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New York District, Kiwanis International



The 2019-20 District Board following the installation ceremony at the District Convention in Niagara Falls.

Governor

Joseph
Ruggiero



My fellow Kiwanians:

Thank you so very much, for this opportunity to serve and lead the Great New York District.

It has been a great time for me and my First Lady Debbie, traveling around the state, seeing first hand all the great events that we do. We had a very memorable weekend at the Lewiston Peach Festival. The hard work and dedication is truly inspiring. Recently we closed the camp down for the winter. We had 125 Circle K Kids there. They worked very hard to help the adults winterize the Kamp. Plus enjoying fellowship with each other and the adults present.

My Governor's Project will be an important issue that affects so many, Mental Health Awareness. I have instructed my team of lieutenant governors to have at every division meeting someone or something to bring awareness to this issue. For example, depression, suicide, drug addiction, even poor lifestyle, such as poor nutrition. This can also contribute to mental decline. For example, there could be a health fair day in the community. I feel if we could be more



open to this issue, it would take the stigma out, so someone, hopefully, would feel motivated to seek help. I would hope by talking about our drug epidemic, we could raise more awareness. This problem is so widespread and so devastating to so many families.

Looking at all the fund raisers and activities we do made me think, we need to get more information out to our members. This is why I chose to have four executive assistants, strategically located through out our district. Their purpose to gather and share news to help us be aware of other clubs activities throughout the entire New York District.

I would also like to see more interclub activity. It's so good to see what other clubs are doing. Also, please think about attending our convention and conference. I would ask our clubs, through the administrative fund, to support a new person attending, one or both. These events bring a whole new perspective to our members.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention Gov. Hank Baker. Through his love of Kiwanis, he allowed me the opportunity to work with him during his reign. By being so unselfish, it allowed me to get a good feel of the opportunities ahead of us. Thank you Gov. Hank for your service and friendship.

Looking toward a Great Year. See you all soon.

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Membership

Eric Paul



This new Kiwanis year, Governor Joe has directed that we once again combine Membership and New Club Opening as a joint effort. After all, there is little different in opening a new club and working to revitalize a weak one - the key is new members.

International President Daniel Vigneron has asked his governors to

KPTC Albany

Rick Sturm



Little did we realize just how successful the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Program would be at the Albany Medical Center Children's Hospital!

K family members have gone from the ill-fated duck race in the Hudson River to providing cash payments to the hospital totaling more than \$625,000. Kiwanis, Circle K, Key and Builders Clubs in the Capital and Van Rensselaer Divisions continue to support this worthwhile project.

In addition to completing our Trauma Unit pledge of \$500,000, we helped fund equipment for the Albany Medical Center's Neo-Natal Unit raising \$50,000 for the purchase a very specialized incubators, fondly referred to as a Giraffe unit.

Our next project raised \$25,000 for the purchase brain scanning devices and software to improve care to babies in the neo-

stress not just opening new clubs, but strengthening existing clubs at risk, those under 15 or 20 members. Gov. Joe has asked me to head up this membership development unit, and I will be assisted by Vice Chair Distinguished Past Lt. Gov. Tricia Hook from Canandaigua, the four "Executive Assistants" that the governor has appointed through the district, and a group of regional or "zone" people to coordinate the local effort.

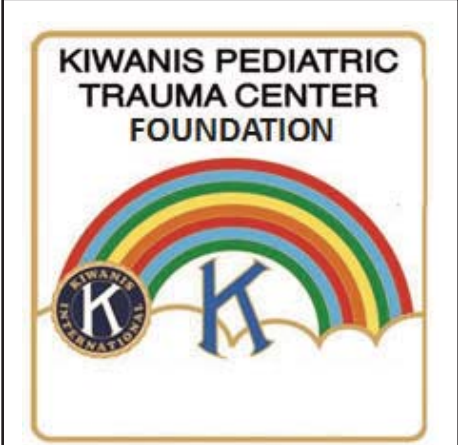
Want to get involved? Drop me a line at egpaul99@gmail.com or call me at 716-677-4604! We are looking for a BANNER YEAR for 2019-20, and NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE in getting new people in and then getting them involved in your projects!

natal unit.

Currently, we are looking to the hospital for future ideas as we near completion of our \$50,000 pledge to help fund a treatment room located in the Albany Medical Center's new Children's Emergency Department.

Since 1993, It has been an honor and a pleasure for me to lead the team of so many New York District Governors and K Family heroes who continue to work so hard to see this program through!

