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New York District Kiwanis Foundation

Governor

**Joseph
Aiello**



Today begins a new journey for this great District. As a family, we must work together and build the bridges to the future for the children. We as a family can accomplish this task. The way we can make it happen is by growth.

My mission and goal is to bring in 1,000 new members across this great district. We have the leadership in place to motivate and inspire clubs to bring in new members.

Incentives and marketing are part of the process. Spreading the word about Kiwanis and what we have to offer is a key factor. Have membership round ups, invite a friend to a fun meeting or event or get a corporate member to join. I know we can't do everything; that's why we need growth. The more members we have to volunteer, the more we

can get done. But we must start with educating these volunteers.

The most common answer from someone you ask to join, I HAVE NO TIME. Your response to them is, "you just give back a couple hours per month to make a difference in your community to help a child or someone in need". The biggest joy in life is to see a child smile and safe or to make a life a little easier for those less fortunate. It's time now that we go out to our communities and schools, and add a new Kiwanian.

We have a whole menu of different areas that you can support throughout the District: KPTC, KAMP KIWANIS, PEDATRIC LYME DISEASE, PROJECT ELIMINATE, KEY LEADER, BUILDERS CLUB, K-KIDS, KEY CLUB, CIRCLE K, and AKTION CLUB.

The youth need mentors so they can become the leaders of tomorrow. This is where we come in. We are needed in every community and school. Just look around and see what is going on in the world. This is the time we can make the difference.

I encourage every club to work and share ideas with all our SLP'S. I have

worked side by side and witnessed what these young adults can do; it's AMAZING. We need to educate, retain, and follow PROTOCOL.

At times we lose sight because of our own personal reasons. Let's make this year extraordinary, special and fun. Make your meetings more fun and interesting. Have a speaker, share ideas. Just have FUN. Come to a meeting, event or project and relieve the stress.

This year the Governor's Project is Autism and the First Lady's project is Treats for the Troops. Do your best to support these projects.

In an effort to make the Mid-Year Conference more fun and enjoyable, we are asking that you fill out a short survey (whether you have attended an event or not) at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/B6HDD29>.

If you would like to recognize a charter member, or a special occasion, or kiwanian birthday or club, send me an email at: joa9014@nyp.org

Just remember don't just lead with your mind, lead with your heart.

Kiwanis is in my Heart and my heart is in Kiwanis.

Happy Halloween.

Walk to Benefit the Eliminate Project

A joint K-Family Fundraiser will take place at the K-Family Weekend with Circle K and Key Club. The event will be Nov. 15-17 at the Holiday Inn in Albany.

A Walk for the Global Campaign to Eliminate Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus will take place on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 16. We will have a walk around the grounds of the Holiday Inn (weather permitting, or else around the interior courtyard). we are asking the attendees to get sponsors.

The form is set to collect flat rate sponsors and we ask that you collect the funds prior to K-Family weekend so we can tally the money raised at the event.

Funds raised will be donated to the Eliminate Project and credited to you and your club. Therefore, not only is this a great opportunity to raise money and work together with our K-Family counterparts, it will also assist each of your clubs to have participation in the Eliminate Project and to meet any goals

that they may have set.

We are asking each of you to collect as much money as possible for this great cause, keeping in mind that every \$1.80 raised protects a mother and saves her future babies. The top fundraiser for each branch of the K-Family will be recognized.

In addition, we will also be providing T-shirts to the participants as a commemorative for the event. We are also offering sponsorships for the shirt, at the cost of \$50 per sponsor. If you would like to sponsor the shirt, please send a check payable to New York District Kiwanis to Sean O'Sullivan, 84 New Dorp Plaza Ste 206, Staten Island, NY 10306 by Nov. 1 with the name you would like on the shirt

If you have any questions, contact O'Sullivan at (718) 650-4700 or by email SOSullivan@IslandCapitalServices.com

Forms for shirt sponsors and walk sponsors can be downloaded from the district web site.

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District Secretary

Ann Sewert



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 "Al's All-Stars" for all the work they have done to make sure that our clubs are working hard to make our communities better. THANK YOU, PG AL AND YOUR BOARD OF LT. GOVERNORS!

Additionally, we should thank Secretary Dave Booker for all his work over the past year.

Secretaries for 2013-14 should be review 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 (inter-club 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.

Governor Joe Aiello and his team have put together a most exciting program for this year. His Governor's Project this year asks us all to "Open Your Heart to Autism."

Additionally, he wants us to add 1,000 new members and build new clubs while continuing to prepare for future disasters. 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. An effort to raise over \$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

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\$1.80 for 3 shots, will assure healthy children. Governor Joe 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 on avail-

able 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 at ANY TIME! ... Ann Sewert, NY District Secretary or Justin Underwood, Assistant Secretary.

Conklin Club Honors Students Entering Military

The Conklin Kiwanis Club sponsored a special ceremony to honor 54 graduates from the 15 schools that make up the Broome/Tioga BOCES School Districts who entered the military upon graduation.

The "First to Say Thank You," event took place June 12 at Susquehanna Valley High School in Conklin and was at-

tended by more than 300 people.

In 2012, the club presented financial awards to five graduating Susquehanna Valley High School seniors who were going into the military. Shortly thereafter one of their members brought in a newspaper article about "Our Community Salutes (OCS)," a national organization that recognizes high school seniors and their parents who plan to enlist in the armed services.

That newspaper article struck a spark in the Kiwanis Club. This year's event grew from one high school to all 15 in the BOCES district.

