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Message From Lieutenant Governor Kerrie Hansen

Hello Queens West Kiwanians
As I wrap up the Kiwanian year, I am reflecting the many memory moments and amazing service done this year. There were many challenges with the Pandemic and several Clubs figured out how to navigate through. It was truly an honor to be your Lt. Governor.

With some creative thinking, you have figured out how to attract 38 new members, continue to do service, fundraise and assist our communities and donations were still distributed throughout this challenging year.

The Queens West Kiwanis Foundation was able to use this year to complete the distribution of the funds to various charities. Two years ago, after much thought and discussion, \$50,942.54 was allocated to the charities we have supported through the years; Kamp Kiwanis, QWKF Disaster Relief, Ronald McDonald House, Anti Bullying, KPTC and Pediatric Lyme Disease were some of the many that benefited from the donations given out. We were thrilled to have their dignitaries come to the Queens West Divisional to happily accept the gifts and to speak to our Clubs.

It was wonderful to see many of Clubs and members out for The National Night Out Against Crime which resumed this year.

The majority of our Clubs were out cooking, manning tables, and distributing goodies to our communities once again. The music, smiles, laughter and camaraderie were amazing.

We honored Governor Brenda Leigh Johnson and First Gent Peter Johnson at the historic West Side Forest Hills Tennis Club. It was a wonderful evening which we had the opportunity to celebrate our leadership this year and all the accomplishments through this year's journey.

KPTC celebrated their 25th year with the Black and White Ball, which Gov. Joe Corace was honored for all his dedication and support. We were Queens West strong, we had seven Clubs in attendance, which consisted of six tables. DPLTG Michael Terry, DPLTG Janis Barr, and LTG Kerrie Hansen were recipients of the KPTC Fellow medallion.

Our last divisional meeting this Kiwanian year was held at Prima Pasta and was well attended by many Clubs. The friendship and the energy were truly amazing. We had the traditional passing of the Queens West banner (bell and gavel too). I would like to congratulate LTG Carol Verdi as our next Lt. Governor. I am sure she will have a wonderful year.

To all our going leadership please continue to mentor the individuals that follow you, to all the new leaders enjoy the journey. A year goes by so quickly, stay focused and yet flexible, have fun along the way and have enjoy your fellowship.

Thank you everyone for all your support, friendship, encouragement and for being the best Division ever! It was truly a pleasure and honor to be your LTG this year.

"K"ordially yours,

Lt. Gov. Kerrie Hansen (2020-2021), Queens West Kiwanis
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This Kiwanian year Queens West shows 38 new members in the division. This quarter we welcome the following:

<u>Club</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Glendale	Alice Montano	Deborah Kueber
Glendale	James O'Reilly	Kerrie Hansen
Glendale	Jenifer Rajkumar	Kerrie Hansen
Ozone Park	Jubar Ahmed	Iqbal Mohammad Ali
Ozone Park	Iman Bukhari	Mohammad A Khan
Ozone Park	Jaime Khan	Gerald Khan
Ozone Park	Victor Rodriguez Sr.	Victor Rodriguez
Ozone Park	Imran Uddin	Iqbal Mohammad Ali
Ridgewood,321	Christine Halloran	
Sunnyside	Sandra Bigitschke	

**Per online reports, as of October 4th, 2021*

QUEENS WEST DIVISION

The Queens West Division of Kiwanis celebrated the good works and volunteers of our community. We were visited by KPTC DPG Joe Corace, First Lady Nydia and Foundation President Sal Anelli.



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GOVERNOR BRENDA LEIGH JOHNSON AND FIRST GENT PETER JOHNSON VISIT



RIDGEWOOD 3-2-1



Members of Ridgewood 3-2-1 went to CitiField to work with the NYPD and Operation Gratitude to stuff 10,000 Blessing Bags for First Responders and Essential Workers throughout NYC. The bags were distributed on 9-11 as a tribute to those lost 20 years ago and since that time. To say that the 3-2-1 Club was of service to that project is an understatement. Congrats for getting the job done.

**Lt. Governor Kerrie Hansen
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QUEENS WEST STAYING BUSY



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QUEENS WEST STAYING BUSY



KIWANIS CLUB OF LAGUARDIA AIRPORT

The year 2021 was one of the most difficult years to do work for Kiwanis. However, the programs that the Kiwanis Club of LaGuardia Airport managed to have were quite successful.

