

# Conventions Offer the Full Kiwanis Experience

By Gov. Joel Harris

Our International Convention was as exciting and meaningful as ever.

There is something special about being with your friends and colleagues from all over the world. Minneapolis is a great city, and it really gave a lot of us an opportunity to explore our surroundings. From visiting the Mississippi River



to watching the country's largest Gay Pride parade, to enjoying all the fantastic eateries, we all kept very busy. When the House of Delegates met, all delegates had an opportunity to vote on the issues presented to us. Here is the summary of what was voted on:

- International President - Katrina Baranko
- International President Elect - Lee Kuan Yong
- International Vice President - Michael Mulhaul
- US and Pacific Canada Trustees - Dennis Baugh, Matthew Cantrall, and Cathleen "Cathy" Tutty
- Asia Pacific Trustee - Chang-Ching Hsu
- At-Large Trustee - Mohan Lamsal
- Proposed Amendment - adjustment to the Kiwanis International dues, increase of \$30 per member annually (for Tier A countries, which includes the US). Vote required to adopt - two-thirds. Result - amendment failed while 60% of the delegates voted for it.
- Note - two amendments, were made from the floor, for alternate dues adjustments (increase to \$72 for the next Kiwanis year and then back to \$52 the years after; and \$62 for the next year, then a \$10 increase for the next two years ending at \$82 annually) - both amendments also failed.
- Bylaws Modernization Revision - most changes simply move text, improve clarity or update language to reflect current processes, with no change to the way

Kiwanis does business. Substantive changes were addressed individually at the 2022 Kiwanis International Convention. Result - revision passed.

At this time, it is unknown what the impact will be of the dues adjustment failure, and we will learn more as the International Board discusses options available.

Helene and I are looking forward to spending time with everyone at next year's International Convention in Denver. I am sure that it will continue to be an exciting and meaningful experience for all who attend. Mark your calendars now.

In many of my articles, I always write about the importance of membership. We are a membership organization, and our members drive all the good that we do. Distinguished Past Gov. Jim Mancuso always says that "with more members comes more service." I would like to thank all members for what you have done to provide services to those less privileged than ourselves and especially the children. I would also like to thank you for the support you have given me including making the First Lady and I always feeling

so welcome and comfortable during our many governor's visits.

You are all very special people. I will always look back upon this year as one where Visionaries, all of you, led your clubs and achieved amazing service results. I give thanks to so many for their support and to those who have provided their advice and counsel.

In addition, a reminder and request to please attend our New York District Convention in Corning Aug. 10-13. I truly believe that you do not receive the full Kiwanis experience and understand our true value unless you attend conventions. I encourage you to come out to learn, participate in the district's governance process, meet old friends, and make new ones. I hope to see many of you there.

I would also like to wish Governor-Elect Lucien all the best in the upcoming year. And, to my First Lady Helene, thank you for always being there with me. Your literacy project has clearly left an impression throughout our district, and I am sure it will continue.

I could not have served effectively as your governor without all your support!



## Walking for Crohn's and Colitis Foundation

On June 4 at Greenville Town Park in Port Jervis, 26 walkers including Gov. Joel, and First Lady Helene Harris, raised \$2,480 for the Take Steps Walk for Crohn's and Colitis.

The walk held special meaning for Lt. Gov. Danielle August as she has been diagnosed with and is being treated for both Crohn's and Colitis.

# The Crystal City is Ready for Your Visit Aug. 11-13

By Alison Mandel  
Convention Chair

Known as America's Crystal City, Corning has long been at the forefront of all things glass, from innovative technology and science (think light bulbs for Thomas Edison, and modern wonders like fiber optics and Gorilla Glass) to the remarkable creations found at The Corning Museum of Glass, the world's largest museum of glass art and artifacts.

But artisan glass is just one of the reasons Corning is so fun. Spend a little time on Corning's Historic Market Street and you'll soon understand why it was named "one of the Top 10 Great Streets of the Year" by the American Planning Association, and why Travel & Leisure named Centerway Square one of "America's Most Beautiful Town Squares." That beauty is only part of the appeal, though. Corning's Gaffer District -- named after a



gaffer or master glassblower -- is home to more than 100 boutique shops, art galleries, studios, as well as craft beverage producers, restaurants serving fabulous food, and two world-class museums. The hotel has a shuttle bus to take you to nearby sites.

