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International Convention 2024

July 3-6 in Denver, Colorado

The 2024 Kiwanis International Convention is quickly approaching. It will be held the weekend of July 3-6, in Denver, Colorado. There is a packed schedule of events, programs, and workshops scheduled (see page 10 for more details).

The Kiwanis International House of Delegates will also be voting on its officers and Trustees and numerous propositions, including potentially raising the Kiwanis International dues (see pages 11-13).

To make matters even more exciting, our own Past Governor Eric Paul is running for a position on the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees (see page 9). Governor Lucien is inviting the New York Members



to get together on the evening of July 5th in support of PG Eric's upcoming election. Please find the details below and be sure to make payments to DPG Joe Corace by June 20th.

NY District Mid-Winter Conference

New York District's Mid-Winter Conference for the 2023-24 service year was another success. Gov. Lucien put together informative programs and workshops. In addition, the Mid-Winter Conference had DPIG Joel Harris take center stage at the Saturday evening gala to recognize and honor Clubs, Divisions, individuals, and

accomplishments for the 2022-23 service year.

Congratulations to everyone who attended and participated - as well to everyone who was recognized for their outstanding efforts.



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**NEW YORK DISTRICT
INTERNATIONAL RECEPTION**

Governor Lucien invites our New York Members to get together at the Denver International Convention and elect Eric Paul as our next International Trustee.

Date: July 5, 2024
Time 5:30-7:30
"Former Saint Bar" - Lobby Level
Hyatt Regency Denver
650 15th Street
Denver CO

Cost: \$60 per person
RSVP by June 20th to DPG Joe Corace
ALL Payments Must be Received by 6/20

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

New York District of Kiwanis

2023-24 Conventions

Feb. 23-25: NY District Mid Year Conference
Desmond Hotel, Albany

July 3-7, 2024: KI International Convention
Denver, Colorado

Aug. 8-11, 2024: NY District Convention
Marriott Downtown, Syracuse

October 2023

- 1 — Beginning of the new Kiwanis service year
- 3-7 — Kiwanis International Board Meeting, Indianapolis, IN
- 9-13 — Youth Protection Week
- 10 — Deadline to finalize roster for the 2023-24 year
Due date for club reports for September 2023
- 16-20 — Circle K Week
- 27-29 — Circle K New York Speaking,
Lake George, NY
- 28 — Kiwanis One Day

November 2023

- 1 — Kiwanis Children's Fund ("KCF") Scholarship applications
available online
- 3-5 — K Family Weekend
- 6-10 — Key Club Week
- 10 — Due date for club reports for October 2023
- 23 — Thanksgiving

December 2023

- 10 — Due date for club reports for November 2023
- 31 — New Year's Eve — Year end gifts to KCF
post marked by 12/31

February 2024

- 1 — KCF scholarship application deadline
- 3-7 — K-Kids Week
- 10 — Due date for club reports for January 2024
- 15 — Deadline for file 990 IRS forms
- 21 — Kiwanis Day of Giving
- 23-25 — NY District Mid Year Conference, Desmond Hotel, Albany

January 2024

- 1 — New Year's Day
- 10 — Due date for club reports for December 2023
- 17-18 — Kiwanis International Board meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

New York District of Kiwanis

March 2024

- ~~4-8~~ ~~Aktion Club Week~~
- ~~10~~ ~~Due date for club reports for February 2024~~
- ~~8-10~~ ~~Circle K New York District Convention~~
- ~~15-17~~ ~~Key Club New York District LTC, Desmond Hotel, Albany, NY~~
- ~~18-22~~ ~~Builders Club Week~~

April 2024

- 10 Due date for club reports for March 2024
- 15 Target date to complete Club Elections for 2024-25 service year
- 17-20 Kiwanis International Board meeting

May 2024

- 10 Due date for club reports for April 2024
- 16-19 2025-26 Lieutenant Governor Training, Utica, NY
- 17 Kamp Kiwanis Work Weekend & Open House, Taberg, NY

June 2024

- 1 Deadline for Club Election Reports to be submitted in the Portal.
- 10 Due date for club reports for May 2024
- 17-20 Kiwanis International Board meeting

July 2024

- 3 Kiwanis International Board meeting
- 4 KCF Board meeting
- 3-7 Kiwanis International Convention
- 10 Due date for club reports for June 2024
- 10-14 Key Club International Convention

August 2024

- 8-11 New York District Convention, Syracuse, NY
- 10 Due date for club reports for June 2024

September 2024

- 10 Due date for club reports for August 2024
- 30 Deadline to make any changes to club roster for the 2024-25 service year.
- 30 Last day of the Kiwanis service year

From Our Governor



Lucien Guancursio

New York District Governor

The 2nd Quarter of our 2023-2024 year has been productive. We have been busy with new memberships adds as well as working on new club openings.

To date we have added the following Service Leadership Clubs,

1 new Aktion club (24 new members)

5 new K-Kids clubs (116 new members)

2 new Builders Club (60 new members)

4 new Key Clubs (38 new members)

Congratulations to all involved in creating these clubs a reality.

It's my pleasure to present to the district the newly appointed Lt. Governor for the St. Lawrence Division:

James Reagen.

Let's welcome Jim to the 2023-2024 board.

As we are in the last half of this Kiwanis Year. Our upcoming events include:

“On the Denver” for the Kiwanis International Convention.

This is where we have to express our positions on the various proposed amendments & resolutions, exercising our rights as voting members on the following such as,

A proposed Dues increase

Election of the new slate of officers, which include new trustees.

Our very own PG Eric Paul is a candidate running for one of the trustee positions.

August is our district convention in Syracuse.

As this is the final convention for the 2023-2024 board, please consider joining us.

We have a lot more to accomplish before the end of the year.

Here is something to help remind us stop, reflect and to carry on.

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

*Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.*

*My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.*

*He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.*

*The woods are lovely, dark and deep.
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.*

By Robert Frost

Best regards,
Governor Lucien

From Your District Executive Director/Secretary

Greetings New York District!

As we pass the midpoint of our Kiwanis year it is the perfect time to reflect on where we stand in our service to our communities and if we are doing all we can to insure our clubs are strong, successful and meaningful to those we serve. You should be very proud to be part of an organization that is doing so much good in our home communities, across New York State and around the world. Whether it is providing food to someone who would otherwise be doing without, recognizing student achievements through a “Bring up Grades” or “Terrific Kids” program or building the leaders of tomorrow with our Service Leadership Programs every club, large or small, has the opportunity to make a difference for someone.

As we serve our communities we also need to remember to serve our clubs. That means making sure we grow our membership, develop new projects that are aimed at the needs our communities face today, and insuring we have the leadership in place to take our clubs into the future.

