Bronx Westchester South New Club Opening Chair, Past Distinguished Lt. Gov. Warren Golden and Bronx Westchester South Division Lt. Gov. John Bartunek.

The club is meeting bi-monthly at a couple of different locations. The club has 20 members and is still growing.

Terranova is the charter president. The other charter officers are Vice President Carlos Morales, Secretary Patricia Madsen, and Co-Treasurers Anna Moca and Frank Randazzo.

New York District Formula Vice Chair and New Club Building Chair, Past Gov. Joe Eppolito, reports that the club is planning its Charter Night sometime in June.

Kiwanis Baby Showers Around the District

The 2015-16 First Lady's Project, "Warm Beginnings", has caught on with Kiwanis organizations around the district.

As a registered nurse, First Lady Helene Irvine sees firsthand many newborn babies leaving the hospital to go home with very little in the way of supplies and layette items. Our challenge this year is to donate basic items for

newborns and new mothers who are in need. Let's plan a fun event - a Baby Shower — yes, men invited. We can help a newborn start out his or her life in style.

To receive a banner patch for the First Lady's Project for 2015-16, clubs should

conduct a Baby Shower with the items that are collected going to an organization or hospital in their area that works with newborns.

It's an idea that has caught on, as you see from the the pictures here from just the past two months.



Penn Yan: from left, Barbara Pringle, Past President of the Kiwanis club; Kahla Dombrowski, Executive Director of Care Net; and Terry Reape of the Penn Yan Catholic Daughters of America.



Hoosick Falls Kiwanians show off items they collected.



Newark: Al and Susan Lipke.



The Fordham K Family, from left, Mike Morgan, Builders Club advisor, and Abdu Ahmed, president of Middle School 45 Builders Club.



Peninsula: from left, Anthony Merendino, Maria Fonte, social worker; and Peninsula Kiwanis President Joe Girardi.



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The Hudson River West Division collected donations for the Orange Regional Medical Center's Rowley Birthing Center - Kiwanis members and nursing staff - From Left - Fran Amelio, Chris MacKay, RN, LTG Barbara Ewanciw, Sue Sheehan, Mary Jo Wagner and Theresa Fay Conte, RN.

Circle K

John Keegan



Working with college students will be a unique and rewarding experience. Before a Kiwanis club agrees to sponsor a CKI club it must understand the needs of college students and the sponsorship commitment necessary to make the CKI club a success.

What does it take to sponsor a CKI club? The well-being and strength of the CKI club is the responsibility of the sponsoring Kiwanis club under which it is chartered. As the success of CKI is contingent upon a three-way relationship between the Kiwanis club, school administration, and the CKI club, these parties must understand the nature of the CKI relationship.

1. The most important factor contributing to a CKI club's success is the degree of involvement it receives from its sponsoring Kiwanis club. All members of the Kiwanis club must under-

stand the obligation it is making to Circle K International. Before a Kiwanis club decides to sponsor a CKI club, it must decide if it has the time, energy, and financial resources to develop and maintain a long-term relationship with the sponsored CKI club.

2. The Kiwanis club must establish a Kiwanis Committee on CKI to build and advise the club. The Kiwanis club president should appoint a Kiwanis advisor as chairman of this committee and who will also serve as the primary liaison to the CKI club.

3. The Kiwanis club must collaborate with the faculty advisor to provide effective CKI club advisement.

4. The Kiwanis club should have at least one member of the Kiwanis club attend each meeting of the CKI club. The Kiwanis club should invite and encourage CKI club members to attend each meeting of the sponsoring Kiwanis club.

5. The Kiwanis club should assist with the implementation of sound fiscal policies, the preparation of responsible budgets, the maintenance of accurate records, and the planning and operation of needed fundraising activities.

6. The Kiwanis club must advise the CKI club to follow proper administra-

tive procedures by submitting district and international forms, reports, and fees, on or before the required dates.