This has all been made possible through the intensive efforts of our Kiwanis clubs and their affiliated youth organizations without whom we would not have succeeded!



KPTC Annual Meeting will be Nov. 20

The KPTC Long Island annual meeting will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 20, at Northwell Health System, 2000 Marcus Ave., New Hyde Park. A light supper will be served.

All club members and officers are welcome. Club presidents and secretaries will vote on the KPTC officers and board members for the coming year.

2018-19 Events

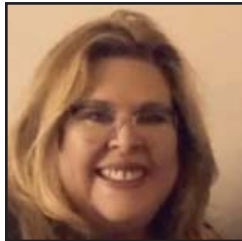
- Nov. 1-3, 2019**
Circle K NY Speaking, Lake George
- Nov. 8-10:**
K-Family Weekend, Desmond, Albany
- Feb. 21-23, 2020:**
Mid-Year Conference, Doubletree, Binghamton
- March 6-8, 2020:**
Circle K District Convention, Desmond, Albany
- March 22, 2020:**
Lyme Foundation Gala, Floral Park
- March 27-29, 2020:**
Key Club Leadership Training Conference, Albany
- May 14-17, 2020:**
2020-21 Lieutenant Governor Training, Utica
- June 18-21, 2020:**
International Convention, Indianapolis
- July 1-5, 2020:**
Key Club International Convention, San Francisco
- July 19-23, 2020:**
Circle K International Convnetion, Las Vegas
- Aug. 13-16, 2020:**
District Convention, Desmond, Albany

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Governor-
Elect

Brenda Leigh
Johnson



Our Kiwanis world has been evolving since it was founded more than 100 years

International
Leadership

Jim
Mancuso



Elation - the feeling every New York District Kiwanian had when they heard the words "Your next International Vice President is Peter Mancuso!"

As you all know by now, after a long campaign, Peter won the election held at the recent Kiwanis International Convention in Disney World. In a sea of red campaign t-shirts, emblazoned with Peter's name and the slogan "Together We Can Go the Distance", supporters burst into applause, and hugs and kisses were universally shared after the announcement was made.

One experiences different kinds of feelings of elation during their lifetimes, but I can honestly say for me (and I believe for many in attendance) this one was different. We all pulled for our candidate. We worked the campaign booth and the crowd hard. We had meaningful conversations behind the scenes to line up support. Our candidate gave two thoughtful speeches (there was a run-off with another candidate), both expertly delivered and more than memorable. Those speeches gave life to the fact that our Kiwanis family is truly an extension of our own families. Peter won and elation poured out - it was a great day.

Kiwanis
Children's
Fund

Helene Irvine



I want to take a moment to thank Governor Hank and First Lady Bonnie Baker for having the confidence to appoint me as the District Chair to Kiwanis Children's

ago.

As have our communities and clubs. The projects that we did 50 years ago may not be relevant today, or even 10 years ago for that matter. At Kiwanis.org, there are all sorts of assessment tools that have proven successful for strengthening not only clubs, but the communities that we serve. Those assessment tools can be found at: <https://www.kiwanis-ny.org/clubeval.htm>. The results may surprise you.

More importantly, it was a great day for all those that we serve, including the children. While they may not know it, many lives became a little better that day. The leadership Peter is already providing means the quality of our service to others will improve. We will add more members with your continued support and provide more service in the process. Kiwanis will be a better financial steward of your membership dollars and put them to work more judiciously. And, we will be more focused on the most important part of Kiwanis, the "club." Peter has stated many times before and during his election speech, he believes everything good that Kiwanis does emanates from our clubs.

Peter's message to you is this: "I am deeply grateful for all of the support I received from our wonderful district - from our campaign inner circle, from those who came to the convention as volunteers and voters, and from those who contributed to our campaign financially and otherwise. I will continue to represent you to the very best of my ability as Kiwanis International Vice President."

We are a better service organization because of election results but, the journey is not over. Peter will become our next International President starting in 2021-22. So, while we have gone the distance to win the election, the real marathon is only just beginning. Peter will continue to require your support for years to come. And, with it, we will do more great things together. Together we will keep going the distance for Kiwanis and all we serve, and because of you, with Peter in the lead.

Fund.

I look forward to working with every lieutenant governor, club, and Kiwanian to ensure that we excel in our mission to help children and serve their communities.

The Children's Fund has expanded with many new programs and opportunities to help children in our communities as well as around the world.

I look forward to coming out to your District as your schedule permits to discuss various options on how we can help not just our children but all children.