Speakers at the Conklin ceremony included Gerardo Tagliaferri, superintendent of the Susquehanna Valley School

District; Eugene Clark, national executive director, Our Community Salutes; and Keynote Speaker, Fred B. Baker II, veteran chief warrant officer, US Army. The program also featured the Susquehanna Valley Music Department, and the Color Guard from the John W. Thurston Marine Corps League, Detachment 250 of Binghamton. The invocation was by Chaplain (Major) Douglas Brock and a presentation made to the recruits by Broome County Executive Debra A. Preston. Brandi Bailey of WBNG TV News was the hostess for the evening.

Members of the Penn-Dixie Band played in the parking lot to welcome the honorees and their guests.

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2013-14 Events

Nov. 15-17, 2013:

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

Feb. 21-23, 2014:

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

July 17-20, 2014:

International Convention, Toyko-Chiba, Japan

Aug. 13-17, 2014:

District Convention, Desmond Hotel, Albany

Membership

JP DiTroia



There is a secret in the world. The secret is well known by our fellow Kiwanis members. It involves the tremendous rewards, satisfaction and good feelings we receive by giving of our talents, energy and love to help those in need.

In today's ever expanding world, our clubs are challenged to do even more. This is why it is important that we continue to grow and share what we have accomplished, to entice new members into our folds. This is a significant part that enables our clubs to replenish itself

with new ideas, new beginnings and new projects.

Our Governor Joe Aiello has set the bar for our challenge, to add 1,000 new members within his administration. That is an average of four members per club in this great district. Governor Aiello has set new incentives for clubs and members to reach this goal.

In the next few months you will be hearing about ways in which we can improve on the methods to increase our membership.

So let us endeavor to take up our governor's challenge, let us make his year a supernova and exceed his expectations in the upcoming membership drive.

With our new beginnings in place, we shall accomplish our goals in which will make a better world, one place, one family, and one child at a time.

Celebrity Chefs Raise Money for Kamp Kiwanis

On Sept. 9 the New York District Foundation held a party for the benefit of Kamp Kiwanis.

Foundation President Sal Anelli and Foundation Past President Lindy Marrazzo hosted a culinary experience at Staten Island's premier restaurant, Bocelli. Co-owners Stephano and Vincent spared no expense as they donated the food, wine and entertainment for the festivities.

The party-goers were entertained by celebrity chefs Past Distinguished Lt. Gov. Al Federico, Lt. Gov.-Elect Tom Pocchio, Anelli, and the first lady of the Metropolitan Division, Helene Irvine. Together they created a culinary masterpiece enjoyed by all.

Everyone had a wonderful time and more than \$10,000 will be going directly to the Kamp. Marrazzo hopes to make this an annual event. Everyone is already looking forward to next year.

Community Center Named for Kiwanian

On Sept. 8, members of the community gathered at the Glen Cove Youth Center to pay honor to the late Carol A. Sucharski and the renaming of the Youth Center in her honor.

An evening filled with memories of her contributions to the community through her numerous positions as Glen Cove School Board member of 17 years or while she worked for the Cities Youth Bureau for two decades and of course through her beloved Kiwanis of 11 years. In each of these positions she was able to make a difference in the lives of the children and their families of the community.

Her son, David, attended the event and gratefully accepted the accolades and well wishes of those who spoke. Those who attended and shared moving moments and memories were GCYB Board Chair Roberto Telese, Glen Cove Kiwanis Club President Rich Hall, Mayor Ralph V. Suozzi, Tara Butler-Sahai, Kiwanis member and on behalf of Chuck Lavine; Zefy Christopoulos on behalf of Executive Mangano, and Pam Bongorno. Kiwanis Charter member and Past Distinguished Lt. Gov. Long time friend Phyllis O. Burnett read messages from long time family friends who were not able to attend.

A plaque with the new name is displayed in the foyer of the Youth Center. Carol's memory will be present every time you walk in the door.

New Member Incentives

Membership:

- Club Banner Patch for Clubs enrolling 4+ New Members
- Certificates and Recognition at Convention for Club, Sponsor and New Members
- Raffle Entry for Governor's Prize for individual members who sponsor 4+ New Members
- Photos published on the Website

Growth Campaign Kick Off:

Gift Card for the top 3 clubs in the NY District enrolling the most new members by the Mid-Winter Conference.

For information call J.P. DiTroia at (718) 821-9700.

Membership Round Up for Individual Clubs:

Prize and Recognition for the best (themed, most fun, interesting and/or bizarre) to be awarded at the 2014 District Convention in Albany.

Must hold four Round Ups from October 2013 to August 2014 and submit event photographs.

Club Building Incentives for Lieutenant Governors:

- Chairs: Distinguished Past Gov. Joe Eppolito and Past Gov. Bill Risbrook
- Free Mid-Winter Conference stay at the Albany Holiday Inn - for opening the first New Club by Tri-K Family Weekend
- Recognition at dinner in Albany
- Club Builder Pin and photo with the New Club posted on website and at conference
- FREE Mid-Winter and District Convention - for building two clubs by Tri K Family Weekend
- FREE Mid-Winter and District Convention plus Gift Card - for building three clubs by Tri-K Weekend

Marketing:

Chair of Public Relations: Jim Mancuso
District contest information to be announced for marketing Kiwanis.

Free Car Wash Raises \$3,000

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 13th Annual FREE Car Wash on Sept. 7 at the Calypso's Cove Parking Lot in Old Forge.

The combined effort raised more

than \$3,000.

The event was delayed by the first ever rained out event originally scheduled for Saturday, May 25.

Co-Chairman Bob Teesdale and Mike Griffin were pleased to report that the Kiwanis FREE Car Wash was a great success.

Governor's Project: Open Your Heart to Autism

Open your heart to Autism is this year's Governor's project. Governor Joe is very passionate about raising awareness and funds for autism.

You may be asking yourself what is autism? Autism is characterized by impaired social interaction and verbal and non-verbal communication as well as restricted and repetitive behaviors.

