

NEW YORK DISTRICT REMEMBERS PDG BRENDA LEIGH JOHNSON

In Memory and Honor of
Distinguished Past Governor Brenda Leigh Johnson (2020-21)

Our Good friend Brenda Leigh was called home by our Lord.

Let us not have sorrow and sadness, but remembrance of how she touched our lives.

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his
name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death,

I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of
mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

(As spoken by her brother Michael)

Let us remember her often spoken words....

“Be kind, look for joy in everything and be the light in
someone’s life”



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WHERE SOME SEE GOOFY, WE SEE POTENTIAL

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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 July 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

Greetings!

Lucien Guancursio
New York District Governor



The 3rd Quarter of our 2023-2024 year has been busy.

Let us be ever mindful of, where we have been, where we are, and where we are going.

In Denver at the International Convention, a \$25.00 Dues increase was passed. Let's not dwell on our frustration of why, but rather let's develop solutions to deal with this new reality and the challenge that it presents to us.

The New York District of Kiwanis has been and will always be adaptive in finding solutions to the current needs of our members as well as our communities.

We must continue to pursue of goals of increased club membership, new club building as well as building our Service Leadership programs clubs.

There are great opportunities that await us as we continue to serve and to be of service to our communities. We have a lot more to accomplish before the end of the year.

August is our district convention in Syracuse. As this is the final convention for the Excelsior 2023-24 board, please consider joining us. Together we will continue to provide "A Future of Hope"

On Behalf of the Excelsior 2023-24 Board,
I would like to take this opportunity to say
"Thank You"

Best regards,
Governor Lucien

International Convention

International President



Lee Kuan Yong

International Pres-Elect



Michael Mulhaul

International Vice President



Hope Markes

International Trustee (US & Pacific Canada Region)



Dawn Puderbaugh Hodges



Jo Schwartz



Scott Sims

Amendments 1 & 2: KI Dues Increase & Reduction of Tiers—effective 10/1/24 (one-time increase)

Tier	Current	Proposed 2024-25
Tier 1	\$52	\$77
Tier 2	\$23	\$34

Kiwanis International portion of dues will increase from \$52 to \$77 effective 10/1/24.

Amendments 3 & 4 - Passed

Kiwanis International Board Composition - will be reduced from 15 to 12 beginning with elections in 2025.

AND

Members from outside of a District's region will be allowed to serve as a District Trustee if no one from within the region is willing or able to serve.

PASSED

2024 District Convention Program Schedule*

New York District' Convention is scheduled on August 8-11, 2024, in Syracuse, NY. In addition to a variety of workshops, the 2023-24 District Board will have its final Board meeting, and the House of Delegates will meet to elect the District Governor and Governor-Elect for the 2024-25 year.

In addition, there are two amendments to the New York District bylaws that will be up for vote:

1. Increase the NY District dues \$4.80; and
2. Institute a \$3.60 fee per member for NY District Key Club and a \$3.60 fee per member for NY District Circle K.

If both pass, the District's cost per member would increase \$12 - from \$24 to \$36 (50% increase).

A two-thirds vote of the House of Delegates is needed to amend the District's bylaws.

For more information, see pages 9 and 10 and the New York District website [New York District Kiwanis \(kiwanis-ny.org\)](http://kiwanis-ny.org).

Thursday, August 8, 2024	
1-5:00pm	2023-24 Board Meeting
2-6:00pm	Registration Credentials
7:30-9pm	2023-24 Board Dinner (by invitation only)
7:00pm	Past Governors' Dinner (by invitation only)
Friday, August 9, 2024	
7:30- 9 a.m.	Past Governors Breakfast & Council (Ticket)
9:30-6 p.m.	Registration Credentials
8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Exhibits and Baskets
9-10:30 a.m.	Workshops (TBD)
11 a.m. -12:35 p.m.	Veteran's Luncheon (Ticketed Event)
1-4:00 p.m.	District Foundation Annual Meeting & Elections
4-4:30 p.m.	Special Welcome Reception for First Timers
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Member Reception
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Past Governors' Boards Reunion Dinners
8-10:00 p.m.	Opening Session
10:00 p.m.	Hospitality Rooms

2024 District Convention Program Schedule*

Saturday, August 10, 2024	
7:30 -8:30 a.m.	Foundations Recognition Breakfast (Ticketed)
8:30 a.m. - Noon	Registration, Credentials
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Exhibits and Baskets
9 a.m.- 11:20 a.m.	Workshops (TBD)
9:50 - 10:35 a.m.	Past Lt. Governor’s Council
10:40 - 11:15 a.m.	Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation Board
Noon - 12:30 p.m.	Gov.-Elect Candidates’ Q & A
12:30 - 2 p.m.	Division Caucuses
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.	House of Delegates
6 - 7:00 p.m.	Gala Governor’s Toast (by invitation)
6:45 p.m.	Governor’s Celebration Dinner (Ticketed)
7:00 p.m.	Governor’s Celebration Dinner (Ticketed)
10:00 p.m.	Hospitality Rooms
Sunday, August 11, 2024	
8 - 9:30 a.m.	Memorial Breakfast (Ticketed Event)
10-11:30 a.m.	Installation of Officers
Noon - 2:00 p.m.	2024-25 Board Luncheon (Invitation Only)

Proposal Amendments to District Bylaws

The following proposed bylaw amendments will be voted on at the House of Delegates on Aug. 10:

Amendment 1 - Article 10 (New)

Each club shall also pay a fee to the district for each active club member of \$3.60 to support Key Clubs in the district and an additional \$3.60 to support Circle K Clubs in the district. These amounts shall be based on each club's annual membership report to Kiwanis International as of September 30 of each year and shall be due annually on October 1 and payable by November 30. The funds shall be placed in restricted accounts for NY District Circle K and NY District Key Club.

Amendment 2 - Article 10 *[strike through is old language, bold is new]*

Section 1. Each club shall pay dues to the district for each active club member in the amount of \$24.00 **\$28.80**. Dues shall be based on each club's annual membership report to Kiwanis International as of September 30 of each year and shall be due annually on October 1 and payable by November 30.

* Schedule subject to change.

Empire Club



By DPG Joseph C. Eppolito
*Chair, New York District
Foundation Empire Club*

also be set-up
with the District

The Empire Club was formulated by me in August, 2002 to mirror the Heritage Foundation started by Kiwanis International a few years earlier with the approval of then NYDK Foundation President Lindy Marrazzo and reviewed by the late Steve Eisman, NYDK Foundation General Council.

The purpose is to secure long-range gifts to the NY District Kiwanis Foundation and recognize those Kiwanians and friends

who believed in securing the legacy of our District Foundation for years to



come. Funds could also be given upfront as well and funds would go for the general operation of the District Foundation at the direction of the Foundation Board. Kiwanians are asked to seek advice their financial advisors, estate planning attorneys and/or estate planning accountants for any recommendations. Planned gifts can

Foundation as well.

The District Foundation was blessed by the generosity of the late PDLTG Ivan Tarnopoll, whom I was fortunate to do some financial planning with several years ago. His legacy donation of life insurance

liquidated the Foundation's \$300,000 mortgage & established a cultural arts center named after him.

The Empire Club brochure has been revised as I utilized the expertise of Foundation Parliamentarian Peter Mancuso and Foundation General Counsel Jim Prout. The revised brochure is available & can be found under the District Foundation tab on the District Website. I also can send them via email to any interested person.

We have 32 active Empire Club members, 6 deceased members and 3 of those whom fulfilled their commitment. Commitments are on the honor system with no pressure applied whatsoever.

For more information, I can be reached by email at pepster@aol.com or by phone at (315) 436-2157.

THANKS.

The world needs
more of that.



KIWANIS PEDIATRIC TRAUMA CENTER FOUNDATION



DPG Joe Corace
President
KPTC

It's Black & White Ball Time!