Past
Governor

John "Hank"
Baker



I am honored to write this final letter as your governor.

The first lady and I will never forget the wonderful year we had. Our journey led us to every point of our district. The open arms, smiles and Kiwanis love. For this we will be forever grateful. From the success of our projects, to the smiles of the children from tears of joy. We will always have our memories. Being governor of this great district is an honor and a challenge.

I apologize for not being able to attend every thing we were invited to, but we made everything we were able to. In recent years we were years behind in our district audits, we now are caught up. We are a strong vibrant district. For this I am proud of all of you. Your hard work paid off. You truly went from GOOD TO GREAT.

Thank you all and God Bless Gov. Hank and First Lady Bonnie.

Two Students Win Scholarships

Two high school graduates received college scholarships from the Kiwanis Club of Kew-Forest Richmond Hill at the 36th Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner Aug. 22

The Richmond Hill Woodhaven Club awards the Mary Quaid and Joseph V. Iaricci Memorial Kiwanis Scholarships annually based on both academic achievement and service to the school and community.

Since 1984, the Kiwanis Club has awarded \$219,975 in scholarships to 160 students.

The \$2,500 Mary Quaid Scholarships went this year to Nafisa Zaforullah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sheikh Zaforullah of Richmond Hill, and Radiah Mohamed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Azzul Mohamed of South Richmond Hill.

Nafisa Zaforullah graduated from Francis Lewis High School with a 97.88 average. She plans to attend City College to prepare for a career in international law.

Radiah Mohamed graduated from Hillcrest High School with a 97 average. She will attend York College to prepare for a career as an occupational therapist.

2019 District Convention



Ruggiero, Johnson Elected to Lead District

Joseph Ruggiero was elected Governor for 2019-20 and Brenda Leigh Johnson was elected Governor-Elect for 2019-20 at the House of Delegates Saturday afternoon.

Both ran without opposition.

Pictured above are Ruggiero, left, and

Johnson addressing the delegates at the annual District Convention.

Delegates also approved several resolutions, the most significant of which was an endorsement of the election of Kiwanis International Vice President-Designate Peter Mancuso as Kiwanis International

President Elect at the 2020 international convention in Indianapolis.

Mancuso was elected vice president at this year's international convention and will run unopposed for president-elect next June, now that he has support from his district.



Dr. Ernest Schmid speaking at the Governor's Gala Dinner Saturday evening. A member of the Kiwanis International board, he is the counselor to the New York District for 2019-20. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Lentia, Austria.

Herb Chan Receives Initial Tarnopoll Award

During the annual meeting of the New York District Kiwanis Foundation Friday afternoon, foundation board member Herb Chan was honored as the first recipient of the Ivan Tarnopoll Award.

The new award will honor the memory of West Seneca member Ivan Tarnopoll, who paid for a life insurance policy which resulted in a payment of \$500,000 to the foundation upon his death last year. His generosity has put the foundation and Kamp Kiwanis on the best financial footing it has had in many years.

Foundation President Sal Anelli said they want to permanently honor Tarnopoll's memory, and it was Past Gov. Joseph Eppolito who suggested creating

the award to honor someone whose dedication and hard work have benefited Kamp Kiwanis even while they avoid the limelight.

Once the award itself has been determined, Anelli said he and Eppolito independently came up with the idea of giving to Chan, who is personally responsible for many of the construction projects which have been carried out at the kamp for the past several years but who usually deflects credit for what he does.

Later in the meeting, board member elections took place and Chan and other incumbent board members Mike Siniski and Keith Cummings were elected to new three-year terms.



From left, Foundation Vice President Tom Poccio, Herb Chan, Distinguished Past Gov. Joe Eppolito and Foundation President Sal Anelli.

2019 District Convention

Keegan Honored

Circle K Administrator John Keegan was the honoree at this year's District Convention.

A reception in his honor took place Friday evening and then a trophy was presented to him during the Opening Session.

Keegan has been the district administrator for Circle K, the Kiwanis-sponsored organization for college students, for 30 years.

The presentation included a video with comments about him from by former Circle K members, including former Circle K



Keegan holding a trophy which lists the 30 Circle K governors he has worked with. The trophy was presented by Gov. Hank Baker.

governors. Some comments noted that his impact has gone far beyond the district, benefiting Circle K world wide.

Kim Scharoff noted that Keegan was

appointed Circle K administrator for the 1989-90 Kiwanis year by her father, Steve Scharoff, during his year at district governor.