There are a total of two million individuals in the United States who have been diagnosed with autism. This number includes one in 88 children who have been diagnosed autistic.

The purpose of this project is to increase awareness of autism through club education, service projects where you work directly with individuals with autism and finally raising money to support the many charities dealing with autism.

The governor's project will culminate with a Kiwanis One Day Autism

Olympics event to be held in various locations throughout the district next spring.

Participating clubs will receive a banner patch and a pin for the president by conducting a program at a meeting on autism and one of the following:

1) Make a donation to an organization dedicated to working with children with Autism.

2) Participate in a walk to support an organization dedicated to working with individuals with Autism.

3) Send a child with Autism to Kamp Kiwanis.

4) Organize or participate in Kiwanis One Day Autism Olympics. Please note that Autism awareness month and Ki-



wanis One Day both occur in the month of April.

5) Work with a local high school or college and organize an athletic clinic for children with autism.

6) Set up a sensory-friendly movie day or live theater for individuals with Autism.

7) Organize a talent show where the performers are individuals with Autism and the money goes to autism charities.

8) Any other event you create to raise awareness or money for Autism.

We along with Governor Joe, look forward to working with you on this project. Please feel free to contact any committee member for more information. The materials are available on the New York District web site. Thank you and we look forward to a great year.

For further information, contact - Lori and Kevin Kamper - kkamper@op-tonline.net and Kim Scharoff - kscharoff@gmail.com

First Lady's Project: Treats for Troops

The First Lady's Project was selected by Carole "Cookie" Aiello to honor the brave men and women who fight for our freedom to keep us safe.

Clubs can design their own projects, including sending items to troops overseas. Clubs with local military bases

also can work with personnel at the base to find a way to support military personnel, perhaps by making sure their welcome home from deployment is properly recognized.

Items for gift packets for military personnel include treats such as cookies,

granola bars, gum, and fruit snacks. Another idea is to provide travel kits including personal hygiene items.

For more information, see the district web site, www.kiwanis-ny.org, or contact First Lady's Project Chair Ann Torcivia, friendstravelny@verizon.net.

What's Your Convention Experience?

In an effort to enhance the Mid-Year Conferences and Annual Conventions, Governor Joe would like all New York District Kiwanians to fill out a quick survey.

We are looking for responses from everyone – even if you have never attended a conference or convention, or have never missed one, we are looking for your feedback.

Please go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/B6HDD29> and fill out the convention survey.

It will only take a few minutes, but it will help us tremendously in learning how to make your experience better or to encourage you to attend. Governor Joe thanks you!

Get the latest District News at www.kiwanis-ny.org

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2013-14 Lieutenant Governors

Adirondack
Bronx Westchester South
Brooklyn
Capital
Central
Chemung
Finger Lakes
Genesee
Hudson River
Hudson River West
Hudson Tri-County
Long Island North
Long Island South Central
Long Island Southwest
Metropolitan
Mohawk
Niagara Frontier North
Niagara Frontier South
Ontario
Queens East
Queens West
Saint Lawrence
Southwestern
Suffolk East
Suffolk West
Susquehanna
Van Rensselaer

Robert Shumway
Frank Riti
Andrew Manicone
Anton Konev
Carolyn Trimbach
Miriam Melegrito
David Jacobus
Doris Marsh
Frank Gerbes
Susan Bahren
Patricia Caldwell
Russell Burcheri
Ann Torcivia
Nancy Baxter
Chris Rubano
Richard Thompson
William Bennion
John (Hank) Baker
Joseph C. Eppolito
Nodia Chambers
Stephen Sirgiovanni
Judith Condino
Robert Ducato
Lorri Schneider
Doris Mellina
Alan Kline
Harleen Hilton

2013-14 District Committee Chairs

Achievement
Aktion Club Administrator
Basket Raffle
Budget
Builders Club Administrator
Campaign Practices
Circle K Administrator
Circle K Foundation
Club Secretary Service Support
Convention Site Selection

Convention Registration
Credentials
Disaster Relief/Community Service
Distinguished Kiwanian
District Convention
District Foundation
Elections
Eliminate Project
ESK Editor/Webmaster
Executive Assistant to Governor
First Lady's Project
General Counsel/Laws/Regulations
Governor's Project

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Interclubs
K Kids Administrator
Key Club Administrator
Key Leader
Kiwanis International Foundation
KPTC Albany
KPTC Buffalo
KPTC North Shore Long Island
Legion of Merit
Master Trainer
Membership Orientation
Membership
New Club Building - Downstate
New Club Building - Upstate
On-To-Japan
Parliamentarian/Resolutions
Pediatric Lyme Disease
Planning
Policies/Procedures
PR Communications/Marketing

Risk Management
Special Projects for Gov./First Lady
Spiritual Aims
Staging

Technology Integration
Vendors
Veterans
Veterans
Women in Kiwanis
Young Children, Priority One/Youth Services
Youth Protection

Eric G. Paul
Debra Rothman
Herman Ovadia, Rebecca Ovadia
Ronald Parent, Michael Terry
Joanne Underwood
Doreen Pellittieri
John Keegan
Sean O'Sullivan
David Booker
David Rothman, Joseph L. Corace,
Michael W. Malark
Ann Sewert
Kimberly Davis
Dennis Rosa, Michael W. Malark
Robert Kueber
David Rothman, Joseph L. Corace
Sal Anelli
Shirley Conrad
Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse, OP
Martin Toombs
Joseph L. Corace, David Rothman
Ann Torcivia
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Carol Verdi, Kevin Kamper, Kim
Scharoff, Lavonia Risbrook, Lori
Kamper, Michael G. Miller
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Candace Corsaro
Mickey Leamey
John D. Goldstein
Mary Jean Sprague
David Rothman
Richard Sturm
Stanley Thompson
Joseph L. Corace
Sue Sheehan
Alison J. Mandel, Richard G. Hall
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J.P. DiTroia
William F. Risbrook
Joseph C. Eppolito
Nydia Corace
Peter J. Mancuso
John A. Gridley
Robert V. Witherspoon
Sean O'Sullivan
Chuck Eckert, Jim Mancuso,
Kimberly Davis, Maureen Neuringer
Stephen Bernheim
Kim Scharoff
David Vail
Alison J. Mandel, Chuck Eckert,
Jason Steiner, Kim Scharoff,
Richard G. Hall, Sean O'Sullivan
Michael S. Siniski
Frank Romeo
Al Teetsel
Alexander Federcio Jr.
Verdia Noel, Veronica Witherspoon
Rich Santer
Donna Parent, Jim Mancuso

