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New York District, Kiwanis International



Governor

Brenda Leigh
Johnson



We as Kiwanians, have the opportunity to show our communities that the New York District of Kiwanis is strong and here to help with those in need.

Having the honor of being governor and leading our district is something that I take very seriously. There have been countless Zoom calls with leaders in our district and beyond, phone calls to club presidents and meeting people in person with all the proper protocols in place to be physically distant.

By now, all members should have received the link to fill out a simple survey. Please make your voice heard, and fill

out the survey. After the results are in, the results will be posted to the district website.

Youth protection is our concern always. Make sure that your club and division has done their youth protection training. This year, there are new training modules. October is Youth Protection month, why not have a program for your club that will get all your members trained in this important effort.

My Governor's Project this year is disaster relief. Whether your club chooses to collect food for your community's food bank, make a kit for our disaster relief efforts as a district, or participate in training for emergency situations, it will help our communities and beyond. For more details on the Governor's Project please use the pull down menu under 2020-21 year on the district web site and click on Governor's Project.

In the past six months, we have gotten more accustomed to using virtual meeting formats to have meetings, do training,

and even socializing. We have had new clubs formed completely on line, and have added new members to our rosters, this will continue to be an option. Having in-person contact is never going to be replaced by virtual, but it's a wonderful way to stay in contact, when meeting in person is impossible.

The Class of 2020/21 Lt. Governors chose the team name of the Illuminators. Our vision statement is:

We will shine the light on the path to the future, lead our district to achieve our goals for service, membership and improving our district, one community, one child at a time.

I urge all of you to be open minded and forward thinking as to how to grow and enhance our district.

Remember, BE KIND, LOOK FOR JOY IN ALL YOU DO, and BE THE LIGHT IN SOMEONE'S LIFE!!

Kamp Kiwanis to Remain Closed in 2021

The district Foundation Board has voted not to open Kamp Kiwanis during 2021.

The board accepted the recommendation of Kamp Executive Director Rebecca Clemence. The recommendation included laying off the Kamp's two year-round staff members, Clemence and her husband, Luke.

The decision was due to the on-going global pandemic health crisis of Covid-19.

In an e-mail to district Kiwanians, Clemence said that she and Luke agreed with the board's decision.

"We all care deeply for the health, safety and well-being of our campers and our staff and see no other option. We do not see enough strides being made in the eradication of Covid-19 to

safely open as we have in the past. We look forward to the summer season 2022 where new health precautions will be safely in place and the campers can enjoy all of the new work we have done to the property.

"We feel this is the only responsible choice to make for both the health of our campers and the fiduciary health of the Foundation. It also comes at a time when Luke and I are both needed by my family as my mother is having health difficulties. We will move back home to Arizona to care for her. The Foundation Board will collectively take over my responsibilities and Luke and I will leave the property on Nov. 16.

"Kamp Kiwanis and The New York District Foundation has been an integral part of our lives. We have worked here for the last 16 years, one-third of our lives. We both would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing us to serve children and those with special needs here in the New York District."

Kamp Kiwanis was closed for the 2020 season as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Rebecca Clemence



The New York District Kiwanis Foundation was formed in 1969, and the kamp opened for the first time in 1971.

During the 2020 hiatus, many capital projects were undertaken at the kamp, including the repaving of the kamp's wheelchair accessible paths.

District
Secretary

Rich
Hall



Welcome to the 2020-21 Kiwanis service year.

This coming year will be unique in the history of our district. These difficult times present both challenges and, I genuinely believe, great opportunity for our organization to be strong and relevant.

Perhaps more than any other time in our lives New York State needs Kiwanis. The service we perform is vital. And as Kiwanians we also need each other more than ever. The sense of purpose, the ability to serve and the fellowship of our fellow members that Kiwanis provides can be so important. Together we can grow as an organization by tapping into the renewed sense of community and service we see

Floral Park Supports

Community Efforts

The Floral Park club collected items to The Sisters of Life which works with pregnant women and new mothers.

They provide emotional and spiritual support to pregnant women in crisis and continued support following birth.

The club also donated two strollers, a car seat adapter, porta crib and a couple of bags and box of children's clothes to the Belmont Race Track Chaplaincy.

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around us. We may have to do things differently than we had to in the past, but we need to be flexible and forward thinking in how we meet, serve and interact with each other.

I look forward to working with Gov. Brenda Leigh and all of you to use every tool in our toolbox to help your clubs succeed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Immediate Past Gov. Joe Ruggiero and his team for a job well done. I can tell you Gov. Brenda Leigh Johnson and her team is ready to hit the ground running to meet these challenging times.