Walk out the back door of the Radisson and you are on Market Street where there is a variety of restaurants, bakeries, brew pubs within easy walking distance. We will have a welcome table in the lobby of the hotel with information on the restaurants as well as the Corning Museum of Glass and the Rockwell Museum. If you are in Corning early, the Finger Lakes Wineries on both Seneca and Keuka Lakes are a short drive away, as is Watkins Glen State Park and race track and there is always the opportunity to take a sailplane ride at Harris Hill. The hotel has a shuttle bus to take you to nearby sites.

Marty Toombs, editor of the ESK and Webmaster for the past 14 years will be the Convention Honoree. Katrina Baranko, Kiwanis International President-Designate will be attending and will be the Keynote Speaker at the opening session on Friday night. Steven Ingram,

our International Trustee from Indiana, will also be in attendance.

On Friday, we are planning to offer a large group workshop in the morning on the topic of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion which will be facilitated by Larry Parker, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Title IX Coordinator at Elmira College. This will be followed by the Veteran's Luncheon and the Foundation Annual Meeting. All Kiwanians are encouraged to attend the Foundation Meeting.

On Saturday, we have the Foundation Breakfast followed by some new and exciting workshops both on Kiwanis and Non-Kiwanis topics (list of workshops is on the website) and Saturday we will have the House of Delegates and the Governor's Gala Reception and Dinner!

If you would like to place an ad in the convention journal (form is on the website) to recognize Convention Honoree Marty Toombs as well as Gov. Joel and First Lady Helene on a great year, or Gov.-Elect Lucien Giancursio on a successful upcoming year, please send it to me by July 25.

Hope to see you all in Corning on August 11.

## The Benefits of an Organized Library of Kiwanis History

By PIP Thomas DeJulio  
District Historian

Thanks to the painstaking efforts of Executive Director/Secretary Rich Hall, the New York District now maintains an "organized library" of its history dating back more than 100 years.



As clubs reach milestone anniversaries of their original charters, it is helpful to have within easier grasp a database of dates, names, officers, divisions, club sites, convention sites, meeting locations, etc.

This history is not only helpful for purposes related to new club building and restructuring divisions, but also can enable clubs to celebrate their history so that new(er) members have a greater appreciation for what their chosen club has done, historically, to impact their chosen community.

Thanks also go out to **Marty Toombs** for organizing two decades of issues of the **Empire State Kiwanian** (ESK) that is available on the New York District website; and to the **Prout Family** who retained bound versions of the ESK when their father (Harry) and grandfather (George) served as District Editors throughout the last century. Recently, the District acquired bound editions of the **Empire State Kiwanis Courier** from the 1920's.

The value of history, that is studied, debated, and preserved, is the foundation for future generations. In these challenging and changing times for Kiwanis, we must provide future members with a better understanding of

**who we are and what we stand for** so they gain the necessary perspective for solving our current and future challenges.

The "Official Program" of the Twelfth Annual New York State District Convention held in Lake Placid in 1929 included a statement of **Kiwanis Standards and Ideals**:

*"...Kiwanians should seek a lively consciousness of what is right and wrong, a fine sense of honor for those who prize individual integrity more than individual gain... While the production of material values is indispensable, the formation of human values should be equally compelling. To succeed, Kiwanians must give service for community enrichment..."*

And so, here lies the value of history: "what's past is prologue".

### The Empire State Kiwanian

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[www.kiwanis-ny.org/dc2023/](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org/dc2023/)

# International Convention Approves New Bylaws

## Baranko, Yong Elected President, President-Elect; Dues Increase Fails

By Kiwanis International

Katrina J. Baranko of Albany, Georgia, U.S., was elected president of the board of trustees at the 2023 Kiwanis International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S. Lee Kuan Yong of Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, was chosen to be president-elect. They begin their new terms on October 1, 2023.

Michael Mulhaul of Interlaken, New Jersey, U.S., was elected vice president of the organization.

These three Kiwanians were elected trustees for the United States and Pacific Canada Region: Dennis Baugh, Palmyra, Virginia, U.S. Matthew Cantrall, Lakeland, Florida, U.S. Cathleen Ann "Cathy" Tutty, Butte, Montana, U.S.