**International
Foundation**

**David
Rothman**



Fellow Kiwanians, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kiwanis International Foundation Immediate Past President Peter Mancuso for leading us this past year. He has truly shown his leadership skills and knowledge through some challenging times.

Additionally, I need to recognize Immediate Past Governor Al Norato Jr. for his leadership and devotion to our District and the KIF.

The Kiwanis International Foundation is hard at work to raise \$110 million wipe out neonatal tetanus. One thing we sometimes forget during this campaign is that the KIF needs daily dollars to operate and support programs like Disaster Relief, Scholarships and Grants for worthwhile world club projects.

How can we help? Support the Club Annual Gift Campaign and hold a Skip A Meal meeting. Meet at a members' house, library, etc., and just serve light refreshments but charge as if was a regular meeting. Forward the proceeds along with the proper form found on the KIF website and receive recognition.

Halloween is soon approaching, ask your Sponsored Youth Clubs to Trick or Treat for UNICEF to raise funds to support our World Service Project, EliMinate. It's time to Think Out Of The Box. The KIF will be updating some of its awards and ways to help raise those funds. More on that next time.

Grant Applications Due Nov. 15

When you give to the Kiwanis International Foundation, you extend your Kiwanis impact by helping to fund the grants our foundation provides. The November 15 deadline to have your grant application reviewed at the February board meeting is fast approaching!

All Kiwanis-family clubs, districts and district foundations can submit a grant application. Increase your chances of receiving a grant by making sure your application:

Fully answer all required questions; explains how your club is contributing both financial resources and volunteer time to your project; specify how your project will affect the lives of kids, especially young children.

To learn more, contact Julie Taylor at 1-800-KIWANIS, ext. 159, or via email at jtaylor@kiwanis.org with questions.

2013 District Convention Highlights



Aiello, Paul Elected

Above, Eric G. Paul of the West Seneca Club following his election as Governor-Elect for 2013-14. Above right, Gov.-Designate Joe Aiello (at podium) with his family; from left, Samantha's boyfriend, Mike; son Frank, daughter Samantha and wife Carole. Seated is Kiwanis International Trustee Patricia Barsotti, the counselor to the New York District. At right, Barsotti and Aiello share a laugh.



Above, Kiwanis International President Thomas DeJulio (left) and Gov. Al Norato Jr. (right) pin the newest Kiwanian in attendance, First Lady Dr. Jenny Wang. Above left, Norato and Wang honor DeJulio and Rosemary DeJulio as the convention honorees. At left, the Past Governor's Council awarded the Jerry Christiano Award to Mike Siniski for his service to the district, to Kamp Kiwanis and to his club and division. The award, which can only be won by someone who has not been governor, is awarded each year by the past governors. From left, are Mike's wife, Rita; Siniski and Christiano. In front of them is the permanent Christiano Award trophy listing all winners.

Christiano Award Nominations Sought

The New York District Past Governors Council recognizes, on an annual basis, the Extraordinary Meaningful and Distinctive Achievement of the New York District Kiwanis member an award titled: "The Gerald P. Christiano Distinguished Service Award" named in honor of Past International President "Jerry" Christiano and sponsored by the New York District Kiwanis Past Governors Council.

This award may be presented to only one Kiwanian each year at the annual New York District Kiwanis Convention.

The honoree should be a living New York District Kiwanis member in good standing, who has "Exhibited outstanding meritorious service to individuals in the community and has contributed in an extraordinary manner over a signif-



icant period of years to the advancement of Kiwanis."

Sitting Governors, Governor Elects, and Past Governors are not eligible for recognition of this award.

Award presentation and expenditures will be financed by the Past Governors Council only, and cannot be purchased by clubs or individuals.

Recommendations and proposals for award nominees must be submitted by a Past Governor and shall be presented in writing to the current council chairman, not later than January first of each year.

Evaluation and approval of each annual award recipient shall be chosen by vote of the council during its Mid-Winter meeting each year.

If you have questions, please contact Council Chairman Past Gov. Joe Corace at 917-282-9498 or joeorace@aol.com