Yes, it's time to start talking about our
29th Black and White Ball
for the Pediatric Trauma Center on
September 20, 2024, at Leonard's of
Great Neck



We've decided we're not changing
but adding.

This year we are paying tribute
honoring and thanking
The Former First Ladies and Former
First Partners who served
our New York District.

They served alongside the governors during their year and we'd like
to say 'THANK YOU'. We understand scheduling, traveling,
commitments and of course health is a challenge to have them

all in attendance. However, those that cannot
attend will be honored in our journal. Those that
can attend will be given
recognition at the Ball.

So as you've done in the past, come and have a
night of fun, dancing, dining and also paying
tribute to the special Honorees.

See you at the Ball....
Invitations are on their way!



Friday, September 20th 2024

It's our 28th Ball

KIWANIS
Black & White
Ball

Have Fun

KPTC
Save the Date honoring
Former First Ladies and Partners

Kiwanis Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation

By DPG John Gridley

Founder, Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation



I was reading an article where Tucker Carlson said in an Instagram caption that Lyme disease became endemic because of U.S. government bioweapons labs.

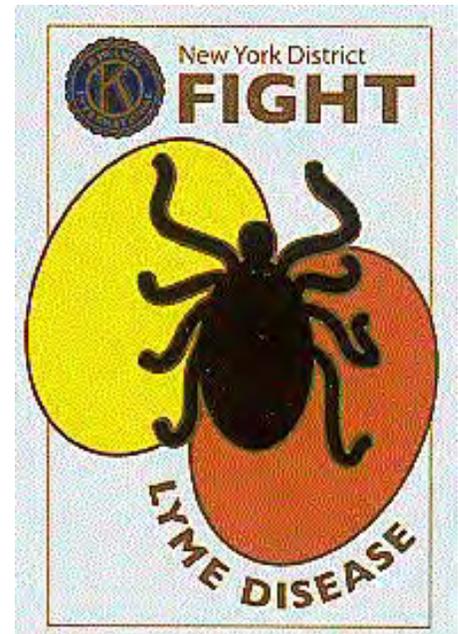
The bacterium that causes Lyme disease is at least 60,000 years old and existed long before the U.S. bioweapons program. Scientists have observed suspected cases of Lyme disease in several locations well before the first identified case of the disease in the 1970s, including in a 5,000-year-old mummy near the Austria-Italy border.

in the U.S. in the 1970s because of suburbanization and a warming climate, which increased both ticks carrying the Lyme disease bacterium and the number of animals, such as the white-tailed deer, on which the ticks feed. Humans also began living closer to these animal populations, spurring the disease to spread more rapidly.

Experts also said Lyme disease would make a poor bioweapon because of its low fatality rate and its transmission through ticks. So, this article was rated, as Pants on Fire.

Lyme disease became endemic

The symptoms of Lyme disease are severe fatigue and exhaustion, joint pain, swelling and stiffness, neurological impairment, unable to concentrate, memory loss, vision changes, difficulty with speech or writing, ear pain, buzzing or ringing, seizures, light-headedness, poor balance, difficulty



walking and Bell's palsy, cardiac issues, irregular heartbeat, murmurs and heart block.

If you think that your child has been bitten by a Tick, go to the doctor immediately and demand your child be put on antibiotics and request that a blood test be taken. The majority of people who are treated early with antibiotics do well and incur no long-term problems. People who are not treated until later in the illness may have a more complicated course.



Young Children Priority One



Happy Summer All!

As we're reaching midsummer it's time to think Back to School.

What will our kids need to start the new year? Backpacks, supplies to fill them, maybe a sweatshirt or new sneakers. The list is endless.

This may be the time to volunteer for reading groups at your local library or day camps. Many



By Helene Irvine

*District Chair
Young children Priority One*

schools have reading lists for upcoming grades. Do your children have the books they need?

Fundraising is in full swing as we prepare for September. Follow the different clubs on social media for different ideas and activities to help support your kids. Remember to join forces with other service organizations to provide more for your kids.

Be on the lookout for the new project from the Children's Fund that will help clubs to help other children throughout the Kiwanis Universe.

As we gear up for another Kiwanis administrative year, let us keep Gov Elect Gordon's initiative to support our student leadership programs front and center in our clubs and our divisions as we all look forward to serving the children and our communities.



Everyone is welcome here.



Charter I, II, III, IV Program 2023-2024



By DPG Joseph C. Eppolito

Chair, Charter I, II, III, IV Program

The purpose of this program is to incent and reward those clubs in the NY District currently under Charter strength (15) to increase their membership to Charter strength and beyond during the 2023-24 administrative year. It is also designed to encourage clubs that have memberships between 15 and 29 to reach memberships of 20, 25 and/or 30 and beyond, respectively!

Clubs will be recognized with an appropriate certificate on a monthly basis. when their membership reaches 15, 20 or 25. The certificates will be issued to the Club President and the Division Lt. Governor will receive a copy of the certificate that the club has earned.

- For those clubs that reach 15 members, they will receive a Charter I Certificate.
- For those clubs that reach 20 members, they will receive a Charter II Certificate.
- For those clubs that reach 25 members, they will receive a Charter III Certificate.
- For those clubs that reach 30 members, they will receive a Charter IV Certificate.

So, it is possible for smaller clubs to receive multiple certificates based on their membership success throughout the year.

Finally, for those clubs that are able to maintain those respective membership numbers through September 30, 2024, finalized by 10-19-24, they will receive the appropriate banner patch(es) at the Mid-Winter Conference in 2025.

It is important to note that for clubs that are under 15 members (Charter can request a Club Coach to be assigned to them & have a realistic plan for growth. Contact NYDK Membership Coordinator Mark Pohl @ 917-912-2094 or ckmark@aol.com

The Charter I, II, III, IV Program will be administered by PDG Joe Eppolito, Chair of Charter I, II, III, IV program for District Governor Lucien Giancursio. Joe's Email: pepster@aol.com and cell is: 315-436-2157.

DISTINGUISHED KIWANIAN

All should strive to be Distinguished!



By Sue Sheehan

District Chair

Distinguished Kiwanian Program

As our 2023-2024 Kiwanis year of service comes to close in a few months, it is important to recognize our individual

members for their year of dedicated service, their individual Club's achievements and their Division's who have worked diligently in serving

our youth and their service to their local communities. will be reviewed to determine if they clearly meet the requirements relative to the specific category. For more information, go to [New York District Kiwanis \(kiwanis-ny.org\)](http://New York District Kiwanis (kiwanis-ny.org)).



If you have any questions about any of the forms I encourage you to contact me directly through the contact information on the form.

Upon review of the completed forms, Certificates and pins will be mailed to the Division Lt Governor for presentation. Also, recognition of all will be announced at our Mid-Winter Conference in February of 2025.

our youth and their service to their local communities.

The specific requirements form for each category for 2023/2024 can be downloaded directly from the New York District Kiwanis website. The deadline for filing the forms is October 31, 2024. The forms

New York District

Distinguished Recognition Programs

- ◆ Distinguished Kiwanian
- ◆ Distinguished Club
- ◆ Distinguished Division

Where do your members, Club, and Division stand?

It is not too late to meet the criteria!

Deadline to file forms is October 31, 2024





By DPLG Noreen Barrett
Round Robin District Chair

Once again, all clubs can receive an official New York District “Round Robin” patch! Round Robin patches are achieved by visiting every club in your division once during the Kiwanis year. That means for this year, if your club visited every other club in your division from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, your club is eligible for a Round Robin patch. These visits can be through a zoom/ virtual meeting, a traditional “in person” meeting, or by attending one of their fundraisers or service projects.

The key here is for a club to have at least a minimum number of members from its club participate in the visits to the other clubs in the Division. Clubs with a larger membership need to have more members visit than clubs with smaller memberships.

Specifically, clubs with 30 or more members need to have at least four (4) members present; clubs with a membership between 20-29 need to have three (3) members present; and clubs with a mem-

bership of 19 or less need to have two (2) members present.

