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New York District Kiwanis Foundation

Bill's Boosters Assume Leadership Role

On Oct. 1, Bill's Boosters, the administration of Gov. William "Bill" Risbrook began its work for the year.

Risbrook, a member of the Cambria Heights club, has placed a focus for the year on building membership with an

approach that looks at recruiting new members, retaining existing members and building new clubs.

For more on the effort, see page 6 of this issue.

Another change this year is the new

District Secretary, Past Gov. Justin Underwood, who succeeds Ann Sewert. That change means new contact information for the district office; for more on that, see Secretary Justin's column on page 2.

Governor's Project: Raise Asthma Awareness

This year's Governor's Project asks the district's clubs to make a contribution in their community to Childhood Asthma Awareness.

Because the effects of asthma can lead to life-long struggles, Governor Bill is asking clubs to learn about asthma in children.

To earn the banner patch, clubs need to carry out projects such as:

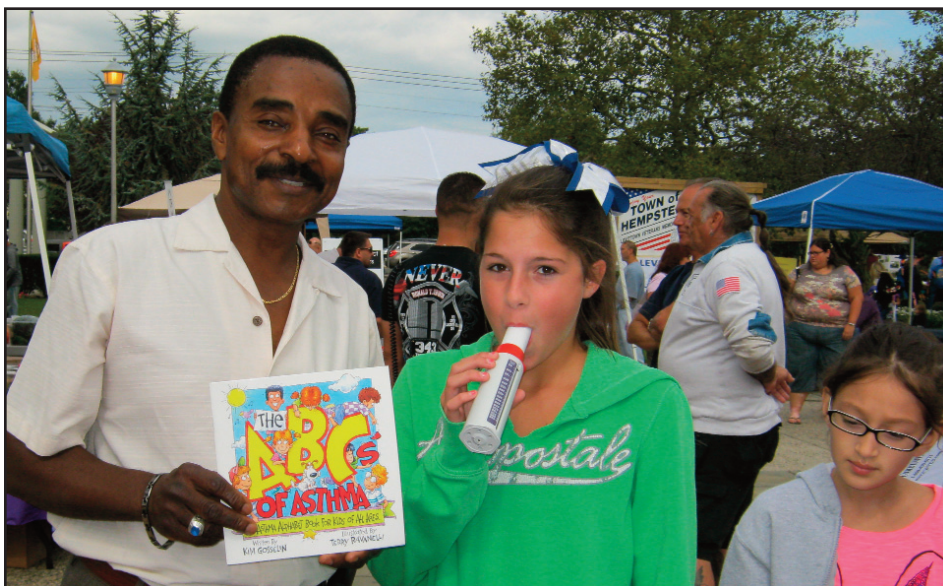
- Invite speakers to your club.
- Set up an information booth or table at community events to educate the public about asthma.
- Partner with a local pediatrician or pediatrics clinic and provide asthma screening for children.
- Donate bubbles to a local Pediatric Asthma Clinic. This will help ease pediatric patients during visits while promoting proper breathing and air exchange.
- Provide allergy relief bedding to a local homeless shelter.

First Lady's Project: Emphasize Fire Safety

First Lady Lavonia Francis, in addition to being a director of nursing, is a volunteer firefighter with the Hempstead Fire Department. Her focus for this year is children and fire safety.

Clubs can earn the First Lady's Project banner patch by completing and reporting on one project. Examples of such projects are:

- Participate in events during National Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 9-15) with your local fire department.
- Get fire safety brochures and distribute them to day care centers, children's clinics and other places.
- Schedule a fire safety education program with your local fire department.
- Distribute smoke and/or CO2 detectors to families with a newborn child.
- Distribute free batteries for smoke and CO2 detectors.
- Welcome new residents in your community with a smoke detector.



Gov. Bill Risbrook spent Oct. 1, the first day of his administration, at the Community Fair in Levittown helping the Levittown Kiwanis Club with its Governor's Project. Children were screened for asthma at the event, and information was distributed to those in attendance.