As we close out this year of service let

us remember there are still tasks to complete. Each club should ensure that all reporting has been completed, especially your club election report. This report is vital to ensure communication between International and District to your club. This report can be filed through kiwanisone.org portal.

Please review your club roster to make sure all the information is correct and up to date, especially contact information for your members. Any questions in regard to this, please do not hesitate to contact me. The district office is here to help you succeed in your service to our communities.



Honeoye Falls-Mendon Organized

The first new club for 2019-20 was organized Aug. 10 in the Finger Lakes Division. The Kiwanis Club of Honeoye Falls-Mendon was organized with 16 members by Distinguished Past Lt. Gov. Dave Jacobus, assisted by Lt. Gov. John Treahy and Kiwanis International Northeast Region Membership Coordinator Joe Eppolito.

Eppolito ran the Organization Meeting. The club meets at Flaherty's in Honeoye Falls on second Mondays at noon and on the fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m. The club is being sponsored by the Farmington-Victor club.

2020-21 Events

Nov. 13-15, 2020:

K Family Weekend, Desmond Hotel, Albany

Feb. 18-21, 2021:

Mid-Year Conference, Desmond Hotel, Albany

March 19-21, 2021:

Key Club Leadership Training Conference, Desmond Hotel, Albany

March 26-28, 2021:

Circle K District Convention, Desmond Hotel, Albany

June 24-27, 2021:

Kiwanis International Convention, Salt Lake City, Utah

July 7-11, 2021:

Key Club International Convention, Orlando, Fla.

July 25-28, 2021:

Circle K International Convention, Austin, Texas

Aug. 11-15, 2021:

New York District Convention, Doubletree Hotel, Binghamton

Gov. Elect

Jim
Mancuso



Thank you!

At the Special Meeting held in place of our normal district convention, I was elected as your Governor-Elect. This outcome was in large part made possible based on the support of so many Kiwanis mentors, family and friends. While it was a subdued weekend due to the virus, it was still an exciting time, as we chart our course for the district out of the pandemic.

Make no mistake about it, the challenges Kiwanis and our district face over the next few years will be great, but we will emerge stronger than ever. I am confident of that fact.

You are all very special people. You may not always think of yourself in this way, but you are. Someone once told

me "there are those that can and there are those that will." You can all count yourselves among those "that will." Being that kind of person and giving of yourself in the way that you do is truly a rare quality. That is why I am so confident the future of the New York District of Kiwanis is bright. I never worry if I will succeed when I eventually become governor. I have that knowledge because I know I have all of you in support.

As an example, I have been in regular contact with Gov. Brenda Leigh Johnson and taking part in her own team's planning process. She has graciously welcomed my participation and input, but even more so her mentoring has been of extreme value. As a governor-elect it is wonderful to share this kind of relationship with those who came before you. I will be sure to do the same when the time comes.

Executing a planning process for 2021 is next on my list. There is already much to be done - business planning, strategy development, and finalizing who will become committee chairs to lead our various functions. It is a process that is

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both exciting and daunting at the same time.

I, of course, also need to thank my wife Susie, who is a constant source of support and advice. She has been a wonderful sounding board. And, our International President-Elect, my brother, Peter Mancuso, who has guided me all along the journey so far to governor. I am thrilled that we will be working side-by-side, and together I know we, with the district's support, will accomplish great things for those we serve and who will need Kiwanis more than ever before.

Immediate
Past Gov.

Joseph
Ruggiero



A year ago I had such high hopes for our new Kiwanis year. And a year later, I still have that same vision and fire inside of me. I still hope to build our future, grow our membership, support all of our foundations, support all our SLP's, support our veterans and support any individual cause that's dear to us.

Although my journey as our governor ceases, my Kiwanis journey continues. Technically, for the next year my responsibility continues as Immediate Past Governor. So I will not be too far away from the everyday life of our district. So my passion to serve and carry on all we started, will keep moving forward.

My year started great with my fund raiser in my home parish in Brooklyn. We had a fun night with great music and food. The proceeds from that night helped support our three foundations. Plus we supported the family of a local NYPD officer who was killed in a motorcycle accident. Moving forward we never stopped. Any club, division, or SLP meeting, where ever it was, I tried to attend. My goal was to stay connected with our membership.

Leading up to my year and thinking about a project, with the help of some thoughtful friends and seeing the effects

of everyday stress on people, I decided to choose Mental Health Awareness. My goal was to have all my lieutenant governors have someone speak at their division meetings and also on the club level. We had hoped just talking about this would help people in need to seek help. My First Lady Debbie chose as her project Children's Homelessness after finding out that in every community there are numerous children that are homeless.