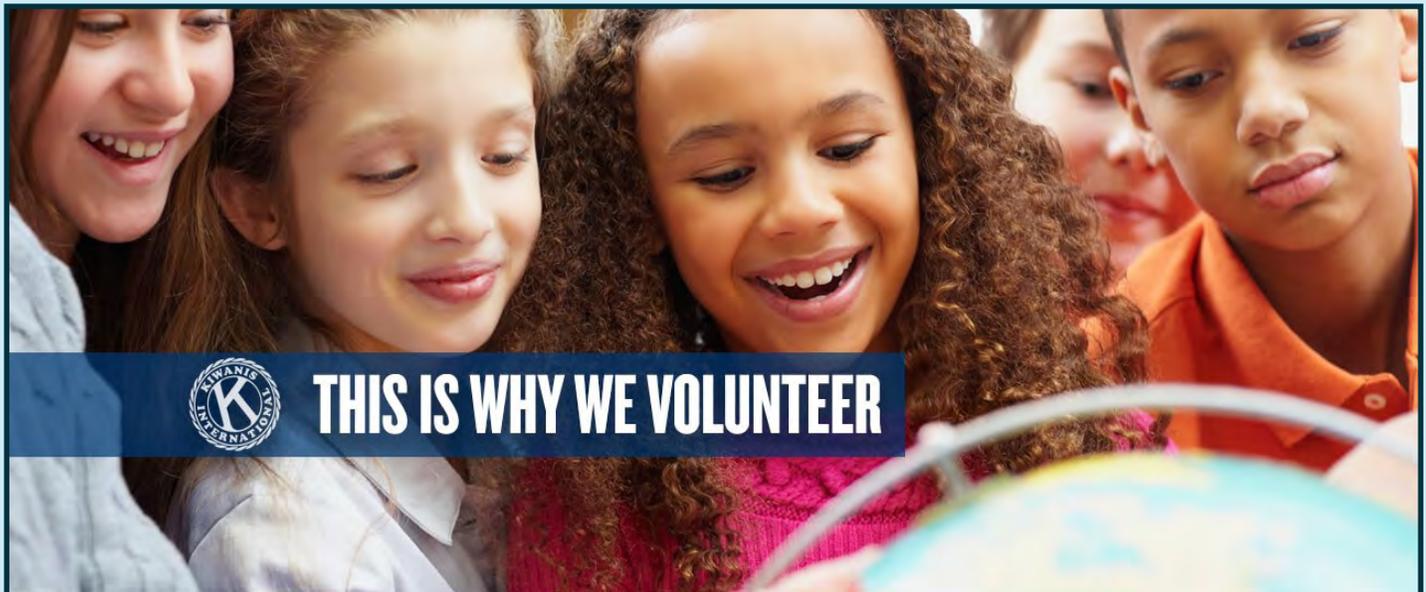
By Richard Hall

*New York District Executive
Director/Secretary*



Now is the time clubs should be electing our club and division leadership for the coming year. Please do this now in order to insure those leaders both receive the proper training and that they have to plan for the new service year before they take office October 1. I ask each Club Secretary to file your club election reports on the Kiwanis International Club Secretary portal as soon as possible.

As always, the District Office is here to help in any way we can. Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have.



Denver in 2024!

By Past Gov. Eric Paul

*Endorsed New York Candidate
for Kiwanis International Trustee*



As it is now May and we are into “Membership Month” and in the second month of the second half or the Kiwanis year, it is time to concentrate on the **Kiwanis International Convention** taking place in Denver Colorado, July 2-6, 2024!



The Denver ICON is an opportunity to meet Kiwanians from across the globe, attend training sessions to share the best in service ideas and fundraising projects, and take part in shaping the Kiwanis future by VOTING in elections for the Kiwanis International Board and important by-law changes!

Registration remains open, but increases on June 1 from \$399 to \$499. Why wait? Register, reserve your room at the Denver Hyatt Regency and make flight arrangements now before all the prices go up!

The New York District is planning a RECEPTION for all attendees on Friday, July 5th from 5:30 until 7:30 at our home hotel, the Hyatt Regency! The cost is \$60 per person. Checks are to be sent to DPG Joe Corace at 1666 Bell Boulevard, Apt. 742, Bayside, NY 11360!

VOTING is on Saturday the 6th with the House of Delegates starting at 8:30 am. I am proud to be representing our New York District as a Candidate for International Trustee this year. There are five fine candidates for three open positions, so a great turnout is *important!*

I look forward to seeing many of you in Denver! Be well!



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2024 International Convention Program Schedule

Wednesday, July 3, 2024	
11-3:00pm	Tour a Landscape Structures Playground
4-6:00pm	Welcome Reception and Membership Fair
Thursday, July 4, 2024	
7:30- 9 a.m.	Signature Project Breakfast
9:30-11 a.m.	Kiwanis Convention Kickoff
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Build a Little Free Library
1-1:45 p.m.	Education Block 1
2-2:45 p.m.	Education Block 2
3-3:45 p.m.	Education Block 3
4-4:45 p.m.	2024 Dues Increase Discussion
7 p.m.	Colorado Rockies baseball game
Friday, July 5, 2024	
9-10 a.m.	2024 Dues Increase Discussion
10-11:30 a.m.	Kiwanis Launchpad: Embracing Change
11:30a.m.-1 p.m.	Kiwanis SLP Showcase of Service Luncheon
1- 2:45 p.m.	Education Block 4
3 - 3:45 p.m.	Education Block 5
4-5 p.m.	Power of Perseverance Keynote Session
Saturday, July 6, 2024	
7 a.m.	Discover What is Possible: Children's Fund
8:30-1 p.m.	Kiwanis Annual Meeting
6:15-7:15 p.m.	Gala Reception

For more Information on the programs offered at the International Convention and the programs offered during each of the Education Blocks, go to: [Schedule & education | Kiwanis International.](#)

Candidates and Propositions

For International Pres.

(Pick one)



Lee Kuan Yong

For International Vice President

(Pick one)



Gary Graham



Dan Leikvold



Hope Markes

For Internat'l Pres-Elect

(Pick one)



Michael Mulhaul

For International Trustee (US & Pacific Canada Region)

(Pick three)



Larry Forsberg



Eric Paul



Dawn Puderbaugh Hodges



Jo Schwartz



Scott Sims

PROPOSITIONS

Amendment 1: KI Dues Increase
(one-time increase)

Tier	Current	Proposed 2024-25
Tier A	\$52	\$77
Tier B	\$34	\$50
Tier C	\$23	\$34

This Amendment is supported by the KI Board. New York District is in Tier A.

Amendment 2: Reduce Tiers - 3 to 2:

Proposed	Basis	Dues
Tier 1	\$10K or more	\$52
Tier 2	\$9,999 or less	\$23
Tier C	Eliminated	

This Amendment is supported by the KI Board. New York District would be in Tier 1.

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PROPOSITIONS

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Amendment 3: KI Board Compensation

Reduce the number of Kiwanis International Trustees from 15 to 12

This reduces the seats for the US & Pacific Canada Region from nine to seven.

This Amendment is supported by the KI Board.

Amendment 4: Election of District Trustees

To allow a member from outside a district region to serve as a district trustee in no on from within the region is willing or able to serve.

This Amendment is supported by the KI Board.

Amendment 5: KI Dues Increase (phased in over 3 years)

Tier	Current	Proposed 2024-25	Proposed 2025-26	Proposed 2026-27
Tier A	\$52	\$67	\$77	\$82
Tier B	\$34	\$44	\$50	\$53
Tier C	\$23	\$30	\$34	\$36

KI supports this Amendment conditionally if Amendment 1 does not pass. New York District is in Tier A. Proposed by the Pacific Northwest District Board.

Amendment 6: KI Dues Increase (phased in over 4 years + auto increases every year after)

Tier	Current	Proposed 2024-25	Proposed 2025-26	Proposed 2026-27	Proposed 2026-27	Proposed 2026-27
Tier A	\$52	\$77	\$92	\$98	\$100	+2/year
Tier B	\$34	\$50	\$63	\$65	\$67	+2/year
Tier C	\$23	\$34	\$42	\$44	\$45	+1/year

KI supports this Amendment conditionally if Amendment 1i does not pass. New York District is in Tier A. Proposed by the Kiwanis Club of the Haddons.

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PROPOSITIONS

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Amendment 7: KI Dues Tiers (revision of the basis for each tier)

Tier	Basis	Proposed basis	Dues Amount
Tier A	\$10,000 or more	\$22,000 or more	(no change \$52)
Tier B	\$5,000 to 9,999	\$11,000 to \$21,999	(no change \$34)
Tier C	\$4,999 or less	\$10,999 or less	(no change \$23)

The KI Board does not support this Amendment. This Amendment was proposed by the Malaysia Board.

Amendment 8: Remote Voting for KI Business

- An in-person House of Delegates will still be held, with remote participation allowed as well.
- Voting will be conducted via a secure remote method over at least 24 hours (or longer).
- Ranked-choice voting will be used for the vice president election.
- The Kiwanis International Board determines all details and resolves any unforeseen matters.

This Amendment is supported by the KI Board. This was proposed by the Capital District Board.

Amendment 9: Prohibition on Purchase of Alcohol

Prohibits the use of any KI revenue, including membership dues, fees or non-dues revenue, to purchase alcohol for or by Kiwanis International Board members or staff or their spouses or companions.

The KI Board does not support this Amendment. This Amendment was proposed by the Kiwanis Club of Barrie, Ontario, Canada.

Amendment 10: Prohibition on Purchase of Airfare

Prohibits the use of any KI revenue, including membership dues, fees or non-dues revenue, to purchase first-class or business-class airfare for or by KI Board members or staff or their spouses or companions.

The KI Board does not support this Amendment. This Amendment was proposed by the Kiwanis Club of Barrie, Ontario, Canada.