Item #1 One of our signature events is the Flushing Meadow Soap Box Derby. We entered a car and also donated \$500.00. The money helps to fly the winners to Akron, Ohio for the National Event. We are happy to announce that with the help of our Board Member, Sharon DeVivo, the Derby has found a home at Vaughn College.

Item # 2 On September 18, 2021 we held a CAR WASHING Event. The event was very successful. We were able to raise \$1,000.00. Our success for this event was due to the hard work of our club members, volunteers from the Key Clubs and members from the community. Anthony Vero (Tony) LGA Interim General Manager/LAG Kiwanis Board Member, was very supportive.

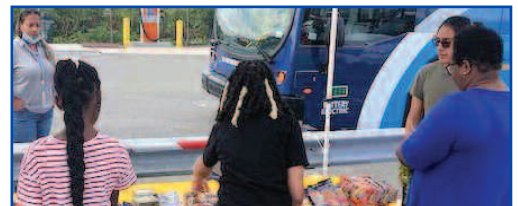
Nancy and Mike Vargas supplied the detailing truck and towels. We also had a small concession, selling refreshment to the drivers. It was organized by two young future Kiwanians, Tori Bourne & Ryan Rose.

They made over \$250.00 in sales. The Wash Team consisted of: Bill Huisman, Tameka Lewis, Frank Watts, Ty Henry, Neisha Joseph, Cindy Casson and President George R. Dixon.

Item # 3 We had our Annual Kids Day Celebration, via Zoom, September 25, 2021. We received support from many community organizations. Our program included a Delta Chief Pilot interview along with a five minute. Cockpit Tour; Southwest Airline 50th Anniversary Water Canon Salute; NYPD,FDNY, ARFF, Sea, Air Space Museum and Vaughn College Robotics Air Traffic Control Training. Each event was approximately five minutes. Laura Vero did the video and editing for the presentations. Great Job Laura! The highlight of the day was a forty-five minute presentation by Royal Entertainment from Los Angeles California. It was a complete Magic Show with all the bells and whistles. It was an amazing performance. The children we spoke with after the event said it was absolutely wonderful.

Item # 4 We continue to serve the community by partnering with Councilmember Francisco Moya and the Corona-East Elmhurst Branch NAACP. We hosted two events and supplied over 400 Boxes of food and personal hygiene products to the community.

Respectfully submitted,
George R. Dixon, President



NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME



GLENDALE SUMMARY

And so another year of service and fellowship comes to an end and here's how Glendale ended our fabulous 2020 – 2021 year.

9-11 Remembrance: On the 20th anniversary of that tragic day in our country's history, our club joined the Glendale community to pay respect once again to the 43 neighbors we lost that day, as well as the first responders and passengers on the four commercial jets that perished. Vincent Arcuri was the emcee for the program, and PP Ken Voisin provided the music for the 125 people present.

Golf Outing: Our club hosted our 3rd annual golf fundraiser at Kissena Park Golf Course and after a spirited round of golf, we met at the Avenue Bar Restaurant in Glendale. Sponsors, raffles and the generous support of Rob Shoemig, owner of the Avenue, we were able to raise over \$2700 to kick off Pres-Elect Teresa's year.

Community Day: We were fortunate to be able to host our annual celebration at Atlas Park this year, after losing last year's event to the pandemic. This year, we recognized the men and women who served as first responders and essential workers during the pandemic. Our two honorees were Wyckoff Heights Medical Center, represented by General Council Kevin Smiley, and New York Presbyterian Queens, represented by DPG Joe Aiello. The NYPD Jazz Band was with us again, and provided great music. Two Dance Academies performed to an appreciative crowd, with an assist from PP Ken Voisin. East Coast Car Association brought their classic cars to enjoy. We had plenty of Kiwanis representation as well. Tom Cesiro and KPTC brought their Distracted Driving equipment; PLG Keith Cummings and Michele Geresi were on hand to talk about their Anti-Bullying program (with an assist from DPG Forbes Irvine and Helene). We had visits from John Chen of the East Rockaway club, PLG Kevin Kamper and his son Matt from East Meadow, and SDPLG Carol Masiello from Sunnyside. We had 25 members from our club and four members of the Grover Cleveland HS Key Club on hand to grill and serve the hot dogs, hamburgers, and distribute drawstring bags and supplies from our club table.

