

Finger Lakes Division Newsletter



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New York District, Kiwanis International



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This newsletter is a new effort to communicate with the Kiwanians in the Finger Lakes Division. I'm hoping that it will increase the information we all have on division and district activities. I find at times missing a single meeting can leave people unsure what's happening and with all the communication methods we have available today, there's no reason for that to happen.

I've been lieutenant governor for nearly three months now. There are many of you out there who have been on this ride, some more than once. For those of you who have not, it truly should be something to consider as you plan your Kiwanis future.

Even as some of our clubs face challenges, I have been warmly received as I have visited the division's clubs. I see a good spirit and a commitment to the community by clubs which is rewarding. It's

that impact on the community which causes some to join and, I think, causes nearly all to stay. As we bring in new members, don't miss the chance to get them involved in the community service which is Kiwanis at its best.

In early November I attended the annual Tri-K conference in Albany. It's a weekend when the District boards of Kiwanis, Circle K and Key Club get together for individual board meetings and for joint activities.

Contact with the high school and college students attending these events will restore faith in the youth of our state to anyone who has developed doubts.

Inevitably at such events problems are discussed. Over the weekend, I joked that "things would be simpler if all these human beings weren't involved." Kiwanis is a voluntary activity for us all, but being a Kiwanian does not make us all alike -- something that is both obvious and which would be very boring if it was true.

The strength of an organization is its ability to make each of those varied individuals feel welcome, and that involves not allowing personality differences to overwhelm the unity of purpose that brought us together in the first place.

At times personality disputes will come up. As Kiwanians we need to be able to

put such issues aside and avoid becoming the one giving offense.

During my initial visits to clubs I noted that I dislike the title "lieutenant GOVERNOR" as it implies that the division leader's job is to give orders. I see the role quite differently. It's best summed up in a term I've heard often at Kiwanis events, Service Leadership.

The idea is that leaders aren't bosses who are charged with telling everyone what to do, but people responsible to those they lead to make sure they have the knowledge and resources they need to be successful in their work.

This is especially true with a volunteer organization like Kiwanis which is dedicated not to power or glory but to service.

If you need some help with an issue/problem/project in your club, please reach out to me. If I'm not able to assist you myself, I will try to locate assistance for you.

For the latest Division
information, check the
division web site:

www.fldivisionkiwanis.org

Presidents, Secretaries Corner

Did your club perform any worthwhile community service during the 2016-17 Kiwanis Year?

Anyone hearing the clubs report on their activities at Division Council meetings know that all the clubs in the division are active in their communities.

You now have the opportunity to earn some credit for your club by completing entries for the 2016-17 District Achievement Awards.

Three district Achievement Awards used to be based on the club reports filed with Kiwanis International. For the 2015-16 year, Kiwanis International removed the related questions from the monthly report form, meaning the district had to find another way.

Last year an online entry system on the district web site was initiated to allow the awards to be presented. Of the 12 clubs in the Finger Lakes Division,

only two supplied information on their 2015-16 projects.

Entries for 2016-17 are now being received.

An e-mail was sent in November to all the district's presidents and secretaries (both this year and last year) with information on the program and a link to the web page where entries must be made. In order to prevent false entries, the address can't be disseminated publicly. If any presidents or secretaries need the information,

an e-mail marty@toombs.info and it will be sent to you. Each club's officers needs to determine who will complete the entries for your club.

Entries can be made in one of nine categories: Single Service, Citizenship and International Relations, Young Children Priority One, Youth Services, Support of Spiritual Aims, Service Lead-

ership, Kiwanis One Day, Governor's Project and Public Relations.

Even though the Achievement Awards are no longer based on monthly reports, the reports remain an important way for Kiwanis to record club activities and to look for those clubs which both have earned praise and need help.

Monthly reports are due by the 10th of the following month. If the deadline is missed, the information still should be entered. It's easiest to keep up with the duty on a regular basis and not let it get overwhelming.

The clubs in the Finger Lakes Division have room for improvement. During 2016-17, two division clubs never filed any monthly reports, and three others did not complete all 12. As of December 5, eight clubs had yet to file their reports for October 2017, which were due Nov. 10.

Interclubs Provide Fun, Learning Opportunity

To earn a Round Robin patch, a club must have an interclub with all of the other 11 clubs in the Finger Lakes Division.

The minimum number of members involved in the interclub depends on the size of the visiting club. For clubs with 20

or fewer members, 2 members are needed; for 21 to 30 members, 3; and 31 or more, 4.

Secretaries need to report the interclubs on their monthly reports.

Once a club has completed its Round Robin, there is a form on the district

and division web sites which needs to be filed in order to get your banner patch.

A scorecard of completed Interclubs is available on the division web site at <http://www.fldivisionkiwanis.org/interclubs.htm>.

Youth Protection Training Needed

All Kiwanis clubs -- whether they sponsor a Service Leadership Organization or not -- are required to have Youth Protection training each year.