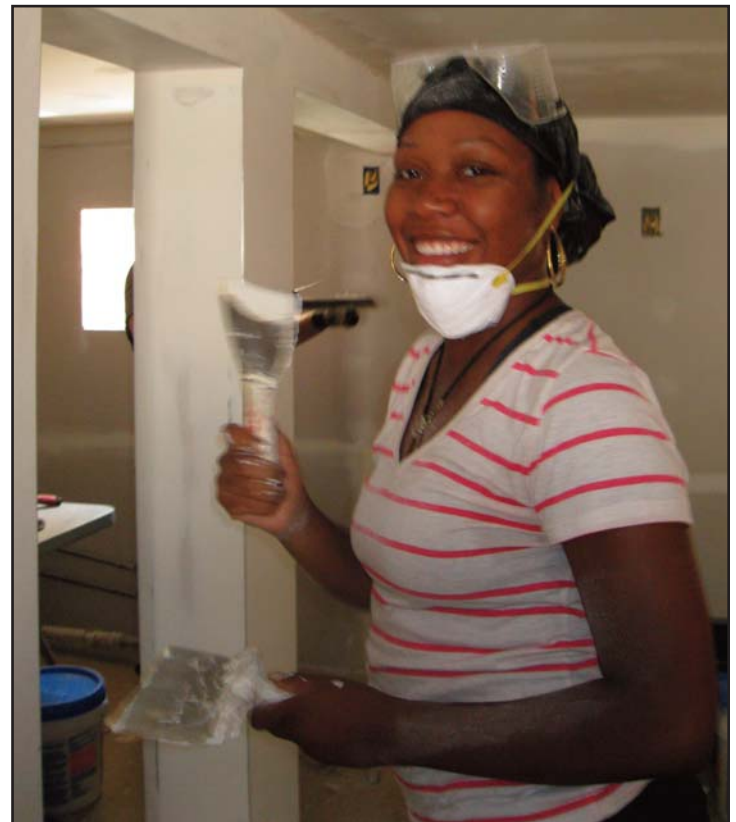
1,000 Flags in Field of Honor

The Field of Honor returned to Huntington Town Hall for a fourth consecutive year, with an extended display to run from the 9/11 Memorial until after Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, December 7.

The 1,000 flags are purchased by individuals, groups, or businesses, to recognize individuals who have served our country in the military, or all veterans.

The Kiwanis Club of Huntington uses the funds for various service projects for children in Huntington, including sending children of the military to Kamp Kiwanis.

Volunteers from the Kiwanis Club, the Key Club from Harborfields High School, and Girl Scout Troop #3733 mounted a huge effort to install the Field. They are pictured following the effort.



Sandy Relief Continues

On July 14, 2013, nine volunteers from the NYC Young Professionals Kiwanis club went to East Rockaway on Long Island to assist with Hurricane Sandy relief efforts. Pictured above is 2012-13 Club President Frederica McLean taking a quick break to pose for the camera

Much of the clean-up work after the storm has been completed but assistance is still needed with repairs. The club's assigned worksite was a basement apartment that had been flooded during the storm. The residents had been displaced for many months and were looking forward to moving back home. After a brief training, everyone was off and running with their sanding and spackling duties!

NYCYP Kiwanis is looking forward to volunteering aing in the spring, along with members of their sponsored Key Clubs and Circle K clubs.

Eliminate Project

Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse



Here we are at the beginning of a new Kiwanis year, and coming closer to our 100th birthday in 2015. That means we have only 21 more months to donate or pledge to the EliMiNaTe Campaign.

The fundraising aspect of the Campaign is in full swing now and the momentum keeps growing! There is good news to report: two more countries have eliminated MNT through Kiwanis' efforts - Sierra Leone and Gabon.

This is the time for clubs to sit down together and decide on what they can do for EliMiNaTe.

So far only 62 percent of our clubs in the New York District have participated. Our neighbor across the Hudson River, the New Jersey District, has 100 percent participation by its clubs. Remember the TV commercial for the Jersey Shore that had the slogan "Stronger than the Storm?" New Jersey Kiwanians certainly are! But what about us?

As I said my last column, please send in funds as they come in. Don't hold on to them until you have a larger amount to submit.

There is a new initiative from EliMiNaTe in Indianapolis called "The Speakers' Bureau." Each district had members trained to go to clubs in their areas to speak about Model Clubs. Our speakers are Linda and Jerry Christiano, Rickie Santer, and Rosemary DeJulio. Please welcome them warmly and listen to their presentations with an open mind and heart.

Remember - although the campaign officially ends in 2015, Model and 100K Clubs have five years from their agreement to complete their pledges.

Right now our Sponsored Youth Programs are being invited to participate in "Trick or Treat for UNICEF." Once again all funds raised through this program will be given to EliMiNaTe. Please encourage your sponsored youth to take part in this endeavor. So far Sponsored Youth Programs have raised \$2 million for EliMiNaTe! Let's support them in every way that we can.

Another fun item that is on the horizon is the EliMiNaTe Walk at the Tri-K weekend in November. There is a detailed blurb on the District webpage. Please support your Lt. Governor in this



Walk. Which division will come out on top? This is a real cliff-hanger! Keep tuned - we'll know in November!

JP DiTroia, EliMiNaTe Division Coordinator for Queens West, has obtained a wonderful offer from Patty Fay of Eternal Branding Plus. Patty will provide, free of charge, a table cover for Project EliMiNaTe. All one needs to do is to call and speak with her about her company. There are absolutely no strings attached. You will be receiving further information about this opportunity in the near future.

Let me conclude by thanking you for the cards, condolences and concern you offered me at the unexpected death of my beloved brother, Robert. He and I were very close and his passing leaves a great void in my life. The kindness of my Kiwanis family has been a great comfort to me, and I am very grateful.

As always -- Excelsior!

Pediatric Lyme Disease

DPG John Gridley



LYME DISEASE TOLL IS HIGHER. Lyme disease is 10 times more common than previously reported, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has announced.

As many as 300,000 Americans are actually diagnosed with Lyme disease each year, said the CDC, which previously had put the number at 20,000 to 30,000. The better estimate was based on actual lab surveys and reviews of insurance information. There is not yet an FDA approved test for this microbe, but it's expected within the next year. To continue the work of the New York District Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation which is treatment, medication and education, funds are needed. There are a few ways in which you can help raise the funds needed.

One way for us to raise funds is through the Brittany Fellowship Award. This fellowship is named after DPLG Joseph Wuest's granddaughter, Brit-

tany Mezzancello, who has chronic Lyme disease and who by-the-way receives no funds from the foundation. The cost is \$500 for which you will receive a plaque, medallion and a pin all in her likeness.