7. The Kiwanis club must ensure that the CKI club maintains charter strength of 15 members for 4-year institutions over 5,000 students and 10 members for 2-year institutions or 4-year institutions with fewer than 5,000 students.

8. The Kiwanis club must assist the CKI club in presenting CKI educational programs on an ongoing basis.

9. The Kiwanis club must encourage CKI members and Kiwanians to attend all CKI district and international events.

10. The Kiwanis club is responsible for the ongoing training of club officers.

These sponsorship responsibilities constitute the minimum sponsorship requirements. Certainly, the Kiwanis club can contribute in additional ways; however, if a Kiwanis club fulfills these responsibilities, it will have exerted the type of support necessary to sustain the CKI club.

CKI members value the time and commitment shared by Kiwanians. As advisors, friends, and counselors, Kiwanians can facilitate the growth of the individual CKI member and the CKI club.

Key Club

John Goldstein



We have just completed our annual Leadership Training Conference and it was the biggest we have had since moving the conference to Albany.

We had more than 835 students and adults from more than 100 schools attend this year's conference.

I want to thank the Kiwanis Clubs and Kiwanians for making this possible. I know that the Kiwanis clubs in this district spend thousands of dollars on transportation to get their Key Clubbers to the conference. Then many of the Kiwanis clubs pay a third of the

students' registration and also the advisors' registration. I also know that we have Kiwanis advisors that come to the conference as chaperones at their own expense.

What is next for Key Club?

Well it is the Key Club International Convention (ICON) in Atlanta July 6-9, 2016.

We have a great tour for the District ICON trip this year. We will be leaving Albany very early on Sunday, July 3 and making stops in Queens and Long Island and ending up in Colonial Williamsburg that evening.

We will be touring Colonial Williamsburg on Monday the 4th of July, which should be a great experience.

Tuesday July 5 we will spend a half day at the Water Park at Busch Gardens and then start for Atlanta.

We will stay overnight between Williamsburg and Atlanta on Tuesday night and arrive at the convention on

Wednesday.

The cost for this great trip is \$950 per person and will include all travel, all hotels, ICON registration, entrance to Colonial Williamsburg, all breakfasts, 4 dinners and one lunch.

I am asking you Kiwanians, to help support your lieutenant governor and the district officers attend this great conference.

ICON is a place for the District Board to get trained in their positions, learn new and exciting projects and to meet Key Clubbers from all of the country.

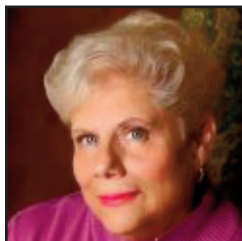
Remember that your District Board represents you at the International level.

You have done a great job in supporting your Key Clubbers in the past and I look forward to your support for ICON.

As I have said in the past -- I have the best job in Kiwanis and I am proud to serve as your administrator.

Inter Clubs

Sue Sheehan



Does your club visit other clubs in their division?

Each year if your club visits another

club in your division for a regular meeting, it will count towards a 2015-16 Round Robin Banner Patch.

It is a wonderful way to meet other members of your division and learn what they are doing in their club and sharing what you do in your club.

To qualify for an Interclub Credit, a Kiwanis Club of 30 members or more must have 4 of their members present. A club of 20 to 29 members must have 3 members present and a Club of less than 20 must have 2 members visit the

other club.

Your club secretary will verify the visits and complete the form, which requires your lieutenant governor to sign it, date it and forward it to the district.

If you have any questions regarding Interclubs please don't hesitate to contact me at ssheehan@frontiernet.net.



At left, Distinguished Past Gov. Peter Mancuso addresses the Mid-Year Conference attendees to discuss his campaign for election to the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees. Above, Some of those involved in the Mancuso effort: Distinguished Past Gov. Joe Corace, Past Lt. Gov. Nydia Corace, Mancuso, Past Lt. Gov. Maureen Neuringer and Past Lt. Gov. Jim Mancuso.

