

FINGER LAKES DIVISION

Minutes for meeting on February 08, 2021 via ZOOM

Lt. Governor John opened the meeting at 6:53pm with the Pledge of Allegiance by President Gerianne Puskas and the Invocation by PLG David Jacobus.

LG John introduced IPG Joe Ruggiero and First Lady Deb Rought, PG Patrick Cooney, PG Doreen Pellittieri as well as Finger Lakes PLG Peter Pellittieri, Jordan Neuringer, Marty Toombs and Roger Awe.

ROLL CALL OF CLUBS:

Brighton	2
Canandaigua	6
Farmington-Victor	
Geneva	2
Honeoye Falls-Mendon	2
Lakeshore Rochester	
Newark	1
Palmyra Macedon	2
Penfield Perinton	2
Seneca Falls Waterloo	3
Webster	4

Trivia Question:

LG John said in 1937 his sister said "he has hats of every description" which he would use as the foundation of his next book. The correct answer by president Lou Loy was Dr. Seuss.

Secretary Report:

Canandaigua President Lou reported several misspelled names in report; his last name was corrected to Loy and the Treasurer last name to Bagley. The amended Secretary Report was approved with a motion from Lou and a second from David Jacobus.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Joyce reported an account balance of \$7,425.76. There were two deposits made, one for a donation received and division dues. One check of \$1,000 was sent to Rebecca at Kamp Kiwanis. The report was approved with a motion from President Lou and a second from President Roberta from Newark. LG John instructed Joyce to send another bill to clubs that have not paid their division dues to date.

Program:

PG Eric Paul was not able to address Recruiting New Members in a Pandemic as scheduled and he asked PLG Roger Awe to talk about membership in his absence. Roger indicated they are making good strides in Penn Yan and have had three meetings with potential members. Roger thanked Eric, Trish, Victoria Syracuse and LG John for their help in building this Club.

PLG David Jacobus said there are new members in the pipeline for Honeoye Falls-Mendon Club as others see the good that is being done for children and their families and want to be a part of this. One step and one discussion at a time before moving forward.

PLG Trish said the Zoom meeting sponsored by the District in January regarding membership had 85 people attend. Retention is very important during these pandemic times. We need to reach out to our members that we have not seen since the pandemic began! We should be using social media to connect with our communities.

LG John announced our Division is + 23 new members and he asked that the sponsors of each new member be listed on the application. Beginning April 1, 2021 KI states that all new clubs be built with a minimum of 15 members who are not currently members of another club.

LG John introduced IPG Joe Ruggiero for A Year in Review. IPG Joe had to shut down his Kiwanis year but, stayed connected via Zoom meetings and fund raising and donated what would have been spent on travel and meals to front line workers. He felt that his Governor's Project of Mental Health Awareness was timely especially during this Pandemic. He is grateful that we have made it through and for the promise of vaccines and that with our leadership we will hold things together.

Former First Lady Deb said they had a strong start to the year until the Pandemic hit. Her First lady's Project was well received and they were welcomed via Zoom meetings and club fundraising projects.

Recognition of Club Members:

LG John thanks Canandaigua Kiwanis Club member Kim Begley who led a focus group of Club Treasurers. There were 5 clubs represented and there was good discussion regarding best practices, completing tasks and club audits. LG also congratulated the Seneca-Falls Waterloo Club for adding 7 new members!

PLG Jordan acknowledges the SLP Clubs-Key Clubs at Brighton and Harley, Circle K and Aktion Club.

The Aktion Club won the Division Single Service award and came in 2nd at International with the guidance of their Advisor Jaimie Neuringer.

President Gerianne from Penfield-Perinton recognized her club members for the Governor Bob Raffle this year exceeding their number of tickets sold and money raised for their charitable efforts. Governor Bob himself sold 535 tickets!

President Roger from Webster recognizes new member Victoria Syracuse for her enthusiasm and chairmanship of the New Doll Project.

Canandaigua President Lou Loy recognizes Secretary Pam Metting for all her work for him and the club as the Secretary.

Geneva President Kip thanks the Farmington-Victor Kiwanis Club for their \$1,000 donation so they could support Safe Harbor which is a domestic shelter.

LG Comments:

LG John said the Circle K Speaking Out Conference was held virtually this year via Zoom.

NYD Governor Brenda asks that we focus on member recruitment and retention this year. I have a plan for the Finger Lakes Division with financial incentives for bringing in new members which is endorsed by PLG Trish Hook. We are +19 so far this year with Seneca Falls-Waterloo adding 7 new members. I ask club secretaries to please make sure that the sponsor section is completed for all new members.

Let's have fun getting new members!