Governor's Project gets Oct. 1 Kick-off

The Levittown Kiwanis Club began the 2011-12 Kiwanis Year by holding a pediatric asthma screening at a community fair on Oct. 1.

Under the guidance of nurse Gail Cummo, who is a member of the club's board, Kiwanians screened dozens of attendees. Kiwanians demonstrated how to properly breathe into the spirometer.

Readings were taken from each child and compared to normal readings based on age, height and gender. Parents of children found to be below the normal range were given information supplied by the American Lung Association and referred to their pediatrician.

The Levittown Kiwanis Club enjoyed a visit by New York District Gov. Bill Risbrook on the first day of his term. Governor Bill demonstrated the proper use of the spirometer to several children.

District Secretary

Justin Underwood



Welcome to a new Kiwanis Year of Service. While we have all been working to assure that the business of Kiwanis continues without interruption, it is fitting that we take the time to thank "Mike's Mavericks" for all the work they have done to make sure that our clubs are working hard to make our communities better. THANK YOU, PG MIKE AND YOUR BOARD OF LT. GOVERNORS!

Additionally, we should thank Secretary Ann Sewert for all her work over 3 plus years as the District Office moved from an anchored building in Utica to one that can be mobile in both "working" and in different established locations as needed. Your District office has become close to "state of the art". You can reach the District Office 24/7 and get answers to your questions via e-mail as you need them.

Club secretaries for 2010-11 should be reviewing your club's monthly reports to assure that all of your club projects

have been properly reported and to assure that your club garners as many points as possible towards becoming a distinguished club. Yes, final reports (interclub reports, Governor's Project reports, etc.) can still be submitted through the end of October. Our District's achievement committee uses the information you submit throughout the year to make their determinations of many Annual District Awards.

The new address for the District office is as follows:

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Governor Bill Risbrook and his team have put together a most exciting program for this year. His Governor's Project this year involves Childhood Asthma. His Partner, and fiancé, Lavonia, has a great First Lady's Project concerning Fire Safety focused on our communities' children. You can get all the up-to-date information on each of these initiatives on our web site

(www.kiwanis-ny.org) along with all the instructions, forms and press releases to make your local club "Shine throughout the community".

As you know, the new World Wide Service Project in conjunction with UNICEF is EliMiNaTe. It's an effort to raise more than \$110 million to eliminate the devastating Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus through the vaccination of women and children in many underdeveloped countries. The cost, just a mere \$1.80 for three shots, will assure healthy children. Governor Bill is excited to lead the Great New York District in this initial effort.

Speaking of our website, please note the absolutely wonderful job that continues to be done by our Webmaster, Marty Toombs. All of the current club information should be correct and available on www.kiwanis-ny.org. Please review your club's information and if there is an error, or a change in secretaries, presidents, meeting places and times, please e-mail Marty directly and he will get it changed. All the forms and information you need to help your club grow in service and membership should be on that same website as well as on Kiwanis International's website.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact the District Office or me at ANY TIME!

Pediatric Lyme Disease

DPG John Gridley



Watch out! Lyme disease, the most wide-spread, debilitating and difficult to diagnose -- vector-borne (animal transmitted) ill-

ness in the northern hemisphere, is on the rise once again, experts say.

According to information provided by Wayne Memorial Hospital Public Relations Manager Lisa Champeau, 22 percent of those tested for Lyme in July came up positive, as opposed to just 8.5 percent of those tested in June and 3.5 percent in May.

Lyme disease, (or Lyme borreliosis) is an infectious disease caused by at least three species of bacteria belonging to the genus *Borrelia*. The disease is named after the town of Lyme, CT, where a number of cases were identified in 1975. *Borrelia* is transmitted to humans by the bite of infected ticks belonging to a few species. In our area, the deer tick is

by far the most common carrier.

