

Kiwanis Finger Lakes Division Meeting

Monday February 7, 2022 at Flaherty's Macedon

LG Deb called the meeting to order at 6:45pm via Zoom as she is recovering at home from back surgery. She called upon President Gerianne Puskas for the Pledge of Allegiance and PLG David Jacobus to give the invocation.

Attendance:

LG Debra Rought welcomed and acknowledged those in attendance at Flaherty's including PG Joe Ruggiero, PG Doreen Pellittieri. Genesee Division PLG Lucien Giancursio and new Kamp Kiwanis Executive Director Michael Garcia. PLG Roger Awe, SDPLG Peter Pellittieri and Trish Hook, DPLG David Jacobus and Jordan Neuringer. PLG Marty Toombs, Peter J. Pellittieri, Bonnie Jacobus and John Treahy. Presidents and Secretaries Kip Goodman, Alison Pellittieri, Gerianne Puskas, Chris Mitchell, Steve and Christine Goebert, Tom David, Elisha Everson and Kat Purbeck, Heidi King and Tim Warren.

Roll Call of Clubs:

Brighton	1
Canandaigua	5
Farmington-Victor	3
Geneva	4
Honeoye Falls-Lima-Mendon	3
Lakeshore-Rochester	0
Newark	2
Palmyra-Macedon	2
Penfield-Perinton	2
Seneca Falls-Waterloo	2
Webster	6

Secretary Report:

The minutes from the December Meeting were approved by PLG David, seconded by PLG Roger and approved by the membership.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Joyce reported no activity through January 31, 2022 leaving a balance of \$5,458.92 in the account.

Club Sharing:

Brighton We are having our annual Super Bowl Squares which will raise funds for our scholarship program and we are planning a Food Truck Rodeo to be held in May.

Canandaigua The 19th Annual Antique Show is scheduled on February 13th at the Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack. With 40 quality dealers taking part we received PR with Good Morning Rochester on local tv. The proceeds will go toward Kiwanis Scholarships. Kiwanis raised over \$10,500 through bell ringing for the Salvation Army which was more than the local Rotary Club. Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled on April 9th where children from the community will receive treats from the Easter Bunny and over 30 bicycles will be given away. We will have a special hunt area by age and sensory.

Farmington-Victor We brought back our evening of Great Taste this past weekend and raised approximately \$7,000. We will be holding our Annual St. Patrick's Dinner for Seniors in March.

Geneva We had a Club Christmas Party in December with a Yankee Swap and played Santa at the Salvation Army. We had a food distribution with Food Link at the Boys and Girls Club which benefitted 200+ families. We have scheduled a bowling event at Sunset Bowl on March 26th and are implementing a social media and marketing program. Three new members have been welcomed and installed into our club. We are planning a Chicken Bar B Que for May 28th and we have kids that want to attend Kamp Kiwanis.

Honeoye Falls-Mendon We have installed four new members into the club. We supported 12 families who are victims of an apartment fire with \$50 gift cards for food. We collected items to participate in the Kentucky Tornado Relief Project with the New York District Kiwanis.

Newark We contributed to the District Disaster Relief and we will be sponsoring a 5K race for Wayne County Youth.

Palmyra-Macedon We are only meeting virtually and are rebuilding the club. We plan to participate in the Cycle on the Erie event in July.

Penfield-Perinton The Governor Bob's Raffle was held virtually and was very successful in raising funds for our charitable endeavors. The Webster Club joined us with a donation to assist fire victims from the Pines in Perinton.

Seneca Falls-Waterloo Our Super Bowl Game Board will raise \$700 for the club's Project Fund. The Club is purchasing over \$200 of cereal to bring to the Mid-Winter Conference in support of the First lady's project for the Kamp. The Club purchased 12 winter coats and accessories for children in the Head Start Program. PLG Marty Toombs and I will be attending the Mid-Winter Conference.

Webster We adopted a family in Rochester in December and purchased gifts including clothing, bedding and gift cards. We presented a donation to the Northeast Quadrant Advanced Life Support with proceeds from our October Fundraiser. We are having a Valentine Party with pizza, games and a DJ for our Aktion Club at our Field House.

LG Deb introduced the new Executive Director of Kamp Kiwanis as our guest speaker. Michael said he has been working with children for 33 years. Kamp Kiwanis will be open in 2022 with physical renovations and introducing archery, a hammock garden and a free library. There is a link on the website to register campers and the fee is \$525 per camper and \$180 if busing is needed and is open to children ages 8 – 15. The first two weeks are reserved for adults with special needs. Every weekend is open for clubs and volunteers to help clean up the Kamp. There is a wish list on Amazon for the Kamp and to date \$2,000 has been received.

Division Chair Reports:

Child Protection DPLG John Treahy announced that each club member is required to attend the training. Dates will be announced for both live and remote sessions that will be available.

Conferences & Conventions

Christine reminded everyone of the upcoming Mid-Winter Conference in Albany. The District Convention is in Rochester this August and she asked everyone to plan to attend.

Golisano Hospital The MMOD will be held on April 9th at Eastview Mall. A flyer was provided for everyone with a link to register a time for your club including your SLP's. All proceeds will benefit Golisano Children's Hospital Adolescent Behavioral Health.

Kamp Kiwanis Jordan asked each club to work with him to send children to Kamp.

Membership Trish said so far we are positive with membership growth in the District and distinguished club status is tied to positive membership.

Pediatric Lyme Disease Peter said the Gala in December was a great success. He encouraged each club to continue their support of the Foundation.

Upcoming Programs There is a program scheduled at the next Division Meeting on April 4th on Anti Bullying presented by Keith Cummings and Michelle Gerasi.

SLP Kat announced that CNB donated to the Canandaigua Builders Club

Webmaster Marty reminded everyone that the Division Newsletter is published the month we do not meet and he will need information prior to March 1st.

Governor's Visit LG Deb announced that our division and the Genesee Division will work together on this event scheduled for April 30, 2022 at Ridgemont Country Club with the price of \$50 per person.

Welcome Lucien Giancursio

Lucien introduced himself as a candidate for Governor-Elect for the NYD and encouraged attendees at the Mid-Winter Conference to visit his hospitality room and plan to attend the Convention in Rochester this August. He also thanked everyone for their participation in the disaster relief for the people of Kentucky. He personally transported the donations with PG Mike Malark which included over \$7,800 in gift cards and 4000 pounds of supplies.

Charter I, II, III Program

LG Deb provided information regarding this membership program to increase membership to charter strength of 15 and more and to maintain these numbers through September 30, 2023.

Key Leader Program is attempting to return to the Finger Lakes Division. More information TBA.

The next Division is Monday April 4, 2022 at Flaherty's Macedon.

Christine Mitchell gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Pellittieri, Secretary