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Orlando Calling New York Kiwanians

At the end of June, the largest single group of New York Kiwanians will be in Orlando, Fla., at the Kiwanis International Convention.

The convention begins Thursday, June 27. The House of Delegates will take place on Friday, June 28. That's when Distinguished Past Governor and International Trustee Peter Mancuso will be a candidate for Kiwanis International vice president.

The winning vice president candidate is not opposed in the following two elections as they move to president-elect and finally to president of Kiwanis International.

Mancuso, 2003-04 New York governor, was elected to the Kiwanis International Board in 2016, having previously served as president of the Kiwanis International Foundation, now known as the Kiwanis Children's Fund.

Typically the election is very competi-

tive. Last year four candidates faced off for the post. Currently the only other declared candidate is "George" Chun-Ching of Taichung City, Taiwan, although there is an indication that another candidate may join the race.

The district reception will be at 9 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, in the Disney Coronado Springs Resort. This will be an event to bring district Kiwanians together, and to promote the Mancuso's candidacy.

All reservations for the reception must be pre-paid; no tickets will be available at the door. The event has limited capacity.

The district caucus will take place on Friday, June 28 at 8 a.m. in Durango Rooms 1 and 2.

See the International Convention page on the district web site for a form to register for the reception, and for the latest information on the convention.



More details also are available in Leadership Chair James Mancuso's column below.

International
Leadership

Jim
Mancuso



Would you travel halfway around the world to further the mission of Kiwanis? Our candidate for Kiwanis International Vice President, Peter Mancuso, just did so. He went the distance, traveling to Taiwan, to give even those in the Far East a chance to meet him face-to-face. Doing so shows his dedication and passion for Kiwanis.

We need all of the members of the New York District to support Peter to become our next International Vice President; a position for which he is uniquely qualified. You can support the campaign in several ways. Foremost, please try to attend the International Convention at Disney World, Orlando June 27-30. Please make sure your club sends a full slate of voting delegates to the convention. If that is not possible, a

past lieutenant governor from your division can serve as your club's delegate. Please seek them out and make those arrangements. Also, delegates need to stay for the entire voting process. Many times there is a run-off, a secondary vote, so we need all delegates to be there until the end.

You can also volunteer and support the campaign while in Orlando. If you would like to do so, please send me an email at james.n.mancuso@gmail.com. Lastly, please reach out to Kiwanians you know in other districts and ask for their support of Peter. So, as the campaign slogan goes, "Together We Can Go the Distance." We really do need all of your help to have Peter elected.

There will be a New York District Dessert Reception at the convention. It will take place at the Coronado Springs Resort's Monterrey Room and La Mesa Patio at 9 pm. on Thursday, June 27. The cost is \$25 with checks made payable to New York District Kiwanis. Please send your checks to DPG Joseph Corace, 16-66 Bell Boulevard #742, Bay-side, New York 11360. We have limited capacity so please act quickly.

Our district caucus will take place on

Friday, June 28 at 8 a.m. in Durango Rooms 1 and 2. We will be distributing campaign T-shirts there. We will also have a campaign booth at the "World Showcase" area at the Coronado Springs Resort. The World Showcase is open Wednesday, June 26 from 4-6 p.m.; Thursday, June 27, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and again on Friday, June 28 starting at 8 a.m. (T-shirts will again be distributed at our booth). Please come down and speak with Peter or help us as a volunteer.

The election itself will occur during the business session on Friday, June 28 from 2-4 p.m.

You can learn more about Peter and the Together We Can Go the Distance campaign by visiting our website at www.mancusoforvp.com.

Disney World is a great place for a vacation and the International Convention is a tremendous experience. And, best of all we have a great candidate running for International Vice President. This is a fantastic opportunity to put the future of Kiwanis in the best of hands. Please take part in securing that future by helping to elect Peter Mancuso.

International
Trustee

DPG Peter
Mancuso



The Kiwanis International Board of Trustees met electronically on Jan. 17, at a cost savings of approximately \$50,000 over the cost of an in-person meeting. At that meeting, the following actions were among those taken:

- Approved the Board counselors to Key Club International and Circle International for the next administrative year.
- Approved the 2017-18 distinguished districts, one of which was ours. Immediate Past Governor Candace will be recognized at the Spirit of Aloha Dinner at Disney's Polynesian Resort at our International Convention on Thursday evening, June 27, immediately preceding our District Dessert Reception back at the Coronado Springs hotel.
- Accepted the consolidated audit report for Kiwanis International, Circle K International, Kiwanis Youth Programs and the Kiwanis Children's Fund, upon the recommendation of the Audit and Finance Committee, which I have the honor

of chairing.

