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Spreading the Word of Kiwanis Around the World

Several speakers played off the saying that "what happens in Las Vegas stays in Las Vegas" during the International Convention to argue just the reverse -- that what happened during the Kiwanis International Convention there should be spread around the world.

More than 2,000 delegates from around the world gathered for the annual event, which included business and well as many educational opportunities and some fun, including a concert by the 1970s band "Three Dog Night."

International President James Rochford turned over the job to Florencio "Poly" Lat for 2018-19, and Art Riley from the Capital District was elected vice president for the coming year, which means he will be International President in two years' time.

The New York District was honored twice during the convention for its work



New York District Gov. Candace Corsaro, fourth from the left, accepting honors for the district's accomplishments this year in opening new clubs and inducting new members.

in the current year. The district placed 7th in both the number of new clubs opened

and the number of new members inducted. See pages 8, 9 for more.

District Convention Starts Aug. 16 in Syracuse

The 101st New York District Kiwanis Convention will take place Aug. 16-19 at the Marriott Downtown Hotel in Syracuse.

The convention will feature the annual meeting of the New York District Kiwanis Foundation, the election of a governor and a governor-elect for the coming year, and many educational forums, celebrations and a Roarin' 20's event on Saturday evening.

John "Hank" Baker from the Niagara Frontier South Division will be the sole candidate for governor for 2018-19.

Two candidates are running for the post of governor-elect. They are Joseph Ruggiero of the Brooklyn Division and Frank Romeo of the Genesee Division.

More information on the candidates and the schedule for the week are on pages 4, 5 and 6.

Governor
Candace
Corsaro



CHANGE and they said it could not be done!

What a whirlwind it has been of dedication, fun, and fellowship it has been. I have visited the Empire State Games, many pancake breakfasts, tours of Coney Island, scholarship award ceremonies, New Club Openings, wine tasting dinners, achievement awards, member retention workshops, and governor visits. Just to name a few of the many places I have been and many more before the end of my year.

We have opened eight new clubs and five more are to open. Our membership hit over 7,000. We went from 68 under charter clubs to less than 20. You are all doing a fantastic job! We are also opening new Circle K Clubs, Key Clubs, Builders Clubs and Aktion Clubs. This all happened because YOU MADE IT

HAPPEN!

We had a very successful Kiwanis International Presidents' dinner with more than 100 in attendance. This event was at Hastings on Hudson and they made it perfect. Co-Lt. Governor's John Bartunek and Michael Marinaccio from the Bronx-Westchester Division hosted this event.

A special thank you to my executive assistant, Susan Sheehan, for the planning and execution of this dinner.

Our DCON is August 16-19 at the newly renovated Syracuse Hotel. Our theme, in honor of our district's 100th Anniversary, is the Roaring 20's. Saturday evening there will be a dance and the entertainment will be provided by our very own Chuck Eckert. Ladies, get your flapper dress on and gentleman get your top hat and spats out for a fun evening.

We will have our election for Governor John "Hank" Baker, 2018-19 and for the two candidates running for Governor-Elect, Frank Romeo from Rochester, Genesee Division and Joe Ruggiero from Brooklyn, Brooklyn Division.

Have a great rest of the summer. Stay well and God Bless. See you all at DCON.

Gov.-Elect

 Hank Baker



Hello Fellow Kiwanians, now that our International Convention is complete we will be moving on to our District Convention in Syracuse.

As you can see our registration is online and ready to go. We have two worthy candidates running for governor elect.

Hank's Helping Hands Board are on the starting block and ready to get started. Our goal next year is to send 100 Military Kids from Fort Drum to Kamp Kiwanis. These kids have a parent or parents deployed. So what a great way to make kids smile to send them to our Kamp Kiwanis for a week. When the time comes your lieutenant governor for 2018-19 will fill you in on the details.

We have a plan for membership and club building. So let's all get registered for DCON in Syracuse for a fun filled weekend.

New Club Building

 DPG Joe Eppolito



The New York District Kiwanis is on a new club opening roll.

Six new clubs were opened in the month of May and June with more to come.

Clubs opened were: Deer Park-North Babylon-Suffolk West Division (17 members), Ridgewood-Queens West Division (100+ members), Midtown Manhattan-Metropolitan Division (15+ members), Fairview-Greenburgh-Hudson Tri-County (16+ members), Southern Dutchess County-Hudson River Division (16+ members) and Maybrook-Hudson River West (17+ members) Congratulations to the club openers and lieutenant governors for the hard work! That brings us to eight new clubs.

Fairview-Greenburgh and Southern Dutchess County were built in a two-day Eye of the Tiger Blitz (see the NYDK web-

site for that story). Historically, since 1989, we have only opened new clubs in double digits three times: 1999-2000 with 11 (PDG Joe Eppolito), 2001-02 with 15 clubs (PDG Pat Cooney) and 2003-04 with 11 (PDG Peter Mancuso). I BELIEVE that we will do that in 2017-18 under Gov.Candace Corsaro.