NEW YORK DISTRICT KIWANIS MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

Pictures courtesy of William Moseley



NEW YORK DISTRICT KIWANIS MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

Congratulations to the following Distinguished Clubs for the 2023-24 Service Year

Bronx Westchester South

Bronx Shore
East Yonkers
Fordham, Bronx
Hartsdale
Mount Vernon
Riverdale
Yonkers

Brooklyn

Gravesend, Brooklyn
Kings Plaza-Canarsie

Central

Frankfort
Mohawk Valley Central
Utica

Chemung

Elmira

Finger Lakes

Canandaigua
Geneva
Honeoye Falls-Lima Mendon

Genesee

Greece
Nunda
Rochester West Central

Hudson River

Dutchess County Christian Churches

Hudson River West

Chester
Middletown
Minisink Valley

Long Island North

County Seat, Mineola
Glen Cove
Hicksville
Manhasset-Port Washington
North Shore, Long Island

Long Island South Central

Bellmores, The
Bethpage Central Park
East Meadow
Levittown
Malverne
Massapequa
Merrick
The East Coast
Uniondale United
Wantagh

Long Island Southwest

East Rockaway
Five Towns (The), Long Island
Island Park, Long Island
Oceanside

Metropolitan

All Island
Chinatown, New York City
Community Care of NYC
North Central, Staten Island

Mohawk

Glens Falls
Saratoga-Wilton

Niagara Frontier North

Lewiston
Niagara Falls
Tonawandas (The)

Niagara Frontier South

Holland
Lancaster
Springville
Tri County, WNY
West Seneca

Ontario

Baldwinsville
Eastwood-East Syracuse
Fulton
Solvay-Geddes-Camillus
Syracuse Young Professionals

Queens East

Rosedale-Laurelton

Queens West

Glendale
Lefferts-Liberty
Ozone Park-Woodhaven
Queens Boulevard
Queens West Pride
Richmond Hill
Ridgewood 3-2-1
Sunnyside

Southwestern

Westfield-Ripley

Suffolk East

Sayville

Suffolk West

Lindenhurst

Van Rensselaer

East Greenbush



New York District Kiwanis Foundation Inc.

**Kamp
Kiwanis®**



By Daniel Trader
*Executive Director
Kamp Kiwanis*

Greetings NY District Kiwanians,

As the cold of winter fades and the warmth of spring enters, it'll be summer and time for Kamp Kiwanis to be filled with the joy and laughter of Kampers before we know it.

Preparations have already begun at Kamp with moving items out of winter storage, cleaning, and getting ready to turn the water back on for the season. We've

WELCOME!

I'M FROM: Mexico! 

FAVORITE CAMP ACTIVITY: Cooking and seeing campers enjoy the food! 

THIS SUMMER: I want to make more memories, meet new people, and practice my English. I want to share my Mexican culture and teach the campers some Spanish!

KITCHEN ASSISTANT



Nitzel

WELCOME!

COUNSELOR



Shao

I'M FROM: China! 

FAVORITE CAMP ACTIVITY: Nothing excites me more than outdoor cooking! 

THIS SUMMER: I hope to gain valuable leadership skills, deepen my understanding of teamwork, and cultivate lasting friendships with fellow staff and kampers alike, while also contributing to something greater than myself.

also almost completed our hiring for Summer 2024. I am excited to introduce some of our staff for this upcoming summer! Our counselors bring with them their own individual background and experiences that help make Kamp Kiwanis a unique and dynamic experience for our Kampers! You can see some other new and returning faces we'll be welcoming to the team

this summer by keeping an eye on our Facebook page

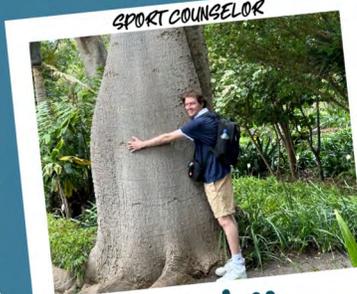
WELCOME!

I'M FROM: England! 

FAVORITE CAMP ACTIVITY: Kamper awards at the end of the week! Seeing the kampers receive recognition for their progress! 

THIS SUMMER: I hope to have a fun summer with the kampers and make more memories to last a lifetime! I hope to share my experiences and skills with the kampers in order for them to grow and become inspired for their futures!

SPORT COUNSELOR



Will

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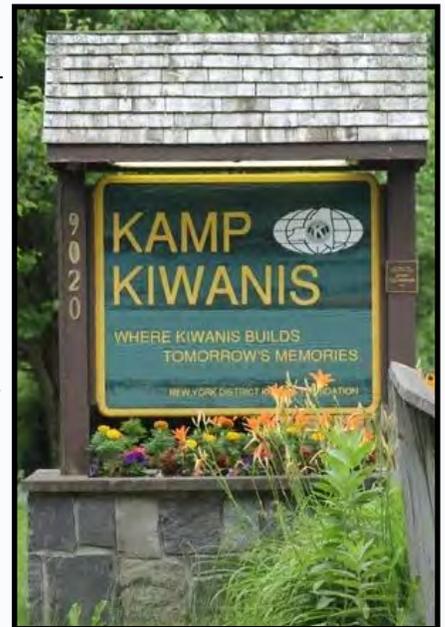
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at: <http://www.facebook.com/KampKiwanisNY>.

We can't wait to welcome everyone out to Kamp Kiwanis on May 18 for the Work Day to help with some of these finishing touches. Many hands make light work and kamp is always better with people here to enjoy it! At the Work Day we will also be able to unveil the engraved benches that we've been able to get caught up on this winter and soon it will be nice

us as soon as possible. We have a solid start towards Gov. Lucien's project, but a long way to go. To help make the registration process as smooth as possible for everyone it is most helpful to have a reservation form with deposit already submitted



prior to applications being received so that we know right away how applications need to be processed when they arrive and get families the information they need right away instead of needing to determine who is sponsoring or waiting on a deposit.

WELCOME!

I'M FROM: Ireland!

FAVORITE CAMP ACTIVITY: Capture the Flag and karaoke!

THIS SUMMER: I hope to gain new friendships that will last a lifetime, help both the adults and children enjoy their time at camp and make sure they're safe and happy all the time. I hope that the experience will teach me more things about life and encourage me to leave my comfort zone more often.

COUNSELOR

Ella

WELCOME!

MUSIC, DANCE, AND DRAMA COUNSELOR

I'M FROM: Ireland!

FAVORITE CAMP ACTIVITY: Hiking and water activities!

THIS SUMMER: I hope to grow in confidence working with new people and new memories. I want to share with the kampers what I've learned about Drama and Theatre from my time studying in Ireland.

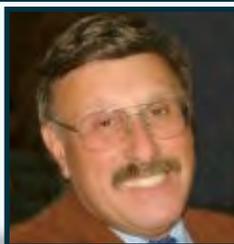
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enough for us to schedule a day for our engraver to engrave the bricks on Governor's Hall which have been deferred over the last couple years so that those can be unveiled, as well.

Summer will be here before we know it so make sure that you are getting kamperships and applications to

Keep up the great work, NY District! It's going to be a fantastic spring and summer.

KIWANIS PEDIATRIC TRAUMA CENTER FOUNDATION



DPG Joe Corace
*President
KPTC*

Our pursuit as the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center's Foundation is the critical goal of "caring for our children." Our level One Trauma Center at Cohen's Children's Hospital and Stony Brook Hospital embrace that mission wholeheartedly.

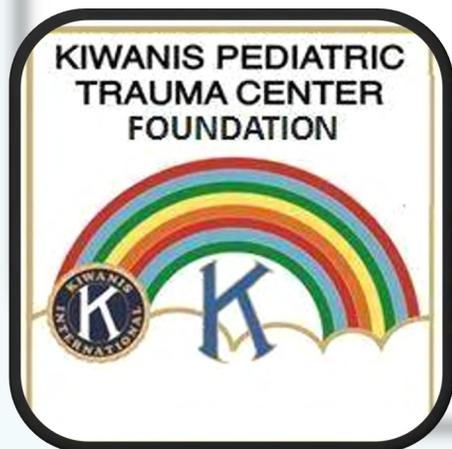
Thank you to the New York District Kiwanis Clubs and their members for their unwavering support and their understanding of the importance of what we do. Promoting our event at the **Governor's Comedy Club** Fundraiser recently enabled over 70 friends and Kiwanians to enjoy a fun-filled night while helping us raise over **\$2000**. Thank you to all who attended and participated.