When our health crisis hit, following our government and our International president's directive, I immediately stopped all our activities. We stopped all meetings, fund raisers, and events.

Through technology, we found this thing called a virtual meeting giving us the ability to meet through our phone or our computer. Where would we be if this happened a few years ago. As I have said we are lucky to have this available to us. And it has been very entertaining at times when 20 people are talking at the same time. But the positive is that we are meeting.

As things improved, we started slowly and carefully to get back to in-person meetings. The first few times I got dressed up and it felt funny to not wear shorts and a casual shirt. It hit me even more to know we need that person to person connection.

After visiting the North-Central Club meeting in their parking lot, I pushed for others to follow in a safe way. Depending on your area of the state, please try to meet in person. If that can't happen, we must try to have a virtual meeting. If I can do it, SO can you. Just open the e-mail

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and click on it, it's very simple. We need to stay connected. The distance will hurt us and all of our hard work we have done will be in vain.

I would like to sum up our year. Even though we were cut down, we NEVER gave up. We found new ways to raise money. We saw other ways to help with so many people needing food. We fed people, supplied food banks, fed first responders, fed front line workers, gave out supplies of all PPE to those in need. So to me it was a success because we made it, we survived. People in our communities know how strong Kiwanis is. They know we are there for them. We all might be a little disappointed but we can't be discouraged, we are stronger than ever.

Now more than ever I am so proud to have served as the New York District Governor for this past year, BUT I am even PROUDER to have been a KIWANIAN this year.

First Lady Debbie and I want to wish Governor Brenda and First Gentleman Peter much success in the year ahead.

District
Historian

PIP Tom
DeJulio



We begin this new Kiwanis Year in the 20th year of the 21st century, and it will conclude in the month when we commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9-11, the day that changed lives.

Most Kiwanians in this district, with their average age over 60, remember that day all too well. However, we who lived through it may find it hard to believe that our current roster of Key Club and Circle K service partners only know it as one important day in history.

They cannot possibly feel the excruciating pain of losing a son, as did one Long Island North past lieutenant governor; nor the tears that flowed when a Long Island South Central Kiwanian lost his Circle K friend and brother-in-law; nor the shock when this writer learned that the younger brother of his high school Key Club buddy was photographed falling from one of the World Trade Center Tower windows, that photo now immortalized as "Falling Man".

New York Kiwanians, along with other Kiwanians around the world, did feel their pain and shock, and shared tears. But then, in the days that followed 9-11, consolation rose from the depths of desolation, and we did what we have always done, as a family, after encountering disasters. We found the ways to respond.

Here is just one example from Fall 2001:

In early December, a New York Kiwanian received a letter from a boy attending a local school as part of a Kiwanis club's "grant a wish" Christmas project. The letter was written by Wilson, a 12-year old who lost his father, Manuel, in the World Trade Center attack. Wilson wrote "my holiday wish would be to have my daddy back to be able to converse, hug, and tell him how much I love him".

Wilson's daddy was an immigrant from Ecuador who had been employed as a cook at the Windows on the World Restaurant where he labored with the dream of making enough money to bring his twin boys, Wilson and Ricardo, to join the family in America. Tragically, Manuel's dream came true when the American Red Cross helped the two boys secure the proper documents and paid their airfare to New York.

Initially all the Kiwanis Club wanted to do was to give these boys some holiday joy. And so, with the help of another Ki-



This reunion photo shows Wilmer and Edwin, and their brothers Wilson and Ricardo sitting next to their mother Carmen. Standing tall and proud was their Kiwanis Family who adopted this family in their most difficult time.

wanis club, and other Kiwanis clubs as far away as Georgia, Kiwanians collected funds to purchase and deliver toys and gifts to the family residing in living quarters shared with other relatives. Unknowingly and quite miraculously, a gift chosen at random by one Kiwanian was a musical keyboard, the very same item Manuel purchased and sent to his sons. Daddy's gift had to be left behind in Ecuador when the boys boarded their plane bound for New York. Wilson cried when seeing his holiday gift.

After meeting the family and hearing their stories spoken in Spanish, Kiwanians decided to "adopt" this family and focus on the long-term educational needs of Manuel's sons. With the assistance of a NY District Kiwanis Foundation grant, funds were set aside so that ten years later, in September 2011, the family reunited with their Kiwanis benefactors and received a Kiwanis check for \$6,000 in memory of their father.

In 2011, Wilson and his twin Ricardo had then reached the age of 22, and were already settled in their jobs, one training in the NYC police department. Without hesitation, these elder siblings decided to

cover the college expenses and tuition anticipated for their younger brothers, Wilmer who was in college and Edwin enrolled at a local Catholic high school.