All visits must be recorded by your Club Secretary and the verified by your Lieutenant Governor. The form gets mailed to me in order for you to receive your patch.

Please reach out to me with any questions at: lgbarrett3@nycap.rr.com.



**New York District
Round Robin Program**

“Visit” all clubs in your Division!

- ◆ Clubs 30 or more members - 4 Members visit
- ◆ Clubs 20-29 members - 3 Members visit
- ◆ Clubs 19 or less members - 2 Members visit

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion “DEI”

Embracing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in NY Kiwanis

As we approach the end of the inaugural year of the NY District DEI committee, it’s crucial to restate that our strength lies in our diversity. Our organization, NY Kiwanis, is a microcosm of the world, and our membership strategy must reflect this reality. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives are not just axioms; in the volunteer service organization space, they are essential components of our growth and sustainability.

Through ESK, email and personal conversations I have encouraged individuals, clubs and Divisions to start the difficult conversations of introspection around eliminating bias and ensuring fairness. It’s understandable that change can be daunting, especially when it seems to challenge our identity and engagement. However, it’s important to remember that DEI initiatives are not about erasing or diminishing anyone’s identity. Instead, they aim to broaden our collective identity to include the rich tapestry of experiences and perspectives that our diverse members bring.

In parts of our American society some institutions and businesses have turned away from DEI. We cannot shun DEI

initiatives at this time because of the persistent structural inequalities in our ranks. Despite assurances from Governors Harris and Giancursio and from me, the chair, preconceived notions about DEI being solely about race and gender endure and influence, participation and behavior. But let’s view this as an opportunity for growth and learning. Engaging with DEI initiatives can help us challenge these notions, leading to personal growth and a more inclusive Kiwanis community.

If you are reading this and your club is stagnant or in decline, why not try a few simple things to see if increasing your engagements can lead to new members? Engage your Circle K club members or Key Club families. Wear

Kiwanis apparel while you are out and about. Be open and prepared to discuss the great things that we do and how being a Kiwanian has enriched your life. What have you got to lose?

Fear of loss is a natural human response to change. But consider this:



By Miles Malone

*District Chair
Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion*

what if, instead of losing, we gain? What if we gain new perspectives, new ideas, and new friendships?

Mistakes will be made, make them with grace. What if our engagement becomes more meaningful because we’re not just interacting with people who are like us, but also with those who offer different viewpoints? Exercise empathy even when you don’t understand.

DEI initiatives are not ineffective or unnecessary. They are the bridges that connect us to the wider world, that make us more empathetic, and that strengthen our community. Let’s embrace these initiatives with an open mind and heart. In KI NY, membership is the metric by which we determine if our mission is succeeding. We measure what matters. Let’s be the change we wish to see in the world.

Remember, NY Kiwanis is not just about us; it’s about *all* of us. Together, we can ensure that our organization is a welcoming space for everyone, regardless of their race, gender, or age. Let’s make NY Kiwanis a beacon of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Thank you for your openness and commitment to making NY Kiwanis better for all.



Certified Leadership Development

Why is it Important?

Has anyone been to a club meeting that is poorly run with the officers not having a clue as to what they were doing?

If you were a guest or prospective member would that be a club, you would want to join?

As we begin the new service year it is important that your club officers have the training necessary to do their job effectively! It is important that all the club officers know what their responsibilities are and what is expected of them. As a club officer you have been called to lead. Your leadership will help your club grow stronger and make an impact in your community. It is important that the officers attend the in-person President – Secretary -Treasurer training as it a great way to share both successful projects and events your club has had or any difficulties your club may be having, your counterparts may have insight on how to help. If officers are not able to attend an in-person session, Kiwanis International is having on-line webinars during the first week of August but these are very general overviews with a lot of people and really not the recommended form of training!

As we start a new Kiwanis year now is the time to:

A) Conduct a Member Survey – ask questions like “What do your

members want from their club experience?”

B)Value and respect all Members’

Opinions – make it a point to listen to all your members not just the ones that always speak up.

C)Make Club Activities Meaningful and Relevant – does your club know what your community really needs? If not, your service projects may go unnoticed. Being noticed in your community is a way to recruit new members – new members bring new ideas and energy as well as more hands for service! Be sure to wear Kiwanis logo apparel and have signage so people will know it is a Kiwanis event. When new members join make them feel welcome and include them in discussions and activities.

Clubs should have a new member orientation program so that new members understand what Kiwanis is about and that it is a worldwide service organization. There is a Kiwanis 101 PowerPoint available if anyone is interested in it! As Kiwanians we tend to use a lot of acronyms – CLE, KPTC, DCON, etc. but be sure to explain what they mean to new members! The education of members



By Alison Mandel

District Chair

Leadership Development Coordinator

should be ongoing throughout the year, not limited to just officer training. Over this past year, there have been monthly district wide webinars on different topics. This will continue during the 2024-2025 service year. These webinars are open to all members and members should be encouraged to sign on to them. It is a great way to learn about different topics such as our District Foundations, Service Leadership Programs, Youth Protection, Governor’s Project, Succession Planning, Recruiting Younger Members etc. Technology is here to stay so we should embrace it and use it to our advantage whether as a communication tool or as a marketing tool. We will continue to rotate the day of the week each month so as not to conflict with club meeting nights. All the monthly webinars are recorded and on the district website. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or ideas for upcoming sessions at alison.mandel@gmail.com or 607-738-3054.





First Family's Project



Providing Backpacks and Items for Kids while at Kamp Kiwanis

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



Gov Lucien and I had a fun day with Kamp staff and also Randy, Jan, and Duane (from Lake Delta Club) stuffing backpacks!

Even though Kamp season is basically over.....

If you/your club would still like to participate, it is not too late.
The Kamp is always updating their supplies!
It is best to make a Monetary Donation OR mail Wal-Mart gift cards to me (please reference the amount and your club/division/name). This will allow Kamp Director Daniel Trader and I to work together and purchase what is truly needed.

Email me (Heather) for my mailing address:
heather35976@gmail.com

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!

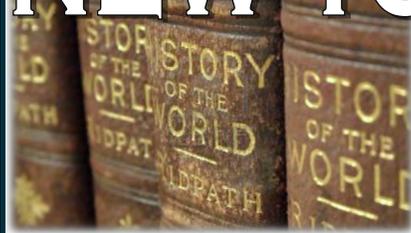


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NEW YORK DISTRICT HISTORY



THE DRAMA OF THE FLOOD



PIP Thomas DeJulio
District Historian

DO YOU KNOW?

A KIWANIS HISTORY QUIZ

As new members join their respective Kiwanis Clubs, we find fewer and fewer who know the history of the organization since its founding in 1915. And so, here's a "test" of ten questions to give to every "new" member joining your club in the past three years.

Kiwanis History Quiz

1. What city was Kiwanis founded?
2. When was Key Club founded and in what city?
3. Where was the first club outside North America founded?
4. When did Circle K open its membership to women?
5. Who was the first woman to become Kiwanis Int'l President?
6. What city was KI headquarters first established?
7. When did Builders Club become an official Kiwanis SLP?
8. When were the current Six Objects of Kiwanis adopted?
9. Where was the first Kiwanis Club founded outside the USA?
10. Who are Walter Zeller and George Hixson?

E-Mail Your Answers to me at tdejulio@fordham.edu

Prizes will be awarded for the most correct responses received from new members joining within the last 3 years. In your email, please be sure to include your name, address, Kiwanis club, and date joined.

Reminder:

WE NEED TO BUILD, NURTURE, RETAIN (AND EDUCATE) MEMBERS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE GROWTH.

BONUS

IDENTIFY the following three pictures with their Kiwanis Family connection:



Membership & New Club Openings

Membership is the lifeline of Kiwanis! It is important to constantly have your club appoint a Membership Chair, plan annual membership recruitment events, and always be encouraging your club members to help in the recruitment of new members.