Chang-Ching Hsu of Tainan City, Taiwan, was elected during the Asia-Pacific convention in March to represent the Asia-Pacific Region as a Kiwanis International trustee.

Mohan Lamsal, Kathmandu, Nepal, was elected as an at-large trustee.

The House of Delegates voted on one proposed amendment to the Kiwanis International Bylaws. The delegates voted against a proposal put forth by the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees to increase members' annual dues to help address a growing deficit.

The delegates also voted to approve a modernization of the Kiwanis International Bylaws.

From time to time, every organization should conduct a comprehensive review of its governing documents and make appropriate adjustments. The last such review of the Kiwanis International Bylaws took place 30 years ago. A special global committee spent two years conducting a new review. Their recommended changes were presented as a special type of amendment called a revision.

Most changes simply moved text, improved clarity or updated language to reflect current processes, with no change to the way Kiwanis does business. Substantive changes were removed and addressed individually at the 2022 Kiwanis International Convention.

2023-24 Kiwanis International President Katrina Baranko of Albany, Georgia, U.S., has been a member of Kiwanis for 29 years and served the Kiwanis Club of Albany as distinguished president and secretary. She and her husband, David, have a son, a daughter-in-law and one grandson.

Lee Kuan Yong joined Kiwanis in 1993,



**Katrina Baranko following her election as Kiwanis International president for 2023-24. Baranko will be the keynote speaker at the New York District Convention Aug. 11-13.**



served as a Kiwanis International trustee in 2011-14 and was the Asia-Pacific chair in 2016-17. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Kuala Lumpur in the Malaysia District and Eye of the Tiger eKiwanis Club in the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District.

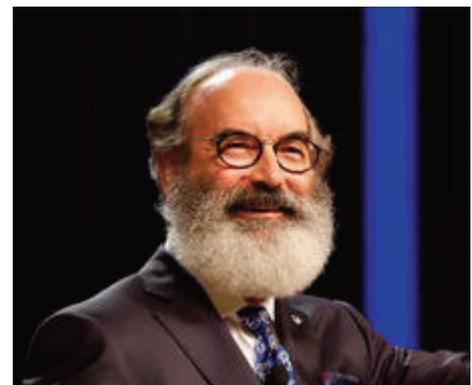
He and his wife, Kon Cze Yan, have two sons and one grandson. He will serve as president of Kiwanis International in 2024-25.

Michael A. Mulhaul of Interlaken, New Jersey, U.S., was elected to the board of trustees of Kiwanis International during a special meeting held in lieu of the 2020 Kiwanis International Convention. Mulhaul will serve a three-year term representing the United States and Canada regions of Kiwanis International.

Mulhaul has been a Kiwanis member for 30 years and is part of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Parsippany, New Jersey, U.S. He and his wife, Laura, who is also a member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Parsippany, have three children. They reside in Interlaken, New Jersey, U.S.



**President-Elect-Designate Lee Kuan Yong**



**Vice-President-Designate Michael Mulhaul.**

# Corning to Host District Convention

The convention will offer educational opportunities, fellowship, recognition, and the annual meetings for both the District Foundation and the District. The House of Delegates will also be held to consider district business and to elect our District's leaders for 2023-24.

The Convention and Host Committees have been hard at work to make this a successful, fun and affordable convention in these difficult times. In addition to the convention we have been working to show how Corning and the Finger Lakes region is a great destination for your summer traveling.

The convention will take place at the Hotel Radisson Corning.

For the latest details, see the district web site, [www.kiwanis-ny.org](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org).

## Convention Registration

All convention registration is done online. Go to the district web site, [www.kiwanis-ny.org](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org), to register.

The deadline for early rates is July 19.

## Hotel Registration

Call 607-962-5000 and request a reservation under the NY District Kiwanis block to receive the group rate by using the Promo Code KIWANI

Or, go to our website: <https://www.radissonhotelsamericas.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-corning> and

start by choosing the stay dates and request PROMOTIONAL CODE from the "Selected Rates" drop-down box. Type KIWANI and then the group rate will show with the group's name.