The **KPTC Annual Meeting**, held this past January, was a momentous occasion. The educational PowerPoint presented by the Cohen's Children's Hospital staff highlighted the significant impact of our contributions in preventing childhood trauma. We were thrilled to present Cohen's Children's Hospital with a generous donation of **\$30,000**, a testament to the success of our collective efforts.

Stony Brook Children's Hospital recognized the KPTC when they recently opened a new pediatric emergency area. We intend to present them with our donation soon.

As Spring has sprung, our **"Nine and Dine Golf Outing"** recently took place. Our Golfers played nine holes and enjoyed a delicious dinner. A **"Night at the Race"** was on **May 18th** at the Moose Lodge in Lindenhurst. Everyone in attendance enjoyed laughing and routing their choice pony to move it.

On **July 27th**, don't miss our annual **"Ducks Game."** Also watch out for details on our new and exciting **"Psychic Night"** coming up.



This year's **KPTC Black & White Ball** is expected to be another night of dress-up and dancing on **September 20th, 2024**, at Leonard's of Great Neck.

Our future looks bright with the support of a great board of KPTC directors. Their willingness to volunteer their time, expertise, and money is second to none. Thank you all.

GOVERNOR'S PROJECT

1,000 Kids to Kamp Kiwanis

By Roger Awe

Governor's Project Chair



Summer is upon us, and with it comes a golden opportunity to invest in the lives of deserving children in our state. By partaking in Governor Lucien's 1,000 kids to Kamp project, your club can sponsor a week of adventure, learning, and friendship for youngsters who might not otherwise have the chance to experience the wonders of the outdoors at our Kiwanis Summer Kamp.

This year, the need for sponsors is greater than ever. Imagine the joy we can bring to a child by sending them to camp! They'll make new friends (potentially lifelong ones!), explore nature, and build memories that will last a lifetime.

Here's how your Kiwanis club can make a real difference:

- ***Sponsor a child:*** Cover the cost of a child to attend our Kiwanis Summer Kamp for a week. Every contribution, big or small, gets us closer to our goal.
- ***Focus on Military Families:*** Consider sponsoring a child from a military family stationed in New York. Show your appreciation for their service by giving their child an unforgettable summer experience.

We understand that fundraising can be a challenge. To support your efforts, we'll be following up with each club by phone to discuss your progress and answer any questions you may have.

Even if your club cannot directly sponsor a child, your generosity can still make a difference. Donations to our general fund allow us to reach more campers in need.

Together, we can make this summer one to remember for countless children. Let's build friendships, foster a love for nature, and invest in the future leaders of our communities.

Sponsors Applications can be found on the Kamp Kiwanis Website: Kampkiwanis.org. Double click on Kamp and Scroll down to Application and Forms.

For more information or to discuss sponsorship opportunities, please don't hesitate to contact Co-Chair Roger Awe 585-622-1650 Roger.awe@Rlab.com.

Thank you for your continued dedication to serving the youth of New York State and changing the lives of children one at a time.



Kiwanis Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation

By DPG John Gridley

Founder, Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation



DID YOU KNOW? AND SHOULD KNOW?

Across the globe, all types of media are reporting increasing problems with ticks and their diseases. All local reports suggest an increase of Lyme Disease in New York State and on Long Island.

* Ticks can go unnoticed, because they are so small.

* Ticks can carry and transmit several diseases at once.

* Reported cases of tick-borne disease continue to rise in many states in the US and many countries across our earth.

* Any person can be infected for weeks or months or years or a LIFETIME.

* An infected person can experience combinations of symptoms. They can be few or many changes, subtle or strange effects, difficult or tolerable pain. or sometimes even there is an absence of symptoms altogether. There can be various types of rashes or even no rashes at all.

* Quick and effective treatment following a tick bite could prevent persistent infection. Find a good specialist (Lyme

Literal Doctor).

* Unidentified and untreated infections can progress indefinitely.

* All diseases a tick can transmit can be difficult to diagnose.

* Tests can be falsely negative, leaving infected persons undiagnosed.

* When a tick bite results in sickness, symptoms of the infection can be varied and easily mistaken as other illnesses or diseases.

* There are NO 100% conclusive. diagnostic tests for most of these infectious diseases

,* There are very few LLD doctors and there are even less doctors

treating Lyme and associated diseases.

* Upon completion of 2 to 6 weeks or more of treatment, countless individuals continue experiencing symptoms and some continue testing positive for tick-borne diseases.

* The reality of tick-borne diseases continues to be an enigma for scientists and doctors worldwide.

* If you think that your child has gotten bit by a Tick take them directly to your doctor and demand a blood test and that the child be put on antibiotics at once. If the child is put on antibiotics within a week to 10 days there should be no long term effects.

KIWANIS PEDIATRIC LYME DISEASE FOUNDATION RECENT HONOREES

Brittany Fellowship

Richard Schweid (Brooklyn)

Gino Ancona (Queens West)

Lynne Catelotti (Van Rensselaer)

Double Diamond ("DD")

Rosemarie Cornacchio (Bronx Westchester South)

Sandy Nagler (Hudson River West)

John Gridley (Long Island North)

Rose Marie Gridley (Long Island North)

Mary Ellen Cronin (Long Island South Central)

Nancy Baxter (Long Island Southwest)

JoAnn Mardikos (Metropolitan)

Grace Law (Metropolitan)

David Booker (Van Rensselaer)

Young Children Priority One



As we say goodbye to snow and rain, and as we welcome in the sunny skies and warm weather - let us use this time as an educational opportunity for our Young Children.



By Helene Irvine
*District Chair
Young children Priority One*

It's time to dust off the bikes, helmets and body protection. Consider a bicycle safety course. Riding and care of bikes with the importance of helmets. Kidshealth.org has many resources and ideas.

to provide support and services to as many children as you can.

Stay safe. Happy Spring!

Consider Swim Safety. It is always important to stay safe while having fun. Tips for safe swimming, swimming and your health, drowning protection (and more) can be found at www.health.nyc.gov.

While thinking of ideas for warm-weather education, please always remember The Children's Fund. While addressing the needs of a child and the long term benefits consider applying to The Children's Fund for assistance.

Finally, always remember to try to partner with other service organizations in your neighborhood. This allows you



Everyone is welcome here.

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion “DEI”

DEI initiatives are a critical component of NY Kiwanis’s membership strategy. However, many Divisions view DEI initiatives as ineffective or unnecessary. Perhaps if I share the goals that drive these initiatives and what prevents them from being effective, it will lead to a better understanding and more participation.

When extrapolated from business models and applied to the volunteer service organization space, DEI initiatives can achieve significant progress in the following ways:

- Enhance a culture of trust
- Remove bias
- Recruiting new members
- Member retention
- Ensure fairness
- Boost engagement

Volunteer service organizations, such as Kiwanis, thrive on collaboration, shared purpose, and community impact. By integrating DEI principles, Kiwanis can elevate its mission and create a more vibrant and effective organization.

1. Enhancing a Culture of Trust:

Trust is the lifeblood of any volunteer group. DEI initiatives encourage open communication, active listening, and mutual respect. When members feel heard and valued, trust flourishes. Trust enables Kiwanians to work together seamlessly, ampli-

fyng their collective impact.

2. Removing Bias:

Bias can inadvertently seep into decision-making processes. DEI training and awareness programs challenge these biases. By promoting self-awareness and empathy, Kiwanis members can make fairer judgments, ensuring that opportunities are accessible to all.

3. Recruiting New Members:

A diverse and inclusive Kiwanis chapter attracts fresh perspectives. DEI efforts signal to potential members that their unique backgrounds and talents are not only welcomed but celebrated. By showcasing the organization’s commitment to equity, Kiwanis becomes an appealing choice for those seeking meaningful volunteer experiences.

4. Member Retention:

DEI initiatives foster a sense of belonging. When members see themselves reflected in leadership posi-



By Miles Malone

*District Chair
Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion*

tions, they are more likely to stay engaged. Retention rates improve when everyone feels like an integral part of the Kiwanis family.