Membership recruitment does not occur in a vacuum. All Club events that are properly branded and advertised throughout your communities are key



components in getting the name out. This can also be a key factor in attracting new members to join. People are more

inclined to want to become a member if they are already familiar with the “Kiwanis” brand by way of all of the volunteer programs performed if your communities.



The ability to open new clubs is also extremely important. Kiwanians should always keep their eyes open for new areas in which Kiwanis can grow - including areas that were once served by now-defunct Kiwanis clubs.

How Are We Doing?*

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

Current Membership: 6011
Net Change +261 Members

Divisions Leading the Way

- Metropolitan - 63
- Finger Lakes - 49
- Brooklyn - 46
- Long Island Southwest - 39
- Queens West - 35
- Niagara Frontier South - 33
- Van Rensselaer - 30

Clubs Leading the Way

- Community Care, NYC (Metropolitan) - 44
- East Greenbush (Van Rensselaer) - 18
- Eastern Wayne (Finger Lakes) - 18
- Dyker Heights-Boro Park (Brooklyn) - 16
- Kings Plaza-Canarsie (Brooklyn) - 14

*Data from KI Portal and the NY District website as of 8/4/24.

The New York District Past Governor's Council of Kiwanis International



By DPG Joseph C. Eppolito
Chair, Past Governor's Council



The NYD Past Governor's Council was established as an advisory council to give advice and assistance to the current Governor and his/her Board of Lieutenant Governors on various District matters and/or concerns that referred to it. Its purpose is also to assist the District's success in all phases of district operations, membership, protocol and education with appropriate recommendations

Lastly, the Council's purpose is to foster fellowship amongst the District Past Governors, show genuine concern for the welfare of the District and administer any awards, as approved by the NY District Board.

The Council meets twice a year as an organization and takes nominations for the Gerald P. Christiano Award that it hopes to award at District Conventions to a District Kiwanian who is a leader at the club, division or district level but not usually in the limelight, so to speak.

The 2023-24 Christiano Award winner is PDLTG John "Jack" Hanarhan from the Lewiston Kiwanis Club in the Niagara North Division.

The Past Lieutenant-Governor's Council of the New York District of Kiwanis International

Past Lieutenant Governor's Council of the New York
District of Kiwanis International Inc.

By DPLG Noreen Barrett

Secretary, Past Lt. Gov. Council



Notice is hereby given by provision of this writing of the next meeting of the Past Lieutenant Governor's Council of the New York District of Kiwanis International Inc. which will be held at the NY District Convention at the hour of 9:50 am on Saturday the 10th of August, 2024 at the Marriott Hotel, 100 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse, New York.

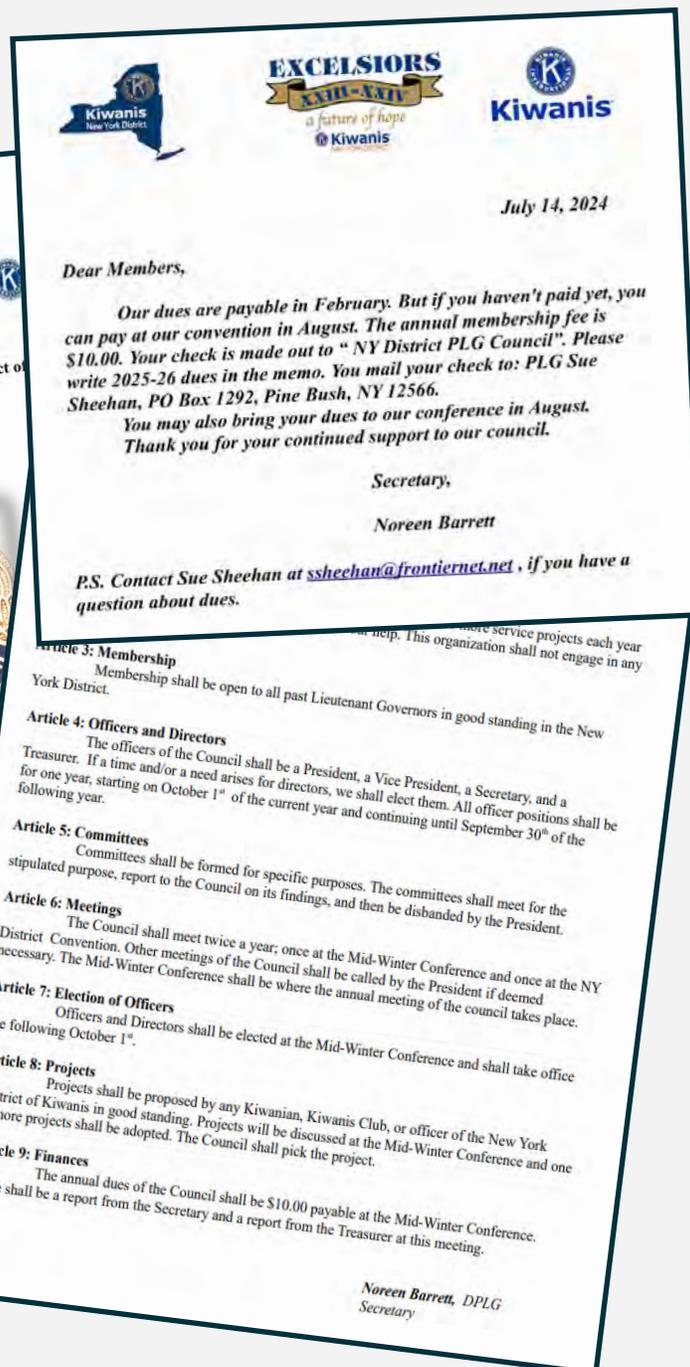
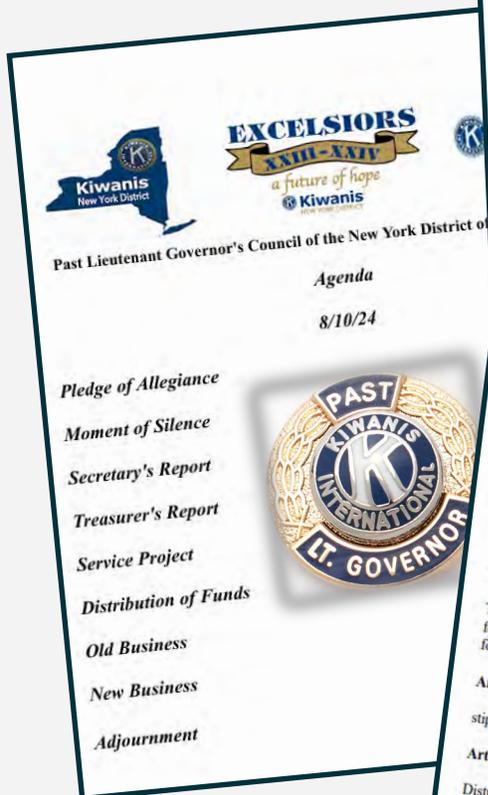
The primary purpose of this meeting is to report on the monies on hand in the name of the Council.

Our service project will be helping the group - We Rise Above the Streets Recovery Outreach in East Sryacuse.

They are looking for these items: feminine hygiene products, soap, deodorants, shampoo, and conditioner (any size) and socks (men & women).

They will also take children's clothing in new/almost new condition - any sizes.

Secretary of the Past Lieutenant Governor's Council
Noreen Barrett





YOUR OVERVIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY PROJECT

The Possibility Project is a monumental initiative to raise \$25 Million in the next 5 years. This isn't just a number; it represents our commitment to impact at least 10 million children worldwide through Kiwanis Children's Fund grants and scholarships.



By PLG Sandy Nagler

*Kiwanis Children's Fund
District Chair*

The Kiwanis Children's Fund is the fundraising arm of Kiwanis International. For members, a gift to the Children's Fund is a way to amplify the impact they make in kids' lives. That's because we turn gifts into grants that support Kiwanis projects around the world.