Mid-Year Focus is on Education, Fellowship



Above, left: Brittany Award honorees with Distinguished Past Gov. John Gridley of the Kiwanis Pediatric Lyme Foundation; above, right: Gov. Forbes Irvine listens to speakers. Below, attendees posing for pictures.



District Clubs Celebrating Centennials

Last year Kiwanis International celebrated its 100th anniversary. The party will continue this year, as six clubs in the New York District will be marking their centennials during 2016.

The first Kiwanis Club in New York was the Rochester club, organized May 1, 1916. Second was Lockport, organized May 17, and Buffalo was the third, on July 3.

Clubs celebrating Centennials in 2016:

- Rochester, May 1
- Lockport, May 17
- Buffalo, July 3
- Albany, Aug. 10
- Utica, Sept. 23
- Troy, Oct. 25

Rochester, April 29:

The Kiwanis Club of Rochester, the home club of George F. Hixson, the first Kiwanis International President, and the fourth Kiwanis Club to be estab-

lished, will celebrate with a dinner on Friday, April 29, at the Diplomat

Banquet Center in Rochester. A reception will begin at 6 p.m. and the dinner and program will be at 7 p.m. Kiwanis International President Sue Petrisin will be the special guest for the event.

Buffalo, April 30:

Buffalo, the 12th club formed worldwide and the home club of Albert Dodge, the first secretary of Kiwanis International, will celebrate on Saturday, April 30.

The dinner will be at the Mark Adams Hotel in downtown Buffalo. Kiwanis International President Sue Petrisin will



be the keynote speaker. The event will begin at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.kiwanisevent.com/>.

Lockport, May 1:

The Lockport Centennial Celebration will also be the Governor's Visit to the Niagara Frontier North Division.

A buffet brunch will be held at the Lockport Canaside Banquet Center, 210 Market St., Lockport, at 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 1. The division's presidents and secretaries will meet with Gov. Forbes Irvine at 10 a.m.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by April 21. The cost is \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Checks should be made payable to the Kiwanis Club of Niagara-Wheatfield, and sent to Lt. Gov. Susan Smith, 4698 N. 5th St., Lewiston, NY 14092.

See the district web site, www.kiwanis-ny.org, for further information.

Legion of Merit/Legion of Honor
Candace Corsaro



New York District and sent to me with your request form. Upon receiving your request, certificates will be prepared and sent to your club secretary along with the designated pins.

I am asking that each club secretary upon submitting their Legion of Merit request forms, allow 7-15 day turnaround when they need it, so I may meet their deadline in a timely fashion.

Legion of Merit Award

Every year, the New York District recognizes Kiwanis Club members who have completed 5, 10, 15 and 20 years with the Legion of Merit Certificate and corresponding lapel pins designating the corresponding year.

The cost for each certificate and pin is \$5.95, which is payable by check to the

Legion of Honor Award

Kiwanis International recognizes Kiwanians who have completed 25, 30, 35 years and so on with the Legion of Honor Certificate and corresponding lapel pin. The years of Kiwanis membership do not have to be consecutive, and can be accumulated in more than

one club.

A member is eligible for each when he or she is within six months of reaching that milestone. Certificate and pins are \$15.95 and ordered through KiwanisOne.Org/Store or email shopping@kiwanis.org, please allow 2-4 weeks for delivery.

Presentation of these awards can be a memorable moment for the recipient and his or her fellow Kiwanians.

Each lieutenant governor has received a package with individual club applications ready to be filled out and mailed. If at any time, you may have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to send me an e-mail or call me at kltgovernorcandace@aol.com or at 716-804-4698.

Youth Protection
Jim Mancuso



must be provided a copy of these guidelines and receive educational training annually..." (on-line training is available on kiwanis.org)

Based upon the most recent report from Kiwanis International the percentage of New York District clubs which have completed online Youth Protection Training was 14 percent. This percentage is at an unacceptable level.