Early symptoms of the disease can include fever, headache, fatigue, depression, and a distinct circulate (bullseye) rash, though this is not always present. Left untreated, later symptoms may involve the joints, heart, and central nervous system. In most cases, if the illness is treated early by antibiotics, the symptoms are eliminated. Delayed or inadequate treatment can lead to the more serious symptoms, which can be disabling and difficult to treat.

If you are aware of anyone with Lyme disease who is putting off treatment because of the expense involved, call any member of the Lyme Disease Foundation Board.

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2011-12 Events

Nov. 18-20, 2011:

Tri-K weekend, Holiday Inn, Wolf Road, Albany

Feb. 24-26, 2012:

Mid-Year Conference, Holiday Inn, Wolf Road, Albany

May 3-5, 2012:

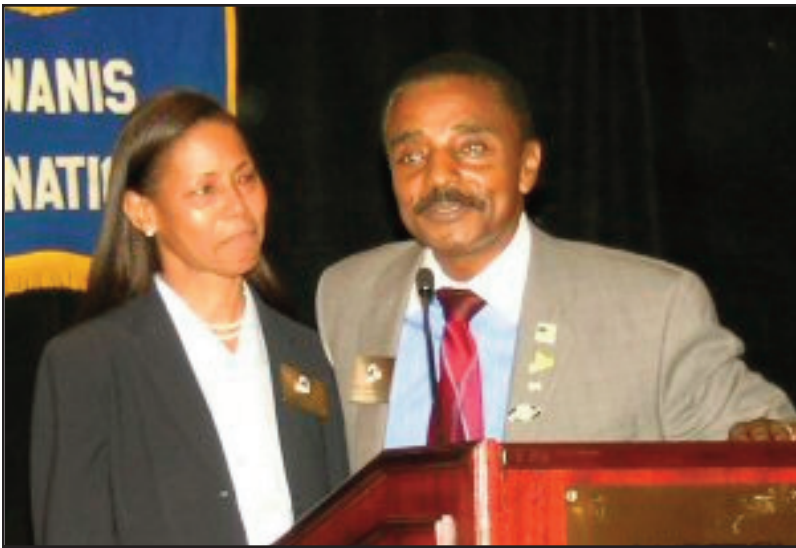
Kamp Kiwanis Work Days, Open House

June 28-July 1, 2012:

International Convention, New Orleans

Aug. 15-19, 2012:

District Convention, Niagara Falls



Pictured above, left, are Risbrook and his fiancée, Dr. Lavonia Francis, following the vote. At right is Norato.

Delegates Elect Risbrook, Norato

William Risbrook was elected Governor and Albert Norato Jr. was elected Governor-Elect at the District Convention in Tarrytown.

Both candidates were unopposed.

Risbrook took office as Governor on Oct. 1, and Norato became Governor-

Elect.

A member of the Cambria Heights club, Risbrook is a past lieutenant governor of the Queens East Division; during that year, he built two new clubs.

Norato is a member of the Sayville and Suffolk East Young Professionals

clubs, and has served two years as lieutenant governor of the Suffolk East Division, and was named a Super Distinguished Lt. Gov. in 2008-09.

In 2009-10 he was honored by the New York District Key Club with its Richard Hill Award.



At left is the Christiano Award presentation. From left, Kiwanis International President-Elect Thomas DeJulio, Elaine Flynn, Edgar Flynn, Past International President Gerry Christiano and Past Gov. David Rothman. In the picture at right, Gov. Mike Malark presents a plaque to Lowenberg. At left is David Vail, who assisted Lowenberg for many years.

Flynn, Lowenberg Honored at District Convention

C. Edgar Flynn Jr., a member of the Minisink Valley club since 1963, was honored with the Gerald P. Christiano Distinguished Service Award for his service to the district at the District Convention in Tarrytown.

The award is presented by the Past Governors Council to a Kiwanian who has not been a governor but has served the district for many years.