## Delegate Registration

Each club is entitled to three delegates for the House of Delegates on Saturday. Forms have been sent to club presidents and secretaries. They should be submitted by Aug. 1.

All New York District Kiwanians are eligible to vote during the District Foundation Annual Meeting on Friday.

## Basket Raffles

As usual raffles for baskets and gift cards will take place during the convention.

Clubs, divisions and individuals are welcome to donate baskets or gift cards to be raffled off.

Please contact Chairs Rebecca and Herman Ovadia to let them know if you are bringing a raffle prize at 516-698-2863 or [woodsidiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:woodsidiwanis@gmail.com).

## Forums

On Friday all attendees are welcome to attend a forum on Justice, Equity Diversity and Inclusion.

The following forums will be offered on Saturday:

- Membership
- Key Leader
- Club Reboot (Back to Basics)
- Leadership/Succession Planning
- Youth Protection
- Have you ever stayed in a Airbnb
- Mental Health
- Website/ESK
- Governor & First Family Project
- Risk Management
- Front Porch Conversation with International Trustee Steve Ingram

The schedule and locations will be included in the convention program book.

## Convention Honoree

The 2023 Convention Honoree is Martin Toombs, who is retiring after managing the district web site for 22 years, and the Empire State Kiwanian for 14.

A member of the Kiwanis Club of Seneca Falls-Waterloo for 41 years, he served as lieutenant governor of the Finger Lakes Division in 2017-18.

## Tentative Convention Schedule

### Thursday, Aug. 10

2022-23 Board Meeting .....	1-5 p.m.
Registration, Credentials .....	2-6 p.m.
2022-23 Board Dinner (Invitation required) .....	7:30-9 p.m.
Past Governors Dinner (Invitation required) .....	7 p.m.

### Friday, Aug. 11

Past Governors Breakfast and Council (Ticketed Event).....	7:30-9 a.m.
Registration, Credentials .....	8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Exhibits and Basket Raffles .....	8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Forum (Open to All).....	9-10:30 a.m.
Veteran's Luncheon (Ticketed Event) .....	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
District Foundation Annual Meeting and Elections .....	1-4 p.m.
Special Welcome Reception for First Timers/New Members.....	4-4:30 p.m.
Member Reception .....	4:30-5 p.m.
Past Governors' Boards Reunion Dinners .....	5:30-7:30 p.m.
Opening Session .....	8-10 p.m.
Hospitality Rooms .....	10 p.m.

### Saturday, Aug. 12

Foundations Recognition Breakfast (Ticketed Event) .....	7:30-8:30 a.m.
Exhibits and Baskets .....	8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Registration, Credentials .....	8:30 a.m.-Noon
Forums .....	9-11:20 a.m.
Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation Board.....	9:50-10:35 a.m.
Past Lt. Governors' Council .....	10:40-11:15 a.m.
Eric Paul Campaign - On to Denver 2024! .....	11:30 a.m.-Noon
Gov.-Elect Candidates' Q & A .....	Noon-12:30 p.m.
Lunch on Your Own .....	Noon-1 p.m.
Division Caucuses .....	12:30-2 p.m.
House of Delegates .....	2:30-4:30 p.m.
Gala Governor's Reception (with Dinner Ticket).....	6-7 p.m.
Governor's Toast (by invitation).....	6:45 p.m.
Governor's Celebration Dinner (Ticketed Event).....	7 p.m.
Hospitality Rooms .....	10 p.m.

### Sunday, Aug. 13

Memorial Breakfast (Ticketed Event).....	8-9:30 a.m.
Installation of 2023-24 Officers .....	10-11:30 a.m.
2023-24 Board Luncheon (Invitation Required) .....	Noon-2 p.m.

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# Candidate for Governor: Lucien Giancursio

By Lucien Giancursio  
Gov.-Elect

As we approach the end of the 2022-23 Kiwanis year, let us reflect on what has transpired, where we are and where we are going.

The dues increase that was proposed by Kiwanis International was defeated by the House of Delegates at the



International Convention held in Minneapolis last month. This will give us the opportunity to develop a plan for the impending future consequences. How to deal with the reduction of services and cost saving procedures that undoubtedly must take place.