Gov. Hank Baker speaks about his year as governor at Saturday's banquet.

Cummings Receives Christiano Award

The Jerry Christiano Distinguished Service Award was presented to Past Lt. Gov. Keith Cummings, for his work at Kamp Kiwanis and in his anti-bullying work.

The award is presented to one person each year by the Past Governor's Council to honor a member for their service to the district.

At right is Cummings addressing the house.



Mancuso Thanks District Supporters

Kiwanis International Vice President-Designate thanked the district's Kiwanians for their support in his successful race at June's International Convention.

He's shown above holding one of the red T-shirts that so many delegates wore to support his candidacy.

Mancuso will serve as president-elect in 2020-21, and as president of Kiwanis International in 2021-22.

2019 District Convention



Saturday's Gala Celebration.



Key Club Gov. Camille Brock presenting her report at the Opening Session. She is a student at Candor High School.



Gov.-Elect Joseph Ruggiero and incoming First Lady Deb Rought during a standing-room-only forum on the Governor's Project and First Lady's Project for 2019-20.



Circle K Gov. Peony Tse, a student at Stony Brook, gives her report.



First Lady Deb Rought, Gov.-Designate Joseph Ruggiero and Kiwanis International Vice President-Designate Peter Mancuso during Ruggiero's installation.

Pediatric Lyme Disease

DPG John
Gridley



To My Fellow Kiwanians:

We are proud to announce that we will be hosting our very first gala celebrating 20 years of dedicated service to the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation on Sunday, March 22, 2020 at the Floral Park Terrace.

Over the past 20 years we have approved approximately \$900,000 in grants for the treatment and medication of a child with Lyme disease. We could not have given out this staggering amount of Grants without you. Your generous donations made a huge difference in the lives of children stricken with this dreadful disease.

The stress and monetary worries families have to endure having a child with Lyme is insurmountable. A child affected with Lyme is unable to attend school on a regular basis, nor engage in normal activities with friends, they are affected physically, mentally and socially. Their families can't afford to pay the exorbitant medical bills accrued for specialized treatment, medication, numerous follow up appointments to their Pediatricians and frequent emergency room visits.

Families have been broken up due to the immense pressure they face when their child is diagnosed with Lyme. Symptomatic children are exposed to numerous side effects from the medication and often times, their pain is relentless. We need to continue the fight for our children who are suffering from Lyme disease and take away some of the stressors the families and children have to deal with on a daily basis.

We need your support. Please find it in your heart to attend this gala and donate to this wonderful cause. Spread the word

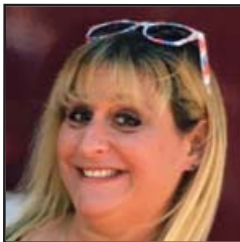
to your family and friends as tickets will be going fast. The cost of a ticket is \$ 85 per person and to purchase a table of 10, the cost is only \$750.00. There will be a full cocktail hour with an open bar, dinner, dessert, a live band with great music and dancing. We will have raffles, photo booth and favors.

Additionally, you have the option of becoming a sponsor, you may purchase a 20 year gala journal ad and / or donate baskets. Please contact, Distinguished Past Gov. Joseph Aiello at (516)828-6304 or joa9014@nyp.org for information about sponsorship, journal ads, basket details and pricing. You may also contact Tom Poccio at thomasp605@gmail.com or Kim Scharoff at kscharoff@gmail.com or Jeanne Egan-Canning at post2004@att.net or any foundation board member.

An invitation will be mailed out to you shortly, so please RSVP as soon as you can. Thank you in advance for your support and always remembering our children in need.

Aktion Club

Jaimie
Neuringer



First of all, congratulations to the brand new Aktion Club of Geneseo, who chartered on June 24th.

Next, the 2019-20 Aktion Club year is here — so it's time to update your membership information and pay members' dues. Complete the easy process (accessible through www.aktionclub.org) right away. Earn an Early Bird Patch if you complete it by Nov. 1! While you're there, your club may be eligible for a distinguished or honor club recognition. This report form has been updated so that you can complete and submit it online. It takes just a few minutes. The deadline for these recognitions is Oct. 15.

Thanks to all the clubs who submitted entries to this year's Aktion Club contests!

All 2018-19 entries were judged at the District Convention. And the winners are...

SCRAPBOOK: Camp Anchor Aktion Club

SINGLE SERVICE: Brighton Aktion Club, "Serving the Children: Super Upcycled Crayons"

Many thanks to everyone who submitted entries. Winners have been submitted to the International contests for judging later this fall.