We are raising funds to help kids that need our help RIGHT NOW. Clubs from all over the world are approaching the Children's Fund seeking grants because they see kids in need in their communities. What will the Possibility Project do? It will raise more money in direct support of club service projects helping kids globally.

This campaign is unique. After extensive conversations, the Children's Fund is seeking to focus this fundraising effort on the needs of the kids in the communities where Kiwanis Clubs are located. We are incredibly proud of our past global campaigns, which changed the lives of millions of children. And now it's time to focus on fundraising for kids in communities where Kiwanis clubs are already doing great work.

Volunteers are the backbone of this initiative. Your role in sharing The Possibility Project's mission and encouraging club-focused fundraising activities is crucial. Club giving, as well as donations from individuals, is the foundation of this campaign. During the Eliminate Project, 55 percent of funds raised came from clubs that made commitments.

To help carry out this ambitious fundraising campaign, we have developed District Champions to work along side me and the Children's Fund staff. Many Champions have already been appointed, but there are several Divisions still in need of representation. I'm looking for enthusiastic individuals who want to support kids globally through the Kiwanis Children's Fund. In your role as a Champion, you will work closely with me as the District Chair, the Children's Fund staff and other volunteers in the U.S. to help raise awareness and funds toward our newest campaign, the Possibility Project.

Worried that you don't know enough? Don't worry! We have had several Zoom training sessions that are available for you to get up to speed and help you learn everything you need to know. You'll meet new Kiwanis members in the process and have great support.

Why you should volunteer...

Get involved with other Kiwanians in the New York District and around the world.

Increase your involvement with Kiwanis and benefit by tackling a new leadership role.

Support kids both locally and internationally. Be part of something BIGGER!

Children going hungry. Students struggling to read. Potential leaders lacking mentors. In communities around the world, Kiwanis clubs are addressing urgent needs like these. The Kiwanis Children's Fund is helping them — with grants that make service projects possible. But even while clubs are changing children's lives, the need continues to grow. The Possibility Project is the first fundraising campaign created solely to support the Kiwanis family and the children we serve. And it's the perfect time for clubs like yours, and members like you, to make an impact.



The full rollout for the Possibility Project will take place in Denver at the International Convention with more information available at our District Convention in Syracuse, August 8 – 11. If you have any questions, want more information or are interested in volunteering to help support the Possibility Project, reach out to me at 845-781-0891 or SNagler@TeleVue.com.

Public Relations/Branding



What Picture Should I Use?

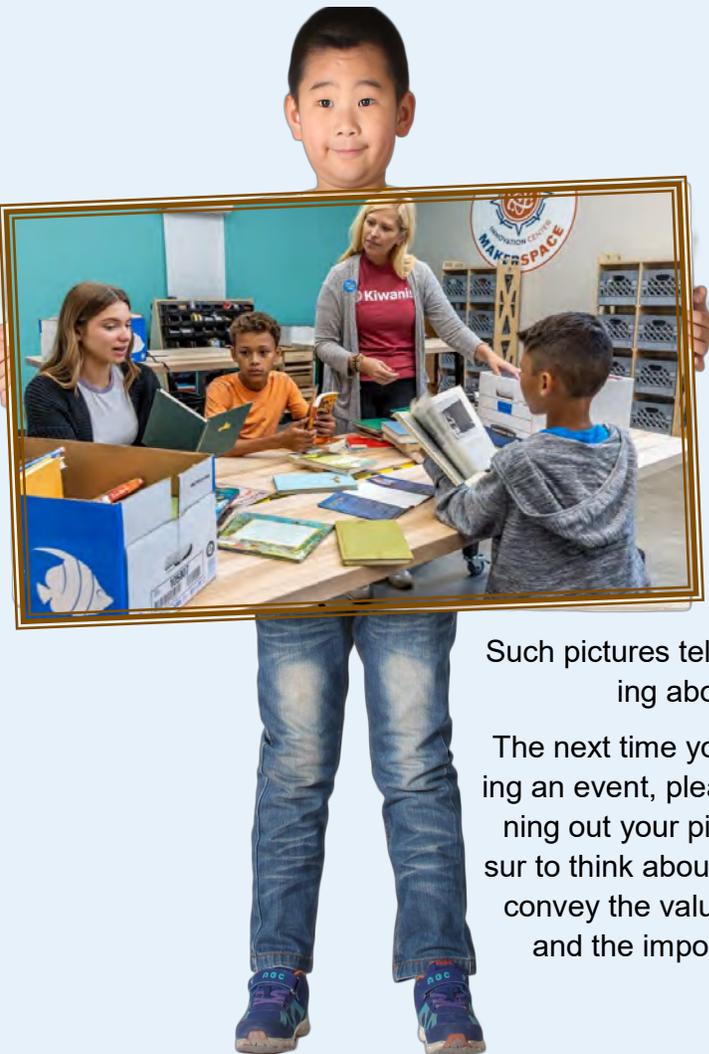
We all know that taking pictures during Kiwanis events allows Clubs to easily share their activities with others, especially through social media. It allows us to build our Kiwanis brand by marketing and, in essence, selling the value of being a Kiwanian. This is true whether the pictures are from a service project, a fundraiser, or even a meeting. It is easy to find Kiwanis-related pictures on social media posts. But the reality is...taking the “right” picture is much more easily said than done.

Everyone is repeatedly told that they should take pictures of action. That means having your pictures showing the impact that your clubs’ activities are having on children in your communities. The pictures should show people being engaged in the service activity/fundraiser. People should be actively doing something. And it is equally important to have the Kiwanis name and/or logo strategically displayed somewhere in the picture if possible.

There is no doubt that Kiwanians love taking the pictures of our club membership posing, those types of pictures almost never tell the story of the importance and impact of the Kiwanis event.

Such pictures tells viewers virtually nothing about the activity.

The next time your Kiwanis Club is having an event, please give thought in planning out your pictures. And always be sur to think about whether the picture will convey the value of the Kiwanis brand and the importance of the activity.



Aktion Club

By Kevin Cooney



*Aktion Club
Co-District Administrator*

**The Only Service Club for Adults with Disabilities
With more than 12,000 Members Worldwide**

The East Meadow Aktion Club held a very successful square dance fundraiser to benefit Kamp Kiwanis. East Meadow Aktion Club President Matt Kamper did an outstanding job organizing the event. They were supported by the Forrest Park Aktion club who had 50 members in attendance. The Ridgewood 1 2 3 Club was instrumental to the success of the fundraiser. They raised enough money to send two children to Kamp!



The Aktion Club of Sullivan County held their first Annual Spring Fling Dance at the Barn at The Center for Discovery in Hurleyville NY from 6:00pm-9:00pm. The theme of the dance was enchanted forest. The dress code was semi-formal, and everyone came in their best dressed outfits. Those in attendance "danced the night away" to the tunes played by the DJ and even enjoyed doing the "electric slide". The club is a community service leadership group co-sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of Monticello and Woodridge providing adults living with disabilities an opportunity to develop initiative and leadership skills to serve the community. The



Aktion Club of Sullivan County is comprised of individuals from The Greater Hudson Valley Arc, New Hope Community and The Center for Discovery.

The Anchor Aktion Club assisted the Peninsula Hewlett Kiwanis Club with their annual Family Picnic for the families of Camp Anchor on May 18th. The Aktion Club prepared the hamburger and hotdog rolls for the 800 hamburgers and 800 hotdogs cooked by the members of Peninsula Kiwanis. The Oceanside Sailors joined in the festivities to make for a great day.



