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New York District Kiwanis Foundation

94th Annual District Convention Set For Aug. 10-14 in Tarrytown

The 2011 New York District Convention will take place Aug. 10-14 at the Marriot Westchester in Tarrytown.

It will be an opportunity for Kiwanians to meet old friends, exchange ideas and learn the latest of what's happening in the Kiwanis world.

A basket raffle and a cruise raffle will take place at the convention as well.

Clubs are each entitled to three delegates. Delegate

forms should be sent to District Secretary Ann Sewart, 100 W. Maple St., Newark, NY 14513.

During the House of Delegates there will be one candidate for Governor, Gov.-Elect William "Bill" Risbrook, and one candidate for Governor-Elect, Albert Norato Jr., past Suffok East lieutenant governor.

More information on the candidates, the convention schedule and other details are available on pages 2-3.

Geneva Convention Concludes

Tom DeJulio elected President-Elect; Project Eliminate Kicks off

Kiwanis International Vice President Thomas DeJulio of the Fordham, Bronx, N.Y. Kiwanis Club, was elected President-Elect of Kiwanis International at the 96th Kiwanis International Convention in Geneva, Switzerland.

DeJulio will serve as President of Kiwanis International for the 2012-13 Kiwanis Year.

Also at the convention, Alan Penn, who is a member of two Ohio Kiwanis clubs and one in Montana, was elected to serve as President of Kiwanis International for 2011-12.

Gunter Gasser of Spittal an der Drau, Austria, was elected vice president. Three new members of the Kiwanis International Board were elected to represent North America: Jane M. Erickson of Bellevue-Offutt, Nebraska; Stephen T. Hill of Norwalk, Connecticut; and Warren F. Mitchell of Greeley, Colorado.

While two bylaw changes which would have affected how International Conventions were run the future had been submitted in advance of the convention, no action was taken on them when no motion was made from the floor to consider them.



Several Kiwanis International leaders posed for this picture at the International Convention in Geneva. From left are Lance Incitti, who will be Kiwanis International Foundation Treasurer beginning in October; Joel Williams of the Alabama District; Kiwanis International President Sylvester Neal, Kiwanis International Foundation President Jack Harten of the Webster, N.Y. club, and Kiwanis International Foundation Treasurer Peter Mancuso of the East Meadow, N.Y. Club. Mancuso will be the foundation's president-elect beginning in October.

The convention was the official launch for The Eliminate Project, which is Kiwanis' \$110 million commitment to end Maternal Neo-Natal Tetanus from those countries where it continues to kill babies and their mothers.

The threat of neo-natal tetanus can be eliminated by vaccinating women be-

fore they become pregnant. A series of three vaccinations cost a total of \$1.80 and provide lifetime protection.

On stage to help with the launch was one of New York's own, Past Gov. Jack Harten who currently is serving as president of the Kiwanis International Foundation.

Reasons to Attend the District Convention

By Albert Norato Jr.

This year, during the period of August 11-14, the New York District of Kiwanis International will be holding its 95th Annual District Convention in historic Tarrytown, NY. This convention, because of its close proximity to New York City - the capital of the world - promises to offer more chances for members to visit places they've often dreamed of seeing in person, (Liberty Island, Ellis Island, the Empire State Building, the 9/11 Memorial/Ground Zero, just to name a few) but were unable to visit.

In addition, we are less than an hour (approximately 26 miles) from some of the greatest restaurants, brand name shopping stores, Broadway plays in the world, not to mention home of the 27-time World Champion New York Yankees (that weekend, they will be playing at home against the arch division rival Tampa Bay Rays and if you go online, you can purchase tickets at the time of this writing) and the New York Mets (who will be playing several games at home against the San Diego Padres on Aug. 8-11, before they head off for a road trip).

If you are not persuaded to attend for

those reasons, here are a few others.

First, attending conventions, especially a district convention, permits attendees a chance to meet members from various parts of the district that they might not have a chance to meet at any other time. Often, conventioners will find themselves striking up a conversation with a new found friend that can lead to a lasting relationship, which strengthens our resolve to make Kiwanis a better organization.