Criminal History Background Checks: "Criminal history background checks may be required for all adults working with youth. If conducted, the background check should conform to applicable local and state/provincial laws and requirements. In the absence of any other requirement to do so, Kiwanis clubs are required to have a clear background check, by any provider, of any member serving as advisor to any Service Leadership Program club, program or activity..."

Based upon the percentage of New York District clubs (all types) which cleared criminal background check to the club secretary is 58 percent. This percentage, while better than the statistic for education above, is still unacceptable.

I have learned an undoubtable truth about child abuse: "Child abuse happens based upon the choices we make." In other words, adults create situations where child abuse can occur, such as leaving a child isolated with a single adult. You can cause child abuse by making bad choices or letting your apathy and inaction to get in the way. Please make "good decisions" to become educated, have background checks completed and follow our youth protection guidelines to a tee.

Kiwanis International has published and asked clubs to abide by its youth protection guidelines (search "Youth Protection Guidelines" on kiwanis.org to obtain a copy). Unfortunately, many clubs are not in accordance with these guidelines, especially in two major areas (excerpts from the guidelines below):

Education: "Every Kiwanis club is expected to inform and educate its members on these guidelines, best practices, and inform them to do when they become aware of youth in potentially harmful situations. Every member

Troy Celebrates 99th Anniversary

Recently, the Kiwanis Club of Troy held its 99th birthday party and recognition ceremony.

Pictured is the Prout Family. Harry Prout is celebrating his 60th year in Kiwanis and has held countless titles throughout his tenure in the club and at the District level.

Their son, two times Past Lt. Gov. James Prout, is celebrating his 25th year of service in Kiwanis.

Also pictured is Harry's wife, Elissa Prout, Jim's wife, Past Lt. Gov. Wendy Prout, and daughters, Secretary Elissa and President Olivia.

Under President Olivia's leadership, the club has doubled in size, cruising past the 50 member mark in two and a half years.



From left: Elissa Prout, Harry Prout, Wendy Prout, Elissa Prout, James Prout and Olivia Prout.

Jefferson Breakfast Sponsors Super Science Saturday

The Jefferson Breakfast Kiwanis Club came in full force to assist in the ninth annual Super Science Saturday event on Feb. 6 in Watertown.

The day is dedicated to children of all ages. The interactive exhibits give them a chance to learn that science can be fun.

The Kiwanians are standing inside the 20-foot colon dedicated to the Jefferson Community College in memory of a faculty member lost to colorectal cancer.

Jefferson Breakfast Club members wore their science attire while greeting children at the door, creating maggot art, helping children see their DNA or explaining the difference between good and bad polyps in the colon.

In connection with the event, the club honored one of its members who has played a key role in the event.

Each February for the past nine years, Patricia Jaacks, Associate Professor of Biology and the staff, students and faculty of Jefferson Community College bring students into the world of science.

Patty saw the need for future generations to become involved in the sciences and knew it was important to inspire the younger children in our community. What happened next was the beginning of Super Science Saturday. This was not

a small feat. The event continues to grow every year with new exhibits.

The event is dedicated to science, math and careers in science. Students are presented with passports to the various events such as the 20-foot colon, zoo keeping with live animals, engineering with robots, nursing, paramedics, geology, chemistry, biology, math and health-related careers and when you think you can't see anything else, the LifeNet helicopter lands on the college campus.

The exhibits are interactive, hands on and free to all. More than 1,000 children attended the event with their families and continues to grow every year.

In May, Patty will retire from Jefferson Community College and her vision to bring science into our community will continue.



Barbara Romano, Adjunct Instructor Biology and Patricia Jaacks, Associate professor of Biology.



Members of the Jefferson Breakfast Kiwanis Club, their children and grandchildren at Super Science Saturday standing inside the 20-foot colon.