In addition to his club service, Flynn has served three years as lieutenant governor of the Hudson River West Division, twice being named distinguished, and has a long record of service

to Kamp Kiwanis. He also has 43 years of perfect attendance. He has chaired District Mid-Year Conferences, is a Hixson Fellow, a Hixson Ambassador, a Diamond Hixson Fellow, a Tablet of Honor recipient, and Anton J. Kaiser Fellow and has received the Kiwanis International Distinguished Service Award.

Andrew Lowenberg, who recently completed 14 years of service at the District Key Club administrator, was honored as the Convention Honoree at a reception on Friday at the District Convention.

Lowenberg, a member of the Sayville

club, was a Key Club member himself as a high school student. He joined Kiwanis in 1984, and has served in several club leadership roles and then as lieutenant governor in 1995-96. He was club advisor to the Lindenhurst Key Club from 1990-96 and took over as district Key Club Administrator in 1997.

While he has retired as Key Club Administrator, he will serve as his club's president for 2011-12.



MNT Effort Gaining Attention

Project Eliminate fund-raising events are happening in many clubs in the District as the new Kiwanis International World Service Project gets under way.

The Glendale club has contributed \$1,250 to the effort, recently presenting a check to J.P. DiTroia, the Queens West Project Eliminate Ambassador.

On Oct. 7, the Chinatown club presented 5 Zeller awards, the new award being presented by Kiwanis International as part of the Project Eliminate effort. The awards, which honor an early supporter of the Kiwanis International Foundation, represent donations of \$1,250 each.

The Patchogue club also has contributed \$10,000.

The New York District of Circle K conducted its Large Scale Service Project in Binghamton Sept. 30-Oct. 1, and in addition to helping flood victims there, they raised more than \$100 for Project Eliminate.

Last year Project Eliminate was the Governor's Project for Circle K Distinguished Gov. Rickie Santer and more than \$11,000 was raised as a result. Other sponsored leadership organizations have been active in raising funds for the project as well.

The Forest Hills and Maspeth clubs also have conducted fund raisers in the past few months to help with funding for the project.

ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus



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On Oct. 7, the Chinatown club presented 5 Zellers with assistance from Kiwanis International President-Elect Tom DeJulio (left) and Kiwanis International Foundation President-Elect Peter Mancuso (right). Honored with the new award, which supports Project Eliminate, were (from left) Club Director Hannah Chen, Distinguished Past President Regina Chan, Distinguished Past President Patrick Ng, Dr. Nelson Ying and Patricia Ying.

The basics of Maternal Neo-Natal Tetanus

What is MNT?

In 38 countries around the world, maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT) can quickly turn the joy of childbirth into tragedy. MNT kills one baby every nine minutes. Its effects are excruciating — tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch. There is little hope of survival. And tetanus kills mothers too.

Who suffers from MNT?

MNT is caused when tetanus spores, found in soil everywhere, come into contact with open cuts during childbirth. The disease strikes the poorest of the poor, the geographically hard to reach and those without health care.

Can MNT be stopped?

Yes! MNT is highly preventable. Just three doses of a 60-cent immunization protect mothers, who then pass on the immunity to their future babies. Together, Kiwanis and UNICEF can stop this disease.

What will it take to eliminate MNT from the Earth?

More than 100 million mothers and their future babies must be immunized. This requires vaccines, syringes, safe storage, transportation, thousands of skilled staff and more. It will take US\$110 million — and the dedicated work of UNICEF and every member of the Kiwanis family.

Why focus on this issue?

It is unacceptable that innocent newborns and their mothers suffer and die from MNT when it can be prevented so easily. This is also an amazing opportunity to reach the poorest, most neglected mothers and babies with lifesaving health care. Developing delivery systems for MNT vaccines will blaze a trail to provide additional desperately needed services to these marginalized families.

For more information, see the Project Eliminate web site at www.eliminateproject.org



CKI members clear flood-damaged materials at a home in the Binghamton area .