Why did I choose this topic and this story to appear in the first "history" column of the new Kiwanis Year? Was it just for us to "Always Remember 9-11"? Not really. It was that day, that moment in our history when hate was on full display, and Kiwanis responded with love. It was a time when children lost "daddy", and the Kiwanis Family acted with "great-heartedness".

Over the past six months, we have seen an abundance of hate, devastating natural disasters, and a ruthless pandemic leading to an inordinate number of deaths and illnesses, not to mention many months of uncertainty for school children and struggling families.

Will our Kiwanis Family pull together in these latest times of trouble, and rally more neighbors, colleagues and friends to JOIN US? Will Kiwanis Clubs remain one of the finest "other-directed" service organizations in the world? The deeds performed by this family of service leaders, more than any words, will answer that question in Kiwanis Year 2020-21.

KI Waives New Member Fee Through Dec. 31

The Kiwanis International Board voted to extend a waiver on new member fees until Dec. 31, 2020. The board is using its authority to bolster membership and help existing Kiwanis clubs perform the service their communities need in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. The waiver only applies to new-member fees paid to Kiwanis International; however, the Board encourages districts and clubs also to waive their respective new-member fees.

"We believe there should be no barriers for people to become Kiwanians. People who want to help kids succeed, and those who want to make a positive impact on the community are invited to join Kiwanis," said Art Riley, 2020-21 Kiwanis International president. "These new members are contributing to our organization with their passion, experience, know-how and commitment."

Club secretaries should enter new members into the secretary dashboard as normal. The Kiwanis International staff will make the necessary adjustments to billings.

The New York District Board will consider waiving the district's new member fee at an upcoming meeting.

Membership/
New Clubs

PG Eric Paul



MEMBERSHIP.

In reality, it is what keeps us moving, keeps us growing, keeps us advancing. And

it's what we ALL need to concentrate on.

Welcome to a NEW Kiwanis year, one (again) like no other. And we all need to concentrate on membership.

Our Kiwanis District has a GREAT Membership Team! Tricia Hook, Marie and Gordon Soderholm, Roger Awe, Frank Sambets, Frank Gerbes, Sean O'Sullivan, Verdia Noel, Anthony Pappas, Kevin Kamper and Ralph Somma make up our team. PLEASE contact them, and me, if you need assistance on organizing or running Membership Events!

We are also pushing the continuing expansion by opening New Kiwanis Clubs around our district. In reality, getting new members for new clubs utilizes the same steps and methods as looking for members for existing clubs.

ORDER the materials from Kiwanis! Utilize the help with promotions and websites! They are provided through your dues!

REMEMBER to CALL if you need anything from anyone on our great membership team!

Aktion
Club

Jaimie
Neuringer



As we start the 2020-21 program year, we must acknowledge that this year will certainly look and feel different from previous years.

In some instances, due to state directives, Aktion Club members living in group homes may not be allowed to attend in-person meetings. Technology, if

available, may be a solution, but some Aktion Club advisors are finding that even Zoom meetings may be difficult to coordinate with our members.

If you're not meeting, your club has some options: Kiwanis International is willing to excuse dues collection this year for Aktion Clubs that cannot meet. They have created a special charter status for clubs temporarily not meeting due to COVID. In order to get switched to that status, the club Advisor MUST call KI at 1-800-KIWANIS and speak with Member Services.

KI is also providing extra resources online, including monthly meeting kits that will include meeting agendas, and the following:

- Ideas for safe, socially distanced service projects.
- Message and information from our service partners.
- Leadership lessons and information on community impact.

We will be providing links to these kits on the resources page of www.aktionclub-ny.org as they become available. These kits are designed to keep our clubs serving and leading safely.

Please reach out to jaimie@aktionclub-ny.org if you have any questions or need more information. For those clubs still serving their communities, please send pictures and write-ups to submission@aktionclub-ny.org for publication on the website.

Pediatric
Lyme Disease

DPG John
Gridley



Our nation is in a crisis about novel Coronavirus COVID-19, and no one is more fearful than those with pre-existing conditions, such as Lyme disease.

According to some experts Lyme disease patients are at a high risk with the Coronavirus. Though anyone can develop a COVID-19 infection if they are exposed to the novel Coronavirus. Health officials have continued to stress that some groups of people, namely those who are older or have underlying health issues are particularly at risk for severe infection should they fall ill. Included in that group are Lyme disease patients. Patients who have Lyme disease have a severely impacted immune system. A big component of Lyme disease is a hyperactive immune system that is always in a state of inflammation. Nothing this factor in particular could make these patients more at risk for severe illness.