NEW BUSINESS:

Career Exploration Project; LG John called on PLG Marty Toombs for an update on this project. Marty said that he sent an email to the division clubs asking for their involvement in providing a variety of careers to offer the schools and did not get any response. John is behind this project 100% and asked Marty to resend this information for club participation.

Holiday Project for next year; President Tom David wants to begin to organize a project so the clubs in the division can make Christmas wonderful for the children, He volunteered to chair the committee and will present thoughts to the LG and get volunteers to serve on the committee.

One Minute Club Reports:

Brighton:

Holding meetings virtually via Zoom. We built a ramp for a student from Brighton HS and donated baskets at Thanksgiving to the Brighton Food Bank. We adopted and purchased gifts for a family for Christmas and Santa at your Service was done via Zoom. We will be selling squares for Super Bowl at \$25 each.

Canandaigua:

We are meeting virtually and next Tuesday at 6pm the sunshine committee has arranged a virtual holiday gathering. We sent Holiday cards to all club members in the name of the Board of Directors and we also sent cards to a senior living facility and to the veterans. Our Election Day Dinner was a drive through at the American Legion and we raised \$7,300. They staffed the kitchen and we gave them a donation. No Chef Challenge this year and we are trying to think outside the box and considering a pie sale.

Farmington-Victor:

We are meeting Friday mornings virtually and in person. Our Spirit of Giving this year was a breakfast and we will plan the same for next year. We are hoping to have our Evening of Great Taste in the fall. Our usual Breakfast with Santa was a drive through instead for 115 children.

Geneva:

We made donations to the Glove House, Boys and Girls Club and the Salvation Army. We are giving a bike adapted for special needs to a boy with health issues and this is with the help of other clubs in the Finger Lakes Division. Our membership focus is to increase by 5-6 members this year.

Lakeshore Rochester:

We built desks for the Rochester City School District and have developed a relationship with Edison Tech and as a result we hope to start a Key Club there. We also have donated Holiday Food Baskets.

Newark:

Palmyra-Macedon:

We are meeting virtually via Zoom. We are sponsoring a family for Christmas and sending cards to the Bickford Home.

. Penfield-Perinton:

We are meeting virtually. We donated turkeys to the Penfield Ecumenical Food Cupboard and will for Christmas. We raised \$6,800 for our charitable endeavors as a result of the Governor Bob Raffle.

Seneca Falls-Waterloo:

We will be meeting virtually in December. We are planning to participate in the Career Program sponsored by the Division. We continue to add members to our Club.

Webster:

Our newest member Victoria has taken the chairmanship for the Doll Project to benefit the children and their families at Compassion Net. We had a drive through welcome home for our member Peter Pellittieri and we want to thank the members of other clubs that participated. We participated in the Webster Parade of Lights which was attended by over 5,000 cars. Several of our members reached out to previous donors to our charitable foundation and raised over \$5,000.

DIVISION CHAIR REPORTS:

Aktion: NR

Child Protection: Good evening fellow Kiwanians, I'm sorry I am not available to be with you this evening.

I want to take this moment to remind everyone how important keeping up on Youth protection Training is. As I realize during the times we are in currently, we may not be in contact with many of the children and youth in our communities or our SLP's. We still need to be aware, which is keeping the children and youth of our communities and SLP's safe.

Please be aware that our online communication with youth and our SLP's is just as vulnerable as in person. It is recommended that if you are meeting with your SLP's online at all, to remember to keep the 3 person rule, this includes break out rooms. Never be in a virtual room without another adult present in the room. It is also a good practice to record your meetings to ensure that there was no inappropriate

conduct. I would also recommend that the host turn off screen sharing for anyone other than the host. If screen share is needed you may ask the host to allow you to do so. These are all simple ways that we can keep ourselves safe and protected while meeting remotely.

In addition, Clun Secretaries please check to see if your SLP Chair has updated their background check with Kiwanis International. Also, there is an online training which all SLP advisors, district administrators, risk managers and youth protection managers are required to take. If you are not familiar with this training please visit the Youth Protection Page of the Kiwanis International website under YP training. (<https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/training/risk-management/youth-protection/yp-training> resources).

Let me know if you would rather me record and email to you.

Christine Mitchell

Finger Lakes Division Kiwanis, Youth Protection Coordinator

Kamp Kiwanis:

PLG Jordan announced the NYD Foundation Raffle is 12/15/2020 and tickets are still available. Please consider Kamp Kiwanis cookbook as a Christmas gift for the price of \$20.

Membership: NR

Pediatric Lyme Disease: NR

Protocol: NR

Webmaster: NR

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm with a closing prayer by IPG Joe Ruggiero.

Next Division Meeting will be February 08,2021 virtually at 6:45pm.