Check the District Web Site for Club Events
www.kiwanis-ny.org

Honeoye Falls-Mendon Club Chartered

The Charter Night for the Kiwanis Club of Honeoye Falls-Mendon took place Feb. 25, 2016, at the Mendon Golf Club.

The charter for the club, which was organized on Jan. 20, was presented by Gov. Forbes Irvine, and each of the new club's members was presented a certificate honoring them as the club's charter members.

The club is in the Finger Lakes Division.

Several Kiwanis dignitaries were present, as were representatives of clubs in the Finger Lakes Division. At the event were Past International President Jerry Christiano, Distinguished Past Gov. Joe Aiello, Past Gov. Doreen Pellittieri, and Past Gov. Eric G. Paul.

Also honored at the event were Kiwanians who played key roles in the club's formation: Distinguished Past Lt. Gov. Dave Jacobus, Bonnie Jacobus, Linda Roby and Lt. Gov.-Elect Barbara Schor.



The new Kiwanians joined by the dignitaries at the event.



Governors and Past Governors: Past International President Jerry Christiano, Distinguished Past Gov. Joe Aiello, Past Gov. Doreen Pellittieri, Gov. Forbes Irvine and Past Gov. Eric G. Paul.

East River Stages Golden Gloves Event

East River Kiwanis hosted the 89th Annual Golden Gloves Semifinals on March 23 at the Chian Federation in Astoria.

This was the second time that East River was privileged to host the Golden Gloves and it has become our biggest fundraiser. The event was a fundraiser for Kamp Kiwanis, Hour Children and the Catholic Lawyer's Guild of Queens scholarship program. Last year, we were able to send 11 children from Hour Children to Kamp Kiwanis and support the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Queens scholarship program, providing three scholarships for deserving law students. This year, final numbers are still being calculated, but the club hopes to raise enough to surpass last year's total.

Club President Anthony J. Pappas said, "If we can send even one more child this year than last, I will consider this event a huge success!"

The event would not have been possible without the hard work of club Vice President Tom Nowierski, who originally brought the event to the club, and Immediate Past President, Club Treasurer and President of the Catholic Lawyer's Guild of Queens, Donna



Foundation President Sal Anelli, Gov.-Elect Steve Sirgiovanni and Pappas.

Furey. We had a great turnout this year with a packed house! We also had lots of support from other local Kiwanis clubs, who attended and/or sponsored the event. This list includes: members of Glendale, Middle Village, Woodside, NYC Young Professionals, Astoria-Long Island City, and the All Island Kiwanis clubs!

We were fortunate to have some spe-

cial Kiwanians in attendance, New York District Foundation President Sal Anelli; New York District Gov.-Elect Steve Sirgiovanni, Queens West Lt. Gov. Bob Kueber, Metropolitan Lt. Gov. Don Pagano and Sean O'Sullivan, past Metropolitan lieutenant governor.

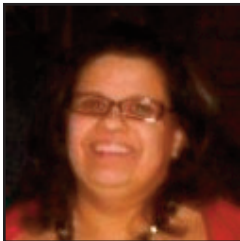


Kampers at Kamp Kiwanis



**Kamp
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Top 10 Reasons to Sponsor a Child to Kamp Kiwanis:

- 10. Serves the Kiwanis Mission**
Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time. As volunteers within your community you have the opportunity to pick an under served child to attend Kamp Kiwanis.
- 9. Your club will promote Health and Fitness**
Twenty percent of NYC public school children are obese. Here at Kamp we fight that just by the existing. Kamp is active. Children move here from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m.
- 8. Your club will introduce the child to Healthy Role Models**
Here at Kamp we hire approximately 50 college aged staff to work, teach and supervise the children. Everywhere children look they will see someone that has come to work just with them.
- 7. Your club will give the gift of Nature**
A study by The Journal of the American College of Cardiology states that not only does exposure to nature make you feel better emotionally, but it can contribute to your physical well being.
- 6. Your club will lead a child toward Independence**
Kamp allows parents/guardians a safe

place for children to explore their independence and self reliance. Once they get to Kamp the children meet all of the new people they will live with for the next week. They make choices on the activities they want to do for the week, all within a safe setting.