5. Ensuring Fairness:

DEI ensures that Kiwanis operates with fairness and justice. Transparent processes for project assignments, leadership roles, and recognition prevent favoritism. When fairness prevails, members remain motivated and committed.

6. Boosting Engagement:

Inclusive environments spark creativity and innovation. DEI encourages Kiwanians to collaborate across diverse backgrounds, leading to fresh ideas and impactful projects. Engaged members contribute more actively, creating a ripple effect of positive change.

As I’ve often said, DEI isn’t just a buzzword; it’s a compass guiding Kiwanis toward a stronger, more compassionate future. Let us embrace diversity, dismantle barriers, and build a Kiwanis where every voice matters. Together, we can make a difference that resonates far beyond our meetings and service projects.





FIRST FAMILY'S PROJECT

Backpacks for Kampers



To provide a fully stocked backpack to every camper for the 2024 Kamp Kiwanis season.

The collection of items and monetary donations has exceeded my expectations thus far.
Thank YOU, New York District Kiwanians and anonymous donors!

WE NEED KIDS FOR KAMP (more than supplies at this point)!!



If you/your club would still like to participate, it is not too late:

It is best to make a Monetary Donation

OR

send Wal-Mart gift cards to me. This will allow Kamp Director Daniel Trader and I to work together and purchase what is truly needed.



Email Heather at: heather35976@gmail.com

If your club sends Kampers with Backpacks and Items from the list in the application, please know they will still get items like journals, a new backpack, mosquito repellent, etc.

All donated items thus far have been neatly arranged and labeled in clear containers for Kamp staff to easily navigate to get kids what they need.

If your club/division would prefer to send a **MONETARY DONATION**:

You can write a check payable to NY District Kiwanis – please include *First Family's Project* in the memo line. Mail to P.O. Box 428, Glen Cove, NY 11542.

[Click HERE to make a monetary donation](#) or scan this QR Code >>>>



Thank you for your support and participation!

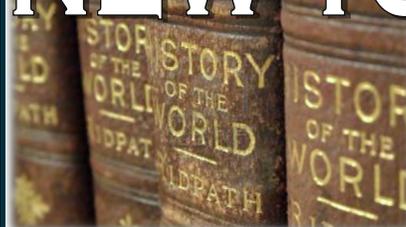


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NEW YORK DISTRICT HISTORY



THE DRAMA OF THE FLOOD



PIP Thomas DeJulio
District Historian

Kiwanis clubs throughout the New York District are emerging from a terribly rainy and snowy season to welcome Spring by undertaking service projects celebrating Earth Day. Hopefully, clubs will be working closely with Kiwanis SLP's ("service leadership programs"), to support their beatification and clean-up efforts. To help inspire today's Kiwanian, read what the Kiwanis Club of Rochester did when the "flood gates of heaven opened up" the night of July 7, 1935.

THE DRAMA OF THE FLOOD

KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCHESTER

"The Southern Tier and the Finger Lake District of Central New York hold some of the most picturesque and scenic spots in our fair land. The northernmost extension of the Allegheny Plateau, the Southern Tier offers a beautifully dissected plateau, providing deep, broad valleys sheltered by wooded side "hills." Nestled in the valleys are the quiet, wholesome and busy villages and cities, Hornell, Corning, Elmira, Owego and Binghamton, just to mention a few. In the deltas of the headwaters of the Finger Lakes, lie Hammondsport, Watkins Glen, Montour Falls and Ithaca. Beautiful glens, gorges and waterfalls mark the entrance of tributary streams into the main valley; sculptured Watkins Glen, picturesque Enfield Gorge, majestic Taughannock Falls, Buttermilk Falls, and the pretty falls and glens in Ithaca around Cornell University.

Came the night of July 7, 1935. "The flood gates of heaven were opened" and thousands of tons of water were poured upon this peaceful region in Southern New York. Without warning, "like a wolf in the night," the snarling, lashing, hungry waters beat down upon the hillsides and the valleys impartially. Small creeks that ordinarily rippled and splashed down the hillsides in regular channels, were suddenly swollen and mad with the torrential rain that was poured into them. They leaped their banks, plowed through cultivated fields, barnyards and lawns alike.

The forces of erosion were at work immediately. Large areas of productive soil were torn out on the highlands. Bridges and roads were undermined; foundations were loosened. In the valleys, the work of deposition went on. It is a law of sedimentation that rushing waters pick up material on the highlands, and on reaching a lowland or flat place, the velocity is diminished and the material is dropped. The people of Hornell, Watkins Glen, Hammondsport and Ithaca saw the application of that law when thick coats of mud, slime and debris were deposited in their streets, on their lawns and in their very homes.

Drama was enacted on the night of July 7th, and the days immediately thereafter; drama that pulsed with the intense sensation of reality and the vital necessity of self-preservation. All the elements of drama were displayed, tragedy, heroism, action, adventure and even comedy. More than 40 deaths occurred in the area, property damage amounted to hundreds of millions of dollars, homes were demolished, livestock and crops were destroyed, automobiles were overturned and buried beneath slimy masses of yellow mud. It is impossible to measure the anxiety, the heart-suffering and grief brought to the people in the stricken area. Scarcely a family escaped some direct loss from the flood.

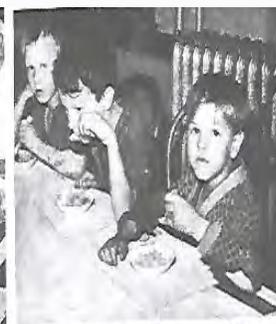
No one will ever know the noble acts of heroism that took place during the catastrophe. At such times, the best in human nature shows itself; the strong take care of the weak. A single example of heroism will serve as typical of many others of like character. John Solomon, his two sons and nephew of Myers, N. Y. carried a large number of people to safety over a rapidly weakening bridge. On another trip over to reach some stranded people, the bridge suddenly went out, and brought all four men to their deaths. They risked their lives that others might live. Such were the deeds of heroism reported from many districts in the flooded area.

The blow has been struck. The victims are slowly recovering from the daze which overhangs the devastated region. Some of the losses will never be repaired. Meanwhile there is work to be done; homes and villages must be rebuilt; food and shelter must be provided; sanitation and recovery must be encouraged; disease and wreckage must be combatted. The survivors with the characteristic determination and perseverance of the American people have begun the work of reclamation. It is a big job; but they will do it.

It is to preserve some of the drama, the high-lights of the awe-inspiring catastrophe, and in some small measure to contribute to the agencies of relief in the flood area that this little booklet in pictures, is presented, by the Kiwanis Club of Rochester. The net receipts will be turned over to agencies for relief in the flooded area.



Preparing For Hornell Refugees



Refugee Children Eating In Hornell

When we say K.I.W.A.N.I.S is the new acronym for "Kiwanis is Where a Need is Served", we only have to recall the heroism of Kiwanians in the past to realize that "disaster relief" is one of the most important service projects undertaken by our organization. Kiwanis performing God's work on earth is past, present, and future.

Membership & New Club Openings

As of today we are in positive numbers for Governor Lucien’s year of 2023-24. Let’s keep going and continuing all of the great work in adding to our numbers so we can continue to do the work of Kiwanis.

Any club in need of assistance gaining new members or help with meetings can take advantage of having a trained club coach assigned to their club.



By PLG Mark Pohl

*District Chair,
Membership &
Club Opening*



As the year continues please remember to add your new member - but also please remember to delete those who are no longer members. This helps us to see our real net gains for the year.

I look forward to seeing everyone this summer of our District Convention in Syracuse!

How Are We Doing?*

Number of Active Clubs: 247
Members at Start of Year: 5750

Current Membership: 5985
Net Change +235 Members

Divisions Leading the Way

- Finger Lakes - 41
- Brooklyn - 40
- Metropolitan - 38
- Long Island Southwest - 37
- Niagara Frontier South - 28
- Queens West - 27
- Queens East - 27

Clubs Leading the Way

- Community Care, NYC (Metropolitan) - 25
- Eastern Wayne (Finger Lakes) - 18
- Douglaston (Queens East) - 16
- Dyker Heights-Boro Park (Brooklyn) - 16

*Data from KI Portal and the NY District website as of 5/21/24.



Kiwanis[®] CHILDREN'S FUND

Can you believe we're already more than halfway through our Kiwanis year? It is a great time to check in about the great projects you're doing and see how many of you are applying for the grants the Kiwanis Children's Fund has available.