The Buffalo and Rochester Areas are holding twin conferences on October 26. The Buffalo Area Aktion Club Conference will be at the Museum of Disability History. For more information, contact Bill Schultz. The Rochester Area Aktion Club Conference will be at the Al Sigl Center. For more information, contact Jaimie Neuringer. A third Aktion Club Conference is being planned downstate for Spring of 2020. More information to follow!

We completed our "Just One Dollar" for Military Kampers project, and presented a check for \$1,108 on behalf of the 18 participating NY District Aktion Clubs to Kamp Kiwanis at the Kiwanis District

Convention. Thank you to all who participated! Patches will be mailed to clubs in February.

We are rolling out two new district projects this fall: First, "Aktion Club Kare Packs". We will be asking New York Aktion Clubs to purchase and package disaster relief supplies into Kare Packs. Specific project details will become available this fall on the District Aktion Club web page. Second, we are working on a District Aktion Club video, in which individual members and advisors can participate in a few simple interview questions which will be edited into a video that will be able to be used for club development in our district. This project will be rolled out at the Rochester Area Conference at the end of the month, and will be offered to individual clubs later this winter.

Finally, has your Aktion Club done anything special in the last few months? Do you have something coming up in the next few months? If so, let us know! Use the link in the upper right corner of www.aktionclub-ny.org to submit your photos and event information, and we'll share it with other Aktion Clubs on our website!

Sullivan County Aktion Club has Busy Summer

The Aktion Club of Sullivan County was busy during July and August hosting several events.

They visited residents at the Skilled Nursing Unit at Catskill Regional Medical Center in Harris in July and August. They held a sing-a-long with the residents accompanying them and several club members also performed a tap dancing routine.

On Aug. 10 they held their fourth annual Car Wash at the SullivanOrangeARC

location on lower Broadway in Monticello. The members greeted each customer and did an outstanding job washing the cars, tires and windows with sponges and brushes and hosing and wiping the cars down to a deep shine.

They were pleasantly surprised when one of their customers turned out to be Monticello Professional Car Wash President Alex Rey, who obviously warmly welcomed the competition and was very happy with the great job they did on his

truck. There was no charge for the car wash; however donations and tips were gladly accepted and \$250 was raised. This will help the club fund various community service events.

The Aktion Club of Sullivan County is sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of Monticello and Woodridge.



Award recipients pose following the presentations at the annual Black and White Ball.

Black and White Ball Draws 365 To Support KPTC

Friday the Thirteenth is usually a day that is associated with superstition and horror movies, but for more than 365 people, Sept. 13 was a day to celebrate. They all gathered at Leonard's of Great Neck for the 24th Annual KPTC Black and White Ball. This year's celebration was the largest gathering of them all.

Those that gathered enjoyed good food, fellowship, and the live music of an extremely talented band. As DPG Joe Corace put it, "This is a time for us to celebrate and to thank all of you for the hard work that you do to raise money for the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Centers. Thanks to your generosity we are able to help many children. The work that is done at the trauma centers run by Cohen's Children's Hospital and Stony Brook University Medical Center helps

many children who have endured traumatic injuries. More importantly, the prevention and safety programs that both hospitals conduct helps to prevent these injuries from occurring in the first place. We couldn't do it without your generous support.

The Black and White Ball is also a night where clubs can honor members who have performed valuable service by giving them a KPTC Fellow award. Many of these awards were given on that evening. The following people received awards: Deborah Coates, John Keegan, Chin Mau, Joann Foley, Heidi Felix, Liza Vanderburg, Peter Harrigan, Christopher Ahlers, Geri Hughes, Michelle Masone, Randi Block, Fred K. H. Chan and Paul Lamartina.

Receiving KPTC Diamond Fellows were: Peter Mancuso, James Tong, Grace Tong, Grace Law, Doris Mellina and Debbie Kueber.

Juan 'John' Yu received a Two Dia-

mond KPTC Fellow Award, and Linda De Stio and Thomas De Stio received Three Diamond KPTC Fellow Awards.

No Black and White Ball would be complete without Annual Scholarship recipients being honored. This year, Ayesha Alam was selected as the Rich Santer Award Winner. Heather McNamara was selected to receive the Bob Cuomo Scholarship. Heather McNamara and Kelcie Warren won the DPG Al and Rita Bevilacqua Scholarship.