From a membership standpoint, we are at a +432 as of July 1. Historically, we have had only four district net gains since 1989: 1999-2000 +190 (PDG Joe Eppolito), 2001-02 +185 (PDG Pat Cooney), 2007-08 +6 (PDG Don Herring) and 2010-11 +87 (PDG Mike Malark). We need a much larger positive growth going into September to remain at a positive net growth. I BELIEVE we can achieve positive growth under Gov. Candace.

What can we all do? Recruit a member or two, retain a member of two from quitting, help those New Club Openers in your division that are working on a new club site and be POSITIVE! The new club opening process can also be used to revitalize a struggling club. It is the SAME process.

See you all at DCON in Syracuse in August. I can be reached at 315-436-2157 (cell) and/or at pepster@aol.com.

Pediatric Lyme Disease

 DPG John Gridley



This year is predicted to be a particularly bad one for ticks and tick-borne diseases, whether you're vacationing upstate or just going for a walk in Central Park.

And June and July are especially dangerous, since ticks in the second stages of

their life cycle cause the most cases of Lyme disease, says Richard Ostfeld, a disease ecologist with the Cary Institute in the Hudson Valley.

Here are some ways to protect yourself from ticks.

THE CLASSICS: Avoid shady, wooded and brushy areas with high grass and leaf litter. Repellent with DEET is the most effective way to repel ticks.

HOW TO GET RID OF A TICK: Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible; slowly pull out in an upward motion; and then wash the area with rubbing alcohol. See your doctor as soon as possible if you experience flu-like symptoms such as fever, headache, lethargy, and body aches. Demand a blood test and start antibiotics as soon as possible.

BRING OUT THE BIG GUNS: Repellents don't actually kill ticks, so the best way to protect yourself from tick bites is to spray clothing, especially shoes and socks

(which baby ticks love to latch onto) with permethrin. Though the ticks may still find you, they'll die before they have a chance to infect you.

GO HOLISTIC: Natural repellents which include essential oils from rosemary, lemon grass, thyme and nootkatone, according to the CDC. The EPA hasn't registered them as repellents but some studies have shown that they do keep ticks away, precaution is always best.

As always, if you know of someone in need of financial assistance paying for treatment and/or medication in connection with Lyme disease call me or any one of the board members.

Thank you to all those Kiwanis members and sponsored youth members who take the time to care and share by supporting our mission (No child should have to suffer with this chronic disease) with donations and/or by purchasing a Brittany Fellowship, First and Second Emerald Brittany and the Joseph Michael Wuest Fellowship.

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Monticello Kiwanis Awards Scholarships

Nine Monticello High School Seniors and their parents/guardians were guests of honor at the Monticello Kiwanis scholarship dinner.

A total of \$8,500 was awarded in schol-

arships. The recipients were Allison LaRuffa, Megan Wells, Hunter Ferriero, Sarah Yousef, Valerie Goetz, Somaya Bracy, Krista Novello, Gabriel Megna and SaraJane Sorensen.

2017-18 Events

Aug. 16-19, 2018:
 District Convention, Marriott Syracuse Downtown, Syracuse

KPTC North Shore

DPG Joseph Corace



KPTC President Joseph Corace passed along an article about the Cohen Children's Hospital which KPTC has supported for many years as evidence that Kiwanis' efforts have paid dividends:

U.S. News & World Report says two children's hospitals on Long Island are among the best in the country across numerous pediatric specialties. The news organization released its 12th annual "Best Children's Hospitals" rankings Tuesday.

The rankings looked at 10 pediatric specialties: cancer; cardiology and heart surgery; diabetes and endocrinology; gastroenterology and gastrointestinal surgery; neonatology; nephrology; neurology and neurosurgery; orthopedics; pulmonology; and urology.

Cohen Children's Medical Center in New Hyde Park was nationally ranked in eight pediatric specialties, while NYU's Winthrop University Hospital Children's Medical Center in Mineola was nationally ranked in one specialty.

Cohen rankings:
Pediatric Urology: No. 12
Pediatric Orthopedics: No. 20
Pediatric Neurology and Neurosurgery: No. 27
Pediatric Pulmonology: No. 29
Neonatology: No. 32
Pediatric Diabetes and Endocrinology: No. 40
Pediatric Gastroenterology and GI surgery: No. 42
Pediatric Nephrology: No. 48
Winthrop rankings:
Pediatric Diabetes and Endocrinology: No. 41

Cohen Children's Medical was named one of the nation's top 50 hospitals that offer exceptional pediatric care for the twelfth year in a row.