Black and White Ball: Another great event made a return this year. 15 Glendale Kiwanians turned out in formal wear to attend the 25th Anniversary Fundraising Dinner for the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center. Many Kiwanians received KPTC Fellowships, including Lt. Gov. Kerrie Hansen.

Relay for Life: For the 15th year, we joined the American Cancer Society, Wyckoff Heights Medical Center, Maspeth Federal Savings, Abraham Kevin Spann Allstate Insurance, and a hearty group of fundraisers for the annual night in Juniper Valley Park. Our club has been a sponsor of the Middle Village Relay since the beginning, and the event raised over \$70,000!

Lastly, our year ended on September 30th at the Roma View for our President's Dinner to celebrate an amazing year of service and fellowship. SDPLTG Bob Kueber emceed the event, awards were presented and included on the guest list were Governor Brenda, the District Secretary, 5 past Governors, 4 past Lt. Governors, Lt. Governor Kerrie, incoming Lt. Governor and 13 Past Presidents of the Glendale Club. The evening ended with President Steve thanking all for their support, guidance and generosity before passing the gavel to President-Elect Teresa.

Steve Hansen

TIMING IS EVERYTHING

Queens Blvd. Club Service Projects

We knew it was time to decide on our Governor's Project. The choice was not really difficult. We regularly work with Briarwood Family Residence, a homeless shelter for mothers and children, primarily. We donate holiday turkeys and toys, school supplies, writing material, luggage and pre-covid, when it was permissible, in-person games and activities and refreshments.

We decided to make a food donation to supplement whatever food stamps and SNAP provides. How happy we were to learn our Co-President Janice was working with farms and organizations from which we could get surplus food.

The awesome outcome: On a late August Saturday, Janice, and her very helpful friend with U Haul, made the huge delivery including, 35 cartons of milk, 360 pounds of butter, 55 pounds of cake mix, cases of cucumbers, canned vegetables, lettuce, soup, black beans, muffin mix, 55 boxes of mashed potatoes, a hundred pounds of beef, 75 pounds of sweet potatoes, 100 pounds of long grain rice, and juice boxes for children.

When the Residence staff saw what they were receiving, they were so happy, grateful, almost tearful. At this time, the pantry which held reserve supplies of food for the families, was almost bare. There was not even available milk to offer children. Our delivery arrived in the "nick of time". Our donation fully restocked the empty shelves and filled the refrigerator.

We of course were so gratified that we were able to make this important, essential contribution just when it was most needed.

On the subject of being "just in time," this is the refrain we often hear from another one of our community partners, Jamaica Hospital. For years in our project, Gifts from Golden Hands, we have been making and giving crocheted blankets, sweaters, hats, onesies etc. to babies of needy families at the hospital. Repeatedly the nursing staff will say, our donation arrived just in time as there are always newborns with just about nothing to wear.

We know our gifts are necessary and appreciated and we are happy to be where we are most needed at just the right time.

Sylvia Sherman



SUNNYSIDE KIWANIS CLUB

At our final meeting of the Kiwanis year, Sen. Mike Gianaris presented the Sunnyside Kiwanis Club with a plaque for community service.



**Congratulations to
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Have A Great Year!**
**IPP Gary Milau & First Lady Debbie
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DPP Anthony Sauro,
Glendale Club

Best Wishes

**Lt. Governor
Kerrie Hansen!**

Have An Amazing Year!

**PP Bill Maher &
Pat Maher**

Congratulations Lt. Governor Kerrie!
We wish you the best of luck on your year as
2020-2021 Queens West Lieutenant Governor!
We look forward to working with you,
Anthony & Jackie Pappas
2018-2019 Queens West Lt. Governor and First Lady



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LT. GOV. KERRIE AN
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Have a great year as the leader of Queens West!

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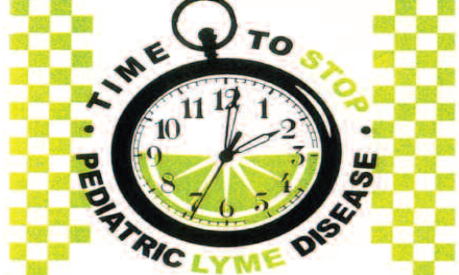


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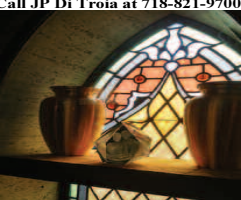


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