- Deferred consideration of a proposal to not charge dues to members age 25 and under, and directed that the board be provided with a new report on this at the April 2019 Board meeting.
 - Approved matching grant requests for growth, education and training for the Asia-Pacific Conference and certain districts within it.
 - Approved Creating Disney Magic as a promotional partner.
 - Created a new standing Committee on Governance, the duties of which will be to review all matters related to governance and structure requested by the board, the president or the executive director and to report promptly back to the board the matters it considers.
 - Approved submittal of a proposed resolution at our International Convention regarding Kiwanis's opposition to violence, abuse and neglect against children. The board also voted to support this resolution.
- The Board also took the following positions on proposed amendments to the Kiwanis International Bylaws that will be offered at the convention:
- The Board supports a proposed amendment to add a nondiscrimination clause.
 - The Board opposes the following proposed amendments, which would:

- Add a new requirement for Vice President candidates.
- Allow abstention on Trustee votes.
- Add a new seat on the Board guaranteed to members under the age of 50.
- Permanently adopt family membership.

For much more information about each of the proposed amendments and resolution, please go to the Kiwanis International web site, <https://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2019/at-the-convention#amendments>.

Lastly, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all of you have supported my campaign for Kiwanis International vice president this year.

There has been so much support in so many ways from so many people that I could hardly name them all. If you have supported our campaign financially, or by attending our campaign rally at our Mid-Year Conference, or by otherwise contributing your time, talents and thoughtful consideration to our efforts, I am very grateful.

And of course, I am especially thankful for those of you have registered as delegates at a not inconsiderate expense to come to this convention. We will need all of you there and ready to vote in order to win this race.

Karen and I are looking forward to seeing you in Orlando!

Monticello Sponsors Sweet Dreams Project

The Monticello Kiwanis Club has reached out to the Sullivan County Health and Family Services Foster Care Unit to assist them in helping children in the community through the "Sweet Dreams" Project.

The program provides children who are removed from their homes and transitioned into new surroundings with duffel bags filled with comforting items such as a blanket, pillow, stuffed animal, socks,

personal toiletries, games, books, toothbrush, toothpaste, scarves, hats, etc., depending on the age and needs of each child. All too often these children carry their few possessions in a trash bag, which adds to their low self-esteem and anxiety.

Sullivan County Health and Family Services Commissioner Joseph A. Todora and Foster Care Case Supervisor Diana Herrera were guests at a recent Monticello Kiwanis meeting and thanked the club for its generous donation. "We know that removing kids from their homes can cause a significant trauma. In some situations we

do so to assure the safety of these kids. Providing the "Sweet Dreams" Duffel Bag to these children will help to reduce that trauma," said Commissioner Todora.

Thompson Town Councilman Scott Mace was very instrumental in getting the project off and running and the Kiwanis Club is extremely grateful to him for his very generous donation and his strong compassion for helping others. The club would also like to acknowledge the support of Dr. Randolph Katz who donated a substantial number of toothbrushes and toothpaste to the project.

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2018-19 Events

May 17-19, 2019:

Kamp Kiwanis Work Weekend and Open House, Taberg

June 26-29, 2019:

Circle K International Convention, Orlando, Florida

June 27-30, 2019:

Kiwanis International Convention, Orlando, Florida

July 3-7, 2019:

Key Club International Convention, Baltimore, Maryland

Aug. 15-18, 2019:

New York District Convention, Niagara Falls

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Governor

Hank Baker



Here we are half way through our year. Our Military Kids to Kamp Kiwanis project is moving along, but we still have a lot of work ahead of us. Lt. Gov. Kimberly Davis worked very hard and acquired a grant from Kiwanis International for our campers. Almost everyone is working hard.

Our membership drive is moving along. We have some divisions adding members frequently, and some divisions not so much. I know it's hard work but without new members we will fail as an organization. I get the new members the minute that application and add fee is in to Kiwanis International. I personally write and welcome each new member. I also write every sponsor and thank him or her for their dedication to the Kiwanis Family.

Remember every club with a gain in membership will receive a Governor's Project banner patch.

Every club that helps send military campers to Kamp Kiwanis will receive a Governor's Project banner patch.

Every club that helps with crafts for Kamp Kiwanis will receive the First Lady's Project banner patch.

The lieutenant governor with the most new members will receive a \$250 Best Buy gift card.

The lieutenant governor with the most Military Kampers will receive a \$250 Best Buy gift card.

I know this incentive isn't much but it is a token of the First Lady and my appreciation for all that you do. I know we can make this an unforgettable year and I know we can go FROM GOOD TO GREAT. We are all HANKS HELPING HANDS.