- 5. Your club will open a door to Adventure**
Adventure is the participation of an exciting, bold and sometimes risky undertaking. It may be risky if a child has never been away from home before. But sometimes being bold and risky is a good thing and introducing that to a child in a safe, fun setting is allowing them to have adventures.
- 4. Your club will provide a child life long memories**
Firsts in life are memory makers. Kamp is a place of firsts for many children. The first time away from home, the first time they slept in a cabin, the first time they catch a fish or the first time they canoe. Kamp is a place where Kiwanians build tomorrow's memories.
- 3. Your club will keep a child unplugged for a week**

Summer camp is one of the only places a child will be banned from electronic screens and they will thank the adults for it. There are no phones, video games or the internet at Kamp. Children are forced to play, speak and forge friendships without the assistance of electronics.

- 2. Your club will help conquer childhood hunger**
One in five children in America today live in poverty and are hungry. 90 percent of children that attend Kamp Kiwanis qualify for the USDA Summer Food Assistance Program.
- 1. The smile on the child's face when they get off the bus**
For many children, coming to Kamp is a scary proposition. They will get on a bus with 50 children they have never met before. At the end of the week they will get on that bus again with those same 50 children but they won't be strangers anymore.
Once they arrive at the bus stop they will see the faces of the people there to pick them up and they will smile because they had an experience of a lifetime, all because of you.



Kiwanis Club of Niagara Falls partnered with the Cristoforo Colombo Society to sponsor Narcan Training presented by the Erie County Health Department on March 12. State, City government officials, local residents, business owners, Niagara Falls Police and Fire departments and Buffalo police participated.

New York District Kiwanis Foundation

District Foundation

Sal Anelli



It's time now to think "Kampers".

Yes, that's right, Kamping season is only a couple of months away and we at the New York District Kiwanis Foundation are getting ready to provide each Kamper a really great experience, the applications are going out and we are hoping for another great season, hopefully even better than last year.

We thank Governor Forbes for his commitment to our Kamp in making our foundation one of his Governor's projects along with the other three worthy foundations. This has already been showing rewards as we have gotten commitments from clubs that usually don't commit and we have gotten commitments for more Kampers than usual from clubs that always send children. We thank you Gov. Forbes for your leadership and your commitment in taking care of our own.

As we do every year, we will have our

Kamp opening work weekend to get as many of you to come up to the Kamp and help us get it ready for Kamping season, this year that weekend is May 12-14. Join us in whatever you can do to get our Kamp ready for the seniors and children to enjoy.

As I said many times, you don't have to be a craftsman to come up and help, we need many chores to be done painting, raking leaves, general clean up and many more. If you do have certain skills, please come and I'm sure that there will be many items that fall in your particular skill set.

As always, our wish list is on our website for you to look at or download, this contains a list of many items that we sometimes do not pay particular attention to but still have to go out and purchase during the year. You can look at it and perhaps there may be items that you can provide or get donated to us; perhaps someone you know sells these items and might want to ask them about donating some to the Kamp. Whichever way we get them, it is less money we have to spend and more money we can put towards maintaining the Kamp to provide a much better experience for the children that attend.

I would like to thank Lou Cazzetta, Lt. Gov.-Designate of the Metropolitan Division, who once again will be fur-

2016 Kamp Kiwanis Schedule

Adult Week 1	June 26-July 1
Adult Week 2	June 3-July 8
Child Week 1	July 10-16
Child Week 2	July 17-23
Child Week 3	July 24-30
Child Week 4	July 31-Aug. 6
Child Week 5	Aug. 7-13
Child Week 6	Aug. 14-20

nishing all the medical supplies on the wish list, he has been doing this for at least the past eight years, Thank You Lou!!