For information on the Brittany Fellowship contact Pediatric Lyme Disease VP/Treasurer Distinguished Past Gov. John Gridley at hmteam2316@verizon.net or call (516) 488-1132.

A second way is the Joseph Michael Wuest Fellowship. This award is open to our Sponsored Youth Clubs and Kiwanis Clubs alike. The cost is \$150 for the Sponsored Youth and \$400 for Kiwanis Clubs, for which you will receive five certificates, a banner patch, and pins. The contact for this award is Mickie Leamey at (516) 993-4246.

A third way is the new Emerald Brittany lapel pin. This cost \$250, for which you receive a beautiful pin with room to add additional emeralds however, you must have already received the Brittany Fellowship. The contact is Rose Marie Gridley at hmteam2316@verizon.net or call (516) 352-6105.

These are inexpensive ways to honor a Kiwanian or any individual and help young children with Lyme disease.

Also, the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation's Service Leadership Committee entered into its second year supporting the mission of the PLD Foundation.

This committee is comprised of Key

Clubbers and Circle Kers from all over the district. The committee is co-chaired by Circle K Governor Kelly Chan and Key Club Governor Paul. The committee meets online once every month.

The committee is currently planning its second Pediatric Lyme Disease Awareness Week for Feb. 3-9, 2014. (More information will follow as we get closer to the date). This special week encourages Sponsored Youth Clubs and Kiwanis Clubs to fund raise for and share information about Pediatric Lyme Disease. The committee has also been a resource for the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation on the use of technology to generate support for the cause. Kiwanis Clubs are asked to contact their sponsored Circle K and Key Clubs to find out if they have representation on the PLD-SLC. The Key Club and Circle K Divisions without representation on the Pediatric Lyme Disease SL Committee are asked to contact their respective governor or the PLD Service Leadership Chair Rich Santer at rs2wdld@aol.com to join the committee.

If you know any child with Lyme disease that needs financial assistance to pay for treatment and/or medications please contact me or any member of the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation Board. As always, remember, the main thing is to keep the main thing, the main thing. In this case the main thing is helping children and that is what we do.

Aktion Club

Debra
Rothman



We had an extremely successful District Convention in Rochester in August.

Assisting in the sale of pins for the Eliminate Project at our display table was the Livonia Aktion Club and their adviser Jeanette Mallaber, member of the Nunda Club and adviser to the Nunda Aktion Club Vicki Goll, member of the Lewiston Club and the adviser to the Niagara County Aktion Club Richard Hermanson and member of the West Seneca Aktion Club Stephanie Speaker. We raised \$1,000 which was personally delivered to International President Tom DeJulio.

The New York District Aktion Clubs collected \$1,924 over the course of the past two years specifically for the Eliminate Project, but one individual stands out. Whenever I have asked for help at any of the Mid-Winter or District Conventions there was always one person who contacted me immediately, who always said I will be there to help, just tell me where and when. He would take the pins off our display table and circulate

the venue, selling them to whoever he could. Without his help, I am uncertain we would have raised all that money. So, when Distinguished Past Gov. David and I attended the Lewiston Peach Festival in September we walked in the Peach Parade with the Niagara County Aktion club in the morning and although it was pouring rain, under the raindrops in the Peach tent we presented Richard Hermanson with a Zeller award for all that he has done to help Aktion Clubs. Thank you Richard for all that you do.

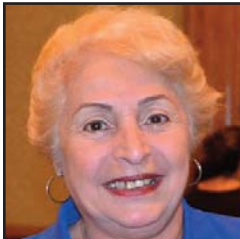
Our newest charter, East Meadow Aktion Club, held a Karaoke Night, which I had the pleasure of attending. They raised enough money to send two children to Kamp Kiwanis. Both Nassau BOCES RKS at JFK Bellmore Aktion Club and Nassau BOCES RKS at Manhasset HS Aktion Club made paper butterflies to be part of an exhibit for the Houston Holocaust Museum. The Roslyn Warriors Aktion Club created bookmarks that were given to local schools as well as a home for disabled children. The Oceanside Sailors Aktion Club made bookmarks for the new library at Kamp Kiwanis and West Hempstead Court Aktion club decorated duffel bags donated by the Nassau County Court Houses Kiwanis Club to be given to children leaving for Kamp Kiwanis who had nothing to carry their clothes in but plastic bags. Massapequa

FREE Aktion Club made journals for the children at Kamp Kiwanis and helped out at a food drive. FEC/HRW Aktion Club helped to create baskets of food to be delivered to needy families. The Niagara Falls and Lockport Aktion Club assisted in a soup kitchen and a book bag giveaway. The Nunda Aktion Club made and decorated Valentine's cards for a local nursing facility. The Elmira Aktion Club participated in an Anti-Bullying downtown Elmira event, sponsored by Strong Kids/Safe Kids. The Adirondack Aktion Club has been holding dances to raise money for local causes. The Buffalo Aktion Club assisted in a Spring Shoreline cleanup and Forest Park Aktion Club partook in their annual service project that consisted of landscaping in the Umoja Gardens in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn. Our Aktion clubs have been extremely busy.

Western NY will be hosting its second Aktion Club conference in October; you can find the information on our Facebook page, NY District Aktion Clubs. Check out the web site www.aktion-club.org for more information on Aktion Clubs and if your Kiwanis club doesn't sponsor an Aktion Club please think about chartering one. Thank you to all the 33 clubs, their advisers and their sponsoring clubs for a great year in growth and a great year in service hours.

K Kids

Mickey
Leamey



With the start of the new school year, comes a multitude of exciting service and fundraising opportunities for K-Kids across the New York District.

