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DeJulio Wins VP Election

He'll serve as International President for 2012-13

The yellow shirts were everywhere on Friday, June 25 as hundreds of New York District delegates to the International Convention in Las Vegas left no doubt they were all part of Tom's Team, supporting candidate Thomas DeJulio for the post of vice president of Kiwanis International.

When the voting was over, the more than 4,000 delegates present had cast their ballots and agreed that DeJulio, past New York Governor and past International Trustee, should be the one elected. He defeated Randy DeLay of the Texas-Oklahoma District.

The victory in the race for Vice President for 2010-11 earned him the right to be the uncontested candidate for President-Elect for 2011-12 and then President for 2012-13.

Following the election, Tom and his wife, Rosemary celebrated with their Kiwanis friends, including the delegates wearing those yellow shirts and many from other districts who stopped to congratulate the new vice-president-elect.

It had been a long business session, lasting nearly four hours, but the marshalls had to break up the party and ask the New Yorkers to leave the convention hall so it could be set up for the next event.

In the picture above, Tom (second from left) and his wife, Rosemary, (on the right) pose for pictures with family members during the victory celebration.

There are many more pictures and other information on the Convention on pages 4, 5, 6 and 7.

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Next Event: District Convention

The celebration of the success at the International Convention will probably continue at the New York District Convention Aug. 18-22 in Binghamton.

There will be a race for the office of governor-elect and many other events on the schedule, as well as opportunities for Kiwanis education and development.

See Pages 2-3 for schedules, information on the candidates and more.

District Convention is Aug. 18-22

14-year old to address Veteran's Luncheon

Brianna Cart, founder of Angels over Iraq and Afghanistan, will be the featured speaker at the Veterans Luncheon on Friday at the District Convention.

Angels over Iraq and Afghanistan is more than three years old, and has raised thousands of dollars and collected donations of items which are then shipped to members of the American military serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Cart, 14, lives in Owego and has been honored for her efforts. She recently received a Spirit of Community Award from Prudential Financial, a national awards program conducted in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

Prudential explained why she received the award:

"Brianna Cart, 14, of Owego, N.Y., a member of the Tioga County 4-H and an eighth-grade home-schooled student, started a volunteer effort four years ago that has shipped more than 300 boxes of snacks, toiletries, and other items, worth more than \$25,000, to 345 American soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. It began when Brianna overheard one of her mother's hair salon clients talking about mailing packages to soldiers. "I asked my mom if I could do that," Brianna said. She and her mother found a serviceman on a website, purchased some items, wrote a letter, and sent a package to him. When Brianna heard how grateful he was, "I began to realize how important it was to our soldiers to hear from people at home," she said.

How Kiwanians Can Help

Kiwanians who'd like to support Angels over Iraq and Afghanistan can bring donations to the convention. Welcome items include tuna and chicken, protein bars, baby wipes, soup, snacks, magazines, books, batteries, pudding, sunscreen, foot powder and drink mixes.

The group also needs financial support to pay shipping costs. Donations can be mailed to Angels Over Iraq, Attn: Maryanne Vanburger, 2690 Rt17c Owego, NY 13827.

The organization's web site is at www.angelsoveriraq.org.

"Brianna then shipped enough supplies for all of the men in the soldier's platoon, and wanted to do even more. She formed a club of young volunteers called "Angels Over Iraq and Afghanistan," and began raising money for her shipments by hosting donation

drives, teen concerts, car washes, and yard sales. She now spends an average of 20 hours a week fund-raising, shopping, and packing and mailing boxes, and has a core group of 19 young people and close to 45 local organizations helping her on a regular basis."