"US News' latest survey results underscore the progress we've made in improving clinical outcomes in most of our specialties," Charles Schleien, MD, executive director of Cohen Children's, said in a press release. "Our results this year demonstrate the commitment of our clinical teams, researchers and our highly-skilled nursing staff, which holds Magnet designation from the American Nurses' Credentialing Center – the only children's hospital in New York State to earn that distinction."

Ben Harder, chief of health analysis at U.S. News, told Patch the rankings are designed with parents and young patients in

mind. Families can make better decisions by having access to what the authors called the "most comprehensive data" available in addition to their doctors' advice.

"There are hundreds if not thousands of hospitals in the country that take care of kids from time to time," Harder said. "But there are only a couple hundred that really specialize in taking care of sick kids."

These rankings are intended to aid families with young patients suffering from "particularly challenging" medical diagnoses and who need an "extra level of care," he said. "This includes pediatric cancer, a heart defect, a complicated fracture or a birth defect. The rankings highlight which hospital has the best experience, capabilities, teams and track records in achieving 'good outcomes' for young patients."

Most families do not need a top hospital most of the time, he said.

"There are hundreds of hospitals that can treat run-of-the-mill stuff like a sprained ankle or managing asthma," said Harder.

Ten hospitals earned a place on the U.S. News report's so-called "Honor Roll," which recognizes pediatric centers that provide "exceptionally high-quality care" across multiple specialties. Boston Children's Hospital topped that list again, ranking first overall in three different specialties: neurology and neurosurgery, nephrology and orthopedics.

Governor's Project

Al Federico



We hear a lot of good things clubs are doing, throughout the district, for our veterans. But that's all -- it's just verbal. Most clubs are not reporting their service to our veterans.

Everyone should know what you club is doing. There are some unique projects that are not being shared. Projects that may help enhance the health and good spirits of our heroes.

Don't take for granted that what you do is done by everyone else. Some activities you may think is exceptional in your area only, may work elsewhere.

I'm sure we have all experienced blinder syndrome. What we have done for years is all that could be done. Your project may help remove the blinder and work well in other areas of the district.

Remember it's the veteran we are here to serve. New thoughts will only help us help them.

This year Gov. Candace chose as one of her Governor's Projects, "No Veteran Left Behind". Your club can receive a banner patch and certificate if submission form is mailed before Sept. 30. Mail completed form to: Deborah Romeo, 745 Titus Ave. Annex Bld., Rochester, NY 14617.

But don't wait until the end of the year. We want to see what you club is doing every month. Work hard, report regularly and don't forget our veterans.

Food Kart Day Collects Donations

On June 30 the Kiwanis Club of the Central Adirondacks sponsored its 10th annual Food Kart Day for the Webb Community Food Pantry and it was very successful. The Webb Community Food Pantry located at St. Bartholomew's Church is always in need of additional non-perishable food items.

Kiwanis members and other volunteers were stationed at Kalil's Market in Inlet, DiOrio's Supermarket in Old Forge and Kinney Drugs in Old Forge. They asked shoppers to con-

sider buying an additional non-perishable food item and drop them off in the grocery carts stationed as they exited the stores. Each shopper was provided with a "Shopping List" of typical non-perishable food items that might be purchased for the Food Pantry.

The shoppers were very generous and cart after cart was filled with various food items. Father Howard Venette, pastor of St. Bartholomew's Church, who is the Webb Food Pantry Coordinator, expressed his sincere thanks.



2018 District Convention, Aug. 16-19

Candidate for Governor: John "Hank" Baker

After serving in Vietnam John "Hank" Baker married his high school sweetheart, current Niagara Frontier South Lt. Gov. Bonnie, and has been married for 47 years. They have four daughters, 12 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



In his years as a Kiwanian, he has served two terms as president, is a two-time Kiwanian of the Year, served as chairman on many club fundraisers, and is a life member.

In 2013-14 he was lieutenant governor for the Niagara Frontier South Division. During the year he opened two Aktion Clubs, recruited 68 new members in the division and became Distinguished Lt. Governor of Excellence under Past Distinguished Gov. Joe Aiello. The division also ran an autism event and raised \$11,000 for an addition to a children's special needs school.

In 2014-15, he was election chair for Gov. Eric Paul and in 2015-16 served as Executive Assistant and was on the finance committee for Gov. Forbes Irvine.

He served as Niagara Frontier South lieutenant governor again in 2016-17, and has been a club counselor on the Formula Team.

Builders Club Completes Year

The RJK Middle School Builders Club started June off with a visit to the Sullivan County SPCA in Rock Hill.

They delivered loads of goodies to the shelter, including food, toys and blankets that were donated by the club members as well as other middle school students and faculty. They had a blast visiting the kitten and cat rooms as well as the dogs in the kennels.