Aktion Club 2023-24 Award Categories:

- [Speech Poster](#) (Digital and Non-Digital)
- [Scrapbook](#) (Digital and Non-Digital)
- Single Service project
- [Club Video](#)

Award Entries are now available and due no later than September 15th.
See the Aktion Club website for more information: www.aktionclub.org



#KidsNeedKiwanis

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Kiwanis Kids (K Kids)

Developing Leadership Skills at the Youngest Levels

Thank you for your support of Kiwanis K-Kids. As of July 8, we have 56 active clubs. Congratulations and welcome to BBYO @ PS 312 Brooklyn, Columbus Elementary Utica, John Marshall Elementary East Hampton, Millenium Development @ PS 115 Brooklyn, Smithtown and Parkway Elementary School to the K Family.

Thank you to all the clubs who sent in the surveys and filed for awards. New York is proud to honor Barnum Woods Elementary and Otisville Elementary who were named distinguished clubs as well as Meadowbrook Elementary who was named an honor club. New York is proud to have two distinguished advisors, Donna Goldstein from Barnum Woods Elementary and Maureen Hellman from Conolly Elementary. Austin and Nicholas who were co-presidents at the Barnum Woods School were named as Distinguished Officers in their charter year.

Thank you to all our clubs for developing our leaders of tomorrow. Now that summer has come, it is the perfect opportunity to plan for the next school year. Consider spending some time with your school leaders to plan projects and recruit for the new school year. Consider running a book drive or a reading project to encourage literacy. Ideas for projects can be found on the Kiwanis K Kids website at <https://www.kiwaniskids.org/resources-main/>.

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. If there is not an elementary school available, consider partnering with a local community center or library. Service does not have to be school based. 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.

If you are interested in learning more about Kiwanis K Kids or are interested in starting a program in your local school, library or community center check out the starting a club information at <https://www.kiwaniskids.org/start-a-club/>.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact myself or Assistant District Administrator Kevin Kamper at knkamper@gmail.com We are here to help in any way.



By Mickie Leamey
*K Kids
District Administrator*



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KEY CLUB[®]



By John D. Goldstein
*Key Club
District Administrator*



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I want to thank the Great New York District Kiwanis for your unwavering support of the New York District Key Club Board and all of the Key Clubs in our District. Last year at the end of August the New York District Key Clubs membership topped 13,000 members for the first time since 2016. This year so far, our membership is about 12,600 and I expect to get close to the 13,000 mark by the end of August.

This years Leadership Training Conference in March was a 25% increase over last year with about 530 attendees. The growth

this year was great and we hope that next year we will be back to about 700 attendees.

We were so excited to go to the Key Club International Convention in Atlanta from July 8 – 13, 2024. We had 20 students and 4 adults. We even had our candidate, Kevin Hildago, win a position as International Trustee! Congratulations to Kevin! I want to thank all of the Kiwanis Clubs and Division who

helped financially to send your students to this great opportunity.

The New York District is successful because of the tremendous support from the New York Kiwanis District, the Kiwanis Clubs and Kiwanians in this great District. It is an Honor and a Privilege to continue to serve as the Administrator for the New York District of Key Club International.



Adirondacks Division

By Lt. Gov.

Katherine A. Peterson



Plattsburgh Noon Kiwanis

On April 13th the Plattsburgh Noon Kiwanis held its 95th anniversary gala. Nearly all clubs in the division were present along with District Governor Lucien Giancursio as well as Governor Elect Gordon Soderholm.



The club also recently participated in the road clean up of a section of route 9.

Plattsburgh Noon Kiwanis also had a table and participated in the Bike Block Party at the SUNY Plattsburgh Field House. We gave away bicycle lights and had activities for the kids.



Rouses Point/Champlain

Kiwanis club

The Rouses Point-Champlain Kiwanis Club Conducted their highway clean up.



The Club also held a Dessert and Dance event for families and children of the community.



Saranac Lake Kiwanis club



In June, the Saranac Lake Kiwanis partnered with the Police Department to hold a bike Rodeo at the Civic Center.



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Kiwanis Club of Tupper Lake

In June, Tupper Lake Kiwanis held a fundraiser at Raquette River Brewing.



Plattsburgh Breakfast Kiwanis club

In June, the Plattsburgh Breakfast Kiwanis Club held their annual Dozer Fest and the Airborne Speedway. This is a major event in the community that many attend and many businesses support.



Adirondack Division consists of Clinton and Essex counties.

Brooklyn Division

By Lt. Gov.

Elizabeth Santo



The Brooklyn Division had a productive spring meeting in June with the NY Kiwanis Governor Lucian and past Lt Governor James Orlando in attendance. Governor of the Key Club, Anastasia, led the meeting successfully.



Kiwanis clubs discussed their various projects:

- BenBay's upcoming golf outing on September 5th and fundraising efforts for a child in need of a wheelchair.
- Liberty Kiwanis had a successful radio bingo night (pictured to right).
- Parkway East focused on their work with local veterans.
- Dyker Heights-Boro Park highlighted their first year as a new club and their sponsorship of a Relay for Life team (pictured to right).
- Kings Plaza-Canarsie's held an event honoring Sal Anelli for all his years as president of Kamp Kiwanis.



The division looks forward to a busy fall season with activities planned throughout the Division including providing meals for homebound seniors and veterans, collaborating with a motivational speaker, events with NYPD and FDNY, and participating in community festivals to raise awareness about Kiwanis.

Brooklyn Division is comprised of Kings County.

Central Division

By Lt. Gov.
Carla Ingram



Kiwanis Club of Adirondack, Old Forge

Kiwanis Club of Adirondack, Old Forge recognized its Students of the Month.



The Club held its annual toy drive donation.



Mohawk Valley Central Kiwanis



Mohawk Valley Central Kiwanis sponsored its annual Kite Day.

The Club recognized its Students of the Year for



Mohawk Valley Central and Central Valley Academy.



Kiwanis Club of Utica

Utica Kiwanis presented its Collegiate Sports Awards.



The Club held its annual toy drive donation.



Utica Kiwanis participated in Walk for Autism with a sand sensory station.



Utica Kiwanis held a food drive with the local Chamber of Commerce.

Central Division includes the Counties of Lewis, Herkimer, Oneida, and Madison.

Frankfort Kiwanis Club

The Frankfort Kiwanis Club recognized their Students of the Year and awarded them scholarships.



Frankfort Kiwanis volunteered at the Head Start Picnic and served 200 students, parents, and staff at Juniper Hills.

Kiwanis Club of Lake Delta

The Lake Delta Kiwanis Club sponsored the Lake Delta Flag of Honor.



Lake Delta is also planning its annual Lake Delta charity Golf Tournament.

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Central Division

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Finger Lakes Division

By Lt. Gov.

Christine Mitchell



The Finger Lakes Division is proud to be the location of our District's newest club—The Kiwanis Club of Eastern Wayne!

In addition—our clubs have been extremely busy:

Canandaigua Kiwanis Club

In June, The Inclusion in Motion Playground had its official ribbon cutting ceremony. Many Kiwanians from Canandaigua joined along with the town of Canandaigua and other donors who made it possible for the first fully inclusive playground to be built in the area. The Canandaigua club had



received \$25,000 from Kiwanis International back in 2020 this playground to be possible.



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Finger Lakes Division includes the counties of Wayne, Seneca, Ontario, Yates, and all of Monroe County east of the Genesee River excluding the towns of Henrietta, the City of Rochester and the township of Irondequoit except that part of the territory of the Kiwanis Club of North Rochester.

Geneva Kiwanis Club



The Kiwanis Club of Geneva donated \$1000 to Glove House Family and Children's Services to help provide additional gifts for children and families in need.

Bushness's Basin-Pittford Kiwanis Club

The Bushnell's Basin-Pittford Kiwanis Club provided several turkeys and books to the Pittsford Food Cupboard this past Thanksgiving.



Hudson River West Division

Kiwanis Clubs in the Hudson River West Division continued their busy schedules “Serving the Children of the World.” This article will highlight a sampling of the many activities of these great clubs.



By Lt. Gov.
Gef Chumard

Kiwanis Club of Chester

The Kiwanis Club of Chester Participated in the Chester Community Spring Cleanup.