CKI Members Aid Flood Victims

The New York District of Circle K sponsored its third annual Large Scale Service Project Sept. 30-Oct 1 in the Binghamton area. There were 63 Circle K members from 13 clubs participating, making this year's event the largest to date.

During the weekend, CKI members participated in a variety of community service projects, many related to the relief efforts after the flooding in the Binghamton area. Some clubs were sent to break down walls in a water-damaged home; others helped clean front lawns and removed debris or water-damaged furniture.

More than 550 hours of service was performed during the weekend, and more than \$100 was raised for Project Eliminate.

Got Questions?

So what are these SLP's everyone keeps talking about?

Periodically we hear terms that we just don't quite understand. One of the latest "new" terms is SLP's, which stands for Service Leadership Programs.

For many years we called them "Sponsored Youth": Circle K, Key Club and Builders Clubs. Kiwanis sponsored organizations that taught Leadership Skills to our youth in a hands-on way, by running their own clubs and doing service projects they felt were important. We recently added K-Kids, Terrific Kids, B.U.G. and Aktion Clubs. Aktion Clubs are made up of adults with disabilities. Aktion club members aren't "youth" so the name was changed to Service Organizations and Programs. Kiwanis continually adds new programs so now they are called "Service Leadership Programs" or SLP's.

They include: Circle K - our College and University branch of Kiwanis; Key Club - our High School branch of Kiwanis; Builders Clubs - our Middle and Junior High Branch of the Kiwanis family; K-Kids - our Elementary School part of the Kiwanis Family; Aktion Clubs - the branch of our Kiwanis Family made up of adults with Disabilities, often those living in group homes and Key Leader - a leadership training program that reaches beyond those already involved in Kiwanis, to students who have shown leadership abilities in their High Schools and actively help them develop these abilities.

Builders Clubs

Joanne Underwood



A Builders Club is a student-run organization at the Middle or Junior High school level, sponsored by a Kiwanis Club and guided by a Faculty Advisor and a Kiwanis Advisor. That doesn't sound like a really big deal, but trust me, they are really big deals!

Puberty is a difficult time for young people. It's an age when they are extremely vulnerable. Kids going through this age are at an extremely crucial point in their lives and while wanting to be independent, they need direction and support from adults, but don't want to be told what to do! They are going through big changes in their physical being. They are attracted to the opposite sex, but at the same time, filled with self-doubt. Hormones are raging,

energy abounds, they "know" they are grown up, understand so much more than adults give them credit for but often feel alone and misunderstood. Opportunity or disaster is just waiting to happen, which will it be? Think back to that time in your own life, and I'm betting it wasn't your favorite time either. So, what can you do about all this? I'm so glad you asked!

You and your Kiwanis club can help this age group develop into self-confident, productive, young adults filled with real self-esteem, capable of standing up to peer pressure, and even drug dealers; young people who are a credit to themselves, their families and their communities. And, it's easy to do! Just sponsor a Builders Club!

Builders Clubs are run by the members. The members decide what they would like to do, and how to do it. In this way, the Kiwanis Club, their advisors and their school show the students that we believe in them. The students are given the opportunity to prove to the world that they are capable and able to do something big, something worthwhile and something that will help oth-

ers or their community. This experience not only makes them feel good about themselves but helps others to see them in a different light and feel good about them and the future too. That Really IS a Big Deal!

The choice is yours. You can ignore the situation and let Middle School students flounder, and hope for the best; you can complain about "kids" and blame their parents, the schools, drugs and the times. Is that what you want for your children, your grandchildren and your neighborhood kids? Or, will you step up and make a real difference in their lives by giving them the opportunity to do the things that will make a difference? That is how we truly "Change the World, one child and one community at a time."

Call me (585) 342-7657, e-mail me (hjoanne202@aol.com), write to me (91 Jewel Street, Rochester, NY 14621) or walk up to your Lt. Governor and ask them, "How do I start a Builders Club"? You'll be glad you did!

