



## JP Di Troia , Lieutenant Governor 2014-2015

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## MESSAGE FROM LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JP DI TROIA

I hope all in our division has faired well in this winter's storms. Our division is continuing to grow. In January, we reached another milestone by chartering another club. The East River Club is officially the 17th club in the Queens West Division. We should all be proud of our Queens West Members who had taken part in building this new club. As you can see from the pictures from this issue, Kiwanians really know how to party.



A special thank you to Anthony J. Pappas who worked hard in bringing social media to the Queens West Division by setting up our Face Book account . Please read his article and learn what a great tool this is to get our cause out to the Kiwanis Family and the World.

Unfortunately, we have some sad news with the passing of the mother of our Super Distinguished Pass Lieutenant Governor Michael Terry. I wish to extend on behalf of our division our heart felt condolences to him and his family.

Our division has once again demonstrated its strength, as our members came out and joined me to support the Districts Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation this month. It was a very cold wintry night in January when the Queens West Division held a Wine and Cheese Fundraiser for the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation co-sponsored by the U.S. Columbarium in Middle Village Queens, NY. It was a Kiwanis Star Studded event with a surprise visit from Governor Eric Paul. Also in attendance was Governor Elect Forbes Irvine, Distinguished Past Gov. John Gridley, Immediate Past 1000+ Governor Joe Aiello, Immediate Past Lieutenant Governor Steve Sirgiovanni.

Governor Eric Paul lit the beautiful 16 foot Memorial Tree. A choir of adults with various disabilities from the Family Residences Essential Enterprises in Bethpage, NY performed for the attendees. They amazed every one with their natural talents singing a melody of energetic songs.

A reading from a Letter from Marion Conway an adult who has the condition for 30 years was read by Middle Village Member Annette Scalise. Mrs. Conway could not make the event do to illness. You can read her poignant letter in this issue and see the performance of the choir at the Queens West Face Book. As this is a public site, you don't need a Face Book account to view. Just click or type the face book address <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Queens-West-Division-Kiwanis-International/1495654700689912> or scan the QR Code in his issue.

I want to thank all of our clubs who attended and those who could not attend the event and sent in a donation. All and all it was a gratifying event with the tremendous support of the Queens West Division Clubs. The two hour event earned over \$2,200.00 dollars for the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation.

DON'T FORGET - save the date for my Lieutenant Governor project on MARCH 21st. Kiwally's Wedding (the Koala Bear puppet mascot of Maspeth club) and Kiwana his bride for Project Eliminate. In this issue is a flyer with a response form attached. As this year ends the Eliminate Project, I would like our division to go out in a blast by making this event a huge success. So please join me in saving these babies by returning the form with your RSVP/donation. Be sure not to miss this event, it is sure to be a blast. The Clubs that attend will receive a special commemorative banner patch of the event.

Our next two Division Meetings are on February 16th and March 16th at Villa Erasmo, 66-91 Juniper Blvd. South, Middle Village, NY 11379, Telephone: 718-894-8191

Please stay safe and warm for the remaining part of the winter and look forward for spring, it will be here soon.

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*Happy Valentine's Day!*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## To Our March Division Members

Mar. 1st:	Sonja Sekulouska	Astoria/LIC
Mar. 2nd:	Richard DeCastro	LaGuardia
Mar. 3rd:	Anita Wunsch	Glendale
	William Woods	Maspeth
Mar. 4th:	Sharon Toledo	Lefferts/Liberty
Mar. 6th:	Wayne Scheriff	Howard Beach
	Monica Sanchez	Glendale
	Ronnie West	Howard Beach
Mar. 7th:	Fred Velepec	Glendale
	Diane Parker	Corona/E. Elm.
	Sylvia Lyba	Maspeth
Mar. 8th:	Salvatore Tomaselli	Middle Village
Mar. 9th:	Richard Defrank	Howard Beach
Mar. 10th:	Linda Scherer	East River
Mar. 11th:	Robert McAdams	LaGuardia
Mar. 12th:	Stella Kordes	Astoria/LIC
	Sandra Johnson	LaGuardia
Mar. 14th:	Antonio Marano	Leffert/Liberty
	Richard Reip	Howard Beach
	Joan Cardino	Lefferts/Liberty
	Salvatore Crifasi	Middle Village
	William DeCamp	Richmond Hill
	Francisco Marrero	Glendale
	Kate Brennan	Richmond Hill
Mar. 15th:	George Galanis	Astoria/LIC
Mar. 16th:	Joseph Crowley	Woodside
	Joseph Vessio	Glendale
Mar. 17th:	Antoine McCoy	Rich Hill/Wdhaven
	Bruno Bianchi	Howard Beach
Mar. 18th:	David Gigler	Maspeth
Mar. 20th:	Louis Carbone	Glendale
Mar. 21st:	Jimmy Smith	Jackson Hgts.
	Vivian Dock	LaGuardia
	Phillip Harte	Glendale
	Dina DePaola	Glendale
Mar. 22nd:	Carl Aliviado	Queens Blvd
	Damian Martino	Astoria/LIC
Mar. 23rd:	Tania Broschart	Astoria/LIC
	Larina Hooks	E. Elmhurst
Mar. 24th:	Marie Breslin	Maspeth
	Tom Ritter	Glendale
Mar. 25th:	Annemarie Chirichigno	Glendale
Mar. 26th:	George Ries	Glendale
Mar. 27th:	Bob Lee	LaGuardia
Mar. 28th:	John O'Kane	Maspeth
	Irina Aronova	Forest Hills
Mar. 31st:	Shanel Thomas	LaGuardia