Second, for any incoming officer, especially presidents and secretaries, CLE training sessions and other forums provides you a chance to get a jump start on your year as a club leader thereby giving assurances to your membership that you are looking forward to having a successful year. This, in turn gives your club members a sense that it will be even more meaningful to work with you as an incoming leader, because you are putting forth the extra effort to make it worthwhile.

A third reason to attend is because on Friday, the District Foundation Board will hold its annual meeting. At this meeting you can learn first-hand about the many events that are taking place

at Kamp Kiwanis. In addition, as in all years, the Foundation will hold its annual elections. This is a time and place for your vote to be heard, so please plan on attending.

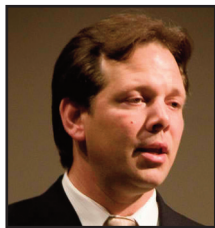
Speaking of elections, a fourth reason to attend is to be a delegate for your club and help elect a Governor-Designate and Governor-Elect Designate. The best way to ensure that the New York District has strong leaders to make your opinion known.

Finally, while we may be feeling the pinch from an economic standpoint, because this year's International Convention was held in Geneva, Switzerland, many did not attend. Since you saved yourself the costs of attending an international convention, the actual costs of attending the district convention will be reduced. Our convention committee is working hard to make sure that members obtain optimum value for time that we will be at the convention. Moreover, as members of the district, it is vital that you take an active role in attending these important events.

We hope to see you all in Tarrytown at the New York Kiwanis District Convention.

Convention Speakers Offer Insights

Kenneth Lord, a global professional speaker, successful businessman and involved philanthropist, will present a forum titled "Leading By Example" twice on Saturday morning.



Lord

The talk, which will be valuable for incoming presidents and secretaries, will encourage audience participation, and the use of the Kiwanis Servant Leadership model to help participants discover how their in-

fluence can be utilized more effectively. He will examine how personal choices affect others' view

The presentation is designed to build members' leadership capacity and character potential and provide members with the research and tools to they can use to help them carry out their roles efficiently and effectively.

Participants will learn how leadership by example fits into a servant leadership role.

The speaker at the luncheon on Saturday will be Michael W. O'Reilly. His topic will be "How to Attract and Retain Members".

O'Reilly is a Regional Director for Paradigm Associates LLC. Since 1986, Michael has worked with more than 200 privately-held businesses in addition to large multi-nationals. He and his instructional and sales team worked with more than 3,000 business people from 200 different companies.



O'Reilly

Support Sought for Disaster Relief Effort

Once again at this year's District Convention there will be a collection for the district's Disaster Relief program.

Items will be collected so they can be on hand when disasters occur, rather than requiring that a collection system be set up for each incident.

The following items are being sought: rolls of paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, cleaning products, bleach, laundry detergent, dish soap, sponges and diapers of various sizes.

Personal hygiene items (not travel

size) needed are shampoo, body lotion, soap, shaving cream, toothbrushes, bath towels, razors for men and women, wash clothes, deodorant for men and women, toothpaste, baby power and women's personal hygiene items.

Unperishable food items being sought include canned fruit, canned soup, canned spaghetti sauce, canned fruit juice, canned beans, canned vegetables, canned meats such as tuna, spam, chicken, corned beef; pasta, macaroni and cheese, hot cereal, peanut butter and jelly.

The Disaster Relief effort is being chaired by Denis Rosa and Gov. Mike Malark.

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Candidate for Governor Elect: Albert Norato Jr.

Albert E. Norato Jr. is a member of the Sayville and Suffolk East Young Professionals Kiwanis Clubs, and has been a Kiwanian since 2003.

Outside of Kiwanis, Al is a solo practicing attorney, primarily handling criminal and family law cases. Before starting his own practice, he worked for the Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County. Al worked as private counsel to a trade association in New York City and was a client services specialist for the largest for-profit oil spill response organization in the country.

Before attending law school, he was a police officer in Providence, Rhode Island (1980-1990), attaining the rank of sergeant in 1988.