Thank you all and God Bless.

Gov.-Elect

Joseph Ruggiero



2019 is off to a great start. We had a fantastic Mid-Winter Conference. Attendance was up and the forums were very helpful and informative. We saw a lot of familiar faces but also saw new faces that were in attendance. As I have said many

times, by attending these events, you walk away feeling so encouraged and inspired.

I have attended many club meetings and spoke at several, spreading Hank's message. Hank's Governors Project, to honor military families and show appreciation, is working out so well. It has widespread support throughout the state and we should have a record number of kids attending Kamp Kiwanis.

Mid March, I attended the Circle K Convention. It was well attended. Governor Ryan has done a tremendous job and closed out a very successful year. As we move to the future, I look forward to working with Governor Peony and offer

my full support and cooperation to have another successful year.

This past weekend, I attended the Key Club Convention and it was without question, very exhilarating. With 751 high school kids attending, we just about completely filled the entire hotel. It was amazing to see so many kids, while doing so much work and attending the many forums, still having fun and enjoying themselves.

I look forward to the upcoming Lieutenant Governor training in May and meeting those I have not had the opportunity to meet. We have a great meeting agenda planned that will include learning, fun and fellowship.

Governor's Project

Lucien Giancursio



100 Plus Military Kampers, Our Goal is to send 100 Plus Military children to Kamp Kiwanis.

As of this article, we have 92. This leaves us 58 to go.

By now you should be asking yourself... How can it 58? Should it not be 8?

Both good questions to ask! Hopefully not just bad math on my part.

At the Mid-Year Conference, because of the overwhelming support of the Governor's Project, Gov. Hank raised the bar for

us. Gov. Hank set a new goal of 150 for us. That's our new objective.

150 Plus Military Kampers. Hence the need for 58 more.

We would like to acknowledge some outstanding work by the following Kiwanians:

• Adirondack Lt. Gov. Kimberly Davis for her tenacious work securing a grant for the district from Kiwanis International Children's Fund. The grant is for the teen program to help 23, 15-17 year-olds to attend Kamp

• Past Lt. Gov. Sean O'Sullivan of the All Island Kiwanis Club, who is working with a private foundation to secure a donation that will send 12 or so Military Children to Kamp.

• Past Lt. Gov. Rebecca and Herman Ovadia, who managed the Mid-Year Conference Basket Raffle, which generated a profit that will send eight children to

Kamp.

• And Finally, YOU, My Fellow Kiwanians. For your generosity and commitment to the Governor's Project.

With your continued support, we will reach 150 Plus Military Kampers.

At our next Mid-Year Conference we will acknowledge those who have participated.

My question to you is this. Will you and your club be among them? Rest assured there is plenty of time to participate.

One of the things I believe to be true is that, we have put our faith in Gov. Hank to lead us this year. Let us show Gov. Hank our faith in his Governor's Project by reaching 150 Plus Military Kampers.

The other thing I believe to be true is that, The New York District knows how to take care of its own. So let's send 150 plus Military Children to Kamp. In doing so we will go From "Good to Great".

Theater Night June 1 Will Benefit Pediatric Lyme Disease

"West Side Story" will be the featured play at the Theater Night on June 1 to benefit the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation.

The show will be at 7 p.m. at the Merrick Theatre and Center for the Arts, 2222 Hewlett Ave. in Merrick.

The cost is \$35 per person. Arrive by 7

p.m. for wine and sandwiches. The show will begin at 8 p.m.

Those planning to attend as asked to RSVP to Jeanne Egan-Canning, post2004@att.net or (516) 353-8325.

Sponsors also are being sought for the event. See the sponsorship form on the district web site.

See the District web site,
www.kiwanis-ny.org,
for information on
upcoming events

2019 Mid-Year Conference

Notes from the Conference



Gov. Hank Baker convening the district board on Friday. Seated, from left, are District Secretary Rich Hall, International Trustee Peter Mancuso, International Trustee George Delisle and District Treasurer Joseph Aiello.



At Friday's opening session, conference honorees Past Lt. Gov. Keith Cummings and Michele Geresi were honored for their work on the district's anti-bullying effort. Behind them are First Lady Bonnie Baker and Gov. Hank Baker.



First Lady Bonnie Baker's project, Krafts for Kamp, filled a room with donations at the conference. Baker is pictured. With some other volunteers, the donations were being sorted for transportation to Kamp Kiwanis.

The 2019 Mid-Year Conference took place Feb. 15-17 at the Desmond in Albany. It was a time for Kiwanis education, fellowship and to honor the 2017-18 District Board and clubs for outstanding achievement during the past Kiwanis Year.