## Facebook can help Kiwanis grow!



Facebook is a great tool to help Kiwanians get our message out and grow our clubs.

You may have noticed I recently created a Facebook page for the division and it has already grown to 125 likes. What exactly is a "like"? A like is when a Facebook member clicks on the "like" button. You can like a specific comment, picture, video etc... or you can like a page as in this case, 125 people have liked the Division page. By doing this you will get updates from the page. The page can be found at "<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Queens-West-Division-Kiwanis-International/1495654700689912?ref=bookmarks> and you don't need a Facebook account to view it.

When new content or information is posted those that liked it will see the info in their newsfeed. I encourage every club if they haven't already done so to create a Facebook page and have someone update it frequently. This can help you get information out to members, potential members and fellow Kiwanians. You can post pictures and tag people in them so that their friends can see what Kiwanis activities are going on as well. This will help spread the word. In fact, Facebook is great for posting, organizing and sharing pictures and videos. Then when you want to put together a slide show or scrapbook the pictures are there ready to be retrieved instead of sending large files to each other through email. Events can be created and promoted using the different features as well. Pages can be linked to webpages such as Kiwanis International, or the NY District website, Division site or individual club websites. In fact pages can "like" other pages.

You can also create a Facebook group, which can be open or closed which works in a similar way to the page however you can use it to communicate with members by directly adding them instead of waiting for them to like it. I have used both, however, I find the pages more useful. There is in fact a large Kiwanis presence on Facebook and I would encourage you all to do a search for Kiwanis and start liking some club pages. Particularly useful are the Kiwanis International, NY District Kiwanis, and all of our Sponsored Leadership program pages (Circle K, Key Club, K-Kids, Builders Club, & Aktion Club). They all have lots of important info that our clubs can use. So if you haven't already done so, go out and "like" Queens West! Because, after all, Queens West is the Best!! ?

Anthony J. Pappas  
East River Kiwanis Club

## Queens West Kiwanis Foundation

by John Stahl

At the January Foundation Meeting, the Board discussed the successful visit to the New Hyde Park Ronald McDonald House. The Foundation provided funding for the food, which was catered by Joe's Gourmet Meats of Lindenhurst. There were between 50 - 60 families in attendance enjoying the meal and the warm and inviting atmosphere. Santa made his appearance, accompanied by Queen Elsa (Frozen) and Princess Anna. Each child was given the opportunity to sit on Santa's lap and share their wishes for the Holiday Season. Our Division was represented by 18 volunteers from 10 Kiwanis Clubs.

On the business side of the Foundation, the Board approved the continuation of the \$1,000 Angelo "Monte" Maltaghati Community Service Award for an outstanding Key Club member. Also approved was the purchase of a new mailing software program for the mailing of the Division newsletter. The membership committee will be discussing the removal of Board Members who have failed to attend four board meetings during the Kiwanis year. Should those members be removed, the Foundation would like to replace them with interested Kiwanians from the Kiwanis Clubs in the Queens West Division.

The next scheduled Foundation meeting is Monday, February 16th beginning at 5:45 PM at Villa Erasmo Restaurant, 69-61 Juniper Boulevard South in Middle Village.

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NEXT DIVISION MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2015

Villa Erasmo

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7 pm

The Queens West Foundation will meet at  
5:45 pm at Division meeting's location.