2010 District Convention Tentative Schedule

Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010

Registration.....	3-6 p.m.
Governor's Cocktail Reception (by invitation).....	6-7 p.m.
VIP and Board Dinner (by invitation).....	7-10 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010

Registration/Credentials/Exhibit Tables	8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
2009-10 Board Meeting.....	9-Noon
On Your Own Tours of Binghamton.....	1-5 p.m.
Past Governors Dinners.....	7 p.m.
Hospitality Rooms	9 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 20, 2010

Past Governors Breakfast (Ticketed Event).....	7-9 a.m.
Past First Ladies Breakfast (Ticketed Event).....	8-9 a.m.
Registration/Credentials/Exhibit Tables	8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Opening Session.....	9:15-11:45 a.m.
Veterans Luncheon (Ticketed Event)	Noon-1:30 p.m.
Forums, TBA.....	1:45-2:45 p.m.
NYDK Foundation Annual Meeting and Elections	3-4:45 p.m.
Convention Honoree Reception.....	5-6 p.m.
Baseball Game	5 p.m.
Past Governor Reunion Dinners	7 p.m.
Hospitality Rooms	9 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 21, 2010

Kaiser, Hixson, KPTC, Brittany Breakfast (Ticketed Event).....	7:30-8:30 a.m.
Registration/Credentials/Exhibit Tables	8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Forums	8:30-11:45 a.m.
Lunch On Your Own	Noon
Caucuses	Noon-1:15 p.m.
House of Delegates	1:30-3:30 p.m.
Past Lt. Governors Meeting	3:45-4:30 p.m.
Religious Services	5-6 p.m.
Gala Governor's Reception.....	6-7 p.m.
Governor's Toast (by invitation).....	6:45 p.m.
Governor's Celebration Dinner (Ticketed Event).....	7 p.m.
Hospitality Rooms	10 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 22, 2010

Memorial Breakfast (Ticketed Event).....	8-9:30 a.m.
Installation of Officers.....	10-11:30 a.m.
2010-11 Board Luncheon (by invitation).....	Noon-2 p.m.

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93rd District Convention will be in Binghamton

The annual New York District Convention will take place Aug. 18-22 at the Regency Hotel in Binghamton.

Clubs in good standing are entitled to three delegates at the convention. Registration materials and other related

information has been mailed to clubs, and also is available on the district' web site, www.kiwanis-ny.org.

Check the web site as the event approaches for scheduling updates and other information.

Two running for post of Governor-Elect for 2010-11

Bill Risbrook

Bill joined the Kiwanis Club of Cambria Heights in 1997. In 2001-02 he was distinguished club president; during his year as president, 29 new members joined the club and he sponsored 17 of them himself. During his year as president, the club sent children to Kamp Kiwanis, sponsored a picnic at the St. Albans Veterans Hospital, distributed toys to children in shelters during the Christmas season and provided car seats to mothers for young children in the community.

He served as lieutenant governor of the Queens East Division in 2003-04. During that year he built two new clubs in the division, The Rosedale-Laurelton and Flushing clubs, and a Key Club at

St. Francis Prep High School. During his year, the division had the second largest membership growth of the district's divisions. He later was honored by Gov. Peter Mancuso as a Super Distinguished lieutenant governor.

Bill has served on many division committees, and on the district New Club Building and Membership Growth teams. He later built the Kiwanis Club of Jamaica, and was district chair for the Distinguished Kiwanian program. He is a current member of the New Club Building and Membership Growth Team.



A Brooklyn native, Bill studied music and was a leader of the rhythm and rock band BT Express, which played at the White House during the Carter administration. Today, he is a licensed insurance broker and owner of the Majestic Driving School. He currently serves on the board of directors of Jamaica Hospital Medical Center in Jamaica, and the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at North Shore University Hospital.

Bill is an active church member of the Greater Allen Cathedral of New York in Queens.

Bill's partner, Dr. Lavonia Francis, has been a Kiwanian for nine years and has recently joined the Kiwanis Club of Hempstead. She is the Senior Director of Nursing for Ambulatory Care at the Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City.

Michael Siniski

When Mike joined the Kiwanis Club of Sayville in 1989 he became involved with the club's Family Festival and has been assisting in various projects and committees ever since.

He served as club director for three years, and then served as secretary before becoming president in 1997-98. He later served three years as club treasurer.

He was lieutenant governor of the Suffolk East Division in 2002-03, and was the class president for that year's lieutenant governors.

It was during his year as lieutenant governor that Mike first visited Kamp Kiwanis. He fell in love with the kamp.