New Membership Program Looking for Growth

Zone chairs to work on Membership, New Club Building Other District Chairs to be involved as well

More Kiwanians means more Kiwanis service in our communities and the world.

That has always been the objective of efforts to increase the number of Kiwanis clubs and the number of Kiwanians in the district.

For the 2011-12 Kiwanis year, the district has implemented a coordinated program designed to make the most of the systems in place to increase the number of Kiwanians in the district.

A new system of Zone chairs also has been established both for the Membership and New Club Building programs in the district. Some overlapping membership means the two efforts will be coordinated throughout the year.

Chairing the Membership committee is Kim Scharoff of the Merrick club. Working with her will be a team of 11 Zone

Leaders who will spearhead the effort in the zones, each of which consists of a few divisions.

The New Club Building effort has three chairs. Distinguished Past Governor Joe Eppolito of the Syracuse Young Professionals club is chairing the upstate effort; Joe Aiello of the Glendale club will chair the New York Metro area, and Rev. Rosita A. George-Williams of the Great Neck, Peninsula, and East Norwich, Oyster Bay clubs will head the effort on Long Island.

Also part of the membership effort are district chairs for several other programs which also impact membership recruitment and retention: Charter II, Distinguished Kiwanian, Inclusion (Diversity), Member Retention, New Member Orientation, SLP Alumni Support and Women's Advisory Committee.

Membership Growth

Kim Scharoff



As we start a new administrative year, one of our focuses remains on membership growth. It is by increasing our membership that we can increase the amount of service that we do for those in need in the community. The membership growth committee is continuing the work of the previous chairperson, Super Distinguished Past Lt. Gov. Joe Weiss, to assist clubs in the New York District with increasing their membership. This year, the committee has nine zones and a chairperson for each zone. This structure allows for there to be someone in every area of the state to assist with membership growth.

How do we increase membership? The New York District has a number of programs available to assist you with increasing membership. First are those individuals who seek out Kiwanis on the International website. When someone goes to the International website and says they are interested in a club, I

am sent an email with that individual's contact information. I then send them an email with the contact information for the local club and Lieutenant Governor and ask them to get in touch. I also hope that the President and/or Secretary of the local club will reach out to them. A few weeks after the initial email, I follow up to see if they have been contacted.

Second is the GEM program started by Joe Weiss. This program assists your club in making sure that they are ready for new members.

Third, is the Passport to Membership Growth. This is a program that Lieutenant Governor's can bring to their divisions and allows for a friendly competition between clubs to recruit new members from areas you may not have thought of and allows you to learn more about your community.

In addition, there are alternate ways to look at our clubs and membership. Things like "3-2-1 Clubs," "Club Satellites," and "Corporate Memberships" are some of the programs that Kiwanis International is putting forward as a way to grow our membership.

My committee and I look forward to working with you in the coming year to grow your membership. If there is any way that we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (516) 680-7360 or kscharoff@gmail.com

Webinars aid club membership efforts

Kiwanis International regularly provides online training programs to assist Kiwanians with their club projects, including assistance with recruiting new members and forming new clubs.

The schedule of future webinars can

be seen at <http://www.kiwanisone.org/Pages/Resources/default.aspx?PageID=380>. Past webinars also have been archived and can be viewed at any time.

Upcoming webinar topics include developing new member prospect lists, club marketing, and recruiting younger members.