What? You haven't applied yet? Why not?

In March, 12 Club Grant applications were approved, totaling over \$66,000 and 4 Microgrants were approved for another \$3,500. I can help if you need assistance getting started or visit the website at <https://www.kiwanis.org/members/grants-scholarships/>. Microgrants are distributed monthly and Letters of Inquiry for Club Grants being distributed in August are now being accepted.

I have some exciting news to share about our NEW Kickstarter Grants! The goal of the Kickstarter grant program is to encourage new clubs to establish a project that shows the impact a Kiwanis Club can have on a community. As with our other grants, all projects must support at least one of the three Kiwanis causes: health and nutrition, education and literacy, or youth leadership development. If you are a new club looking for funding for a project and at least 6 months old, visit the website for details or contact me.

The Kiwanis Children's Fund has a long history of collaborating with Kiwanis clubs to fill gaps in their funding for both established programs and new endeavors. The types of projects vary, but they are all Kiwanis-led and meet the need in the club's community. Successful club grants support projects that can be sustained by your club to create a lasting impact on a child's life – one that spans their entire childhood and sets them up for a bright future.

Of course to provide all the support to members and clubs, we encourage every club to



By PLG Sandy Nagler

*Kiwanis Children's Fund
District Chair*

make an annual donation. If you already donated this year,

THANK YOU! If you've never given, won't your club commit just a dollar a day, \$365, to help meet the needs of children you may never even meet but will feel your impact every day? We also encourage members and clubs to support fundraising efforts with a Hixson Fellowship for \$1,000 or a Blechman fellowship for a \$2,500 donation. These awards underscore your support and help provide recognition of members for their generosity and support of Kiwanis. If you have questions, please reach out to me before making your contribution so I can help guide you through the process. On behalf of the Kiwanis Children's Fund, I do thank the clubs who have already committed to making your annual giving contribution for '23-'24!

Please contact me at SNagler@TeleVue.com or 845-781-0891 if I can be of assistance, and keep making meaningful impact in your community!



For the Kiwanis Children's Fund, a grant is a form of collaboration. When a Kiwanis club has a gap in its funding for a service project, a club grant can help fill it.



Kiwanis
CHILDREN'S FUND

Public Relations/Branding

Use of Pictures to Market Your Clubs

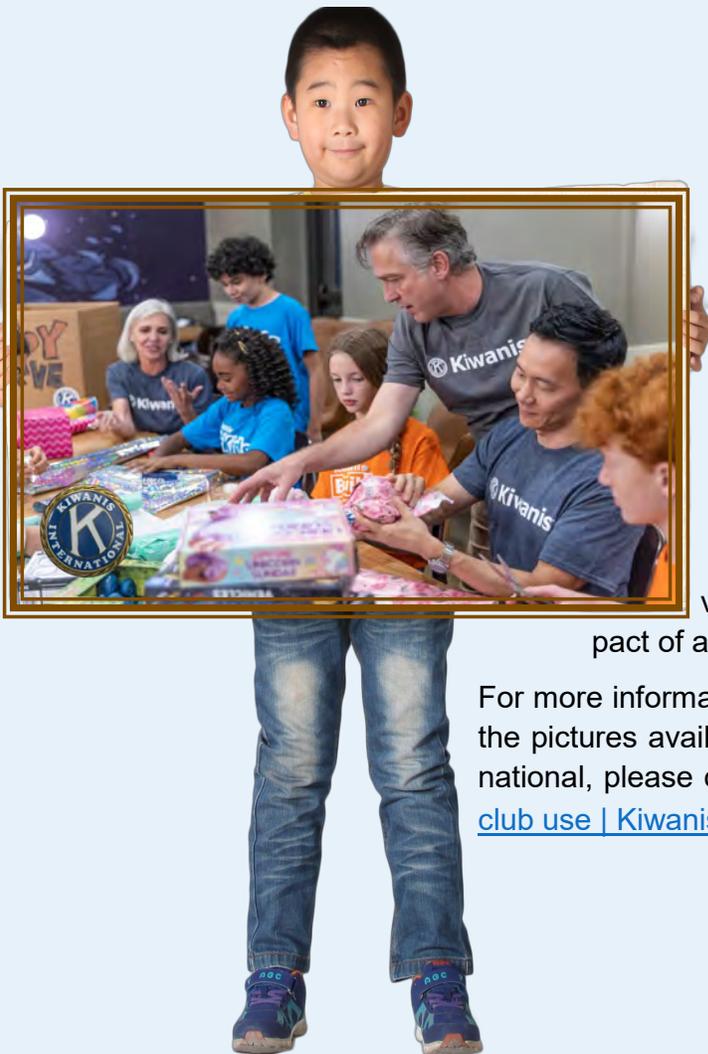
It may seem like common sense that the use of pictures can help enhance you're the work of your clubs and the Kiwanis experience. This can be the case in creating a club bulletin or in social media posts. Content Marketing Institute reports that pictures can result in your Facebook posts getting 2.3 times more attention than without them. While every member with a cellphone has their own camera in today's world, not all pictures are the same. It is equally important to take the right pictures. Pic-

tures of action; showing the impact that your clubs' activities are having on children on your communities.

However, Kiwanis International points out that sometimes you may need additional help in finding the right picture to properly reflect the Kiwanis culture. To help out with this, Kiwanis International provides an assortment of pictures on its website that can be used for this purpose. These pictures are free to use for promoting Kiwanis clubs, districts, events, and meetings. While its is always fun to have your membership line up and pose for club pictures, those types of pictures generally do not portray the message that Kiwanis Clubs want to portray. The pictures available on the

KI website can help bridge that gap by conveying the effect and impact of a service project.

For more information and a full display of the pictures available from Kiwanis International, please check out: [Photos for club use | Kiwanis International.](#)



Aktion Club

The Only Service Club for Adults with Disabilities

By Kevin Cooney



*Aktion Club
Co-District Administrator*

The Anchor Aktion Club recently participated in a video call to the International Space Station with Camp Anchor. The International space station is orbiting 250 miles above earth at a speed of over 15,000 miles an hour. Jasmin Moghbeli, a volunteer and staff member at Anchor from 1998 to 2001, is currently the commander of the crew working at the space station. Commander Moghbeli engaged with



Aktion Club members displaying the weightlessness in space and



fully answering their questions. Moghbeli was wearing her Anchor Staff shirt with flags of all the countries participating in the space station on display in the

background. Following the call the Aktion Club members met and discussed what they learned from the event. Questions asked included:

- What is your average day?
- How and what do you eat?
- What does earth look like from space?
- How much does your space suit weigh?
- How do you go to the bathroom?
- What skills are needed to be an astronaut?
- When did you know you wanted to be an astronaut?

Aktion Club members were proud to be chosen for the call.

Welcome Oswego Aktion Club!

Great work by the Oswego Kiwanis Club for recently sponsored the formation of New York District's newest Aktion Club!

Oswego Aktion Club—Welcome to the Kiwanis Family!



#KidsNeedKiwanis

#KidsNeedKiwanis

Kiwanis Kids (K Kids)

Developing Leadership Skills at the Youngest Levels

As our school year is winding down, I just wanted to take the time to thank all our K Kids Clubs for their hard work on so many wonderful projects. So many clubs took on the big book drive which is Kiwanis International's Global Service Project. At the Barnum Woods Elementary School, they collected so many books that their president said, "If we brought in one more book, the school would explode." There is still time to take on this project. Information is available at <https://www.kiwaniskids.org/globalkickoff/> and clubs can report their results to Kiwanis International by May 1 at https://kiwanis.formstack.com/forms/k_kids_global_gathering_service_project_photo_submission_form_copy

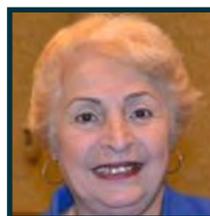
Some of the projects supported this year are Kindness Grams for PS I Love You Day. The day promoted kindness, raised mental health awareness, and combated bullying. Holiday Caroling returned to Bowling Green Elementary School, to raise money for the Kiwanis Pediatric Trama Center. Students created their own song books, learned about the Trama Center, and raised over 1,000 dollars while bonding with other K family members. Other projects noted were a collection of pet supplies for a local animal shelter, food drives to help stock local pantries, making green bracelets to support Pediatric Lyme Disease and collecting money for Leukemia. Advisors, please email Assistant Administrator Kevin Kamper at

knkamper@gmail.com with a description of your activities so it can be mentioned in a future newsletter.