After the awards were given, the band began to play and those who attended enjoyed an evening of dancing along with a fine meal. After Distinguished Past Gov. Joe Corace thanked all of those who attended, it was time to draw the winners of the evening's raffles. The fortunate winners went home with their prizes, but the biggest winners of all are the children who receive services from the trauma centers that the KPTC Foundation supports.



Nydia Corace and Foundation President Joe Corace.



The Governor's Project for 2019-20: Flora's Project

The 2019-20 Governor's Project, named Flora's Project, was created as a nod to Governor Joseph Ruggiero's mother Flora.

Both mom Flora, and dad Al Ruggiero were longtime devoted Kiwanians who worked tirelessly to support children and their community. Flora spent much of her time towards many mental health issues for students, and worked diligently for Special Olympics. Anyone who knew Flora knew how much she loved to dance, especially the "Electric Slide." She helped her "kids" put on many dance productions (even some square dances) to the joy of all attendees. Students' self-esteem was raised and Flora glowed.

Due to the enormity of the possible projects, the areas have been subdivided into five categories all under the mental health umbrella.

In keeping with that, Gov. Joe wants to continue the tradition of supporting good mental health through New York District Kiwanis. Maureen Brogna Neuringer, chair of the Governor's Project, can be reached at (kiwanismizmo@gmail.com) for any questions you might have.

The Mental Health Project area will be led by DPLG Charlie Cronin Jr. (charcro7011@verizon.net). Projects that clubs may do might include host a mental

health screening event. Visit the Screening for Mental Health website to discover more ideas. www.MentalHealthScreening.org

The Opioid Crisis Project area will be led by Jeffrey Stone (jeffrey.stone@cb-moves.com). Projects that clubs may do might include: Helping Families Struggling with Opioid Use (<https://medicine-safe.org>). Partnership for Drug-Free Kids (https://drugfree.org/?utm_source=medsafet&utm_medium=weblink&utm_campaign=medsafet) There are many ideas there for your choosing.

The Suicide Prevention Project will be led by Kevin Kamper (knkamper@gmail.com). For projects that clubs may do check out Youth Suicide Prevention and Awareness Programs for Students at (https://www.preventsuicidepa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Youth-Resources-for-Suicide-Prevention_Final.pdf). There too you will find a wealth of ideas.

The Environmental Issues Project will be led by Marie Swartzwelder (mmm7swartz@gmail.com). The environment can influence peoples' behavior and motivation to act. The environment can influence mood. For example, the results of several research studies reveal

that rooms with bright light, both natural and artificial, can improve health outcomes such as depression, agitation, and sleep. Projects that clubs may do might include the Effects of Environment on Mental Health. Several good ideas can be found on that Google search.

The Special Projects will be led by DPLG Tom Cesiro (tcesiro3@gmail.com) and DPLG Anthony Pappas (anthony-scifi@hotmail.com). Projects that clubs may do might include anything that creates improvement in any areas of forwarding good mental health for our children and communities. Check this site out for ideas: <http://youthrepresent.org/special-projects-2>

The suggestions are just that. Check with the chair in your chosen area to discuss possible projects that will meet the criteria for a Banner Patch. Kiwanians will be asked to fill out a form outlining the project(s) the have chosen to complete. At the end of the 2020 term the clubs will be presented with a Project Flora Banner Patch.

If you have any questions please contact Maureen (kiwanismizmo@gmail.com). This is a wonderful way to honor Flora (and Al) while caring for our children and communities.

First Lady's Project for 2019-20: Homeless Students

The 2019-20 First Lady Deb Rought's project is for clubs around the district to look for ways to help a specific group of homeless people in their communities -- students.

As you can see from the graph at right, the problem has been increasing each year.

The state's school districts are required to report on the number of their students who are homeless. The problem is universal, affecting rural and urban areas and you may find the numbers to be surprising. The statistics for the past school year can be viewed by county and by division on the district web site, www.kiwanis-ny.org.

So, what can clubs do? A primary need for many of these students is the lack of basic living and school supplies. Clubs can contact their local school districts and offer kits to help the students. The kits could include:

Wipes

Good children's books

Fleece blankets - clubs can make them!