With some 300,000 Americans diagnosed with this tick-borne disease every year, Lyme disease patients could be adversely impacted by the ongoing COVID-

19 epidemic in the U.S. Patients who have Lyme disease have a severely impacted immune system. The Coronavirus turns the immune systems against Lyme patients. It activates the immune system and it overly produces different cytokines. Coronavirus causes a cytokine storm and overproduction of cytokine, causing much of the damage in Coronavirus patients, such as pulmonary lung damage and pneumonia that ensues. The inflammation could be a component of the cardiovascular and neurological dysfunction, such as headaches and other neurological manifestations that are seen in Coronavirus patients as well. Lyme disease patients are faced with similar neurological symptoms like Coronavirus patients, such as pain, headaches, brain fog, etc. People who have Lyme disease are more susceptible because of their inability to fight off disease. People with Lyme disease are at a greater risk of incidence and severity of Coronavirus.

We have to be very vigilant when it comes to ticks and Lyme disease. We also have to take a more pro active stance in our treatment and prevention of Coronavirus. If this is news then only to people who haven't been paying attention or have been so wrapped up in the panic that they didn't notice that young children with Lyme disease are at a very high risk.

The Kiwanis Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation has been inundated with requests for financial assistance. Unfortu-

nately because of the corona virus donations have dropped off, forcing us to start a waiting list for grants. As Kiwanis club members it is our duty and moral obligation to help these children. If you or your club would like to honor someone in a way that is not to expensive maybe you would consider purchasing a Brittany Fellowship for \$500 or an Emerald Brittany for \$250 or our new diamond level emerald also for \$250. There is also a Joseph Michael Wuest Fellowship pin for only \$150 for five pins or maybe a straight out donation for any amount.

All donations well go a long way in helping the children with chronic Lyme disease. As always, thank you for taking the time to care and compassion share.

Cards Distributed by Clubs

The Monticello and Woodridge Kiwanis Clubs recently presented the Sullivan County Office for the Aging with approximately 80 handwritten cards, created by the Kiwanians as well as members of the Aktion Club of Sullivan County and Woodridge's K-Kids.

The cards will be distributed to local senior citizens served by the county's Meals on Wheels program.

Anyone Can Nominate Kiwanian for Christiano Award

Every New York District Kiwanian has the opportunity to recognize and honor an "unsung hero," grass roots Kiwanian with the District's highest Distinguished Service Award.

If you know of a Kiwanian who works tirelessly and continuously to help your club improve the lifestyle of disadvantaged citizens in your community and is seldom or never recognized for his or her efforts, you can reward them by nominating them for this prestigious Distinguished Service Award.

The New York District Past Governors Council encourages all New York District Kiwanians to submit recommendations

for nominees to receive the Gerald P. Christiano Distinguished Service Award sponsored by The New York District Past Governors Council.

The award is intended for the "grass roots Kiwanian," often overlooked for their continuous dedication, untiring efforts and commitment to the betterment of people in their community who are less fortunate than themselves.

The award may be presented to only one Kiwanian each year at the New York District Kiwanis Convention. The honoree should be a living New York District Kiwanis member in good standing, who has "exhibited outstanding merito-

rious service to individuals in the community and has contributed in an extraordinary manner over a significant period of years to the advancement of Kiwanis."

Governor-elects, sitting Governors and Past Governors are not eligible.

Distict Kiwanians can propose an award nominee to any Past Governor.

Approval of each award recipient shall be by a two-thirds majority vote, by closed ballot of all Council members present at the Mid-Year Conference Council Meeting each year. If no candidate receives two-thirds support, no award will be given that year.



First Lady Deborah Rought and Gov. Joseph Ruggiero during the Finger Lakes Division's virtual Governor's Visit.

Finger Lakes Has Virtual Governor's Visit

Gov. Joseph Ruggiero and First Lady Deb Rought participated in an online Governor's Visit with the Finger Lakes Division on Aug. 22.

Gov. Joe was at First Lady Deb's home in Canandaigua for the event. Neighbor and Past Gov. Pat Cooney played a key

role in the event, presenting club gifts to the governor and first lady as club representatives talked on Zoom.

The event was facilitated by Lt. Gov. John Treahy. Representatives of each of the 11 clubs in the division participated in the event.

Club Makes Kiwanis Masks Available

As many of our clubs have found ourselves scrambling for new fundraising ideas in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic and quarantine.

The Penfield-Perinton club thought outside the box. As there were many things that where once not a popular item are now a hot commodity.

Things like face coverings and masks which are being worn all over the county, and many states have become mandatory to enter any public place

where 6 feet social distancing cannot be meet.

With the leadership of Distinguished Past Lt. Gov. Margaret "Peg" Bobzin, and her fine sewing skills, she lead her club of Penfield-Perinton in the Finger Lakes Division into the mask making business to raise money for her club's charities.