During the weekend there were several items of interest that were discussed/acted upon.

- A "miracle minute" collection was taken up during the banquet for donations to General Needs, the foundation on Long Island which serves homeless veterans. Lonnie Sherman, the organization's founder and a member of the Northport-East Northport club, was the keynote speaker at Friday's opening session. During the one-minute collection period, \$1,070 was donated. Gov. Hank Baker then noted that Past Lt. Gov. Keith Cummings had agreed to match that amount, so \$2,140 would be provided to the organization.

- Lt. Gov. Kimberly Davis, the district's Eliminate Project ambassador, said the district has now less than \$300,000 to go toward its pledge to the project. Several events during the weekend raised money to help with the effort.

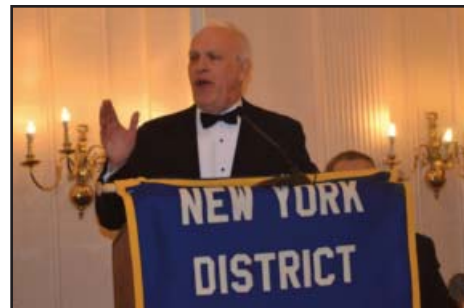
- Governor's Project Chair Past Lt. Gov. Lucien Giancursio reported that he had money for 48 military children to attend Kamp Kiwanis this summer when he arrived at the conference. By Saturday's banquet, that number had risen to 73, and promises of several more had been made. The goal is to send 150 military children to kamp this summer.

- During the rally to support the candidacy of Kiwanis International Trustee Peter Mancuso for Kiwanis International Vice President, Distinguished Past Gov. Joseph Corace said the district reception at the KI convention in Orlando will be at 9 p.m. on Thursday, June 27. The event will be an opportunity for New York Kiwanians to get together. Delegates from other districts will be invited as well in anticipation of the election the following day. The New York caucus will be at 8 a.m. on Friday, June 28.

2019 Mid-Year Conference



International Vice President Candidate Peter Mancuso, right, following the rally in support of his candidacy.



International Trustee George Delisle of the New England District speaking at Saturday's banquet.



The Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation honorees with Distinguished Past Gov. John Gridley.



Lt. Gov. Joel Harris, at right, made a presentation to Distinguished Past Gov. Candace Corsaro. Harris made the presentation on behalf of the 2017-18 board, which he headed. The board presented her with a KPTC Fellowship, a Brittany Fellowship and a brick at Kamp Kiwanis, so joining him for the presentation were Distinguished Past Gov. Joseph Corace (KPTC president) Jeanne Egan of the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation and Sal Anelli of the District Foundation. A cash donation also will be made in her name to Gigi's Playhouse, a program which provides recreational activities for handicapped children.



The Pediatric Trauma Center honorees with Distinguished Past Gov. Joseph Corace.

Legion of Merit/Honor

Susan Smith



In recognition of service, clubs in the New York District may honor their members who have completed 5, 10, 15, and 20 years with LEGION OF MERIT lapel pins and/or certificates. The cost for each pin is \$5.95. Certificates are \$1. Shipping is an additional \$3. Checks should be made payable to New York District of Kiwanis. The order form for 2018-19 can be found at the district website. Go to the heading that says DISTRICT - Forms, Documents - Legion of Merit Order Form or use this

URL <https://www.kiwanis-ny.org/1819/legionofmerit.pdf>. Please allow enough time for the order to be filled and mailed to meet your club deadline. The form asks for 4 weeks, but in most cases, orders are filled within a week. Forms may be mailed to Susan Smith, 4698 N. 5th St., Lewiston, NY 14092 or scanned and emailed to soozuncary@gmail.com. Payment must accompany the order. If you have questions, you may call (716) 754-4548.

New York does not offer recognition beyond 20 years. For Kiwanians who have completed 25 years or more, the club should contact the shop at Kiwanis International. Please note that Kiwanis International does not require the years to be consecutive and the years may be accumulated in more than one club. LEGION OF HONOR certificates and pins are also offered in 5 year increments. A member is

eligible for each when he or she is within six months of reaching that milestone. The lapel pins cost \$12.75 and certificates, if ordered with a pin, are \$2.75 plus shipping. Along with the individual's name and years of service, the highest club office held by the member will be required for the order. Allow 2 to 3 weeks to fill the custom order. Orders may be customized by clicking on the appropriate items at <https://store.kiwanis.org/search.html?search=legion+of+honor>. Telephone orders are not accepted for personalized printed items, but the store number is 1-800-KIWANIS, ext, 411# if you have questions.

Presentation of these awards can be a memorable moment for the recipient and his or her fellow Kiwanians. Appropriate occasions include the anniversary of the club's founding, a special club event, or at the conclusion of the administrative year.