Initially, Al worked in his family's restaurant business for many years.

Al is the proud father of Albert III,

who resides in Rhode Island. Al lives in O a k d a l e and has lived on Long Island since 1994.

Currently Al is co-chair of the New Club Building under Gov. Mike Malark. Al is a board member of the New York District Foundation and club secretary for the Suffolk East Young Professionals Club, a club which he personally started in September 2010.

In 2003, Al joined his initial club,



Patchogue. Almost immediately he was asked to become a board member and then made a quick ascent to climb the chairs, each time, where appropriate, recognized as distinguished. In 2007-08, he became Lt. Gov.-designate for the Suffolk East Division, and went on to serve as Lt. Gov. for two years, the first to ever do that in the Suffolk East Division. In 2008-09 he earned a Governor's Citation and was recognized by Past Gov. Doreen Pellitteri as a Super Distinguished Lieutenant Governor. Last year, Al earned the Governor's Citation and was recognized as a Distinguished Lieutenant Governor by 2009-10 Gov. David Booker.

Al's greatest Kiwanis moments came from three special accomplishments. The first is when the Patchogue Club decided, under his leadership, to build a cabin at Kamp Kiwanis. Next, he received the Richard Hill Award in 2009-10 by the New York District Key Club. His third was in creating two new Kiwanis clubs in 2010 primarily composed of former Circle K and Key Club members.

Al has been a distinguished Kiwanian three times; was the Patchogue Club's Kiwanian of the year twice; was honored as a distinguished club secretary and club president. In 2011 he received the Kiwanis Ruby Award for having sponsored 70 new members.

He also is a Brittany Fellow, awarded by the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation; and a Kaiser Fellow, awarded by the New York District Foundation.

Candidate for Governor: William Risbrook

William a "Bill" Risbrook, a member of the Kiwanis Club of C a m b r i a Heights, will be the candidate for Governor for 2011-12. He was elected governor elect at the 2010 district convention.



He served as lieutenant governor of the Queens East Division in 2003-04. During that year he built two new clubs, and was honored 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 built the Kiwanis Club of Jamaica, and was district chair for the Distinguished Kiwanian program.

District Convention Schedule

Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2011

Registration.....	4-6 p.m.
Governor's Cocktail Reception (by invitation).....	6-7 p.m.
VIP and Board Dinner (by invitation).....	7-10 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 11, 2011

Registration/Exhibit Tables.....	8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
2010-11 Board Meeting.....	9-Noon
Credentials.....	Noon-6 p.m.
Past Governors Dinner.....	6:30-10 p.m.
Hospitality Room.....	9 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 12, 2011

Past Governors Breakfast and Council (Ticketed Event).....	7-9 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.....	3-4:30 p.m.
Convention Honoree Reception.....	5-6 p.m.
Past Governor Reunion Dinners.....	7 p.m.
Hospitality Room.....	9 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 13, 2011

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.
Fellowship Luncheon (Ticketed Event).....	Noon-1:15 p.m.
Caucuses.....	1:15-1:45 p.m.
House of Delegates.....	2-3:45 p.m.
Past Lt. Governors Meeting.....	4-4:45 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).....	7-10 p.m.
Hospitality Room.....	10 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011

Memorial Breakfast (Ticketed Event).....	8:30-10 a.m.
Installation of Officers.....	10:15-11:45 a.m.
2010-11 Board Luncheon (by invitation).....	Noon-2 p.m.

Schedule is subject to change. See the district web site for any updates.

New York Circle K Honored at Convention

The New York District of Circle K was named a Distinguished District at the Circle K International Convention held from June 22-26, 2011, in Virginia Beach.

Adelphi University Senior Rickie Santer was also honored as a Distinguished Governor.

In addition, Santer was recognized for his Governor's Project that raised more than \$11,000 for Kiwanis International's Worldwide Service Project - ELIMINATE.

The convention also acknowledged DPG Rickie and Long Island Division Circle K Lt. Governor Lauren Sacks by a resolution thanking them for their planning and execution of a Murder Mystery Social Event which capped off the International Large Scale Service Project held immediately prior to the convention.