With the blessing of his wife, Rita, he began to visit the kamp during work weekends. He continues to visit the kamp at least six times a year. One of those weekends was to build the Fishing Dock at the kamp's pond, working with Past Lt. Gov. William Jackson of the Mastics club and Garrett Lacara of Sayville.

Mike was appointed to the board of the District Foundation in 2006 and then was elected to the board in 2008.

He served as a governor's assistant under Gov. Glenn Hollins in 2003-04, and



Gov. David Booker, 2009-10. He currently serves as treasurer of both the Sayville Club and the Suffolk East Division, and as president of the Suffolk East Division's Past Lieutenant Governors' Council.

His Kiwanis awards include a Hixson Award, presented by the Sayville Club in 1998; KPTC Fellow in 2001, Richard Hill Award, 2004; Kaiser Fellow, 2005; Diamond Kaiser Fellow, 2007; and Kamp Brick, 2008. He was Kiwanian of the Year in the Sayville Club in 1991-92, 1998-99 and 2001-02.

Mike and his wife, Rita, have been married for 37 years. They have three children, Stephen, Brian and Lori. Mike is retired from the town of Islip, where he served as Data Processing Director for 24 years.

Disaster Relief Collection

Items will be stored so they'll be ready when needed

Once again this year, a collection will take place at the District Convention for the district's Disaster Relief effort.

Program Chair Mike Malark notes that rather than wait for disasters to begin collections, the district is now collecting items that would be needed in advance of the need, so response can be more timely when events occur.

Items being sought include: personal hygiene items (full size and trial size), shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, soap, shaving cream, toothbrushes, hand towels, men's and women's razors, wash clothes, men's and women's deodorant, toothpaste, baby powder, women's personal hygiene items, diapers sizes 2, 3, 4, and 5 and pull-ups.

In the past few years, the District's Disaster Relief effort has provided support to hurricane victims in the Gulf as well as to flooding victims in the New York District.

Baseball Game Featured Friday

Those attending the convention will have the opportunity to spend Friday evening at a minor-league game between the Binghamton Mets and the Altoona Curve.

The game starts at 7 p.m. and will be followed by fireworks.

It may be a location for Past Lt. Governor dinners to take place as well.

More information on the Mets and that night's event is available at <http://web.minorleaguebase.com/index.jsp?sid=t505>.



Teamwork led to victory for Tom's Team

Yellow shirts were everywhere during the Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas, so everyone could readily identify Tom's Team, the workers in the campaign to see New York PG Thomas DeJulio elected

Kiwanis International Vice President. Above, the candidate making his speech before the House of Delegates; upper left, Joe Battista organizing his group of volunteers for the pre-voting campaign of

fort; at lower left and lower center, Kiwanians celebrate the announcement of his victory; at upper right, the winner is congratulated by New York Kiwanians as well as delegates from other districts.





Kiwanis International President Paul Palazzolo, US Fund for UNICEF President Caryl Stern, Bowling Green K-Kids President Julianne Hallett and Bowling Green K-Kids Faculty Advisor Rich Santer.

K-Kids: The First "Eliminators"

At the Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas, the Bowling Green K-Kids and their Faculty Advisor Rich Santer received the Kiwanis International Foundation's Tablet of Honor recognizing the K-Kids as the first donors to the ELIMINATE Project. Just two days earlier at the Convention's opening session, the ELIMINATE Project was announced as Kiwanis International's new Worldwide Service Project.

Through the ELIMINATE Project, Kiwanis International will partner with UNICEF to eliminate Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus in the 40 countries where the disease continues to kill newborns and their mothers. In these countries one newborn baby dies every 9 minutes due to neonatal tetanus. This can be prevented through tetanus vaccination of women of childbearing age and improved birthing conditions. As Kiwanis International eradicated Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD), Kiwanis, through the ELIMINATE Project, will eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus.

The Bowling Green K-Kids became the first donors to the new Worldwide Service Project (WSP) by donating over \$1,000 to the Kiwanis International

Foundation. The K-Kids raised these funds through their second annual Talent Show. The members selected the next Worldwide Service Project as their beneficiary before even knowing that eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus would be selected.

According to Faculty Advisor Rich Santer, the K-Kids had expressed interest in repeating the success of last year's talent show.