The Builders Club met again the following week for the end of year pizza party, complements of Giovanni's Pizzeria, and election of officers. The new officers for 2018-19 are: Kaylen Blackford, president; Robert Pape, vice president; Tonya Mann, treasurer and Leah Taggart, secretary.

The Builders Club is sponsored by the Monticello Kiwanis Club.

District Convention Schedule

Tentative Schedule, Subject to Change

Thursday, Aug. 16

Finance Committee Meeting	10 a.m.-Noon
Registration, Credentials and Exhibits	2-6 p.m.
Basket Raffles	2-6 p.m.
2017-18 Board Meeting	1-5 p.m.
2017-18 Board Dinner (by invitation only)	7:30-9 p.m.
Past Governors Dinner	6:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 17

Past Governors Breakfast and Council (\$)	7-9 a.m.
Exhibits and Baskets	8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Registration, Credentials and Exhibits	8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Basket Raffles	9-5 p.m.
Forums (see page 6)	9-11:25 a.m.
Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation Board Meeting	10-11:15 a.m.
Veteran's Luncheon (\$)	11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
District Foundation Annual Meeting and Elections	2-4 p.m.
District Foundation Board Reorganization Meeting	4-4:30 p.m.
Convention Honoree Reception	4-5 p.m.
Past Governors' Boards Reunion Dinners	5:30-7:30 p.m.
Opening Session	8-10 p.m.
Hospitality Rooms	10 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 18

Recognition Breakfast (\$)	7:30-8:30 a.m.
Basket Raffles	9 a.m.-Noon
Registration, Credentials and Exhibits	8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Forums (see page 6)	9 a.m.-11:15 p.m.
Past Lt. Governors Meeting	10:40-11:15 a.m.
Lunch on Your Own	Noon
Division Caucuses	1-2:15 p.m.
House of Delegates	2:30-4:30 p.m.
Gala Governor's Reception (with Dinner Ticket)	6-7 p.m.
Governor's Toast (by invitation)	6:45 p.m.
Governor's Celebration Dinner (\$)	7 p.m.
Roarin' 20s Dance	10 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 19

Memorial Breakfast (\$20)	8-9:30 a.m.
Installation of Officers	10-11:30 a.m.
2017-18 Board Luncheon (by invitation)	Noon-2 p.m.

See the District Web Site, www.kiwanis-ny.org, for the latest schedule.

Key Club Picks Litter in Monticello

On May 17 the Monticello Key Club worked to clean up Route 42 in Monticello. Eight students and two advisors participated in the project. It took one and a half hours as they collected eight large garbage bags filled with everything you can imagine.

"This is the sixth year that Kiwanis has coordinated a Litter Pluck with the Monticello High School Key Club students. It's extremely rewarding to see what wonderful results we see from our students by empowering them to take on any project - especially this one to help clean and preserve "Mother Earth" said, Jane Sorensen, Kiwanis Key Club Advisor.

Participating were Key Clubbers Taylor Fein, Lina Rios, Key Club President, Leslie Dejesus, Rachel Whitback, Thomas Cammerino, Jenna Cammerino, Arnold San Miguel, Sara Sorensen, Kiwanis Key Club Advisor Jane Sorensen and Key Club Faculty Advisor Steven Raabe.

2018 District Convention, Aug. 16-19

Two Running for Governor-Elect

Frank Romeo

Good clubs just don't happen; involvement by their members make them happen.

The New York District of Kiwanis needs you! By being active in your club, you will stay up to date on the challenges facing our children and communities.

Through your active participation, you will welcome many new members to your club, just by setting the example of hard work and caring. Your family, friends and members of your community, with the same mindset, will join your efforts and clubs.

Deborah and I encourage you to continue this journey. Please get involved and help shape the future of our district. As a member, you're not just part of our Kiwanis district, you are also part of a family of more than 6,000 members committed to advancing the value and impact of our service to children, families and communities. Together we WILL do amazing things.

This sums up the essence of Kiwanis both in our local community and the work of Kiwanis International. Thank you all for your

support and hard work as Kiwanians.

When elected, I will not micro-manage the district. I will get other talented Kiwanians (some that have never participated) involved in the management and operation of the district. I have the strength, time and ability to work with everyone and to bring new and talented individuals into Kiwanis.

Every new Kiwanis Year, our goal should be to simply increase and improve on the things we do each year.

We need to increase community volunteer work. We need to continue to contribute to the good work our clubs, our district and Kiwanis International does. We need to increase our membership to minimize the loss of members and to continue to help all the children and families in need, locally and around the world.

I have more than ample credentials from



my business background to manage the New York District of Kiwanis. I have been a member of Kiwanis for more than 20 years and have held numerous Kiwanis positions. My wife and I have raised money and donated money to many charitable causes over the past 40 years, including Kiwanis, but Kiwanis is our passion.