Current NYCKI Governor Josephine Lukito was recognized as a Distinguished Lt. Governor for her efforts as 2010-11 Central Lakes Division Lt. Governor.

Club awards won by the New York District included:



Convention delegates from Adelphi University Circle K accept third Place Club Achievement Award from Circle K International President Amanda Marfisi and Vice President Nicole Loehr.

- Adelphi University Circle K - CKI Service Week Award
- University at Albany Circle K -3rd Place GEM Award (Emerald Division)
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) Circle K - 2nd Place Club Achievement Award (Silver Division)
- Adelphi University Circle K - 3rd Place Club Achievement Award (Gold Division).

Free Car Wash Raises \$3,000 for Community Projects

The Kiwanis Club of the Central Adirondacks, the Key Club and Jr. Key Club of the Town of Webb School washed more than 100 cars at their 11th Annual Free Car Wash on May 28 in Old Forge.

The combined Kiwanis Club and Key Club effort raised more than \$3,000.

Co-Chairman Bob Baker and Dick Olson were pleased to report that the Kiwanis Free Car Wash was a great success.

"We washed over 100 cars and several Old Forge Fire Department vehicles returning from a call."

The event is the primary fund raiser for the Kiwanis Club's child oriented community programs such as, Key Club, Town of Webb School, Senior, Student of the Month/Year Scholarship, Christmas for Kids, Christmas Holiday Movie & Refreshments for Kids, Winter Carnival - Winter Sports Challenge benefiting Kommunity Youth & Activity Center (KYAC).

In addition, programs such as Benches on Main St., Kamp Kiwanis Scholarships, Books for Kids, Hugh O'Brien Youth Conference (HOBY) Scholarships, Mentoring Program, and Outdoor Youth Experience Kayaking and Mountain Climbing are provided

for.

"Each year the Free Car Wash provides the funds for the basic operation of the Central Adirondack Kiwanis Club activities and we are pleased by

the turnout of Kiwanis and Key Club members and their extra effort," Baker said. "We are especially thankful for the efforts of Key Club Advisor Diane Amos and Kiwanis Family members."



To end the school year it is a tradition for the North Shore Key Club to assist with a very special bike ride: the Nassau to Suffolk Bike Challenge fund raiser for the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center (KPTC). The event is organized by the North Shore Kiwanis Club, the Kiwanis Club sponsors for the North Shore Key Club.



Kiwanis Train Makes July 4 Parade in Southamton

The July 4th parade is always a special event for Southamton Town families and friends, but it was even more special for the Southamton Kiwanis club because of its home-made Kiwanis Kids Train entry.

Co-chairs Bruce Peterson and Frank Berry built the 8-car train with cabooses and converted go-cart-engine based on a similar model they encountered on a recent trip to Maine.

Additional help was provided by club

members Harlan Foley, Tony Mendola, Eric Nastro, Tom White and Scott Wilson.

Theme for the award winning entry: "Kiwanis: Serving the Children of the World"

**Human and
Spiritual Values**

**Rev. Rosita
George-Williams**



Commitment to Kiwanis in the beginning is very much like falling in love is at the beginning. We make all kinds of promises to do all kind of things. We say the love will never end and nothing will ever come between us. We go out of our way to do everything we can to show just how much we care - to show just how committed we are to the relationship. We do our best to please. We're not ashamed to let everyone know about our special love and how wonderful we feel. We live on a cloud, floating through the minutes and the hours and the days. In every sense, we have "a love thing goin' on"!

But then, time passes. We get comfortable with each other. The "best behavior" attitude dissipates. We let the "warts" show, so to speak. Publicly, socially, we're still singing about love being here to stay. We're still singing "Always and Forever" and "When You Call On Me, That's When I Come Run-

nin". But, in all actuality, our actions aren't anywhere near there. And we leave our loved one to sing, "You're A Runaway Love - you keep runnin' in and out of my life", or "Practice What You Preach - tellin' me this and tellin' me that - once you were with me you'd never go back". They stand there -- waiting for you to decide whether you still want them in your life or if, in fact, it's all over. You leave them wondering whether the love you had was real or Memorex.