The Club hosted its annual 5K Run/Walk Fundraiser with a record turnout of 480 runners and walkers. Chester Kiwanians provided food prior to the race, and a meal for participants after the race.

Kiwanis Club of Minisink

The Kiwanis Club of Minisink Valley hosted a fishing derby in June. Prizes were awarded for the biggest fish. Each child was given a goodie bag with fishing tackle and other items.



The Kiwanis Club of Minisink Valley sponsors a K-Kids Club, which recently created a poster collage of safety tips, which was then transformed into posters by a local sign shop.

Kiwanis Club of Washingtonville



The Kiwanis Club of Washingtonville celebrated its annual Flags for Heroes event.

The Kiwanis Club of Washingtonville presented five \$1,000 scholarships and two \$500 scholarships to deserving Washingtonville High School Seniors.



Kiwanis Club of Monticello



Monticello Kiwanis Club hosted its annual Scholarship Appreciation Dinner at the Robert Green Auto dealership. Nine outstanding Monticello High School seniors were awarded \$1,000 scholarships



The Kiwanis Club of Monticello gave chapter books to second graders at the George L. Cooke Elementary School.

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Hudson River West Division

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Kiwanis Club of Middletown

The Middletown Kiwanis Club also hosted the official Division visit of Gov. Lucien and SDPLTG Heather at Fancher Davidge Park in Middletown . We wore our yellow Governor’s project Tee shirts for the event, Everyone one enjoyed a great chicken barbeque prepared by NY Dist. Key Club Administrator John Goldstein, with assistance from LTG Gef Chumard.



The Club gave “throw blankets” to the ladies at Park Manor Nursing Home for Mothers Day. And we returned on Father’s day to give out baseball caps.



Middletown Kiwanis hosted its annual Golf outing. 64 golfers enjoyed a day of golf, plus breakfast, lunches, and prizes.

Middletown Kiwanians also participated in the City of Middletown’s annual Kids Day in Thrall Park. The Club gave out Kiwanis frisbees to the kids.

Kiwanis Club of Callicoon

The Kiwanis Club of Callicoon had a clean-up day at the community youth center. They hosted a book distribution where every child from Pre-K to 6th grade were able to choose a book of their liking. The club also presented ten \$500 scholarships to deserving students in the senior class.

Shawangunk Valley Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of Shawangunk Valley pitched in to serve food at the annual Ellenville Run Like the Wind 5K event.



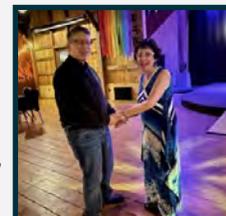
Kiwanis Club of Woodridge

The Kiwanis Club of Woodridge awarded Jennifer Blaszcak-Black Memorial Scholarships to two seniors at the Downers Gove South High School, who are also Key Club members.



Orange County Aktion Club

The Aktion Club of Sullivan County celebrated a Spring Fling Dance at the Center for Discovery in Hurleyville. The theme was “Enchanted Forest”



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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 South Central Division



By Lt. Gov.
Ross L. Schiller

The LISK Kiwanis Division recently welcomed Governor Lucien to the Division.



The Division also participated in the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center Walk.



The Division also participated in the Adelphi Circle K Thirst Gala for the Thirst Project.



Long Island South Central Division consists of the portion of Nassau County of the Town of Hempstead lying north of the Southern State Parkway from the NYC line east to the Meadowbrook Parkway and then south to the Atlantic Ocean including that part of the Elmont Fire District lying south of the Southern State Parkway and that part of the Town of Oyster Bay south of the Southern State Parkway.

Massapequa Kiwanis

Massapequa Kiwanis recently held a food drive along with the Massapequa High School Key Club.



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Long Island South Central Division

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Bellmore Kiwanis

Bellmore Kiwanis Club hosted a community street fair.



Hempstead Kiwanis

Hempstead Kiwanis held its annual pancake fundraiser.



Bethpage Kiwanis



Bethpage Kiwanis participated in the community's annual Memorial Day Parade (above) and hosted its community street fair (below).



The club also participated the Village's Memorial Day Parade.



The Club also held a spring dance.



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East Meadow Kiwanis

The East Meadow Club participated in the community's annual Hope Day.



The Club had strong participation in representing the organization in the East Meadow Community Day.

The Club had a strong showing to march in the annual Memorial Day Parade.



The Club had its annual pancake breakfast.

East Meadow Kiwanis held its annual reverse raffle fundraiser.



East Meadow Kiwanis volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House

East Meadow Kiwanis held its Scholarship night to scholarships to graduating seniors.



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Long Island South Central Division

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Wantagh Kiwanis



Wantagh Kiwanis participated in its local street fair.

The club also hosted a comedy night.



Seaford Kiwanis

Seaford Kiwanis participated in the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center fundraiser Night at the Races.



West Hempstead Kiwanis

West Hempstead Kiwanis held a Trivia Night.



The Club participated in Games for the Physically Challenged.



Malverne Kiwanis

Malverne Kiwanis awarded a scholarship to a graduating high school senior.



The Club hosted a '70s prom at the Atria.

The Club sponsored a citizens preparedness event.



Malverne Kiwanis held a Frank Sinatra tribute fundraiser.

Uniondale Kiwanis

Uniondale Kiwanis sponsored a Kiwanis Flag Day Veterans breakfast.



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Merrick Kiwanis



Merrick Kiwanis participated in the ribbon cutting for the new business "Thank-a-Cop."

The Club had its annual Student recognition night at one of its recent Club meetings.



The club distributed flags to commuters on the Long Island Rail Road for Flag Day.



Merrick Kiwanis held a food drive.

Levittown Kiwanis

Levittown Kiwanis held its annual Road Rally.



The Club hosted a blood drive.



Levittown Kiwanis' food drive.



Farmingdale Kiwanis

Farmingdale Kiwanis participated in the community's annual street fair.



The Club gave out annual scholarships to graduating high school seniors.



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 is holding its annual car show every Monday night over the summer.



The Club is sponsoring a weekly reading program for children with the police officers from the local precinct.



East Rockaway Kiwanis donated a Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma kit to a local camp.



Island Park Kiwanis

Island Park Kiwanis held its annual Steak & Lobster dinner at its local beach.



Peninsula Kiwanis

Sibs place announced that Peninsula Kiwanis will be their honoree at their Masquerade Gala in recognition for all of their support to the organization.



Peninsula Kiwanis sponsored Bottle Top Art for the Anchor Aktion Club.



Peninsula Kiwanis recently held its annual golf outing.

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Long Island Southwest Division

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Oceanside Kiwanis Club

The Oceanside Kiwanis Club is sponsoring its 18th annual summer gazebo readings every Monday night in June, July, and August. The club has 4 published authors read their work each week.



The Club sponsored a free community barbecue as part of its Independence Day gazebo readings. The club focused solely on historic patriotic readings.

The Club sponsored a free community outdoor movie night in conjunction with the Oceanside Library.



Lynbrook Kiwanis Club

Lynbrook Kiwanis Club had a 3-mile walk fundraiser with Lynbrook High School Key Club to raise money to donate to numerous charities, including Kamp Kiwanis.



Long Beach Kiwanis Club

Long Beach Kiwanis held its first kids bike safety rodeo, in conjunction with Long Beach Police Department.

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



By Lt. Gov.
Jerry Burt

Richmond County Kiwanis Club participated in its local 4th of July parade float.



Staten Island Club held its annual Steak and Cigar Night in which all proceeds went to Kamp Kiwanis.



During Gov. Lucien's visit, the Metropolitan Division donated \$5,000 to the Governor's Project and the First Family's Project.



The Metropolitan Division participated in the NYC Parade float.



The Metropolitan Division vs. Rotary softball game at Northwell Hospital Stadium.



Metropolitan Division
Consists of Manhattan and Staten Island.