As always lots of project ideas and activities are available on the Kiwanis K Kids website at <https://www.kiwaniskids.org/advisors/> It is never too early to start planning for the next school year. Advisors please fill out the end of year survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/kkidsadvisor-2023-24-end-survey>. In addition, at the close of this school year, it is important to hold club elections for officers for the next school year and also celebrate your clubs accomplishments and wrap up the school year. Webinars on this subject are available on the K Kids website.

I would also like to welcome our newest K Kids Clubs Columbus Elementary (Utica), John Marshall Elementary(East Hampton), BBYO@PS 312 (Bensonhurst, Bay Ridge), Millenium Development (Kings Plaza Carnarsie) and Eden 2 Elementary (East Meadow)

Thank you for your support of Kiwanis K Kids. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kevin Kamper or myself. We are always looking for new ideas and new places to build clubs.



By Mickie Leamey
K Kids
District Administrator

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Young Leaders Helping Others

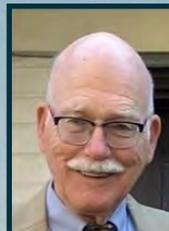


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Hudson River West Division

Kiwanis Clubs in the Hudson River West Division were busy with numerous projects during the Winter and early Spring of 2024. This article will highlight a sampling of the many activities of these great clubs.



By Lt. Gov.
Gef Chumard

Minisink Valley Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of Minisink Valley conducted its Dictionary Project in late January, passing out 264 dictionaries to 3rd grade students in the Minisink Valley School District. SDPLTG David Morse remarked "It is my favorite service project". Few if any of us who have participated in Dictionary projects and have witnessed the impact would disagree!



The Club also hosted their annual pancake day. As usual, it was well attended and enjoyed by all. Former District Governor Joel Harris and First Lady Helene came and enjoyed their pancake breakfast.



Kiwanis Clubs of Woodridge and Monticello

The Kiwanis Club of Woodridge recently hosted their Trivia for a Cause event. It was well attended and a lot of fun.



Monticello and Woodridge Kiwanians presented hand-made Valentines Cards to Veterans and Senior Citizens at the Sullivan County Office of the Aging.



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Hudson River West Division

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Kiwanis Club of Chester

The Kiwanis Club of Chester donated food, as well as hats, mittens and gloves to the Agri-Business Child Development (ABCD) in January.



The Club held its annual Pancake Day Fundraiser on February 16. As usual it was well attended and the dinner was great.



Chester Kiwanians Helene Spear, Judy Biagini and President Betty Ann Van Leuven preparing Easter Eggs for the event.



Kiwanis Club of Washingtonville

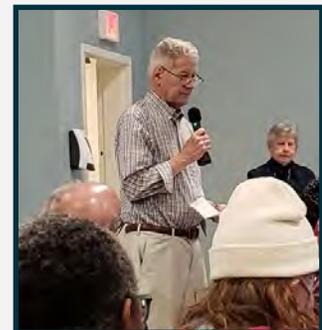
The Kiwanis Club of Washingtonville inducted three new members—Karen Klos, Robin White, and Mary Dolan. Lt. Gov. Gef Chumard conducted the Induction ceremony.



The Kiwanis Club of Washingtonville also hosted a Bagpipes and Bonnets event .

ARC Orange County Aktion Club

The ARC Orange County Aktion Club was re-activated, sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of Chester, Middletown, and Minisink Valley. Representatives from all 3 Clubs participated in a beautiful ceremony, and Lt. Gov. Gef Chumard inducted the members and installed the officers.



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Hudson River West Division

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Kiwanis Club of Middletown

The Kiwanis Club of Middletown hosted its 69th Annual Pancake Day on cold rainy day. Nevertheless, a good crowd came out and enjoyed fellowship and a great breakfast.

We were honored with the attendance of Former District Gov-

ernor Joel Harris and First Lady Helene, and also District Governor-Elect Gordon Soderholm and First Lady Marie. Key Club members were among the many helpers who made the Pancake Day Fundraiser a success.



Middletown Kiwanis hosted a Division WALK for Kamp Kiwanis Fundraiser at Fancher Davidge Park in Middletown. 20 individuals from 5 different Kiwanis Clubs participated.



Kiwanis Club of Roscoe

The Kiwanis Club of Roscoe held its annual Family Candy Bar Bingo at the Roscoe Central School

Hudson River West consists of all of Orange and Sullivan Counties.

Long Island Southwest Division



By Lt. Gov.
Dominick A. Curra

The Long Island Southwest Division continues to go on strong! So proud to see clubs support each others' events!

East Rockaway Kiwanis

East Rockaway Kiwanis held its annual police appreciation night and honored a local officer.



Long Beach Kiwanis

For Women's History Month, Long Beach Kiwanis honored three women for their outstanding service and support of the Long Beach Community.

Peninsula Kiwanis



Peninsula Kiwanis held a special field day for the Camp Anchor Aktion Club and served over 850 hot dogs and 900 hamburgers.

The club also collected food for the food bank in Hewett.



Peninsula Kiwanis held its annual wine night and to raise money to send kids to Kamp Kiwanis.

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Long Island Southwest Division

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Oceanside Kiwanis Club



The Oceanside Kiwanis Club hosted its annual Dr. Seuss birthday bash with the Oceanside Library.

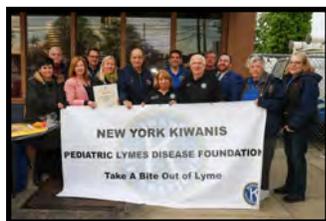
Oceanside Kiwanis sponsored its 59th Annual Roller Skating Show and the community's annual egg hunt with the Oceanside Department of Community Activities.



The Club held its annual Super Bowl Sunday pancake breakfast.



The Club held its annual Take a Bite Out of Lyme Fundraiser.



The Club held its first Mother's Day wreath making event. This new fundraiser had a tremendous turnout.

A group of people gathered around a table, participating in a Mother's Day wreath making event.



Five Towns Kiwanis Club

Five Towns Kiwanis held its annual police appreciation night by honoring a local police officer.



Five Towns Kiwanis held its annual model Passover Seder at a local kosher restaurant.

Long Island Southwest Division consists of all of Nassau County bounded by the Southern State Parkway on the North, on the east by the Meadowbrook Parkway, and on the west by the New York City line.

Metropolitan Division

The Metropolitan Division is the home to the Staten Island Kiwanis Club- which proudly celebrated its 100th Anniversary.



And on the other end of the Spectrum, our Division's Community Care Club celebrated its 1 Year Anniversary.



By Lt. Gov.
Jerry Burt

Metropolitan Division

Consists of Manhattan and Staten Island.

All clubs in the Metropolitan Division participated in a Divisionwide sneaker drive.



South Shore Kiwanis hosted Wild Game Night.



The Club also held its 15th Annual Mangia Madness.

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Metropolitan Division

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In March, North Central, South Shore, Chinatown, Community Care, and the Verrazano Kiwanis Clubs participated in the Blue Star Families project in which the clubs collected food for the pantry at Ft. Wadsworth.



Brighton Kiwanis organized a Blood Drive that included participation from the Staten Island, North Central, and South Shore Kiwanis Clubs. The drive resulted in 51 pints.



Richmond County Kiwanis held its Corned Beef Cannoli Dinner.



Niagara Frontier South Division



By Lt. Gov.
Martha Ann Anderson

Niagara Frontier South has been busy with the holidays and supporting each other in our division.

We had our division meeting in December with 8 of our 14 clubs in attendance. There was a lot of holiday merriment and good discussion.

Alden Kiwanis

Alden Kiwanis had a Toys-for-Tots drive and served several families. The club is now getting ready for their Super Bowl Chicken BBQ.

Elma Kiwanis

Elma Kiwanis had a Honor dinner for their local police and Fireman.

Holland Kiwanis

Holland Kiwanis had Seniors Honor dinner for their senior citizens, also completed many Holiday food baskets

Lancaster Kiwanis

Lancaster Kiwanis is having Best Pizza Contest in February

Java-Strykersville Kiwanis

Java- Strykersville did several food baskets for their community

Springville Kiwanis

Springville Kiwanis had a T.F.T drive that helped many families and Children's Hospital of Buffalo, a check was provided to SES/CES to provide all 518 students with a book at the book fair.