Honest commitment to Kiwanis can be extremely inconvenient. Convenience seems to be the rule of the day. We'll sign up to help with the food drive. But, if anything we're required to do takes up too much of our time, we cross it off the list - we don't show up, figuring that someone else will be there and we'll never be missed. Meetings, interclubs, divisional, conventions? - what a pain in the neck. We have more than enough to do working at our jobs and caring for our families and belonging to our religious organizations. And every talk show host will tell you that we all need time for ourselves in order to decrease the stress in our lives!

Ironically, honest commitment to Kiwanis work can be the best stress reliever around. True commitment - the kind of commitment that comes from

the heart - that is made through the movement of our faith - does not tire us out. It does not inconvenience us. It does not get in the way of our lives. On the contrary, it energizes us. It empowers us. It revives us. It opens new and exciting ways of experiencing life. It moves that certain something within that wants to see God's work through Kiwanis succeed. It moves that certain something within that draws others into the Kiwanis family. It's real commitment - not Memorex.

If you really want to put the words "changing the world one child and one community at a time" into action because you truly believe that it can happen, now is the time to make your commitment real. If you truly believe in the Kiwanis mission and message, then show the world by living up to the commitment you make. Let the world know you are a Kiwanian by allowing them to see Kiwanis in your life - in your smile - to hear Kiwanis in your words - in your voice - to feel Kiwanis in your touch - in your acts of kindness. Let the world know that the love you have and the commitment you have made to serve the children of the world is real - not Memorex.

Membership Growth

Joe Weiss



As the 2010-11 year finishes, I will complete three years as District Membership Growth Chairperson. I will be stepping down, and passing the reins on to my extremely capable replacement, PLG Kim Scharoff.

It has been an incredible journey, as I have had the opportunity to meet thousands of incredible Kiwanians throughout the state. I learned so much from you! You taught me how Kiwanians give and give - time, money, heart, and sometimes soul! You have shown me how to make a traveling Kiwanian feel welcome, and how much Kiwanis does for everyone, everywhere. You have taught me how diversity of actions, goals and people create accomplishments and growth beyond my wildest dreams.

During my career, I had the incredible opportunity to meet some great people, many of them being Kiwanians. I have been fortunate to spend personal time with the President, heads of state, corporate executives, and religious leaders. As a curious person, I was always mindful to note some of their core skills. I was intrigued as to which of their skills had made the primary difference in their growth; observing the lynch pins that made them so highly successful in their fields and/or lives. What I learned from them, I have carried forth in my life and most recently, in my life with Kiwanis.

I learned that successful people had some very common personality characteristics. The characteristic that I found

most important in leaders was their ability to be flexible and changeable. I learned that in life, people grow, change, and develop until they reach what I call their "Change Limit." As long as we don't reach our "Change Limit," we continue to grow personally and with our organizations. The most successful people, in my opinion, had little or no "Change Limit" in the context of their areas of success.

During my time as Membership Growth Chairman, I have challenged clubs to look at themselves and where they needed to change with the times. Many of you did exactly that. You showed that you were able to change and grow to protect your club's future, and to be able to give more. In an attempt to find new members in new ways, you lowered the average age of your clubs, you lowered meeting costs, and you reduced the number of meetings per month, and reviewed your meeting procedures and goals.

You realized that what works for one club does not necessarily work for yours. You tried new methods and ways. You kept your minds open to change. You interviewed the younger people in your clubs, learned what motivated them, and allowed them to become important voices in your clubs. You avoided your "Change Limit," and grew in numbers and/or developed your foundations for future growth. You fully involved your members and listened to them. On behalf of all of Kiwanis, THANK YOU VERY MUCH for your great work!