Eliminate Project

Brenda Leigh Johnson



The New York District has saved almost 1 million lives through their generous donations to help rid countries of Mater-

nal/Neonatal Tetanus! What an amazing achievement.

As a district, we committed to give \$1.7 million to this worldwide project. We are almost there. We have less than \$300,000 to go in order to make our pledge complete.

Since the Eliminate Project began, 45 countries have eradicated MNT, we have 14 countries go! As a club, division or individual, your contribution matters. Consider having a fundraiser, or at each meeting collect loose change, you would

be surprised how it adds up at the end of the month. All monies should be sent to the Children's Fund, with a notation on the check that the monies are earmarked for The Eliminate Project.

Ron Parent, Kimberly Davis and I are the advocates for The Eliminate Project. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. Kimberly Davis - plattsburghrunner@gmail.com, Ron Parent - lewistonkiwanis@hotmail.com or Brenda Leigh Johnson - blj44@yahoo.com.

Round Robin

Noreen Barrett



How many clubs do you visit in your division? If you visit every club once during the 2018-19 year, you can earn a Round Robin patch.

You could attend a fundraiser of a club in your division. It doesn't have to be a meeting.

If you have 30 members or more, you need 4 members to attend. If you have 20-29 members, you need 3 members to attend. If you have fewer than 20 members, you need 2 members to attend.

Your Secretary verifies the visits on the monthly reports.

Then your lieutenant governor signs the form which you can get by going to kiwanisone.org or contacting me at lgnbarrett3@nycap.rr.com.

New Club Opening

DPG Joe Eppolito



New Club Opening - Every Community Deserves a Kiwanis Club

Isn't that a great goal - every community deserves a Kiwanis Club? We can NOT do that without YOU!

We are in the last 6 months of the 2018-19 administrative year of Hank's Helping Hands and we need to open more clubs in our district. If you can identify a community where we can open a new club please contact your lieutenant governor immediately.

Your lieutenant governor will get in touch with the division New Club Opening Chair and/or the New Club Opening Zone Chair and form a team with you to start the process.

If all else fails, contact me directly and I will take action.

The process is the same for strengthening a club. Contact Membership Chair Past Gov. Eric Paul who will help

form a team to help strengthen a club. If all else fails, contact me directly and I will take action.

We found that we were somewhat successful in recruiting former SLP members to join existing and/or new clubs in the past year. Graduation is just around the corner, so seek out graduating seniors in high school and/or universities/colleges.

Key Clubbers and Circle Kers joining for the FIRST time get the \$65 new member add fee waived and international and district dues for the following two administrative years. They only thing they would pay for is the Kiwanis magazine, liability and officer insurance totaling \$25.

Clubs may want to absorb that cost as well as an incentive to get young SLPs to join for the first time.

As of March 31, we have two new clubs opened (goal is 10) and have a net +271 gain and have 510 new member adds (with a goal of 978).

I look forward to working with all of you to spread Kiwanis into new communities or communities that used to have Kiwanis Clubs for the rest of the 2018-19 year. My email is: pepster@aol.com. My cell is 315-436-2157.

**Aktion
Club**

**Jaimie
Neuringer**



New York District Aktion Club is participating in Governor Hank's project to send military kids to Kamp Kiwanis.

With more than 700 Aktion Club members in the district, all it would take is ONE DOLLAR donated on behalf of every Aktion Club member to send a military kid to Kamp. How you raise the money is up to the individual clubs. It can be direct donation or fundraiser, but it's up to you!

Please raise your funds during the Spring of 2019, and remit at least one dollar per member by May 15. Aktion Clubs who participate in this project will receive a banner patch, but ONLY IF they submit their donation with the form provided, and following the instructions on the New

York District Aktion Club website (aktionclub-ny.org).

It's also time for Aktion Clubs to start working on their entries for the 2018-19 Aktion Club Contests! Show off what your Aktion Club has done this year by entering one or more of the contests.

This year's theme is SERVING THE CHILDREN, and there are five contests this year: Speech, Poster, Single Service, Scrapbook, and new this year, Video. All contest entries must in some way represent the theme.

Speech: Discuss how you SERVED THE CHILDREN with Aktion Club this year. Give examples of how Aktion Club helped you improve your ability to make a difference in your community.

Poster: Draw a picture of you or your club showing your SERVING CHILDREN.

Single Service: With fellow club members, tell about a service project where you

SERVED CHILDREN with your community service.

Scrapbook: With fellow club members,

create a scrapbook showing your club SERVED THE CHILDREN during your Aktion Club year.