Per Gov. Joel we are at three new clubs plus 330 new members as of July 2, well on the way to the goal of six new clubs, +750 new members. This is the time for us continue to support Gov. Joel and these goals set for the district. Let us all help to have a strong finish.

The upcoming District Convention in

August, which is being hosted in Corning, is fast approaching. Please consider attending. There are various educational workshops to help expand your Kiwanis knowledge and your Kiwanis experience.

This year we have the privilege of a special visit by the incoming 2023-24 Kiwanis International President Katrina Baranko. Also, special opportunity to meet and host International Trustee Steven Ingram.

Let us remember the past, which has brought us to where we are today. Let us plan for tomorrow as to continue to provide, "A Future of Hope"

# Candidate for Governor-Elect: Gordon Soderholm

By Gordon M. Soderholm  
Candidate for Gov.-Elect

I am Gordon M. Soderholm, candidate for Governor-Elect 2023-24.

Kiwanis has been a part of my life, off and on, for a long time. And, with God's help for a long time to come.

I started with Key Club in 1971 at West Seneca West Senior High School. Continued as an active member and became a lieutenant governor for the Niagara Frontier West Division, 1973-74. I then became the On-To-International Convention chair for New York District Key Club when we went to Houston, Texas.

I went on to restart the Circle K chapter at Valparaiso University in Indiana.

I had a lull in my Kiwanis career till I finally got back into it when I joined the West Seneca Club in 2013. Rising through the ranks, I was Distinguished President (2016-17) and Distinguished Member (2016). I became lieutenant governor of the Niagara Frontier South Division for the first time in 2018-19 and again in 2020-21. Currently I have dual membership in Holland and Nunda.

I have been a part of the FORMULA Team as a Club Opener and currently New York District Club Coach. New York District Pediatric Lyme Foundation supporter Britney Diamond Level, New York District Foundation supporter, Kiwanis International Children's Fund Dr. Wil Blechman Fellow, Kiwanis International Walter Zeller Fellow, and New York Dis-



trict Circle K Alumni Association Board Member.

So why do I ultimately want to be Governor??? I want to continue the great work the past governors have done. The Covid years have really put a hurt on some clubs, including Service Leadership Programs (SLP). Some Kiwanis clubs are still having problems. We need to really step up and help each other. I have heard from a few clubs that they can't do a project because of lack of member participation. Don't be afraid to ask other clubs for help. Clubs I have been involved with have done this many times. With us helping them, they can help others.

Kiwanis International is having some financial problems. They asked for but didn't get a dues increase, for this year. They may have to take drastic measures this year to balance a budget. This would include using reserve funds which they have been doing for the past few years. How can we possibly avoid another attempt at a dues increase? Membership!!! I know we have been hearing this for years, but this year it may be the most important. This could help avoid a potential dues increase in the future. More members, more dues collected, and the more we can do in our communities. Again, we can help each other achieve this. Either ask the district membership committee for help with a Club Coach or go to the KI website for ideas.

Our SLP's are also still having problems with membership, some more than others. Key Clubs aren't bad on membership but we have about 24 clubs without sponsoring Kiwanis clubs. Builders Club is doing better with only eight or so clubs without Kiwanis sponsors. How can we say we are here for the children with orphaned clubs out there? This is one thing

I want to work on during my year as governor.

Circle K and Aktion Clubs haven't survived the Covid years as well. Circle K Clubs not being able to meet on campus and Aktion club members not being able to leave their houses has put a drain on the clubs. We have lost membership and clubs due to this. They need our help to rebuild clubs, desperately.

Let us work together to help our children and families. We owe it to our communities to pull together and improve them one child at a time. Please give me the opportunity to be your New York District governor-elect.

## North Shore Key Club Wins District Awards

The North Shore Key Club was proud to represent North Shore High School at the 75th Leadership Training Conference held in Albany March 31-April 2.

The North Shore Club has 50 members who work hard to serve their community, and were recognized for the following awards: first place for their Major Emphasis Project for Momma's House, a homeless shelter in Glen Cove; first place for their Public Relations Book; second place for their Scrapbook that documented all activities for the 2022-2023 school year.

Finally the club was awarded the title of Distinguished Club Diamond Level in New York District Key Club; this is the highest award that a key club can earn. The club earned 181 points out of a perfect score of 190.