I should also acknowledge that some clubs chose not to address their "Change Limit." Many of these are productive clubs and still do an awful lot in their communities. They enjoy status quo and their club's present chemistry. To them I would like to say THANK YOU as well for your great work! Your

club will always be an important part of Kiwanis! I would also like to remind you that failure to observe a "Change Limit" is not always an immediate concern, but is a future concern. Will your club still be around in 5-10 years? To continue doing its great work? I hope that you are!

As clubs age, they need to allow the younger Kiwanians to change the way clubs run to their own vision. Today's new generation thinks very differently than older generations. Each generation is motivated differently and our newest generation is no different. Ask them and they will teach you what they need. And then, they will teach you how they grow!

In summary, we have worked hard together getting our clubs guest and future ready. We learned how to better educate and inform our members. And finally, we learned that membership development is not a dirty word, and that we must constantly focus on it in these difficult times and at all times.

I plan to reduce my workload for the next year or so, and catch up on some things. However, I will still enjoy hearing from you! Additionally, I would love to continue helping you to "brainstorm" your change plans, and perhaps, even visit you again when you need me. Please feel free to call, write, or email. I will gladly respond.

In my role as Membership Growth Chair, I've had the greatest job in Kiwanis; I was able to travel like the governor, but meet and be with you like just another Kiwanian. I learned that New York State is a big, beautiful, and diverse state with wonderful Kiwanians! Thank you again for all of your hospitalities and for what you have taught me. I will never forget the lessons that I have learned that help me to continue to rise above my own personal "Change Limit."

Pediatric Lyme Disease

DPG John Gridley



Summer is here and so is Lyme disease. If you have been watching the TV this past spring, you noticed that all predictions are for the highest increase in Lyme disease this year since records have been kept. So let me remind you how to avoid Lyme disease.

The best way to avoid Lyme disease is to avoid deer ticks. Although generally

only about one percent of all deer ticks are infected with Lyme Disease Bacteria, however, in some areas in upstate, on Long Island, and Staten Island more than half harbor the germs.

- To help prevent contact with ticks, walk in the center of trails to avoid picking up ticks from overhanging brush.

- To minimize skin exposure to ticks, wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts that fit tightly at the ankles and wrists. As a further safeguard, wear a hat, tuck pant legs into socks, and wear shoes that leave no part of your feet exposed.

- To make it easy to find ticks on cloths, wear light-colored clothing.

- To keep ticks away, spray clothing with the insecticide permethrin, commonly found in lawn and garden stores.

- To repel ticks, spray clothing or skin with insect repellents that contain a chemical called DEET (N, N-diethyl-M-

toluamide).

- If you are pregnant, you should be especially careful to avoid ticks in Lyme disease areas because infection can be transferred to your unborn child.

I would like to personally thank all the members of the Kiwanis family: Kiwanis Clubs, Circle K Clubs, Key Clubs, Builders Clubs, and K-Kids who have worked so hard to raise money for and having been so generous in donations to the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation, or by purchasing a Brittant Fellowship Award as an inexpensive way to honor someone special.

As always, if you know someone in need of financial help for the treatment and/or medication as a result of Lyme disease, please contact me directly or any other member of the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation Board. We are here to help through Kiwanis.

New York District Kiwanis Foundation

District Foundation

Sal Anelli



As I sit here typing away at my computer writing this article I am totally elated about your New York District Kiwanis Foundation and of course about your Kamp Kiwanis. I say "your" because that is correct, this is your foundation and your Kamp and without you we don't have either.

Three short years ago we were at a crossroads with the Kamp, we had a very low Kampership attendance, our bills were piling up and things really looked dismal. We knew that something had to be done because we were going down the wrong path, so we did something about it, we came to you, the New York District Kiwanians and said, "we need help" and help you did. We came to you and asked you to send us one more Kamper, we asked you to help us change a child's life for the better, we asked you to help us make a child's dream come true, we asked for your support, and you came through.

From three years ago where we

served only about 440 children to this year where we are possibly filling the Kamp with more than 700 children and reducing our debt service significantly.