NEW CONTEST:

Video: Take a short (2 minute) video showing how your club SERVED THE CHILDREN this year.

Contest deadlines and submission requirements are on the New York District Aktion Club website (aktionclub-ny.org).

The NY District Aktion Club website is constantly being updated with content from clubs around the district. Visit it at: www.aktionclub-ny.org to see our District shine! If you'd like your club spotlighted, click the link and submit a few pictures, and some detail about what your Aktion Club does in its community. Submit pictures of your activities, and they will also be posted for everyone to see.

We have also launched a new Facebook page: facebook.com/AktionClubNY where you can read and post what's going on in your Aktion Clubs around the District.

Any questions, contact jaimie@aktionclub-ny.org or dennis@aktionclub-ny.org.

**Pediatric
Lyme Disease**

**DPG John
Gridley**



Not all ticks carry the bacteria that causes Lyme disease; they become infected after feeding on an infected animal, such as mice or other small mammals.

The type of tick responsible for spreading Lyme disease in New York is the black-legged tick. You cannot get Lyme disease from another person or an infected animal. Transmission times for Lyme and other tick-borne diseases vary, and the sooner a tick is removed, the lower the risk of infection. It is important to always check for ticks after spending time outdoors.

Black-legged tick nymphs are the size of a poppy seed and adult ticks are the size of a sesame seed. Both can transmit Lyme, as well as other tick-borne diseases. Trans-

mission time has always been and is still a current topic of debate, but some pathogens are transmitted in minutes, others hours. I always say and have been saying for almost 20 years to err on the side of caution: the sooner the better.

In recent years, the Lone Star tick, a southern species, has been detected in parts of New York. Females have a white spot on their back. It does not transmit Lyme disease, but can spread similar illnesses.

Ticks can be active all months of the year when temperatures above freezing. However, most tick encounters occur from April through November. Their preferred habitats are wooded areas and adjacent grasslands. Lawns and gardens at the edges of woods may also be home to black-legged ticks.

Lyme disease is often hard to diagnose because the symptoms are usually non-specific (fever, fatigue) and similar to those of other common illnesses. Symptoms may occur shortly after being bitten by a tick, but may be so mild that they often go unnoticed. Some people notice a rash after

experiencing a tick bite, but many do not. Many tick-borne microbes also cause disease symptoms of varying severity.

Lyme disease left untreated and even in some people who have received treatment for Lyme disease, symptoms such as fatigue, headaches, migrating joint pain, numbness, tingling or burning sensations are known to occur. So as I always say, if you think that you or your child got bit by a tick, go to your doctor sooner rather than later and immediately get started on antibiotics and ask for a blood test.

Thank you all for your unending support of the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation and for taking the time to care and share. On March 22, 2020, we will be having a Gala Celebration, celebrating the 20th anniversary of when I started this foundation as governor of the New York District. I hope that you will save the date and find time to attend this celebration. More information will be following. If you have any questions about the Gala please contact Distinguished Past Governor Joe Aiello at (516) 828-6304.

**Distinguished
Kiwanian**

Doris Mellina



Congratulations to the many club members who have sent in their Distinguished Kiwanian criteria forms.

Just a reminder – you do not have to wait until the end of the Kiwanis year to

receive your official AK certificate and pin. Please send to me as soon as your two new members have been registered with Kiwanis International and have been assigned an official HI membership number.

I've received many applications directly from club members. If there has been no return address written on the form or envelope, the certificate and pin has been mailed to the club secretary.

Some clubs have chosen to present the award at a special club event or at a division Meeting. This is a wonderful incentive to motivate other clubs to participate in this special Governor's Project.

For those members who have already sponsored one new member, why not reach out to your community and friends to reach the goal of sponsoring a second member. Your efforts are paying off – the New York District is growing.

Remember, Governor Hank asks that you wear your pin proudly.

For information please don't hesitate to reach out to me: (516) 967-2375 or dfm1125@aol.com.



At left, K-Kids collecting donations in front of the table staffed by Kiwanians. Above, Finger Lakes Lt. Gov. Roger Awe asking shoppers for a donation.

MMOD Raises Funds for Family Support Fund

The Finger Lakes Division's annual Miracle Mile of Donations event took place at Eastview Mall in Victor on March 30.

Members of clubs from the division were joined by members of K-Kids, Builders Clubs and Key Clubs to ask shop-

pers at the mall to donate to the Kiwanis Family Support Fund at Golisano Children's Hospital.

A total of \$3,376 was raised.

The Family Support Fund is used by the social work department at the hospital to help families with non-medical expenses

related to the hospitalization of children at the hospital.

Children visiting the event's table also were able to create get-well cards to be given to patients in the hospital.