I am passionate about Kiwanis and will bring new solutions to old problems. If you place your confidence in me and elect me as your next governor-elect, I assure you that your concerns will become my concerns. My record exemplifies passionate, self-driven advocacy on behalf of all of us. I care about your interests and your voice. Come share your ideas, and I will make them happen.

Most importantly, Deborah and I have the continued desire and capacity to continue to help children and families in need. It won't be easy, but we owe our children and our communities this, as they couldn't exist without the hard work of our members.

Please give me the opportunity to be your New York District governor-elect.

Joseph Ruggiero

LAS VEGAS -- Thank God the warm weather is upon us. Being on convention in Las Vegas is a true testament of being able to cope with the extreme heat. It was great to see and be a part of the yearly gathering of Kiwanians; seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

It is such a rewarding feeling to be a part of the convention experience. I was also here in 2010 when Las Vegas hosted the International Convention. Each time proved to be a very rewarding experience. However, it will feel good to get back to 90 degree New York weather.

The business was conducted at the House of Delegates. There were three

amendments up for vote and after hearing different viewpoints, the votes were cast. We heard from a great array of qualified candidates. It is such a great fulfilling feeling to be part of the voting process and being able to vote for our future leaders to keep the Kiwanis mission strong.

The forums that were offered encompassed a wide variety of topics and were very informative. So many great ideas and projects were talked about. If you



have never attended an International Convention, I urge you to put it on your calendar for 2019 and join me in Orlando, Florida.

Next up is our exciting New York District Convention in August in Syracuse. I am looking forward to attending DCON at the newly refurbished Marriott Syracuse. Please plan on attending to cast your vote! I am one of two candidates running for Governor Elect 2018-19. Each club is allowed three delegates. By attending DCON and sending your three delegates, you are not only showing your support for a candidate but also showing your support for the District.

I look forward to seeing you all in Syracuse!

Lynbrook Has Baby Shower

The Lynbrook Kiwanis Club presented a gift of baby baskets filled with items for new born babies to assist new mothers who are underserved to South Nassau Hospital. From left, Susan DeSena of the Lynbrook Kiwanis Club, with Maria Fonte, social worker, South Nassau Family Medicine and Mark Head, vice president of external affairs for South Nassau.



2018 District Convention, Aug. 16-19

District Convention Forum Schedule

Tentative Schedule, Subject to change

Friday, Aug. 17

9-9:45 a.m.

Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation.DPG John Gridley and DPLtG Angie Politano
Young Children Priority OnePast First Lady Helene Irvine
PartnershipsPast Lt. Gov. Chuck Eckert
Governor's Project 2017-18 Wrap UpGov. Candace Corsaro

9:50-10:35 a.m.

Kiwanis Children's Fund.....DPLtG Jim Mancuso and DPLtG Kimberly Davis
Builders ClubAdministarator Millie Mandese
Public Relations and MarketingLt. Gov. Joel Harris
Climbing Your Family TreeDistrict Secretary Rich Hall,
Assistant District Secretary Ann Sewert

10:40-11:25 a.m.

Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma CentersDistinguished Past Gov. Joe Corace,
.....Past Lt. Gov. Susan Vail, Past Lt. Gov. Stan Thompson
K KidsAdministrator Mickie Leamey
Taking on a Leadership Role.....Past Governor's Council
Recruiting New Members.....Past Gov. Eric Paul
Navigating MedicarePast Fist Lady Karen Mancuso

Saturday, Aug. 18

9-9:45 a.m.

Aktion Club.....Administrator Jaimie Neuringer, Dennis Gabel
Retaining Your MembershipPast Gov. Eric Paul
Club Treasurer TrainingDistrict Tresurer David Vail
Anti-BullyingLt. Gov. Keith Cummings
Governor's Project: Military KampersGov.-Elect Hank Baker

9:50-10:35 a.m.

Circle KAdministrator John Keega
Club Secretary Training.....Distinguished Past Lt. Gov. Kim Scharoff
Making Meetings FunChristopher Martz
Risk Management/Youth Protection ...DPLtG Roger Eltringham, PG David Booker

10:40-11:25 a.m.

Key ClubAdministrator John Goldstein
District Foundation/Kamp Kiwanis/Disaster ReliefFoundation Board
Taking on a Leadership Role.....Past Governors' Council
Social Media for Your ClubCircle K District Board Members

Fordham Circle K Members Get Scholarships

Fordham Kiwanis hosted outgoing and incoming Circle K officers at its end-of-semester dinner.

Two graduating seniors, Katie Dixon and Megan Czachor, were honored for their service, along with junior Mia Beverly, who was presented with a \$1,000 scholarship from Kiwanis Gov. Candace Corsaro via the Kiwanis Children's Fund.