The best way to do this is as a presentation at a club meeting. The division Youth Protection chair, Christine Mitchell, will be happy to help you get the training done either by doing it herself or helping you make arrangements for it.

Christine can be contacted at (585) 704-5587 or pitchercam13@gmail.com.

If your club sponsors an Aktion Club, Key Club, Circle K, Builders Club or K-Kids, the Kiwanis advisor to each club must have a background check done every two years. This is done by logging in as an individual to the Kiwanis International web site and requesting it on the first page after you log in. It costs \$25, which can be reimbursed from the club's Project Account.

This requirement only applies to the Kiwanis member who serves as the club liaison to the SLP organization.

2017-18 Events

Feb. 5, 2018:

Division Council Meeting, Eddie O'Briens, Farmington

Feb. 16-18, 2018:

Mid-Year Conference, Desmond Hotel, Albany

March 4, 2018:

Kamp Kiwanis 50th Anniversary Gala, Woodbury

March 16-18, 2018:

Circle K District Convention, Desmond Hotel, Albany

March 23-26, 2018:

District Key Club Leadership Training Conference, Desmond Hotel, Albany

April 2, 2018:

Division Council Meeting, Eddie O'Brien's, Farmington

June 11, 2018:

Division Council Meeting, Eddie O'Brien's, Farmington

June 28-July 1, 2018:

Kiwanis International Convention, Las Vegas

Aug. 6, 2018:

Division Council Meeting, Location TBA

Aug. 14-19, 2018:

District Convention, Marriott Syracuse Downtown, Syracuse

Kamp, Foundation Celebrating 50th Anniversary

The New York District Kiwanis Foundation and Kamp Kiwanis will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary with a Gala on Sunday, March 4, 2018.

During the gala, the foundation will be recognizing the hard work and dedication done by so many to make and keep the Kamp successful.

The event will be at the Crest Hollow Country Club, 8325 Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury.

Kamp Kiwanis is owned and operated by the New York District Kiwanis Foundation.

The foundation is now looking for event sponsors and selling tickets for the event. Blocks of tickets are available, as are advertising in the program for the event.

The deadline to submit an ad and to purchase tickets is Feb. 9.

Any questions can be sent by e-mail to



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50gala@kampkiwanis.org.

Tickets are \$75 each. There are many other options available for ticket packages and sponsorship levels. Formal invitations are being sent to club secretaries and presidents who should share the information with their clubs.

Journal ad rates are \$90 for a half page and \$150 for a full page. A Gold page is available for \$250. The inside cover and back cover also can be purchased.

More information on the event is at www.kampkiwanis.org/50th.htm or by e-mailing 50gala@kampkiwanis.org.

A Brief History of Kamp Kiwanis

Rome Kiwanis Acquires Property

1930 - The Rome Kiwanis Club purchased the camp on March 14, 1930. The Kiwanis Health Camp for Boys opened on July 1, 1930.

New York District Searches for Camp Site

1966 - District Governor Thomas T. Pierce, who had experience operating a Children's Day Care Center, appointed a District Committee to investigate the feasibility of obtaining a piece of property for the establishment of a District Children's Camp.

1968 - Lt. Gov. Robert Teamerson of the Finger Lakes Division, an attorney, undertook the legal work to form the Foundation.

The Kiwanis Club of Rome contacted Gov. Steve Hart to offer its existing camp to the Foundation for \$1. Hart paid the money from his own pocket and the camp was conveyed to the district.

New York District Foundation Formed

1969 - Governor Stephen Hart and the District Board completed the formation of the New York District Kiwanis Foundation, Inc. and the New York District conveyed the property to the Foundation.

Official Opening of Kamp Kiwanis

1971 - The official opening of Kamp Kiwanis took place for a six week program with six cabins and a new administration building.

New Pool Built

1976 - During 1975-76 year, the District Foundation introduced a new fund-raising tool for local clubs, giant coloring books, raising \$26,000, enough to build the camp's first pool.

Pivotal Decision Year for Kamp

1984 - This became a pivotal decision year for the camp. Although the camp was continuing to serve a recognized purpose, the financing of the operation and maintenance of the camp continued to be a struggle. The camp still only accommodated boys and there were no provisions for serving the special needs campers as first envisioned in 1966.



In the 1984-85 administrative year, Governor Jack Harten and his Board of Lt. Governors decided to hire an architectural firm specializing in camps to evaluate Kamp Kiwanis and its property.

1985-86 - Gov. Robert Calabrese made Kamp Kiwanis his Governor's project. A total of \$170,000 was raised.

Girls and Special Needs Accommodated

1988 - The addition of new facilities combined with the new special provisions at the camp brought girls to the camp during of Summer 1988.

Kamp Kiwanis began serving developmentally disabled adults in 1989 and special needs campers in 1990.

Since 2002 many renovation projects, new building construction and other work at the camp has been carried out. Some of the work was maintenance but many projects served to enhance the camping experience. Included was a new library, new arts and crafts building, a new health center, and new cabins.

A longer article on the camp's history can be found at www.kampkiwanis.org/kkhist.htm.