From left: Joseph Ruggerio, Joseph Eppolito, William Risbrook, Glenn Hollins, Stephen Sirgiovanni, Foundation President Sal Anelli, Joseph Aiello, Forbes Irvine, Past International President Gerald Christiano, Past International President Peter Mancuso (at back) Past International President Thomas DeJulio, David Rothman, James Mancuso and Joel Harris.

## Anelli Honored for work for Foundation, Kamp

Thirteen New York District Kiwanis Governors representing a span of 45 years were on hand to honor retiring Foundation President Sal Anelli at a Kamp Kiwanis Gala on April 23.

Several hundred Kiwanians and friends celebrated the 55 years the Kamp provided children with an outdoor camping ex-

perience while they learned new skills and made lasting friendships. Former New York District First Ladies were also on hand to congratulate Sal for his quarter century of service to the Kamp. The event took place at the Crest Hollow County Club in Woodbury.

## PIP Thomas DeJulio Honored for 50 Years of Membership

On April 30, Past International President Thomas DeJulio received his Legion of Honor award for 50 years of Kiwanis membership.

DeJulio joined the Mount Vernon club in 1973, after having served three years as a Key Club member while in high school, and three years in Circle K at Fordham University.



Gov. Joel Harris, left, making the presentation, to Past International President Thomas DeJulio. At right is Past First Lady Dr. Rosemary DeJulio.

# 605 New Members So Far This Year

The following clubs have inducted 5 or more new members during the first nine months of the Kiwanis Year.

Queens West Pride	Queens West	27
Bushnell's Basin-Pittsford	Finger Lakes	23
Island Park, Long Island	Long Island Southwest	20
Community Care, NYC	Metropolitan	18
Erie Niagara	Niagara Frontier North	16
Lefferts-Liberty, Queens County	Queens West	13
Holland	Niagara Frontier South	11
Kings Plaza-Canarsie	Brooklyn	11
Mount Morris	Genesee	10
Yonkers	Bronx-Westchester South	10
Mount Vernon	Bronx-Westchester South	9
Oceanside	Long Island Southwest	9
Ridgewood, NY 3-2-1	Queens West	9
Chinatown, New York City	Metropolitan	8
Garden City	Long Island South Central	8
Manhasset-Port Washington	Long Island North	8
Canandaigua	Finger Lakes	7
Glens Falls	Mohawk	7
Lake Delta, Rome	Central	7
Liberty	Brooklyn	7
Minisink Valley	Hudson River West	7
Rouses Point-Champlain	Adirondack	7
Salamanca	Southwestern	7
Batavia	Genesee	6
Chester	Hudson River West	6
Dutchess County Christian Churches	Hudson River	6
East Greenbush	Van Rensselaer	6
East Meadow	Long Island South Central	6
Glendale	Queens West	6
Howard Beach	Queens West	6
Marilla	Niagara Frontier South	6
Rockaways	Queens West	6
Valley Stream	Long Island Southwest	6
County Seat, Mineola	Long Island North	5
Dryden	Chemung	5
East Rockaway	Long Island Southwest	5
ESL - Queens East	Queens East	5
Farmington-Victor	Finger Lakes	5
Glen Cove	Long Island North	5
Huntington	Suffolk West	5
Islips (The), Bay Shore	Suffolk East	5
Lindenhurst	Suffolk West	5
Long Beach	Long Island Southwest	5
Massapequa	Long Island South Central	5
Newburgh	Hudson River	5
Ozone Park	Queens West	5
Penfield-Perinton Townships	Finger Lakes	5
Riverdale	Bronx-Westchester South	5
The East Coast	Long Island South Central	5
Uniondale United	Long Island South Central	5

## Governor's Project Exceeding Goals

By Past Gov. Candace Corsaro  
Governor's Project Chair

As we near Governor Joel and First Lady Helena year ending, as Chairperson for Governor's project, I would like to take the time and say THANK YOU to each and everyone of you for your caring and support for Crohn's and Colitis.



Gov. Joel's primary goal was to bring awareness to us all who suffers from these diseases and a goal to raise \$10,000.

Well, We are extremely proud to announce that YOU have helped by doubling that figure with three months left in the year.