Three charter members of Fordham Circle K, dating back 49 years, were present, regaling current members with stories of service and "shenanigans" in Fordham Circle K a half-century ago.

Circle K members described to Kiwanians the success of their year-end "use it or lose it" service project, asking students to use final balances on their meal plans to purchase non-perishable items for POTS ("Part of the Solution") a neighborhood food pantry.

K-Kids Promote Autism Awareness

The Connolly School K-Kids held an Autism Awareness event to begin the month of April. Students and teachers were encouraged to "Light It Up Blue" for the month of April.

Assisted by Connolly Special Education Teacher Kathleen Madigan, the K-Kids encouraged the student body to wear blue and purchase blue bracelets to promote awareness and acceptance of students with Autism. Teachers got in the act also purchasing T-shirts and wearing them on each Tuesday of the month.

The Connolly Family of students, teachers and staff helped the K Kids to raise \$305 to donate to Autism Speaks.

Key Club Presents

Drug Lesson

The North Shore Key Club annually visits all 8th grade classes at the North Shore Middle School to give a presentation on drugs and alcohol and how to say no.

The "Kids Talking to Kids" format is an effective way to get the message across to students of all ages. 20 Key Clubbers divided into 5 presenting groups gave this presentation to the North Shore Middle School on April 18th.

North Shore Kiwanis Presents Scholarships

The North Shore Kiwanis Club annually presents four scholarships to graduating seniors at North Shore High school.

This year Jack Stalzer received the New York State Distinguished Past Kiwanis Governor Jim Hebron Memorial Scholarship of \$4,000.

Three additional awards of \$1000 each were presented to Zoe Malin, Eileen Quinn and Jackie Kaider.

Verrazano Raises \$31,000 for Camp Support

The Verrazano Kiwanis benefit raised \$31,000 for Sunrise Day Camp at the Marina Cafe fundraiser on May 2.

The event was a huge success with more than 150 people in attendance.

The Verrazano Kiwanis Club pledged \$50,000 over 5 years but has reached its goal in 2 years.



On June 10, Kiwanis International President James Rochford was honored at a banquet which drew more than 100 participants. It was the start of a week-long effort to form new Kiwanis clubs in the district. Pictured above, from left, are International Trustee Peter Mancuso, International Trustee Terry White, Gov. Candace Corsaro and President Jim.

Formula Team Blitz Assisted by International President

The New York District Kiwanis has struck it rich with new Kiwanis Clubs opened in the month of June!

Kiwanis Club of Midtown Manhattan:

Nick, Joann and Nikki Mardikas assisted by Past First Lady Helene Irvine along with New Club Opener and Zone Chair Past Distinguished Lt. Gov. Sean O'Sullivan organized the club June 12 with 15 members. It will be a 3-2-1 Club meeting at 5:30 p.m. on the 4th Thursday of the month at Paychex, Inc., 7th Floor, 14 Penn Plaza in New York. The Charter President is Christine Pietrowicz-Joanis and Charter Secretary is Michael Catherwood. Congratulations to Metropolitan Division Lt. Gov. Keith Cummings and all those who helped open the new club. The Club's name is subject to finalization.

A New Club Opening Blitz June 20 and 21 in the Hudson River and Hudson Tri-K Divisions in three areas: Fishkill, Fairview and Ossining. Kiwanis International President Jim Rochford, International Trustees Terry White, Gary Levine and Peter Mancuso were on hand to help along with Gov. Candace Corsaro and Formula Chair Past Gov. Eric Paul, New Club Opening Chair Past Distinguished Gov. Joe Eppolito, Formula Chair from Georgia Past Distinguished Gov. Katrina Baranko, Kiwanis International Formula Vice Chair Kendra Skidmore, Rogena Mitchell, Genesee Lt. Gov. Lucien Giancursio, Past Distinguished Lt. Gov. Chuck Eckert, Long Island Southwest Division Lt. Gov. Thomas Cesiro and his sister An-



toinette Cesiro.

Kiwanis Club of Southern Dutchess County:

Hudson River Division Past Lt. Gov. Frank Gerbes was the Head NC Opener with 16 new members and counting. The club was organized on June 12 with the Charter President Jerry Cimo, who is a former New York District Circle K Governor; and Charter Secretary Karandeep Singh, former New York Circle K District Officer. They will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Monday at 6 p.m. at a site to be determined. Congratulations to Hudson River Division Lt. Gov. Matt Hall and all those who helped form the new club.

Kiwanis Club of Fairview-Greenburgh:

Past Distinguished Lt. Gov. Laura Prange, Zone Chair, Hudson Tri-County Division, was the Head New Club Opener with 15 new members. The club was organized June 12 with Charter President Judith Beville and Charter Secretary Laura Prange. They will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Applebee's Restaurant in White Plains. Congratulations the Hudson Tri-County

Division Lt. Gov. Patricia Caldwell and all those who helped form the club.