Since the start of this mask making fundraiser, they have expanded from only making generic Kiwanis and custom club and officer masks to now also producing Circle K, Key Club and Aktion Club masks for many in the district.

Chester Assembles Bags For Kindergarten Pupils

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Chester Community Outreach Committee recently assembled our yearly Welcome to Kindergarten Backpack Bags.

These backpack bags will be presented to the 50+ Kindergarten pupils that will be starting school at the Chester Elementary School. The Outreach Committee felt it very important to present these bags, as they have done in years past, especially this year when there is so much to be dealt with at school.

New this year, the Club provided masks for each of the students as well. The masks are attached to lanyards that the students can just release from their face when necessary so that the mask won't be lost or fall on the floor.

Food Kart Day

Replenishes Pantry

On July 4 the Kiwanis Club of the Central Adirondacks sponsored its 12th annual Food Kart Day for the Webb Community Food Pantry and it was very successful. The Webb Community Food Pantry located at St. Bartholomew's Church.

Kiwanis members and other volunteers were stationed at Kalil's Market in Inlet, DiOrio's Supermarket in Old Forge and Kinney Drugs in Old Forge. They asked shoppers to consider buying an additional non-perishable food item and drop them off in the grocery carts stationed as they exited the stores. Each shopper was provided with a "Shopping List" of typical non-perishable food items that might be purchased for the food pantry.

The shoppers were very generous and cart after cart was filled with various food items as well as over \$1,000 cash donations.

New 2019-20 Kiwanians

New York clubs inducted 620 new members during the 2019-20 Kiwanis Year. The following clubs added 5 or more new members.

Global Ecates	Metropolitan	35
Douglaston	Queens East	18
Big Apple, NY-USA	Queens East	17
Honeoye Falls-Mendon	Finger Lakes	17
Throggs Neck	Bronx-Westchester South	16
Great South Bay	Queens East	15
Oceanside	Long Island Southwest	12
Canandaigua	Finger Lakes	10
Ozone Park	Queens West	10
Ridgewood, NY 3-2-1	Queens West	10
Farmington-Victor	Finger Lakes	8
Levittown	Long Island South Central	8
Bensonhurst and Bay Ridge, Brooklyn	Brooklyn	7
Plattsburgh	Adirondack	7
Saugerties	Hudson River	7
Ticonderoga	Adirondack	7
East Aurora	Niagara Frontier South	6
Greater Westhampton	Suffolk East	6
Greece	Genesee	6
Holland	Niagara Frontier South	6
Lefferts-Liberty, Queens County	Queens West	6
Liberty	Brooklyn	6
Minisink Valley	Hudson River West	6
Northern Niagara County	Niagara Frontier North	6
Nunda	Genesee	6
Valley Stream	Long Island Southwest	6
Astoria-Long Island City	Queens West	5
Bethpage Central Park	Long Island South Central	5
Callicoon	Hudson River West	5
East Rockaway	Long Island Southwest	5
Five Towns (The), Long Island	Long Island Southwest	5
Fordham, Bronx	Bronx-Westchester South	5
Glendale	Queens West	5
Kingston	Hudson River	5
Lewiston	Niagara Frontier North	5
New Scotland	Capital	5
Northport-East Northport	Suffolk West	5
Rochester West Central	Genesee	5
Salamanca	Southwestern	5
Southern Dutchess County	Hudson River	5
Spencerport	Genesee	5
West Hempstead	Long Island South Central	5



North Amityville Dolls Teach a Lesson

Trauma dolls being delivered to Nurse Kate of Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center. The dolls have masks and a sign to encourage use of masks. The dolls were donated by the North Amityville

Lakeshore-Rochester Feeds Hospital ED Staff

The Lakeshore-Rochester Kiwanis club decided to thank staff at the Emergency Department at Rochester General Hospital for their efforts during the pandemic.

Along with Frank Guido at Pasta Villa the club donated several trays of pasta, meatballs and sausage and greens and beans on Aug. 31. I heard back immediately from their community liaison about how appreciative they were.



Seneca Falls-Waterloo Presents Pediatric Trauma Kit

On Aug. 20 the Seneca Falls-Waterloo Kiwanis Club presented a Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Kit to the South Seneca Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

Pictured are Zack Gribreau of the South Seneca Ambulance Corps and Seneca Falls-Waterloo Club President Adriene Emmo.

The club previously presented a kit to the other ambulance corps serving Seneca County, North Seneca Ambulance.

2020-21 Governor's Project: Disaster Relief

Preparation is the key for club projects

The Governor's Project for 2020-21 is to prepare for future disasters, both through people and supplies.