For the third consecutive year we have not raised tuition or busing for the Kampers, it is still \$450 for tuition and \$150 for busing, although our cost is actually much more than that. We as a board have made a commitment to have as many children as we can come to Kamp and we will do whatever we can to underwrite the difference with fundraisers.

Thank you for your continuous support of Kamp Kiwanis.

International Foundation

Jim Mancuso



This year, the Kiwanis International Foundation is focused on increasing donations to the Kiwanis Children's Fund.

The Kiwanis Children's Fund is the backbone of our foundation. It provides programming and operational support to allow our foundation to give grants to Kiwanis clubs, districts and district foundations -- helping them complete projects and programs that serve children in

their communities and around the world.

The goal is to reach at least \$800,000 in contributions for the year through club giving. This amount is a huge but attainable goal, calling for a 30 percent increase by all of the districts in club giving. As of the January 31st report, the foundation was at \$212,372 which is approximately 25 percent of the club giving goal.

So today, I am reaching out to all of you to support this worthy cause. For clubs that have not made a gift this year to the Kiwanis International Foundation, please consider becoming a "Today Club" with a donation of \$10, \$25, \$50, or \$100 per member, instead of the \$5 or \$6 per member that had been the typical request for so many past years.

We are also seeking to identify poten-

tial major donors. If you think you might know someone or perhaps a corporation with the capacity to act as a major donor to the Foundation, specifically for the Kiwanis Children's Fund, please contact me at james.n.mancuso@gmail.com.

In the not too distant future, the Kiwanis International Foundation will also be conducting a "Thank-a-Thon." There have been so many donors to the foundation in the past that we want to make sure people know that their gifts are truly appreciated. Yes, that's it. We simply want you to say thank you.

As the fundraising portion of The Eliminate Project has now come to a close, a note on giving a Hixson as an award for recognition: The Hixson is no longer used to support The Eliminate Project. It has been a very popular item to do so, but it can still be used to support the Kiwanis Children's Fund, which is another very worthy cause.

Also, please visit <http://www.kiwanis.org/foundation/news>, where you can see stories about the foundation's impact on a worldwide basis.

Paddle Classic is June 25

The Kiwanis Club of the Central Adirondacks will sponsor the seventh annual Kiwanis Old Forge Paddle Classic on Saturday, June 25.

There are two races, which will depart from the Town of Webb Navigation Dock in Old Forge Pond, one six miles

long and one of 12 miles.

Registration is 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. at The Hemmer Cottage on South Shore Road.

For additional information, contact Sheila Brady at 315-369-3872 or E-mail at thorshannon@frontiernet.net



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Cornell Circle K Editor Discovers the K Family

By Jordan Lim
Cornell Circle K Editor

I have a confession to make: Circle K was sort of unknown to me. To say that I'm a new member would be a bit of an understatement, as I only joined this semester. Before that, I didn't know about Key Club in high school. My school didn't even have one. I had never done an affiliated service project. I had only been to a handful of meetings before becoming Club Editor; the club needed an editor and I was offered the spot. So I came to District Convention essentially completely blind about this club and not sure what to expect.

Well, DCON did a lot of things for me. I learned more about the specifics about the organization and its history. I got to get to know the awesome people in Circle K, both in my own club and the organization as a whole. I went to eat at Olive Garden for the first time. And most importantly, I got to feel the real passion of the club. It was amazing to see how dedicated people were to the club and to service, and how much community there was at the convention. I really got the feeling that people wanted

to help both their communities and the other people around them.

DCON sparked a new interest in me about the club. The energy I felt has led me to believe that Circle K can do some real good. As a newcomer, I feel like I

personally have more focus and direction than I did before. So, let me wish everyone at Cornell Circle K and every other Circle K club in the New York District a happy and productive service year.



Action at this year's Circle K Convention in Albany.