Progress was made in two other places. Ossining is very close to being formed in the Hudson Tri-County Division and Maybrook in the Hudson River West Division.

Two recently opened clubs also conducted charter nights during the blitz. On June 19 Deer Park/North Babylon in the Suffolk West Division was chartered with 20 members. On June 20, and Ridgewood, Queens West was chartered with 100 members. Congratulations to Lt. Gov. Chris Lindsley and Past Distinguished Lt. Gov. Doris Mellina and New Club Opener Bob Monahan and Lt. Gov. Carol Masiello.

Kiwanis Club of Maybrook

Following the blitz, Club Opener David Morse, assisted by Lt. Gov. Jim Burtis, Coaches Jim Lawler and Gerda Krogslund, opened the Kiwanis Club of Maybrook in the Hudson River West Division with 16 members.

Scenes from the International Convention



Gov. Candace Corsaro during the district caucus. From left are International Trustee Peter Mancuso, Gov. Candace, Past Gov. Stephen Sirgiovanni and District Secretary Rich Hall. Below, New York Kiwanians during the caucus.

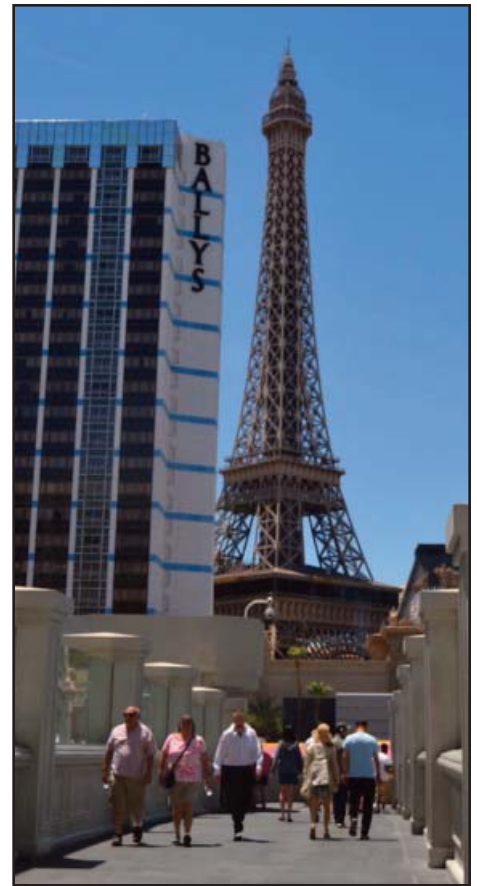


The Keynote Speaker was Rudy Ruetiger, whose career as a Notre Dame University football player was told in the movie "Rudy".





Lt. Gov. Joel Harris presenting a forum on using photography to promote Kiwanis.



The convention took place at the Paris and Bally casinos.



Past First Lady Helene Irvine presenting a forum on the Warm Beginnings project. Standing at rear is Past Gov. Forbes Irvine.



2018-19 International President Florencio "Poly" Lat.



Lt. Gov. Keith Cummings during a forum on Anti-Bullying efforts. Standing at the computer is Michele Geresi.

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It's time for Aktion Clubs to complete their entries for the 2017-18 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 ABILITY IN AKTION, and there are seven contests this year: Speech, Poster, Single Service, Scrapbook, T-Shirt, and new this year, Video, and Social Media. All contest en-

tries must in some way represent the theme.

Speech: Discuss how you displayed your ABILITY IN AKTION 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 ABILITIES IN AKTION.

Single Service: With fellow club members, tell about a service project where you showed your ABILITIES IN AKTION with your community service.

Scrapbook: With fellow club members, create a scrapbook showing your club's ABILITY IN AKTION through the events, service and fundraisers of your Aktion Club year.

NEW CONTESTS:

Video: Take a short (2 minute) video showing your club's ABILITY IN AKTION.

Social Media: Share how you showed your ABILITY IN AKTION on social media this year.

Remember to check specific guidelines for each contest in the contest booklet online at aktionclub.org. All New York District contest submissions **MUST BE RECEIVED** complete for committee judging in the hands of Jaimie Neuringer (21 W Squire Drive #7, Rochester, NY 14623) no later than August 10 (if mailed), or in hand at DCON no later than August 16.

Please continue to submit photos of the great things your Aktion Club is doing via the button on www.aktionclub-ny.org. Any questions, contact jaimie@aktionclub-ny.org.

Pancakes Support Kampers

Supported by its brand new "STRONG" Key Club, Mount Vernon Kiwanis hosted more than 100 diners at its second annual Pancake Dinner to raise funds to send children to Kamp Kiwanis on Sunday July 8. As many as 10 children will benefit from the proceeds and from other donations received from individual and business sponsors.