The event was chaired by Past Lt. Gov. John Hanratty.

Monticello K-Family Backs Heart-a-Thon

The Monticello Kiwanis Family, consisting of the Monticello Kiwanis Club, Monticello High School Key Club and RJK Middle School Builders Club, has continued its tradition of selling paper hearts to benefit the WSUL Heart-A-Thon.

This year they were also joined by the Aktion Club of Sullivan County which is sponsored by the Monticello and Woodridge Kiwanis Clubs and is comprised of individuals from SullivanARC, Center for Discovery and New Hope Community. More than \$1,100 was raised.

The hearts were displayed at the Monticello High and Middle Schools. "Heart Man" Al Frangipane and Heart-a-thon Committee member/Monticello Central School Board President Lori Orestano-James recently came to the Middle School and personally thanked the Builders Club students for its generous donation.



Key Club President Rachel Leventoff in front of paper hearts display at Monticello High School.

Seneca Falls-Waterloo Presents Pediatric Trauma Kit to Ambulance Corps

On March 7 the Kiwanis Club of Seneca Falls-Waterloo presented a Pediatric Trauma Kit to North Seneca Ambulance.

The kit, which is assembled by the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center, includes

a long list of child-sized equipment designed to help ambulance personnel treat children who have been involved in a trauma, such as a car accident or fall.

The kit was received by Kevin Lightfoote, North Seneca's chief, who commented that the specialized equipment would be valuable for ambulances re-

sponding to call affecting children.

He noted that when they are caring for very young infants, the problem is usually severe and having the correct equipment will be a benefit.

The club has now begun raising funds so a second kit can be obtained for South Seneca Ambulance.



In February the Five Towns club collected Krafts for Kamp items as part of the First Lady's Project.

Geneva Club Supporting Public Library

The Kiwanis Club of Geneva is working with the local Verizon Wireless outlet to donate books and supplies to the Geneva Public Library.



Past President Honored

On Jan. 17, the Amityville Kiwanis club honored its Distinguished Past President Corinne (Corky) Amico with a KPTC Fellowship Award.

During the four years she served as club president since 2008, the club has donated \$2,500 to the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center Foundation.

On hand for the presentation was Distinguished Past Lt. Gov. Doris Mellina and Distinguished Past Gov. Joseph Corace, the president of the KPTC Foundation.



Amityville Club members Ed McDaniels, Kevin Smith, Rick Licari, Rich Anderson, Kathy Corbett, Corky Amico, Bobby Mills, Betty Verner, Linda Kay, Gerry Doherty, and not pictured, Barbara Ruggiero, continued one of our club's tradition of visiting a local nursing home on Valentine's Day. Children who attend our local elementary schools Northeast (Pre-K and K) and Park Avenue (Grades 4-6) made the cards, Kiwanians wrapped individual roses in cellophane sleeves, and on Feb 14 the 11 Kiwanians mentioned above handed a flower and a card to approximately 300 residents.

Five Towns Golf Outing is July 15 in Glen Head

The annual Five Towns Kiwanis Golf Outing will be on Monday, July 15, at the Tam O'Shanter Country Club in Glen Head.

The shotgun start will be at noon. The event will be followed by a dinner, awards and raffles.

Sponsors also are being sought for the event.

For more information, see the district web site.



Chinatown Kiwanis Club Dim Sum Fund Raising for Division Baby Shower Project and Pre Chinese New Year Celebration, over 40 members and friends joined with almost a thousand dollars raised.

Kamp
Executive
Director

Rebecca
Clemence



Today is April 1st and it snowed here at Kamp. It has been a long winter and by now we hoped spring would've sprung. Inclement weather it maybe but this isn't stopping us here at Kamp or you wonderful Kiwanians throughout the state from ramping up your preparations for camp this summer.

So, to give you a little update on where we are at. As of today, 65 percent of our staff requirement is filled for the summer and already we have hired from more than 12 different countries. Camper applications have been mailed out and our online applications are live and available.

To help with the transition to online applications Kamp Kiwanis' YouTube channel has published an application tutorial posted for anyone who may need a little help with the process. For those who prefer more personal assistance we here in the office are fully ready to field any calls to help in any way we can.

Early registrations and reservations look very positive. In conjunction with the amazing response to Governor Hank's military camper project, early indications for enrollment this season are looking fantastic.

Thanks to all the Kiwanians and Kiwanis Clubs that donated to First Lady Bonnie's Arts and Crafts for Kamp. The results were amazing. Those two are an amazing duo.