All New York Kiwanis Clubs can be a part of this project because combining our resources and maximizing results, we can truly make a difference in our clubs and communities.

Below is the summary for each part of the Governor project. For more information, please contact our project chairs. Contact information is on the district web site.

Training:

Clubs can host a training session in one of these areas, or create one of your own: CPR, First Aid, Stop the Bleed, NarCan or Emergency Preparedness.

Emergency Kits:

Create a plan for your own emergency kit.

Create kits that will be stored for our Disaster Relief efforts. Below are the items that should be in the Kits:

27 Gallon Bin (available from Lowes

for about \$12)

Small battery powered radio with separate batteries

Flashlight with separate batteries

First aid kit

Whistle (to signal for help)

Dust Mask

Work gloves

Emergency Blanket

Duct Tape

Bleach

Dish Soap

Tarp

Zip ties

Glow sticks

Toiletries

Freezer Bags

First Aid Book

Puzzle book,

Sharpened pencils

Non-Perishable Food Collection:

Collection of nonperishable food items for local pantries and for our district's Disaster Relief.

For more information, see the district web site, www.kiwanis-ny.org.

Partner's Project: Veterans in Need

The Partner's Project of First Partner Peter Johnson is to support New York veterans who are in need.

All New York Kiwanis Clubs are encouraged to be a part of this project because combining our resources and maximizing results, we can truly make a difference in our clubs and communities.

For more information, please contact either the project chairs or me directly.

There are options in each community. Local clubs can contact their local American Legion Post and ask about ways to help.

Support also can be offered to General Needs Ltd., a Long Island organization which works to supply clothing and other support for homeless veterans.

Links to the organizations' web sites are available on the district web site.

Elmira Donates \$10,000 to Help Local Residents

The Kiwanis Club of Elmira has donated \$10,000 to five local agencies that are diligently working to help ease the food insecurity issues currently being experienced by Chemung County residents, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Elmira Kiwanis Club announced that it has designated \$2,500 donations to: the Food Bank of the Southern Tier, Meals on Wheels of Chemung County, and the Elmira Community Kitchen; \$1,250 donations will be provided to EOP's CFJB Bistro and Catholic Charities' Samaritan Center.

"We know these agencies and have volunteered for and with them throughout our club's history," Wayne said. "Their dedication toward helping others, especially during these very difficult days, is inspiring. All our Kiwanis members are grateful for their efforts, and we know our donation will be put to good use," he added.

"Kiwanis also thanks the many individuals, families and companies who are stepping up during these challenging days," Wayne said. "Community service occurs in many ways. Whether you are donating your time or money, whether

you're a Kiwanian or just a concerned citizen, just practicing appropriate health and safety protocols - these all are setting an example for us to follow," he added.

Round
Robin

Noreen
Barrett



It is easier than even to receive a Round Robin patch!

Requirements have changed for this year. If your club does a virtual meeting with another club in your division, it counts as attending an interclub meeting. Perhaps you were able to visit some clubs in your division prior to COVID-19. Good for you! You need to visit every club in your division once during the 2019-20 Kiwanis Year. You could count participating in one of their community service projects or a fundraiser as a visit.

The size of your club matters. If you have 30 members - 4 attending, between 20-29 members - 3 attending, and less than 20 members - 2 attending. Your sheet needs to be sent to me by November 1, 2020. Any questions contact me at lgnbarrett3@nycap.rr.com.

New Yorker Elected to CKI Board

St. Lawrence University student Tyler Kearns, of Fultonville, New York, was elected Circle K International trustee in July by delegates of member schools at an international council meeting.

The St. Lawrence University junior was a member of Builders Club, and Key Club. He has 10 years' experience in Kiwanis organizations.

"I've spent more than 50 percent of my life being a part of Kiwanis family programs, so it was natural that I found the Circle K

International Club at St. Lawrence University after graduating from Key Club," Kearns said.

As a Key Club member, he earned the Robert F. Lucas Outstanding Lieutenant Governor award; New York District Distinguished Lieutenant Governor award; New York District Outstanding Senior Member award; Fonda-Fultonville Outstanding Graduating Senior award; Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center award; and a Gloversville Johnstown Kiwanis scholarship.

Kearns is studying conservation biology and endangered and vulnerable animal conservation.

Special Meeting Replaced District Convention

The meeting which replaced this year's district convention took place Aug. 15 in Albany and online.

Voting delegates for the meeting were the current and incoming lieutenant governors, district officers and past governors. The session, which took less than an hour, replaced the annual district convention.

Two unopposed candidates were elected and one resolution was approved during the session. No other proposals were considered.