The new Key Club is comprised of "Students Taking Responsibility and Ownership Now and Graduating" (S.T.R.O.N.G.), a group of talented junior and senior high school students who were recommended by their faculty advisor, Candice Offutt, a recently inducted Kiwanian and a former member of the Mt. Vernon High School Key Club.

Mount Vernon Kiwanis president Geraldine Christiana said it was wonderful for the new Key Club members to help younger children in Mount Vernon enjoy a week at summer camp. She added, "these service leaders worked all day setting up and decorating tables, cooking and serving pancakes and eggs, setting up over 40 auction prizes, and staying late



after the event to clean up".

In addition to raising funds for Kamp sponsorships, the club presented six tickets at the dinner for a Yankees game in August to the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization in Mount Vernon. Club president Geraldine Christiana presented six Yankee tickets to Rikki Dee Childs, assistant director of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

A special "Everyday Hero" presentation was made to Mount Vernon Kiwanian Peter Plati, a former Circle K Interna-

tional officer in the early 1980's, who spearheaded the concept of Pancakes for Dinner last year that enabled the club to send its first cohort of young children to Kamp Kiwanis last July.

Half the Kiwanis clubs in the Bronx Westchester division participated at this event, including a full table of members of the Mount Vernon Golden K Club led by its club president Dorothy Rock. They will be sponsoring two children going to Kamp Kiwanis in July.

Monticello Provides Books to Second Graders

Several members of the Kiwanis Club of Monticello delivered chapter books to the second grade classes at the Kenneth L. Rutherford and George L. Cooke Elementary Schools in Monticello just before summer break began.

The books were selected by Kiwanian Doris Motl, who is a retired 4th grade

teacher. Accompanying her to the schools were Ellen Nesin (retired Kindergarten teacher and former School Board Member), and Sheila Lashinsky (Kiwanis Public Relations Chairperson).

The students were told that the word "Kiwanis" is a Native American phrase meaning "we trade". Each student was encouraged to take his/her book home and read it over the summer and after reading it, to share - or "trade" it - with friends and

family in order to expand their reading material.

These books will certainly help the students advance with the NYS Assembly 2018 Summer Reading Challenge. Each child brings a calendar home and checks off each time he/she reads a book. Once they have marked off 40 days or more, the information is submitted to Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, who will award the child with a NYS Excellence in Reading Certificate.

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The 2018 Kamping season is now under way and we hope it will be bigger and greater than past ones.

The kamp is in great shape thanks to all the hard work and donations provide by our board members and friends. As always the usual people who go above and beyond and donate so much of their time and resources to help with the maintaining of the Kamp every year.

This year, thanks the funds raised at our 50th Anniversary gala, we were able to do much needed repairs to the Kamp such as the parking lot/play area paving that was in such bad shape it started to become dangerous, our water system pump was starting to gives us many problems after 20+ years of service so we replaced it.

Thanks to the generosity of Herb Chan, 2 more cabins have metal roofs and thanks to Vice President Joe Battista and his family, we now have a much-needed cabin to house our Kamp cook so he/she can be on site for the total Kamping season.

Seven years ago, the Patchogue Club sponsored a brand new cabin, this year they provided the funds to build an ADA compatible bathroom in that cabin which is now 90 percent complete. Of course, there is always the normal repairs that need attention every year due to age and harsh conditions at the Kamp during the winter months.

Kamp Executive Director Rebecca Clemence tells me that to date as compared to last year, our number are significantly higher so I'm hoping that this trend continues throughout the rest of the Kamping season. I would like to thank Gov. Candace Corsaro for her commitment to our Kamp as she goes around the district promoting Kamp Kiwanis and all of the district foundations.

At our opening weekend, Gov.-Elect Hank Baker has also made a commitment to YOUR Kamp, he and his team of Lt.

Governors have promised to underwrite possibly up to 100 Military Kampers.

You might have noticed that I emphasized the word "YOUR" in the previous sentence, I would like to remind everyone who has taken the time to read this article and is a New York District Kiwanian in good standing, that you own this Kamp.

As you may remember, we developed a special limited-edition Gold VIP Award for the 50th Anniversary Gala, we only made 50 and 21 well-deserving Kiwanians are golden VIP recipients. We now have the remainder and the board has decided that if you would like to honor someone special with a very special District Kiwanis Foundation Award, this is what you should think about awarding to that Kiwanian or Non-Kiwanian. With this award, you will be given a week at Kamp Kiwanis for any child you choose to attend, just think about it, you can honor a Kiwanian or friend and at the same time give a child the gift of a week at Kamp Kiwanis, what's better than that!

Finally, I would like to wish all a very happy, healthy and safe summer 2018 and I'll see you at DCon in Syracuse.

Kamping Season Starts with Adult Weeks