The numbers aren't in yet, but we are way ahead of last year at this time and all indications show that we will fill the Kamp. A big part of that success, of course is due to Governor Mike Malark who made it his project for a wonderful cause of sending children of active military people to our Kamp. To date Governor Mike has already raised enough funds for over 100 military Kampers and is still going strong raising more funds, that is amazing. This Military Kampership program has been so successful that Governor Elect Bill Risbrook has already promised that he will continue it for his administrative year.

This year we were also very fortunate to receive some additional grants unexpectedly. Thanks to Anthony Merendino's hard work for the past two years, we were finally able to secure a large part of a grant promised to us three years ago by Senator Alesi, and thanks the generosity of a Kiwanian from the Rochester area, Clayton Hunt Jr. who, upon his passing, left a \$50,000 donation to the District Kiwanis Foundation, and the same for the Kiwanis International Foundation.

These grants do not come along every

year, so we have been very active in researching other avenues for securing grants. So I come to you for help once again, however this is not the type of help where you need to raise funds, you just need to get the word out.

Guidestar, an organization of all charitable organizations, has informed us of a grant available through the Stay Classy Achievement Award. This is an award that will be given to a philanthropic organization such as the New York District Kiwanis Foundation. It is a three-stage qualifying award and we have already made it through the first stage; in late July the second stage will be determined by a panel of judges which will choose which organizations will be put in to the third stage. If we make it through to the third stage then it will be up to you to vote us in for possibly a \$250,000 award.

If you have a Facebook page it is very easy to vote, just go on to your Facebook page, in the search bar write this "Kamp Kiwanis-NY District Kiwanis Foundation, Inc.-Taberg, NY" and vote, if you don't have a Facebook page, start one; if you need help with it email me and I will forward you very easy step by step direction so that you can help. Remember, it doesn't cost anything, no need to fund raise for it, just get the word out to anyone that you know that has a Facebook page.



From left are International Foundation President PG Jack Harten, District Foundation Board member PG David Rothman, Lucinda Hunt-Stowell, Clayton Hunt's daughter, and District Foundation President Sal Anelli.

\$50,000 Bequests Recognized

Lucinda Hunt-Stowell, daughter of the late Clayton Hunt Jr., a member of the Brighton Kiwanis Club, was on hand May 14 at the Kamp Kiwanis Open House to present two bequests of \$50,000 each on behalf of her father.

\$50,000 was donated to Kamp Kiwa-

nis and \$50,000 was donated to the Kiwanis International Foundation. On hand to receive the donation to the International Foundation was Jack Harten, president of the International Foundation and a member of the Webster Kiwanis club.

Foundation Awards Scholarships

The New York District Foundation has announced the winners of this year's Scholarships.

Edward Sexton, scholarship chair for the foundation, announced the winners. He thanked all those who submitted application this year, and Marlene Herring for helping judge the applications.

The winners will receive \$1,000 from the New York District Foundation. The foundation wishes them well as they move forward and continue their education.

The winners and their high schools are:

Rrita Ibrahim, Bishop Ludden High School.

Ana Villasenor, Port Chester High School.

Sarah Malsch, Tamarac High School.

Daniel Rustico, Minisink Valley.

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Marina at Kamp Dedicated to PG Jim Yochum

The marina at Kamp Kiwanis was dedicated to Past Gov. Jim Yochum May 14 during the annual Kamp Open House.

Yochum was serving as District Foundation Treasurer when he died Nov. 27, 2010.

Yochum served many years as the treasurer of the New York District Foundation, which operates the kamp, and had served in many other roles during his years in Kiwanis.

Foundation President Sal Anelli, noted that Jim frequently responded "don't you realize, it's for the kids," when questions were asked about priorities. Several others offered comments during the dedication as well.

The sign over the entrance to the marina features three figures, representing Jim and two of his grandchildren fishing as shown on an actual picture which is displayed on the post next to Anelli. In the picture, from left, are Mikey Yochum, TJ Yochum and Jim.



Pictured from left, are Yochum's son, Steve and his wife, Jenn; Jim's widow, Mary; Lindy Marrazzo, immediate past president of the foundation, and Sal Anelli, foundation president.