Did you all realize that not only adults are suffering, but more than 300,000 children do as well.

Forms will be given out at the District Convention for clubs to report on their participation in the project.

## Chester 5K Sets Record

The 28th annual Chester Kiwanis 5K race was held May 27. This year a record 365 individuals registered for the race. 295 runners and 50 walkers completed the 3.1 Mile course.

The Kiwanis Club of Chester would like to thank all our sponsors for the donations that we received in order to make this race the success it was. A big thank you goes to all club members that contributed. Forty-plus members and other volunteers either supported us on race day or in some way supported the project or worked on pre-race functions to make this event successful and enjoyable for the club and the Village of Chester.

There was important support from the village as well as the town..

More than 50 businesses and individuals sponsored the event.

The youngest runners were a 6-year-old girl and a boy 7 years old. The oldest were 2 men aged 91 and 84 and a female walker who was 80 years old.

Following the race, a breakfast was served at the 1st Presbyterian Church.



William Boss presenting the bell to Key Club president Marissa Howard and executive board members.

## Bell Returned to Lindenhurst Key Club

When checking the messages for the Kiwanis Club of Lindenhurst's Facebook Messenger page, member Paula Vical came across a question from someone who was asking if our club supported a Key Club. I replied that we, in fact, do have a robust club, once considered to be the largest in Suffolk County. Paula is the club's liaison and have been meeting with them for the past 5 years.

The sender was William Boss, a resident of Suffolk County. He had seen a Key Club bell at a vendor's table at a Swap-and-Meet car show where vendors were also selling items. Boss, who has a collectibles business, recognized the bell as a meaningful find because, as founding president of his school's club at Sayville

High School, he had received one from the local Kiwanis club in 1979.

"It was like déjà vu," Boss said. "I could barely make out the inscription, which said 'To the Key Club of Lindenhurst High School, 1959', but I knew what it was." The vendor asked Boss for \$200 but they agreed on \$30 and Boss walked away with the treasure, contacted us and offered to return it to the Lindenhurst community.

On May 11, Lindenhurst invited Boss and the Key Club officers so Boss could present the bell to the incoming president of the Key Club, Marissa Howard, who promised to safely return it to a showcase in their school. "I am so excited to be able to use the bell during our meetings and teach the old and new members about its

history," said Howard.

The Lindenhurst High School Key Club has more than 60 members. The club adviser is Samantha Berry. Lindenhurst is able to call on them to help with club projects. At the school level, they have hosted blood drives, participated in a Habitat for Humanity project to build a home for a family in need and read to elementary students in one of our district schools.

They hosted a Teddy Bear Clinic at a district elementary school. The Teddy Bear Clinic is a free injury prevention program for children, sponsored by the Trauma Center at Stony Brook Children's Hospital in Suffolk County and supported by the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center Foundation.

## Monticello Club Honored for Heart-A-Thon Effort

The 98.3 WSUL Heart-A-Thon raised over \$105,000 for heart disease in the Sullivan Catskills.

For the past several years, Jeff Bank has sponsored a \$1,000 Community Service Award, as part of the fundraising efforts to encourage local groups and organizations to raise money as a team and for

each \$500 that is raised, the organization receives one entry into a drawing from which the winner is selected.

This year the Community Service Award winner is the Monticello Kiwanis Club. A check was presented to Monticello Kiwanis President Marvin Rappaport and Vice President Karen Ellsweig by

Jeff Bank President George Kinne and Bold Gold Radio General Manager Dawn Ciorciari.

"The Monticello Kiwanis Club is proud to accept this generous award, which will be used to assist our ongoing programs to serve our community, one child at a time" stated President Marvin Rappaport.



From left, Finger Lakes Division Lt. Gov. Thomas David, club President Barb Wagner and Gov. Joel Harris.

# New Club Chartered, Sponsor Celebrates 80th

More than 125 Kiwanians from the Finger Lakes Division and from around the district gathered April 14 for the presentation of the charter to the new Bushnell's Basin-Pittsford club and to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the new club's sponsoring club, Canandaigua.

The new club was chartered with 23 members. Receiving the charter from

Gov. Joel Harris was the new club's president, Barb Wagner.