The resolution gave the district's support to the candidacy of Distinguished Past Governor Peter Mancuso for election to the office of President of Kiwanis International, at next June's International Convention. Mancuso, a member of the East Meadow club, will serve as president elect during the 2020-21 Kiwanis Year. He will be unopposed for election to the top spot at the convention in Salt Lake City.

Elected governor for 2020-21 was Brenda Leigh Johnson, a member of the Northport-East Northport club; elected governor-elect for the coming year was



Brenda Leigh Johnson



James Mancuso

James Mancuso of the East Meadow club.

The meeting included the installation ceremony which usually occurs on Sunday morning at the convention. Peter Mancuso thanked the 2019-20 District Board for its service, and installed the board for the coming year.

He made special note when installing his brother, James Mancuso as governor-elect. Peter's brother had been Peter's campaign manager during his run for International office.

As a result of the elections, James Mancuso will serve as district governor the same year Peter serves as International president.

The incoming board, in addition to the

lieutenant governors, will include Johnson, James Mancuso, District Secretary Rich Hall of the Glen Cove club, and District Treasurer Michael Wayne of the Elmira club.

Following the business session, 2019-20 Gov. Joseph Ruggiero, Gov.-Designate Brenda Leigh Johnson and Gov.-Elect Designate James Mancuso addressed those in attendance in Albany. Their speeches can be viewed from links on the district web site at: <https://www.kiwanis-ny.org/1920/specmeeting.htm>

Foundation Impact

Without a district convention, the annual meeting of the District Foundation also could not take place.

The foundation's bylaws dictate that in such a situation the current office holders remain in office until the foundation's next annual meeting. The terms of President Sal Anelli, and Kim Scharoff are extended as a result. The third seat up for election in 2020 was held by Joe Battista, but he resigned from the board this fall and was replaced by Kyle Hoffman.

Woodridge Presents Scholarships Door to Door

Saturday, July 18, was a bright, beautiful day. Kiwanis of Woodridge was excited. We had planned this day, and postponed this day due to inclement weather twice before, but today it was happening!

Cars lined up early. The Fallsburg Police Department accompanied us; 9 a.m. arrived and we were off, a caravan of cars and Kiwanians making the rounds to honor our 2020 Senior Scholarship Recipients.

One thousand dollars each to five very worthy graduating seniors. Check facsimiles to be presented.

Normally, we would host a Scholarship Dinner but that was impossible this year. We decided this would be a fun replacement upon a suggestion from club President Dr. Sean Wall-Carty, who donated the check facsimiles.

First stop: David Parsons in Woodbourne. What a beautiful thank you speech he gave. He will be studying pharmacology at SUNY Buffalo.

Next stop: Faith Colombo in South Fallsburg, who will



be attending SUNY Sullivan in furtherance of her goal of becoming a Physical Therapist.

Next stop: Amanda Zeno in Woodridge. We were all so excited to see her looking so well and planning for a future in Biomedical Engineering. She will begin her

studies at Marist College.

Next stop: Sadia Abo-Hussien in Woodridge. Communications will be her major at Emerson College.

Last but not least: Tulsi Patel in Woodridge. Tulsi has enrolled in SUNY Binghamton majoring in biology with the goal of working in

the oral medicine field.

Neighbors and passers-by came out and stopped to applaud the seniors. It was truly inspiring. We thank everyone who came out to honor these deserving, hard-working students.



The Chinatown club presented James Tong Scholarships of \$1,000 to three Key Club members in a ceremony in front of the Confucius Statue in Chinatown, NYC.



The Genesee Division has its Governor's Visit on July 28. The speaker for the evening was Loren Penman from NYS Autism Nature Trail project at Letchworth Park. Pictured, from left, are First Lady Deborah Rought, Loren Penman, Lt. Gov. Marie Schoenacker and Gov. Joe Ruggiero.



Every Friday morning for the past few months, Amityville Kiwanians have worked with Island Harvest helping distribute food to their community. On Sept. 4 they donated the leftovers to the Town of Babylon Department of Human Services Food Pantry. They filled their freezer with chopped meat and shelves with canned tomatoes!



The Kiwanis Club of Westbury had a successful food drive at The North Shore Farms Market in Mineola. The food was distributed to St. Brigid's Roman Catholic Church Food Bank in Westbury and the Faith Mission in Mineola, which operates many homes for veterans across Long Island.



The Liverpool Kiwanis Club donated a second Pediatric Trauma Kit to the Onondaga County Parks & Recreation Department. From left, Chuck Fortino, DPG Joseph Eppolito, Chief of Park Police Howard Grant, President Virginia Eppolito, members Michael Petrillo and Louise Petrillo.