

**KIWANIS FINGER LAKES DIVISION**

**MINUTES FEBRUARY 06, 2023**

Meeting Called to order at 6:30pm. Canandaigua President Pam Metting led the Pledge of Allegiance and Lt. Gov. Elect Christine Mitchell gave the invocation.

LG Tom recognized Past Governors of the NYD and PLG from the FL Division in attendance as well as the Executive Director of Kamp Kiwanis Ryan who is the speaker for the meeting. Other guests included Marie Soderholm who is the chairperson for the NYD First Lady's Project and PLG Gordy Soderholm who is a candidate for Governor-Elect 2024-2025.

Secretary Doreen did the roll call of clubs:

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

The Secretary Report from the meeting on December 05,2022 was reviewed and approved.

Treasurer Joyce Marble was not in attendance to give the report. LG Tom said there is less than \$1,000 in the division account and he reminded everyone that an assessment is recommended from each club at the rate of \$15.00 per member.

**GUEST SPEAKER** Ryan reported virtually and spoke of his experience with camps and his desire to work with the children and counselors at Kamp Kiwanis this year. In the past the applications {15 pages} for campers have been mailed to each club and will be again this year. There also is a quick application on the Kamp's website that will make the process much easier. He is looking forward to meeting everyone at the Mid-Winter Conference and welcomed all to contact him personally with any questions.

**FIRST LADY'S PROJECT** was presented by Marie which is child literacy through reading to children and collecting books to present as well. First Lady Helene encouraged Kiwanians attending the Mid Winter

Conference to bring a book such as The Wonder or Somebody Loves You which will be given to each child attending Kamp Kiwanis this summer. Setting up free libraries in your community and being a steward as well as reading to children and taking a picture that will be included in a slide show at the next Mid Winter Conference. are other ways to complete the three point project and earn a banner patch for your club

PLG Gordon Soderholm introduced himself as a candidate for Governor Elect highlighting his Kiwanis experience which began in Key Club and continues with his current membership in two clubs today.

LG Tom spoke about the opportunities for clubs to work with the resources available through KI for PR materials and club brochures. KI will provide 50 free copies for our use. Tom also provided a list including clubs that have sponsored or pledged to send campers to Kamp Kiwanis this summer. The list included clubs that have or have not completed their monthly reports through December 2022 and clubs that have or have not paid their International dues and Division assessment.

### **CLUB REPORTS**

FL Division now consists of 12 clubs within a designated geographic area who meet every other month. Business matters are addressed and there is sharing by each club regarding activities and events.

BUSHNELL BASIN-MENDON club meets at noon on the first and third Wednesdays at Hilton Garden Inn. They have 18 members and have formed committees and received their Youth Protection Training. They will be formally chartered on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

CANANDAIGUA They are having their 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Antique Show on February 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am until 3:30pm at the Finger Lakes Gaming and Race Track. They are sponsoring a Kids Carnival at the Salvation Army on February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11am – 2pm with games, crafts, bounce house and more. They are partnering with the Canandaigua Rotary on March 11<sup>th</sup> for the first annual Habitat for Humanity Women Build to rehab a home in Hopewell. To celebrate the Club's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary they are having a celebration on April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Ravenwood Golf Club and the Bushnell Basin Pittsford Club will formally receive their charter that evening as Canandaigua was a sponsoring club. And have a bowling tournament scheduled

FARMINGTON-VICTOR just held their fund raiser titled An Evening of Great Tastes last Saturday which was successful. They are planning their annual St.Patrick's Dinner for Seniors which will be a drive-thru event as their Christmas Party was serving 52 families and 153 children. The Board approved a \$2,000 donation to the Wood Library for the expansion of the children's reading area and the purchase of books for the First Lady's Project and to sponsor 4 campers this summer.

GENEVA held a recognition dinner for first responders and have a Bowling Tournament scheduled on March 18<sup>th</sup> to benefit Kamp Kiwanis. Information about the tournament is on the Division Website. They held a successful cookout kit raffle and are sending 4 children to Kamp Kiwanis. They are working with Golisano Pediatric Behavior to develop a mental health workshop. We have welcomed 2 new members.

HONEOYE FALLS-LIMA-MENDON welcomed a new member and are working on the Division Fund Raiser which is the MMOD on April 1<sup>st</sup> at Eastview Mall.

Palmyra Macedon is donating \$100 to sponsor a camper at Kamp Kiwanis. Valentine cards were mailed to the Macedon American Legion, Books Etc and Palmyra Wayne ARC.

PENFIELD-PERINTON is working hard to revitalize their club and added three new members. They are currently meeting at Jeremiah's Tavern the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 5:45pm. They have scheduled their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Mocktoberfest on May 18<sup>th</sup> with more information to come.

SENECA FALLS-WATERLOO growing seeds for plants in classroom. Presented the Webster Club with \$100 check to buy first ticket to attend \$100 dinner in 2023.

WEBSTER held their annual Christmas Party for children and adults with challenges at the Webster Golf Club. The Club also bought gifts for a needy local family through Making Spirits Bright.

### **DIVISION CHAIR REPORTS**

Child Protection; Each club in the division [12] has to complete this training in person or via Zoom. If you have not done so ,please contact PLG John Treahy or LG Elect Christine Mitchell to schedule

Conferences and Conventions; Mid Winter Conference will begin soon in Albany.

MMOD is scheduled on April 1<sup>st</sup> at Eastview Mall and this is the only Division Fundraiser with the proceeds intended for Adolescent Mental Health. There will be representatives attending from the Golisano Childrens Hospital. Each club has been asked to attend, donate a gift basket and a \$100 donation.

MEMBERSHIP Conduct a member survey at a club meeting and ask members to count off into groups so they are not at the table they started. Give each group a list of questions to discuss and have one person be the "secretary" . After discussing these questions in a small group have a group discussion to share these ideas with everyone. Also compile this information, use it for retention, and follow up. Sample questions; what do you like best about Kiwanis, what would you like to see done differently, what are our club's greatest strengths, what do you think the community's impression is of our club and what we have to offer and finally if you were to provide a follow-up session for our new members, should it be in 6 months or 1 year?

### **PEDIATRIC LYME DISEASE**

SDPLG Peter gave a brief history of the Foundation and reminded all that Spring is coming which provides challenges for contacting tics. He encouraged all to be vigilant and check for tics on themselves, family members and pets.

### **Programs**

Pam Metting will be providing the program in April.

### **Protocol**

The Club President should report board action to the club at the following club meeting. Information should also be shared after each Divisional meeting too!

Sponsored leadership programs Linda Roby has just taken over this position

New Business;

Nomination Committees should be selected for Club and LG succession and the Annual Meeting scheduled.

Remember to honor club members with Legion of Merit Certificates and pins from the NYD and Legion of Honor from KI celebrating their length of membership.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was closed at 8:15pm

Next Division is scheduled at Flaherty's in Macedon

April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted

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Division Secretary