Numerous certificates were presented to those who played a role in forming the new club, including Immediate Past Lt. Gov. Deborah Rought, Lt. Gov. Thomas David, Past Lt. Gov. Tricia Hook, and Past Lt. Gov. Dave Jacobus.

Among those in attendance were Past

Governors Joseph Eppolito, Eric Paul, Robert Calabrese, Joseph Ruggerio and Patrick Cooney, a Canandaigua member; and Gov.-Elect Lucien Giancursio. Many past lieutenant governors were present, as well as 22 past presidents of the Canandaigua club.

**Friday**

**September 22nd**

**Let's celebrate each other**

**KIWANIS**

*Black & White Ball*

**Save the Date**

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Past Gov. Patrick Cooney, a Canandaigua member, celebrated the club's accomplishments in 80 years but called on its members to keep serving their community.

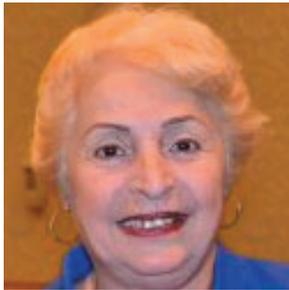
# Start Now to Add K-Kids Club to Your Community

By **Mickie Leamey**  
K-Kids Administrator

Thank you for your support of Kiwanis K-Kids.

The service year ended with 57 active clubs. Congratulations to the Ridge-wood 3-2-1 club in the Queens West Division who have chartered six new clubs and sponsored a K Family Summit this year.

Congratulations to the Connelly K-Kids



Club who were named a Distinguished Club and Marcee Rubinstein and Debra Kirsh who were named Distinguished Club Advisors.

There were so much service performed this year ranging from fund raisers for all our foundations, to celebrating PS I Love your day, honoring our military for flag day, sock drives, autism awareness programs, sending being thankful cards for the holidays, creating libraries, making kindness tray liners, assisting at pancake breakfasts and so much more.

Please consider looking into adding a Kiwanis K Kids Club in your community or if you had previously had a club before, consider looking if it can be reactivated. K Kids are the starting point of our Service Leadership Program. Kiwanis leadership

programs for youth help create the next generation of community leaders. Studies have shown that students who are engaged in community service are more likely to stay in school, get better grades, enjoy better social and emotional health, and develop stronger ties to their community. Members learn that their opinions count, and they experience satisfaction knowing that they did something to help improve their world.

For more information check out the K Kids promotional video at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6\\_eNGRQvArQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6_eNGRQvArQ) For more information feel free to contact myself or my assistant Kevin Kamper at [knkamper@gmail.com](mailto:knkamper@gmail.com) or find more information at <https://www.kiwaniskids.org/>



Teacher Cindy Shope, Kiwanis Member Doris Motl and Teacher Michele Savarese with their happy students.

## New Members Organize Earth Day Event

Three new Mount Vernon Kiwanis members organized an outdoor Earth Day Project for fifteen elementary school children in Grades 1 to 5.

The students were members of the Mount Vernon Boys and Girls Club and Y-COP (Youth Community Outreach Program).

The children competed in a Poster Contest with the theme "Make the Earth a Happy Place" and also assembled flower pots while visiting the Wartburg campus for senior residents.

## Monticello Gives Chapter Books to Second Graders

The Monticello Kiwanis Club recently delivered books to 11 second-grade classes at the George L. Cooke Elementary School.

During the school year, the students were introduced to reading books with chapters so they were very excited when they were advised that the Kiwanis Club was presenting each one of them with a "chapter" book for their summer reading. The teachers were all very happy and grateful as well. The students were encouraged to read out loud to their friends and family members as well as for the enjoyment of their pets. Doris Motl, retired Rutherford Elementary School teacher and Kiwanis member, organized this event. She was accompanied by Jane Sorensen, EPIC Family Engagement Pro-

gram Manager and Past Distinguished President of Monticello Kiwanis Club.

## Sweet Corn Festival Is Sept. 10

The annual Orange County Sweet Corn Festival sponsored by the Minisink Valley Kiwanis club will take place on Sunday, Sept. 10, at 366 County Road 12 in New Hampton.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a lawn chair and enjoy live music. Farm stands, a sweet corn eating contest, and a corn husking contest will take place during the day.