"When the topic of choosing a beneficiary came up, then President Kasha Bhatia asked which Kiwanis charities the group had not yet raised money for. As I explained the Kiwanis International Foundation's role in eradicating Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD), the members became very interested in the new Worldwide Service Project (WSP) that would be announced the following month at the Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas. After I described the three finalists, it became apparent that the K-Kids didn't care which disease they would help eliminate. They simply wanted to be a part of making the world a better place through elimination of a terrible disease," Santer recalled.

After the club inquired how to donate to the still unannounced WSP, Matt Morris of the Kiwanis International Foundation called suggesting the dona-

tion be made through the Tablet of Honor program. Mr. Morris also asked if representatives of the K-Kids would attend the convention to accept the award from Kiwanis International President Paul Palazzolo.

Talent show co-hosts President Julianne and Distinguished Immediate Past President Kasha were each invited to the convention. While Kasha could not attend, President Julianne Hallett and her family were able to join Santer and his family in Las Vegas.

The Tablet of Honor was presented at the Worldwide Service Project luncheon on Saturday. Following a moving presentation on maternal and neonatal tetanus and the ELIMINATE Project by US Fund for UNICEF President Caryl Stern, International President Paul called Santer and Julianne to the stage to accept the award.

Julianne beamed as camera flashes ignited and Kiwanians from across the globe congratulated her and asked to take her photo.

President Julianne left the convention with a deeper understanding of the impact the service of K-Kids has on Kiwanis International and the world. She is making plans to do additional fundraising to support the ELIMINATE Project during the 2010-2011 school year.

Vice-President-Elect Thanks Supporters



Dear Friends:

For traveling long hours, for spending (and possibly losing) much money in Vegas, for handing out brochures, postcards, and hand-held coloring fans for children in scorching temperature, for praying, hugging, cheering and crying, you made a difference in our lives and in the lives of many who will continue to be served by all the good works performed by Kiwanians around the world.

Thank you for your kind support and generosity of heart. We promise to work hard and make you proud to be a Kiwanian and an advocate for children and a better future for all.

Tom and Rosemary DeJulio
Kiwanis International Vice President

Pediatric Lyme Disease

DPG John Gridley



Scientists are gaining a better understanding of the human immune response that leads to Lyme disease. For example, they are uncovering the mechanisms responsible for treatment-resistant Lyme arthritis. Improved understanding of the human immune response may lead to better diagnostic

and prognostic tools. For example, the b. burgdorferi immune assay, a test under development, indicates active Lyme disease infection earlier than antibody tests now in use.

Because Lyme disease is difficult to diagnose and sometimes does not respond to treatment, researchers are trying to create a vaccine that will protect people from getting infected. Vaccines work in part by prompting the body to make antibodies.

These custom-shaped molecules lock onto specific proteins made by a virus or bacterium. Often those proteins lodge in the microbes outer coat. Once antibodies attach to an invading microbe, other immune defenses are called upon to de-

stroy it.

Although Lyme disease poses many challenges, there are challenges the medal research community is well equipped to meet. New information on Lyme disease is accumulating at a rapid pace, thanks to the scientific research being conducted around the world. You can get more in-depth information on Lyme disease from your local library or health care provider.

Remember the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation was set up to help your children with Lyme disease pay for treatment and/or medication. If you know someone with Lyme disease who needs some financial help, contact us.

Protect your club's federal tax status

File your IRS Form 990 or risk losing your U.S. tax-exempt status. Find out how.

In recent years, the United States Internal Revenue Service has amended its policies regarding tax-exempt status. As a result, all U.S. clubs must annually file an IRS Form 990. Failure to file will result in a club losing its tax-exempt status. Most clubs have a Feb. 15 deadline.

Filing the form is an easy process.

1. Find your club's status on the Urban Institute's National Center for Charitable Statistics website.

2. Click on your state.

3. Put "Kiwanis" in the "Name" field; do not fill out the "Location" field.

4. Select "All Organizations" in the "Organization Type" field.

5. Check the "Limit to organizations in danger of revocation" box.

6. Do not fill out the "NTEE purpose/activity code."

7. Click "Submit."

Here are other things to keep in mind:

If you can't find your club's name, the IRS considers your club in good standing (see next item).