Tri-County Kiwanis

Tri-County Kiwanis had a Christmas family toy drive that served several families, this club also presented \$10,000 to The Children's League of Springville West Seneca Kiwanis had a Key club food drive. Then invited the local Circle K and Kiwanis to help sort and create baskets for several families in need.

Van Rensselaer Division

By Lt. Gov.
Donna Zobre Baxter



Governor Lucien was welcomed by Capital, Mohawk and Van Rensselaer Divisions for his Governor's visit, along with SPLTG Heather Henderson. It was a relaxed atmosphere with clubs contributing to the Governor's and First Family Projects.



We also welcomed our new Key Club LTG Lila Coon from Hoosick Falls and new Circle K LTG Kyle Gable from RPI. Looking forward to working with them both.

Van Rensselaer Division has contacted "SAFE KIDS CAPITAL REGION", which is a program that helps parents and caregivers prevent childhood injuries, to work with them on an ongoing basis. Our Membership Chair Lynne Catelotti has been hard working with Noreen Barrett, Gov. Lucien and KI to open up a Columbia County Club. David Booker is keeping us up to date on Youth Protection. Robert Loveridge has guided us through the "Bells of Life", an Albany Medical Pediatric

East Greenbush Kiwanis

East Greenbush Kiwanis held their annual Comedy Night, which was a glowing success. Partnered with the Town of East Greenbush for their Egg Hunt; and partnered with the East Greenbush Library for their Scavenger Hunt. Currently doing a shoe drive; backpack program; cooking dinner for Ronald McDonald House; sponsored a scholarship for a student at the YMCA; participated with K-Kids for Activity Bags for Albany Medical Center; and "Stars for Troops" with all Service Leadership groups.

Hoosick Falls Kiwanis

Hoosick Falls Kiwanis sent three Key Club members to the Leadership Convention; sending a child to Kamp Kiwanis; and in July co-sponsoring a school event. They are also a big idea contributor to the Van Rensselaer Division fundraiser.

Van Rensselaer Division includes the counties of Columbia and Rensselaer.

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Van Rensselaer Division

Rensselaer Kiwanis

Rensselaer Kiwanis donated to the Casey Frankoski Scholarship fund in honor of the young military personnel who lost her life this past March. The Club is also looking into the needs of the Pratt Family (whose son was also injured in the crash). The Club participated in the Little League field clean-up for sponsored Team Kiwanis. The Club also donated money for the RPI Suicide Prevention Walk, participated in the Camp Adventure division cleanup, and manned the snack bar for the first Little League game for its team. The Club will participate in an MS Walk in support of PP Don Bink and participate in the Summer Family Concerts Series supporting local bands.

Sand Lake Kiwanis

Sand Lake Kiwanis participated in Doors of Hope in which twice a month its members assist in unloading the food for the food pantry. The Club sponsored *Dissipated Eight or D-8* (male acapella group) from Middlebury College Vermont. The Club supplied a food truck for the Town-wide Cleanup. The Club will be holding its 1st Annual Youth Fishing Derby at the Town Beach, and participating in the Summerfest at Butler Park (a 3-day Carnival Event).

Troy Kiwanis

Troy Kiwanis worked the Regional Food Bank on several dates, and cooked at Joseph's House for weekend meals on two other days. The club recently held its Chicken BBQ fundraiser at St. Michaels Church and had its "Stars for our Troops" at the Our Lady of Victory Church.

Castleton-Shodack Kiwanis

Castleton-Shodack Kiwanis is currently assisting a new gym build in Schodack Town Park; has donated to Maple Hill Trap Team; a sponsor for the school festival; and on April 27 will participate with the Key Club in the "Out of Darkness Walk". Secretary Angie Beber has stepped up to take the lead for the Van Rensselaer Division fundraiser of which the drawing will be on May 28, 2024.

North Greenbush

North Greenbush Kiwanis held their very successful CPR course with 22 teens and 1 adult now certified (which was reported to SAFE KIDS). The club also participated in building beds with Sleep in Heavenly Peace; and cooked for Ronald McDonald and Fisher Houses. The Club coordinated a division wide project clean up for Camp Adventure (Boys/Girls Club Camp) on Burden Lake; And the Club participated in plantings at North Greenbush Town Hall, and volunteered monthly at Sky High Adventure Club (SHAC) for local children.

CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR-ELECT



By Lt. Gov. Carla Ingram

Candidate for New York District Governor-Elect, 2024-25

My name is Carla Ingram and am running for the office of Governor-Elect for 2024-2025 year.

I am a member of the Mohawk Valley Central Kiwanis Club, as well as dual membership in the New Hartford-Westmoreland Kiwanis Club. I have served as Lt. Governor of the Central Division (I am the sitting Lt. Governor this year) and am a past Lt. Governor of the St. Lawrence Division. I have served as an advisor for K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, and Circle K, and am the advisor for our Key Club. I joined the Potsdam Kiwanis Club in 1989 and helped build several leadership clubs. I have served in every position at the club and division levels and am hoping you will allow me to serve as your next Governor-Elect.

It is my goal to live the simple phrase “Kids need Kiwanis” and let other people see what impact Kiwanis has on our children and the efforts that Kiwanis makes on the communities. We continue to grow Kiwanis in this new world of virtual meetings, social distancing and the struggles left from the pandemic. We ponder why we work so hard for this organization and continue to work growing clubs and

divisions. We all want to help, and

Kiwanis lets us channel that need by serving the children of our communities. Over the years, I have seen and heard that Kiwanis is a verb, and it is. Kiwanis is what we do, we serve, we volunteer, we provide support, and we do it with a smile and a desire to continue to serve. I hope you will see in the coming months, how this verb has impacted my life over the 35 years I have been a Kwanian.

I hope you will support me in my run for Governor-Elect. You will hear more from me regarding my candidacy as Governor-Elect, and hope I can answer your questions. I look forward to speaking to your clubs and divisions about my ideas. You can reach me by phone at (315) 212-9766 or e-mail at: cj63ingram@gmail.com.



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From your Editor:

Your Kiwanis New York District is continuing with a fabulous year - and my job is to make sure that we publish, advertise, and brag about as much of it as possible! BUT - this can only be done with everyone's cooperation! With everyone sending in updates of your own respective areas, we will continue to work towards making this the best bulletin around! Thank you to everyone who has been sending me your information. And if you have not yet done so—if it is not too late: we still have one more issue for this current service year!



Governor Lucien continues to ask our District Officers, Committee Chairs, Foundation Chairs, and for all Division Lieutenant Governors to submit at least one-half of a page update on the happenings of their respective Divisions. Our hope is for 100% participation!

Tips for Submissions

Email articles and photos to me.

Articles: Please be sure that articles are originally written. This means that previously published (*i.e.*, non-original) articles cannot be used without the express, written consent of the author.

As we all learned in elementary school, articles should clear and concise, and contain the five "W's": who, what, when, where, and why:

- Who participated/benefited;
- What the project/event was;
- When the project/event took place;
- Where the project/event was;
- Why the project/event was important.

Please proofread for substantive and grammatical accuracy.

Photos: Please email me photos separate from articles. Try to send high resolution photos to ensure the best quality. Photos from events should be action shots that encapsulate its impact, as well as display the Kiwanis brand. Unless the event is presenting a banner, sign, or citation, please avoid those "posed" pictures (yes, you know what I am talking about).

Deadlines

The ESK is published quarterly—in October, January, April, and July. It is important that all submissions are received prior to the stated deadlines—the 10th day of the month that it is to be published. Specifically, that means:

~~Oct. 10 deadline for Oct. Dec. issue~~

~~Jan. 10 deadline for Jan. Mar. issue~~

~~Apr. 10 deadline for Apr. June issue~~

July 10 deadline for July-Sept. issue



Please do not miss the deadlines!

Just to be clear - our next deadline is July 10th for the July-September issue of the ESK.

Please note: as always, the Editor retains the right to make the final determinations with respect to edits and inclusions in the ESK.

Further note: submissions do not need to be lengthy! Sometimes shorter is better!

Yours in Kiwanis Service,
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