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# Lyme Disease

by Jack and Marion Conway

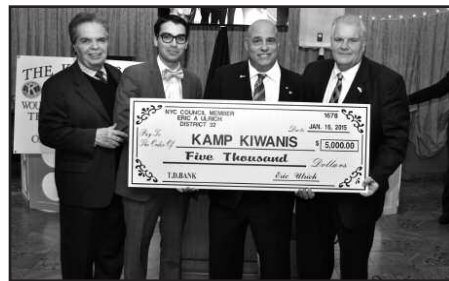


It is one thing to talk to an adult who has Lyme disease, but when I hear of a child having the disease, it breaks my heart. You see, no child should ever feel as sick as this disease makes a person. In my opinion Lyme Disease affects everyone differently. So many symptoms, many of which fall into the same category of other diseases, is exactly why Lyme Disease is referred to as, the great imitator!

When I was 8 months pregnant I had the bull's-eye rash on my leg but the doctors told me it was a pregnancy lesion. Little did I know, that rash, which was from a tick bite, would change my life forever. For 2 years I grew sicker and sicker, and the doctors told me to stop complaining about something that was all "in my head". I still remember the day I stood in our kitchen with our two sons, holding a pizza, and asking our 5 yr. old what to do with it. That was the day everyone knew something was.... "all in my head"...but for real.

A new doctor, a new day, a spinal tap, showing neuralgic lyme and 6 weeks of IV rocephin gave me my life back, not the life I had before the tick bite, but a life. It has been 27 years since I was diagnosed the first time. Unfortunately a few years ago, I had another tick bite without realizing it. Luckily It only went undiagnosed for 6 months this time. Another spinal tap, ordered by a doctor who believed me when I told her "I know I have Lyme again," and 4 weeks of IV rocephin, brought me back to health a second time!

So please don't ever let any doctor tell you that your child is, faking an illness, trying to get attention, or just doesn't want to go to school. Lyme is a serious and complicated disease, and a disease that no child should ever, ever have to experience. Get to the doctor, get the oral antibiotics, take the antibiotics preventively, if there is even the slightest possibility it could be Lyme. Three days of an oral antibiotic is better than a lifetime of serious health issues! When Lyme is caught early it is completely curable. Please don't let what happen to me, happen to one of your precious children!



Check presented by City Council Member Eric Ulrich to Kamp Kiwanis enabling them to send city children to Camp. We should all reach out to our respective City Council Members to do the same.



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( ) **Yes, we will** be attending Kiwally's Wedding Fund Raiser for Project Eliminate to save the babies. Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed please find my check for \$65.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to the Lieutenant Governor Fund.

( ) **No, I cannot** attend this event but please accept my donation.

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Kiwally



# Kiwanis Queens West Division Supporting Pediatric Lyme Disease



L-R: NY Kiwanis Gov. Eric Paul, Lt. Gov. QW JP Di Troia, IP "1000 plus" Gov. Joe Aiello, IP Lt. Gov. Steve Sirgiovanni, DP Gov. John Gridley and Gov. Elect Forbes Irvine.



Many clubs from The Queens West Division came to support the event.



The Adults with Disabilities Choir performing for FREE.



Distinguished Past Gov. John Gridley.

## East River Charter Night January 24 - Kiwanians really know how to have fun!



### Lt. Gov JP Receives Financial Support from The Division



Al Gentile, Middle Village Club, presenting a Check to the Lt. Gov. Fund.



Jeff Hayes of the Forest Hills Club presenting a Check to the Lt. Gov. Fund.



Ken Voisin of the Glendale Club, presenting a Check to the Lt. Gov. Fund.



### Queens West Division - Upcoming Events:

- |                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| February 16, 2015    | Division Meeting, Villa Erasmo @7pm   |
| February 20-22, 2015 | 2015 Mid-Year Conference, at the Holiday Inn, Wolf Road, Albany.  |
| March 4, 2015        | East River Kiwanis Golden Gloves Event to Support Kamp Kiwanis Melrose Ballroom, 36-08 33 St. Astoria, NY @ 6pm / \$25 & \$50 VIP |
| March 16, 2015       | Division Meeting, Villa Erasmo @7pm   |
| March 21, 2015       | Lt. Gov. Project for Project Eliminate - KiWally Gets Married, O'Neills Rest. 64-21 53rd Dr., Maspeth, 7pm - \$65                 |
| March 21, 2015       | Howard Beach Dinner Dance, Roma View, 160-05 Crossbay Blvd., Howard Beach @6:30pm / \$100 p/p. For Info Call Dino: 646-401-2805   |

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