You can find a list of organizations that already have filed their returns by following steps 1 through 4 above and removing the "check mark" from the box titled "Limit to organizations in danger of revocation?" The report will indicate what form has been filed for your club.

The IRS does not automatically update the list, so your club's status may not be updated for up to one month. Check back in 2-4 weeks to see if your club is noted as having filed.

If your club is on the list and you have not recently filed the form, click the "File Now" link in the right column and follow the directions.

Most Kiwanis clubs should have a Sept. 30 year end with a Feb. 15 deadline. If your club's year end is different, try to enter the year end as Sept. 30. If this is

not possible, continue with the current year-end as listed by the IRS.

If you click on the club name, it will bring up a window that lists your club's name followed by your club's EIN. This is the EIN the IRS and Kiwanis International have registered for your club.

Remember to file this return annually after your club's year end. You must remain current with this annual filing.

Kiwanis International does not have your club's IRS records. The IRS website offers support, including answers to frequently asked questions. You can contact the IRS for assistance by e-mail or by phone at (866) 255-0654 (the IRS reports that e-mail messages are preferred). For the Kiwanis International Office, e-mail finance@kiwanis.org or call (800) 549-2647, ext. 153 or 146.

New Club Building

PG Joseph Eppolito



Let us not lose sight of our mission now that we have returned from Las Vegas. Our mission is to spread Kiwanis out to parts of New York State because we are the BEST service organization with the BEST chance children from elementary school to college to make community service part of their moral fiber.

Many 2009-10 Lt. Governors are working on sites to build new clubs in their divisions and they need your help ... volunteer to help them. We have only one new club-to date: East Greenbush in the Van Rensselaer Division. Congratulations to Lt. Gov Noreen Barrett and Gov. David Booker for their hard work. Our Governor is leading by example ... it is time to follow him!

It is a fact that growth in our District has little chance to take place without New Club Building. There is NO guarantee with New Club Building, but without it, it rarely happens. Since 1990, we had growth four times, but only had real significant growth twice.

Every community DESERVES Kiwanis and all of the Service Leadership organizations that we offer. Be part of the solution, not part of the problem of being complacent. However, it is not just BUILDING new clubs, it is the support of them by the sponsoring club(s) for 2-3 years that is critical. Who would leave an infant to fend for himself for the first 2-3 years? NO ONE! Then, a new club should not be a left alone either! To give you an example, during 1999-2000, when I was Governor, 11 clubs were built. Only 6 are here this year to celebrate their 10th anniversary! Why? The sponsoring clubs and the division left the "infant" alone in the formative years and the infant perished or ran away from home or found someone else to care for them. We MUST not let that happen when we build clubs.

We also talk about revitalizing clubs, but most of the time we just give lip service to the process. Every under charter strength club should have a goal to get back to 25 members and should NOT be afraid to ask clubs in their division to help. We are a family and families need to help other family members. The process is the SAME as if we were building a new club. ASK people to join and assign them things to do.

I have been in Kiwanis 32 years and working on some form of membership

for the last 25 at the District and International level. Growth does not happen without hard work. I was Membership Growth Chair in 1986-87 when we grew to 14,000 members and built 20 clubs. We have allowed ourselves to let the "fire" burn out in expanding our organization as we hover around 8,000 members. Let's get the "fire" burning again.

So, we have 3 months left in the year to finish the new clubs that are trying to be built by Bookers Builders. Will you help your Lt. Governor accomplish his/her objective? More clubs means more service to help the "children of the world." Let's all do our part!

Black and White Ball Sept. 24 in Great Neck

The 20th annual Black and White Ball to benefit the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at North Shore University Hospital will take place on Friday, Sept. 24, at Leonard's of Great Neck.

Tickets are \$65 per person. Dinner choices are Chicked Francese, Salmon or Chateaubriand.

In addition to ticket sales, the event will benefit from ads the event program. Sponsorships range from \$45 to \$200.

For more information, ticket and sponsor forms, visit the distric web site at www.kiwanis-ny.org.

Everyone attending is encouraged to dress in black and white.

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