Membership Leaders

Membership Growth

Zone 1	John T. Moffitt
Zone 2	Miriam Melegrito
Zone 3	Joseph C. Eppolito
Zone 4	Bonnie Fenwick Alfred Stahl
Zone 5	Raymond L. Sculky
Zone 6	Rocco Riti
Zone 7	Joseph Aiello
Zone 8	Jim Mancuso Douglas Mills
Zone 9	Joseph P. Weiss

New Club Building

Zone 1	Wendy R. Wilcox
Zone 2	Peter J. Pellittieri
Zone 3	Joseph C. Eppolito
Zone 4	David Booker
Zone 5	Raymond L. Sculky
Zones 6, 7	Joseph Aiello
Zones 8, 9	Rev. Rosita A. George-Williams

Other Committees

Charter II

Joseph L. Corace

Distinguished Kiwanian

Verdia Noel

Inclusion (Diversity)

Salvador (Buddy)
Lachica

Membership Retention

Henry W. Self

New Member Orientation

Peter J. Owens

SLP Alumni Support

Kristen Reed
Eric Paul

Women's Advisory Committee

Veta Brome

For contact information, see the District web site, www.kiwanis-ny.org

New York District Kiwanis Foundation

District Foundation

Sal Anelli



The 2010-2011 Kiwanis Administrative year is now a memory, but what a memory especially for Kamp Kiwanis who is in the business of making memories.

The year started really rough when on a cold November morning we found out that one of the true Giants in the District and especially on our District Foundation, had passed unexpectedly, a man who stood for everything that Kiwanis represents and proved it on a daily basis with giving of his time and resources so that some child will have a better life. Jim Yochum gave his all for the New York District and The New York District Kiwanis Foundation and we as members will never allow that to be forgotten. So what better way to respect his memory than to recommitting ourselves to fill the Kamp this season with challenged and underprivileged kids who would otherwise never have an opportunity to experience Kamp life, so that's what we did in Jim Yochum's memory.

Of course, this commitment is not accomplished by just a few, it takes everyone pushing in the same direction to accomplish anything, so we, once again came to you, the New York District Kiwanians, who have always come

through, and once again you came you did it. Up until this year, our biggest season had been last year with 644 Kampers, this year we closed out the season with a total of 722 Kampers. There are many reasons why we had this success this year and there are far too many clubs and Kiwanians to mention for all that was done to achieve the nearly full Kampership attendance; however I would be really remiss if I didn't give you the major reason we achieved this, and that is one person, Governor Mike Malark. The ex-marine gunny sergeant who decided that his Governor's Project was to send children of active military people from the New York State area to Kamp Kiwanis and thanks to him, we were able to serve more than 120 children of military personnel, mostly from nearby Fort Drum. This was a great project because it fulfills the Kiwanis Ideals, it honors the military men and women that serve our country but more importantly, we are giving something back to the brave individuals who put their lives on the line every day to protect our freedom. For a one week period, these children enjoyed Kamp life with children their age, made new friends, and experienced a week I'm sure they won't soon forget. This project has been so successful that Governor Bill Risbrook decided months ago that he will continue it for his term, and why not, as the old saying goes "if it isn't broken, don't fix it."

I want to thank Governor Mike for his leadership and for all that he has brought to the New York District Kiwanis Foundation not just as Governor but for the many years that he served on

our board. I also want to thank Governor Bill Risbrook for his commitment to the Kamp in extending the military children program.

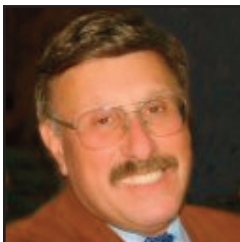
Now we look forward to 2011-12. I want to remind everybody that Kamp opening day is May 5th, 2012. We are looking for Kiwanians to come up for the weekend to help with getting the Kamp ready, there's always a lot of work that needs to be done due to the usual rough winters we experience. As I have stated before, you don't have to be a skilled craftsman, all you have to do is be willing to work, if you are a skilled craftsman, we'll have special chores for you.

This year at opening day we will have a number of dedications, I'm most looking forward to dedicating the new Arts & Crafts building for two reasons. Firstly, we will now have a much needed arts and crafts center that will be able to accommodate many more children at one time and much more room to store arts and crafts supplies, the other reason is that this building has been sponsored by my home club, The Kiwanis Club of Bensonhurst & Bay Ridge in Brooklyn. This was a three-year, \$35,000 commitment which was completed this year with the final payment. I thank all of the officers, board and members of my home club for always being supportive of Kamp Kiwanis.