Notebooks

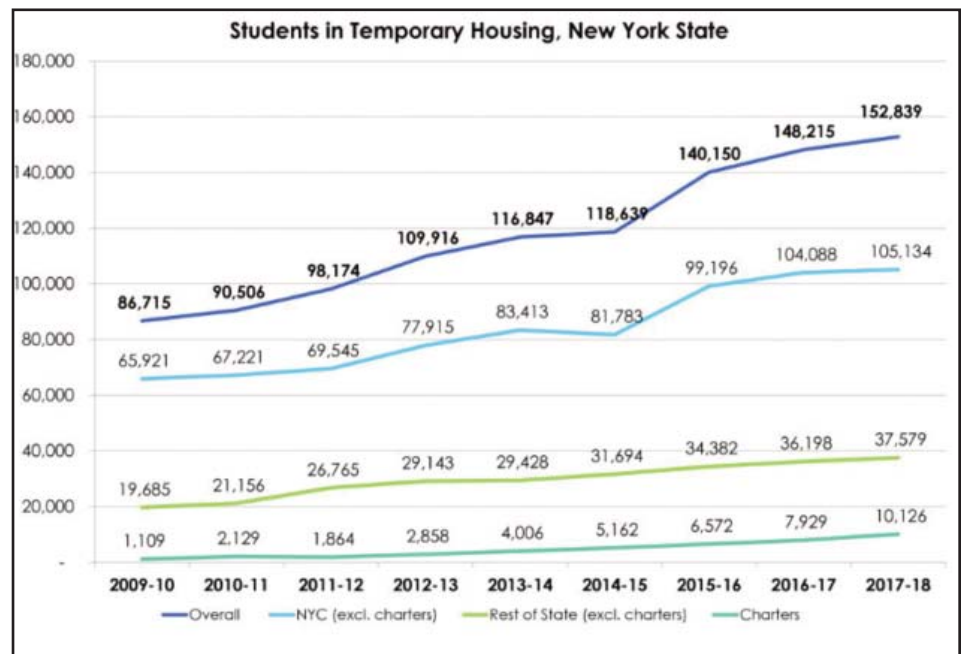
Pens and pencils

Inexpensive calculators

Deck of cards - regular, Uno, etc.

Coloring books

Crayons



Socks
Toothbrush, toothpaste
Shampoo and conditioners (hotel freebies)
Laundry soap
Deodorant

Hair brush, comb
School supplies
Journals for older kids



Circle K Helps Close Kamp

By **Brendon Nguyen**
Circle K Lt. Gov.,
Southern Tier Division

District Large-Scale Service Project, or DLSSP for short, is the first district event of the year for NY Circle K'ers to meet and spend a weekend together.

This event is easily the highlight of many members' Circle K experiences, and NY Circle K is so proud and grateful each year for the opportunity to support a camp - especially one run by Kiwanis - with such an altruistic mission.

As the name suggests, this weekend trip to Kamp Kiwanis focuses on service, specifically cleaning up and winterizing the camp, so that it can be clean and ready to go when campers return the following year.

While we spend most of Saturday in teams working on various service projects like repainting cabins, draining the

lake, and taking down the tepees, we like to have fun as well.

The Conferences and Conventions committee plans a whole array of other great activities like a campfire and s'mores each night, member and officer workshops, a scavenger hunt, and a talent show. While the main focus of the event is service, the other tenets - leadership and fellowship - are still just as present throughout the weekend.

Having all of these great activities creates opportunities for everyone to both connect and disconnect. Although most are only just a few weeks into the school year, many already start to feel the stress and pressure of classes, jobs, and even being a Circle K officer. However, this weekend is an incredible opportunity to disconnect from all the worries at school and connect with other Circle K'ers from all over the state through a love for service. I personally find it so refreshing to get off campus, volunteer at the camp, and



enjoy the company of other servant leaders.

Unfortunately, this was only my second DLSSP. I can only imagine how much I missed from not knowing or attending the other two. Despite that, I'm so thankful for the memories I've made at the two I've been able to attend. There are so many special moments that will stick with me, like stargazing (and aimlessly looking for

the Big Dipper), finally meeting people I had previously only emailed or called, and even simply just lying outside and soaking in the sunshine.

To the people behind running Kamp Kiwanis, to the Kiwanians who support our event, to all of the attendees, to the committee behind planning DLSSP, and to everyone who makes this the best service trip of the year: thank you.

New York District Kiwanis Foundation



Foundation Vice President Tom Poccio, Gov.-Elect Designate Brenda Leigh Johnson and Gov.-Elect Joseph Ruggiero.



Kamp Closing Weekend

District Circle K members and Kiwanians spent the weekend of Sept. 21-22 preparing Kamp Kiwanis for the winter.

At left, Circle K members carry a boat to storage; above, a Kiwanian cleans up a wood pile



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The 2019 Kamping season is now history and it's a great history.