AS the remainder of the snow melts and starts to reveal camp, early signs are that we have survived this winter with minimal damage to the facilities and property. In the coming weeks many members of the Foundation Board and

numerous other Kiwanis volunteers will be coming to Kamp. They will complete existing and new projects and continue the wonderful regeneration of Kamp property.

We hope to see many of you at our open house/work weekend May 17–May 19. It is the continued generosity of Kiwanians through the state that allows us here at Kamp to provide a life-changing experience to the campers we serve. To truly understand the difference you make in the lives of those campers, we invite you to visit the Kamp and hopefully get a deeper sense and understanding of the great things you do.

So in short camp is in a great place right now and we thank you for that. Now if it could stop snowing and the sun could come out then we would be able to begin work outdoors. We hope to hear from each of you this season. Please let us know if you would like us to attend one of your meetings, we would love to talk about the foundation with you.



Kamp Kiwanis 2018



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At this time of year all our thoughts go towards Kamp Kiwanis and the upcoming Kamping season. Our opening weekend this year is on May 16-18 and we are looking forward to having many people come up and join us on this work weekend. As you know, there is much to do to get the Kamp ready.

As usual the Kamp needs a lot of clean up from the usual harsh winter so we need your help for painting, scrubbing, raking and many other tasks that will get the Kamp ready for the children and adults that are planning to come and enjoy a week of outdoor activities.

We expect that this year we are going to break attendance records due to Governor

Hank's emphasis on sending military children. He has made it his project and so far, it looks like Gov. Hank will be reaching and surpassing his goal. We thank Gov. Hank for his commitment to the children of active military personnel and of course to Kamp Kiwanis.

Our Kamp is really looking good because of our constant upkeep and renovation where necessary. This year we would like to give a special thank you to the Verrazzano Kiwanis Club from the Metropolitan Division which decided to provide all labor and material to rebuild one of the cabins that really needed a lot of work. Past President Steve Argentine and many other members of the Verrazzano club will be doing all the work themselves, that's Kiwanis in action.

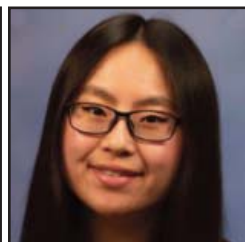
As with any brick and mortar property, upkeep and maintenance is essential and it takes a great deal of work and money to do that. We will have our usual cast of dedicated Kiwanians that will be doing just that, Herb Chan, Tom Poccio, Anthony Merendino, Joe Battista Keith Cummings, and many others who come

up every year to do needed work to keep this Kamp shining as the crown jewel of the New York District. Remember, if you are a New York District Kiwanian in good standing, you are a part owner of this Kamp, this is your Kamp, help us maintain it.

Lastly, on behalf of the officers, directors and board member of the New York District Kiwanis Foundation, I would like to offer our sincere gratitude and thank you to a gentle Kiwanis giant, Ivan Tarnopoll. Ivan was a member of the West Seneca Club from the Niagara Frontier South Division. He was an unassuming gentleman who didn't say much but did a great deal throughout his life to help children and give back to the community. In November of 2018, Ivan passed away, leaving the Kamp a very generous gift. We will be honoring Ivan at our Kamp opening day with something that will be worthy of his legacy and we will be memorializing his name at Kamp Kiwanis in a special way. I hope you all can come and join us in celebrating his life. "Rest in Peace Ivan"

Circle K
Governor

Peony Tse



Hello, Kiwanians! My name is Peony Tse and I am so honored to be serving as the governor for the New York District of

Circle K International! I am currently a student at Stony Brook University.

At our District Convention in Albany, we were so proud to present the Glen J. Fitzpatrick Alumni Honoree Award to Kevin Kamper, lieutenant governor of the Long Island South Central Division. We also named Past Metropolitan Division Lt. Gov. Keith Cummings and Michele Geresi our Convention Honorees. Congratulations to them on these well-deserved honors!

As Circle K'ers, we sincerely appreciate

the support of Kiwanians from all over the District. On a personal note, I thank every Kiwanian who has ever shown me endless kindness. You all are the driving force for youth everywhere.

The District Board and I hope to strengthen our relationships with the other Kiwanis Family branches, so please do not hesitate to reach out if there is ever any way we can support your work. I look forward to working with Governor Hank, Governor-Elect Joe, and all of you to make this service year amazing!



Chinatown, Key Club Join New Year Parade

Chinatown Club Kiwanis members and two Key Clubbers from Stuyvesant High School and NEST+m High School joined the New York Chinatown Chinese New Year Parade on Feb. 17.

There were 12 Floats and more than 100 teams joined the parade and Chinatown Kiwanis was one of the largest groups in it.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio and the Ambassador Huang Ping, Consul General of China in New York also joined the parade.