I am looking forward to a great 2012 Kamping season and I am sure that with the help of Governor Bill, his board and all of you, we will have no problem serving many more children next year. Remember "One More Kamper." God bless everyone and God bless America.

KPTC North Shore

PG Joseph Corace



Attendees at KPTC's annual Black & White Ball enjoyed a wonderful evening with dinner, dancing and raffle prizes while saluting 10 new KPTC Fellows. This year's event was the largest in the 21-year history of the trauma center. The entire Foundation Board sends thanks to everyone who supported the Black & White Ball by naming a KPTC Fellow, attending the ball and/or purchasing journal ads and raffle tickets. Your generosity will enable us to save the lives of children by providing the best in care to children who are victims

of pediatric trauma and preventing traumatic injuries through safety education.

Special congratulations go to KPTC Foundation Board Past President John Lalena on being named the second 5 Diamond KPTC Fellow. John's generosity and dedication to our trauma center are truly appreciated.

Coming up the Champion for KPTC will be holding a Wine Tasting at Corry's Ale House in Wantagh. This fund raiser promises to be an evening wine, food, music and fun. Tickets are only \$35. For additional information, contact DPG Joe Corace at jcorace@icm-data.com.

The KPTC Service Leadership Committee gratefully acknowledges Levittown Kiwanis President Ann Torcivia and her Joey Foundation for the generous donation of costumes of a car, ambulance and fire truck. These child-size plush costumes will enhance the in-

volvement of young children in the pedestrian safety lessons of the committee's Safe Kids workshops.

Following their presentation at New York District Kiwanis Convention, our KPTC Service Leadership is poised to expand its partnership with Safe Kids by holding training sessions in the Bronx, Queens and at Circle K's NY Speaking Conference in Lake George over the weekend of November 4-6, 2011. The Service Leadership Committee will also be presenting a Safe Kids program at the LISC Division's Tri-K Divisional Council meeting on November 14 at Per Un Angelo's in Wantagh.

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**DPG Joseph
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The Empire Club was created back in 2004 to allow Kiwanians and friends of the New York District Kiwanis to make charitable donations to our Foundation via planned gifts in your estate. It gives you the opportunity to leave a legacy to the New York District Kiwanis Foundation and helps the Foundation achieve its mission: support of Kamp Kiwanis, support of youth and overall contributions to the betterment of mankind.

The success of the District Foundation depends on private support and we all have an opportunity to participate. We appeal to you and your family to leverage your giving and to benefit our Foundation, where all New York District Kiwanians in good standing are

members.

You can qualify to join The Empire Club in a few ways. If you give \$1,000 or more in cash or check, you will qualify. The most popular way to participate is in planned giving. Donation of securities, mutual funds, an existing life insurance policy, where the Foundation is the beneficiary, are just a few ways to make a planned gift. Many other avenues exist to benefit our Foundation in a charitable way.

Consult your financial advisor on what is best for you and your family. Feel free to contact me as well as I have been in the field of financial services for nearly 21 years. The Foundation benefits from your long-range gift and your estate benefits from tax-deductible gifts that reduce the financial size of your estate. Why not let the Foundation benefit from your treasure rather than the Federal and State governments?

We recognize members of The Empire Club at our annual Foundation meeting held in conjunction with the District Convention. If you do NOT want to be officially recognized, we will honor your request.

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Our goal is to be able to carry-out our mission in the future for generations of District Kiwanians. We hope you will become a part of that process with your lasting generosity.

You may contact me directly via email or phone and I will send you a brochure with more details about The Empire Club. I can be reached at (315) 449-3000 x358 or email: Pepster@aol.com.

We need your help so we can make the NY District Kiwanis Foundation realize its goals for years to come. Won't you help?

Foundation President Sal Anelli and the entire Foundation Board hope you will help in "Building The Empire" through your generosity.