On Oct. 1, Governor Joe Aiello and First Lady Cookie have developed two outstanding projects for the entire K-Family. Gov. Joe's Governor's Project encourages clubs to assist those with autism. This might be through fundraising such as walking in your local Autism Speaks Walk or through service by volunteering time interacting with autistic children at your school. For help planning a project please contact Governor's Project Chair Kevin Kamper at kkamper@aol.com

First Lady Cookie's First Lady's Project asks us to collect candy for US troops overseas. While chocolate cannot be shipped, other candies such as hard candies, Starbursts, licorice, Life Savers, mints and chewing gum are welcome treats for our soldiers. Early November is an especially good time to

With the start of the new school year comes a multitude of exciting service and fundraising opportunities

run a candy drive for the troops. Many stores have after Halloween sales that will increase the amount of candy people will donate to your collection drives. For more information about the First Lady's Project, contact Project Chair Lt. Gov. Ann Torcivia at friendstravelny@verizon.net.

Of course, the Fall also provides an opportunity for K-Kids to support the Eliminate Project by trick-or-treating for UNICEF. The traditional orange trick-or-treat boxes are available through the Kiwanis Store online at www.kiwanisone.org. Additional information can be found on the web at theeliminateproject.org.

The Long Island South Central Division's SLP Team is planning a one-day mini-convention for K-Kids and Builders Clubs in the downstate area. The mini-convention will be held at WT Clarke Middle School in Westbury on a Saturday in November or December. If any K-Kids or Builders Club advisors, officers or members are interested in at-

tending, please contact K-Kids Assistant Administrator Lt. Gov.-Elect Rich Santer at rs2wddd@aol.com.

As always, should any club be interested in chartering a new K-Kids or any current club is in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (516) 333-3563 or Santer at rs2wddd@aol.com.

Metropolitan Division Night at the Races is Nov. 1

The Metropolitan Division will have a Night at the Races on 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1, at Colony Hall, 460 Brielle Ave. (within the Seaview Hospital complex).

Event tickets are \$50 per person; each ticket includes heroes and a full open bar. Limited seating is available.

Payments are due by Oct. 25. Sponsors also are being sought. See the district web site, www.kiwanis-ny.org, to download ticket purchase and sponsorship forms.

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KPTC North Shore

PG Joseph Corace



The Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center closed out the 2012-13 Kiwanis service year, with more than 300 Kiwanians and friends at its 18th Annual Black & White Ball. This celebration of service and support for our trauma center witnessed the presentation of 12 KPTC Fellows, 2 Single-Level Diamond Fellows and 1 Two-Level Diamond Fellow (see the inset for the individuals who were recognized).

The KPTC Fellowship Awards, a highlight of the Black & White Ball, represents a \$1,000 donation that has been made in the honored recipient's name. The donation is placed into the KPTC Endowment. The interest from that fund is used to help the hospital while the principal remains untouched. The Diamond levels are also each \$1,000.

At the Ball the Trauma Center Board of Directors also honored Kiwanis International President Tom DeJulio and Kiwanis International Foundation

President Peter Mancuso. These two leaders admirably represented the New York District in Kiwanis International's highest elected offices.

The ball was a huge success thanks to many people. I would like to extend my gratitude to the KPTC Foundation Directors and Chairs and all the clubs that support this event through the awarding of KPTC Fellows, taking journal ads, donating raffle baskets and their attendance.

Special thanks also go to the Five Towns Kiwanis Club which presented its annual KPTC Al Bevilacqua Memorial Scholarship to WT Clarke Key Club Past President and continuing KPTC Service Leadership Committee member Gina Principato.

Once again, the KPTC Service Leadership Committee assisted with set-up, check-in, selling raffle tickets and delivering raffle baskets to winners. Their ef-

KPTC Fellow Recipients

Vincenzo S. Lippiello, Fordham University club
Alison Mandel, Elmira club
Linda DeStio, North Shore club
Kathy Levinson, Manhasset-Port Washington club
Jeffrey Chesner, Massapequa club
Elizabeth Fries, East Meadow club
Stella Lai, Chinatown club
Leslie Summer Snow Ying
Fred Strobel, Maspeth club
Tina DiTroia, Middle Village club
Victor Rodriguez, Ozone Park club
Robert Bluver, Northport club

Diamond Level Recipients

Juan Na Chen, Chinatown club
Gov. Al Norato Jr., Sayville club

Two-Level Diamond Recipient

Ann Torcivia, Bethpage Central club

forts on behalf of the KPTC Foundation are always appreciated.

Finally, please set aside Nov. 13, 2013, for the KPTC Annual Meeting at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 48 Shelter Rock Road, Manhasset. A light supper will be served at 6 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

As the 2012-13 service year comes to a close, we thank Governor Al Norato for his support of KPTC and we look forward to working with Incoming Governor Joe Aiello.

Key Leader

Mary Jean Sprague



Great News!

Key Leader is not only secured for Friday May 3 through Sunday May 5 at Beautiful Camp Stella Maris in Livonia, NY, there is also one a week prior on Friday, April 25 through Sunday April 27 at the Lovely Huguenot YMCA Camp in Huguenot, NY.

Both facilities offer so much to the experience and I know there are students who are eager to participate. While official online registration does not open until December 2013, an application for signing up students now has been devised by Past Lt. Gov. David Morse of the Hudson River West Division. We already have sign-ups for the Huguenot Camp and are looking for many more.

A little bit about Key Leader

Key Leader is an intense Leadership Training Camp for students between 14 and 18. They may come from the gen-

eral high school population and in some cases the junior high, and they will be a mix of Key Club members and students who might become potential club members. On occasion we may see a new Key Club form as a result. The general cost of the program is \$200 for main stream students, \$175 for Key Club Members, \$115 for Student Facilitators (Student Facilitators are experienced Key Leader students who facilitate the camp experience).