In between the first 2 weeks of adult Kampers and the last 2 weeks of Lifestyle for the Disabled, we had 6 weeks of children Kamperships. During those 6 weeks, we served 650 children of which approximately 150 were children of active military personnel.

Thanks to Governor Hank those military children were his guests as he made that program his Governor's Project. You all know that, but you may not know that Governor Hank not only raised enough money for the 150 Military Kampers, he raised enough money for approximately the same for next year.

Gov.-Elect Joe has committed to continuing this project and if the future Governors all continue it, this can go on forever. What's better than that, honoring

those who put their lives on the line for your freedom and your way of life. I would like to thank Gov. Hank for his commitment to the military and to your Kamp Kiwanis helping changing the lives of children for the better.

Another great event was the closing weekend at Kamp Kiwanis. This is the weekend when we get the Kamp ready for winter. We do a lot of clean up, we shut down the water system and do some upgrades to the Kamp.

For the last 4 years, we have had Circle K's join us for their Service Leadership Program on the same weekend so that they can help us close the Kamp as well as fulfilling their service commitment. These Circle K's have been a Godsend to your Kamp. They are some of the hardest workers I have ever seen. They didn't stop all weekend long they were totally great. I want to thank them and CK Gov. Peony Tse for her leadership.

These young men and women are your future leaders and I for one, thank God that they represent Kiwanis' future.

Some major improvements are in the works for the Kamp. We are grateful to the Verrazano Kiwanis Club from the Metropolitan division which decided they would knock down and rebuild one of the

older cabins that really needed a great deal of work. They decided to raise \$30,000 to complete that project and they did. Work has already begun and it should be done before Kamping season 2020.

Another major project is to get all the paths paved. This has been put on the back burner because of the high cost but thanks to Ivan Tarnopoll's generosity, the board approved to use some of that gift for the paving.

With regard to Ivan Tarnopoll, hopefully at your 2020 Kamp opening, we are going to unveil a proper dedication to him. It will be something that he would be proud of and will memorialize his contribution to your Kamp forever.

You might have noticed that I used the word "your" in speaking about the Kamp, I've said it many times. If you are a New York District Kiwanian in good standing you are a member of the New York District Kiwanis Foundation you are part owner of Kamp Kiwanis. Help us keep your Kamp the jewel of the New York District.



Marine Biology Trips Highlighted

Past President Corinne (Corky) Amico of the Kiwanis Club of Amityville, designed and printed a photo collage of past Marine Biology/Fishing Trips. With the help of science teacher Christina Adversano they hung it on the wall in the Amityville Memorial High School.

Every May for the past 9 years the Kiwanis Club has been chartering a fishing boat to help further teach the students about marine life in the Great South Bay. It's a wonderful day of marine education filled with fishing and fun for students, faculty and Kiwanis members!



Fifth Grader Explores Her Dream

The Fordham Kiwanis Club helped make "a dream come true" for fifth grader Denise Tellez.

Denise was last year's K-Kids Club President at Fiorello Laguardia PS 205 Elementary School in the Bronx. She made a video of her desire to pursue a career as a neurosurgeon. With the help of Fordham Kiwanian Nick Katsoris and The Loukoumi Make a Difference Foundation, she met Dr. Grace Mandigo at the Columbia Neurological Institute to learn more about her dream career.

These photos show how Kiwanis makes a difference in the lives of young children.

Northport-East Northport Hosts Visitors from West Virginia

From July 7-12 16 teenagers from Tug Valley High School in Kermit, West Virginia, travelled to Northport, New York.

Kermit is one of the most impoverished communities in our country and is part of the ground zero for the opioid epidemic, as profiled on 60 minutes.

The trip was organized by Northport High School Service Club, Students for

60,000, in conjunction with Northport American Legion. Kermit students were accommodated with host families during their visit and participated in a busy schedule, including a community forum about the nation-wide opioid crisis at the Cinema Arts Center in Huntington, a visit to meet with Northport Veterans at the VA Affairs Medical Center, and a service visit to a homeless center in Brentwood.

Students also took a trip to New York City where they visited the 911 Memorial

and Museum and other sites, and enjoyed a day at the beach.

Darryl St. George, Student for 60,000 Adviser and American Legion member reached out to the Northport community for assistance. Kiwanian Jim McKenna Sr., who is also a Legion member, recognized the event was a good match for our Kiwanis Club. Northport-East Northport Kiwanis Club was proud to sponsor the welcoming pizza dinner for all involved on the evening of the Kermit student's arrival.