Niagara Frontier South Division



By Lt. Gov.
Martha Ann Anderson

Niagara Frontier South has had an incredibly busy year and still a lot left as we end our service year.

The Division's big fall project is a Steak and Shoot Fundraiser to raise money for the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation, on September 14th. The event includes lunch, a steak dinner, and two rounds of trap.

The Division had a great turnout for its Governor's visit on June 1. We toured Oishei Children's Hospital and the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center.

August 3rd is the Christine Padasek Memorial Autism Awareness 5K Race. This was Springville Kiwanis signature project that went to International this year.

Tri-County Kiwanis has its annual Cars, Trucks, and Tractors Show on August 31st at Arcade Village Park.

And there are many golf tournaments and community services being done the Niagara Frontier South division.

NIAGARA FRONTIER SOUTH

Consists of all of Erie County except the area within the townships of Amherst, Cheektowaga, Clarence, Grand Island, Newstead and Tonawanda excluding the village of Depew. The townships of Arcade, Bennington, Sheldon, and Java located in Wyoming County and the townships of Ashford and East Otto located in Cattaraugus County.

Ontario Division



By Lt. Gov.
Joseph C. Eppolito

Ontario Division

We have seven (7) solid clubs in the division with many hands-on projects, one (1) Circle K and nine (9) Key Clubs.

Many clubs have traditional service projects that help publicize their existence.

- Baldwinsville Kiwanis boasts one of the oldest Turkey Races on Thanksgiving Day with nearly 1700 runners that raises thousand of dollars.
- Syracuse Young Professionals & Liverpool Kiwanis have a Bike Safety Rodeo on an annual basis
- Fulton has one of the longest standing Little League programs in NY State.
- Solvay-Geddes-Camillus offers many student scholarships every year.
- Eastwood-East Syracuse sponsors a Boy Scouts program and Food Pantries
- Oswego Kiwanis has a large Toys for Tots annual distribution.

The Division is working hard to attract younger members and are currently searching for 2 - 3 sites to open new clubs .

Ontario Division

Consists of Jefferson,
Oswego, Cayuga, and
Onondaga Counties.

Suffolk East Division



By Lt. Gov.
Jarrod Gordon

Kiwanis Club of Greater Westhampton

On May 21st, Kiwanis Club of Greater Westhampton invited students from the Riverhead High School Key Club to attend their meeting and share a presentation of their latest service project. To raise funds to support Doctors Without Borders, Key Club Members began a program called "Teacher's Pet." For a \$15 per student donation, elementary school teachers in the district "hired" members to assist in packing up and organizing their classroom supplies for the end of the school year. The Key Club raised over \$400 and will continue the project in the 2024-2025 year. Kiwanis of Greater Westhampton congratulates the Riverhead Key Club on this creative and successful venture.

Kiwanis Club of Patchogue

The Kiwanis Club of Patchogue awarded 15 scholarships totaling \$15,250 to deserving high school seniors in the greater Patchogue, Long Island community. This initiative reflects the Club's ongoing commitment to supporting education and fostering the growth and development of young people in our area.

The scholarship recipients were chosen based on their academic achievements, community service involvement through Key Club, and leadership qualities. Each student demonstrated exceptional dedication to their studies and a strong desire to make a positive impact in their communities.

The Kiwanis Club of Patchogue has a long history of serving the local community through various service projects and initiatives. This scholarship program is just one example of how the Club is dedicated to making a lasting impact on the lives of young people.

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Kiwanis Club of Sayville

The Sayville Kiwanis Club recently celebrated milestone anniversaries with Mike Siniski and Andy Lowenberg reaching 35 years and 40 years of service with Kiwanis, respectively.



The Club awarded three Technical School Scholarships.

Sayville Kiwanis also opened a new K-Kids Snithtown Club .



Suffolk East

The Suffolk East Division includes all of Suffolk County except for the townships of Babylon and Huntington and that part of the township of Snithtown assigned as part of the territorial limits of the Kiwanis Club of Commack.

Van Rensselaer Division

By Lt. Gov.
Donna Zobre Baxter



As I near my term as Lieutenant Governor of the Van Rensselaer Division, I wish to thank all the members in my Division for their hard work. I had several members assisting me from interpreting bylaws, to expanding my knowledge of Kiwanis, to understanding the workings of establishing new clubs, to successful fundraising. Having a successful Division is not about the Lt. Gov.– it is about all of the members. The Division’s recent Camp Adventure Clean-Up is a perfect example of our members working together. To the Van Rensselaer Kiwanians - I give my heartfelt “thank you.”



I wish the incoming Lt. Gov. Wayne Gendron a most successful term. He has a lot of ideas and I am sure they will reach fruition.

I also wish to thank the Gov. Lucien, the District, and my fellow LTGs for their support and encouragement. I wish them all success.

East Greenbush Kiwanis

East Greenbush Kiwanis’ shoe drive of 100 bags of shoes fundraiser is winding down. They will be having the FISHING DERBY in July in the Town of East Greenbush; and they continue their participation with the Street Soldiers, 3rd Saturday in Rensselaer.

Hoosick Falls Kiwanis

Hoosick Falls Kiwanis gave away scholarships to graduating seniors. On July 13th, will be hosting a Golf Tournament; July 20th, a shared music in the park event.

Castleton-Shodack Kiwanis

Castleton-Shodack Kiwanis will be having their MUSIC IN THE PARK on Tuesdays throughout the summer. They are also having, in August, a Clove Run. And, September 28th is the Castleton Elementary School Fair.

Van Rensselaer Division includes the counties of Columbia and Rensselaer.

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Van Rensselaer Division

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Rensselaer Kiwanis

Rensselaer Kiwanis is currently working their summer concerts KIWANIS FAMILY CONCERTS. And participating in the Rensselaer Farmers Market. The Club attended a hockey tournament in which Shawn Boule raised money in memory of his mother Deborah Reimann, a member of the Rensselaer Club, who continues to inspire other.

Sand Lake Kiwanis

Sand Lake Kiwanis participated in Doors of Hope in which members unload the food for the food pantry twice a month. The Club's Summer Festival will be from August 2 to 4th at Butler Park in Averill Park. Also, the MUSIC IN THE PARK will be July-August. The Club will be hosting a Division wide Gala to welcome incoming Wayne Gendron and also as a division fundraiser.

North Greenbush

North Greenbush Kiwanis set up a Little Free Library at the SHAC center in Sand Lake. President Diane set up a 5 session nature exploration program at the Rensselaer Boys/Girls Club. They hosted a clean at Camp Adventure, and have continued cooking for Ronald McDonald and Fisher Houses (ending July 1 for the summer). The Club is currently working on a Bike Safety event with North Greenbush Police for September.

Troy Kiwanis

Troy Kiwanis hosted a ValleyCats Reading Program- every home Sunday game. Players read to the families in attendance and the families get to take home a book courtesy of Troy Kiwanis.

The Club is holding its annual summer social Steak Roast on August 14th, at the Brunswick Elks Club.

AND congratulations to: President Elissa Prout and Troy Kiwanis Member Calvin Skeim tied the knot on April 27, 2024. To say Kiwanis is family rings true as many Kiwanians were in attendance.



Castleton-Shodack Kiwanis

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Empire State Kiwanian



From your Editor:

As we are finishing up the Kiwanis service year, we are also starting to plan for the next year. October 1, 2024 is right around the corner. While I am grateful for Gov. Lucien for entrusting this responsibility to me, I am equally grateful for Gov. Elect Gordy for asking me to continue as your ESK Editor.

Going into the 2024-25 service year, Division Lieutenant Governors will still be asked to submit at least one-half of a page update on the happenings of their respective Divisions. Once again, our hope is for 100% participation!



Tips for Submissions

Please read and review these tips. It makes this process much easier and results in better quality.

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 "posed" pictures (yes, you all 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 deadline for the first ESK for 2024-25 year is October 10th for the October-December 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!

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