Key Leader provides both a classroom component and hands-on outdoor workshops which reinforce the classroom teachings. Students learn integral life skills focused on Integrity, Community Building, Pursuit of Excellence, Personal Growth and Respect. It's a great experience. The program really makes you stop and take stock of your values and encourages you to reach beyond and think outside your comfort zone.

We need a minimum of 60 students for each program, with a maximum of 80. Let's set the goal of needing a waiting list! Key Leader also needs fun-loving adults who like to work with young people and watch them bloom. I have several openings for both camps. We need both men and women to chaperone. The students truly do make an amazing transformation from Friday-Sunday. Please contact me if you are in-

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terested.

I'd like to extend a heartfelt thanks to my team, Key Club Lt. Gov. Danielle Richardson who is my counterpart in Key Club and a Key Leader graduate, Past Lt. Gov. David Morse and Barbara M. Ewanciw of the Huguenot YMCA and Dean Beltrano and Ann Holevinski of Camp Stella Maris for all their inspiration and help!

I would also like to thank retiring Gov. Al Norato, all of his board of lieutenant governors and incoming Gov. Joe Aiello and his board for their strong support of the Key Leader Program.

If you know of a young person in whose life you want to make a difference, please consider making them a Key Leader!

For more information, visit www.KeyLeader.org website or contact Mary Jean Sprague, askmj@hvc.rr.com.

New York District Kiwanis Foundation



Top 2013 Kamper Sponsors

A key factor for the success of Kamp Kiwanis is the number of kampers who are sent to the kamp from clubs around the district.

For 2013, the division sending the most children to kamp was Long Island South Central with 84.

The three clubs to send the most were Peninsula Hewlett with 50, East Meadow with 38, and LaGuardia Airport with 25.

The 50 from a single club is a record for the time she's been kamp director, Rebecca Lopez (now Clemence) reported at the 2013 District Convention.

District Foundation

Sal Anelli



The 2012-13 Kiwanis administrative year has come to a close and as I always do, I look back at what we've done and forward to where we're going.

Our year, as you may very well remember, started with a disaster and ended with wedding bells. I will explain.

Who can forget the wrath of Super Storm Sandy. It ravaged the eastern seacoast like no other storm has ever done. The many lives that were lost and the billions of dollars in damage that it cost made it the worst natural disaster that I have ever witnessed.

Thanks to Distinguished Past Gov. Mike Malark and the very generous donations that came in to our disaster relief fund from all over the country and all over the world, we were able to help so many victims of this disaster. I can't thank enough Kiwanians like the Canadian District, the Switzerland-Liechten-

stein District, California-Nevada-Hawaii District, San Jose Club Foundation and many more.

I do have to tell you that the most heartwarming ones were the small checks that were sent in from Kiwanians in the New Orleans, Louisiana, area who sent notes with the check stating that they did not forget what the New York District Foundation did for them during Katrina.

Now I stated earlier that the year ended in wedding bells and that I would explain, well if you haven't heard yet, on Sept. 14 in a little town called Ferry Beach in Portland, Maine, our executive director, Rebecca Otilia Lopez and her longtime assistant, Luke Sean Clemence, decided that they had hidden their love for each other long enough and so they wedded.

This was a shock to me and almost everyone else who knows them as the executive director and assistant director. That more than anything else exemplifies their professionalism in their job, never letting on of a more personal relationship. I'm sure I speak for every Kiwanian that knows Rebecca and Luke when I say that we couldn't be happier for the two of you and may you enjoy your life together for the rest of your

lives.

In between the two events, there was a camping season, this year we had a total of 599 campers which is less than we would like but it is understandable given that clubs that usually are able to send many children to Kamp found it very difficult this year as a great deal of their resources were directed towards Sandy relief projects.

We certainly hope that we can get the number back up for next year because the more children that attend the more lives we can change for the better and the more great memories we can make for the children. On behalf of all of us at the New York District Foundation I would like to say thank you to all of the Kiwanians throughout the District who are always supporting our efforts to keep Kamp Kiwanis the best sleep-away camp in the country.

If you wish to help, there are many ways to help, contact me or anyone else on the Foundation board for more information. Have a great Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year and hopefully we'll see you on Kamp Opening Week-end.



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Peach Festival Draws Crowds Again in 2013

By Gov. Joseph Aiello

The First Lady and I attended the Lewiston Peach Festival the first weekend in September. Only one word to describe the event AWESOME.....This is something we will never forget.

Lewiston is the home of Kiwanis. We were treated like Family. we met some fabulous Kiwanians.

The weekend started with a tour of the festival. I met the Key Club who

sold French fries, the Builders Club who sold burgers and hot dogs.

Circle K manned the peach shortcake tent. Then I met the Niagara-Wheatfield Club who sold turkey legs and corn on the cob. Everything they did it was done with perfection. If you were still little hungry have some Philly cheese steak sandwich, Italian pastry, or some Chinese food. But most of all have the peach shortcake. Fresh peaches over shortcake and smothered with fresh whip cream. It's to die for.

On Saturday morning Lewiston had a 5k run to raise money for Eliminate and

St. Vincent De Paul food pantry. There were 253 runners. Even the Circle K Governor gave it a shot. I still haven't seen her. I stood back to keep an eye on the water. (Yeah right)

The best was the parade. I felt I was at the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade, waving to the children, seeing them lining the streets to see what was in store was breath taking. The entertainment was perfect. I felt like a kid again. There had to be 1,000 people on the parade route. When the parade was over I went to work at the peach tent making peach shortcakes.



Aiello waving to the crowd during the parade.



The Niagara County Aktion Club marching in the Peach Festival parade.