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MESSAGE FROM LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JP DI TROIA

Happy Kiwanis New Year. Amidst the hustle and bustle of our holiday shopping and partying, it never ceases to amaze me that our division finds additional time to serve the needs of our communities. This issue is packed with many events.. The clubs have served the children, the disabled and seniors to bring in a little cheer to those in need for the holidays.



I am especially proud of our division and our Queens West Foundation, who has made a commitment each year to bring a little cheer to Ronald Mac Donald House. These families, who are faced with illness on a daily basis, certainly need a little holiday cheer and a break from what they face. Once again, I was glad to be a part of this Holiday Cheer.

There is an article written by our very own Carol Verdi, Past President of Lefferts Liberty, who will give you insights on Heart Share, (an agency that services children and adults with disabilities) and how our Kiwanis family has supported them.

We are entering the New Year with a little sadness. We have lost fellow Kiwanian Mickey Alvino. On behalf of our division, I extend our deepest condolences to her family and friends. She was a true Kiwanis member and although her corporal presence is gone, her spirit lives on through her works of love at the hospital and with her Kiwanis Family.

The Maspeth club has received an email from a past key clubber Jensen Cheong. He writes on how Kiwanis has helped and guided him to his success on reaching his goals. Our Governor Eric Paul has made it his mission to help our Kiwanis Family from the K Kids to the Circle K. These younger counter parts are the life blood of the Kiwanis Family's future. We must do all we can to nurture and mold them into our fold. So invite a Key Club or a Circle K Kiwanis Member to your meeting and perhaps have them run the meeting. You'll be surprised at what energy they bring to the event. They are our bright future.

Finally, we need to embrace more new members and share what it means to be part of the Kiwanis Family. Show them the virtues of a Kiwanian. That, in it self is its own reward. Helping others comes back ten fold. The payoff to you is the smiles that we get from the children and the thank you from families in need. We Kiwanians help to make this a better

world to live in.

The Divisional on January 19th at Villa Erasmo will be hosted by the Glendale Club. Our very own IPG 1000 plus Joe Aiello, will make a presentation along with Julie Watterson who is our current district membership chair. They are part of the formula team to help clubs grow. So please try to attend.

I leave you with a short poem.

*The Kiwanians are here
Let them Shine
Lend a hand
Bringing happiness through out the land*

*Their hearts are in it
Bringing joy
Showing love
To those who need it*

*Let's join forces
Share our goals
Renew our mission
Make a better world*

*Helping others
One child
One person
One community at a time.*

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Happy Birthday

To Our February Division Members

Feb. 2nd:	Joseph Pistilli Krisanthi Lilaj	Astoria/LIC Astoria/LIC
Feb. 3rd:	Kenneth Dunn	Glendale
Feb. 4th:	David Balkan Wing Pong	Ozone Park Glendale
Feb. 5th:	Michelle Masone Marjory Masone	Maspeth Maspeth
Feb. 6th:	Placido Bono Paul Cutrone	Howard Bch Glendale
Feb. 7th:	Douglas Triebel Jerry Migiel John Stahl	Glendale Maspeth Glendale
Feb. 8th:	Anthony Gubitosi	Wdhaven/Rich Hill
Feb. 12th:	Yvonne Wald	Leffert/Liberty
Feb. 13th:	Bhoop Singh Eric Ulrich Patricia Gatt Michael Miceli	Queens Blvd. Howard Bch Glendale Glendale
Feb. 14th:	Rosemarie Henry Jospi Honovic Gary Madigan	Queens Blvd. Astoria/LIC Leffert/Liberty
Feb. 15th:	Entrateca Robinson	Corona/E. Elm
Feb. 16th:	Carl Bindel Witold Rak Elizabeth Kaslow Norman Siebenhoven	Glendale Woodside Glendale East River
Feb. 17th:	John Roth Roberta Gualtieri George Perno Peter Ross	Glendale Astoria/LIC Astoria/LIC Sunnyside
Feb. 18th:	Randal Gast	Maspeth
Feb. 19th:	Henry Dennis	Corona/E. Elm
Feb. 20th:	Lynn Wiedmer Dr. Richard Belli Pauline Maltaghati	Middle Village Woodside Leffert/Liberty
Feb. 21st:	George Alexiou George Halvatzis Nicholas Camarinos George Kitsios Mark Wilensky	Astoria/LIC Astoria/LIC Astoria/LIC Astoria/LIC Sunnyside
Feb. 24th:	Anthony Milanese	Howard Bch
Feb. 25th:	Nicholas Sciascia Gerard McManus	Howard Bch Howard Bch.
Feb. 26th:	Lillian Tan Dorothy Lancaster	LaGuardia Middle Village
Feb. 27th:	Anthony Nunziato Ruth Cooke Frank Aiello	Maspeth E. Elmhurst GK East River
Feb. 28th:	Hon. Jeffron Aubry Thomas Nowierski Julius Richter Michael Michel	LaGuardia Astoria/LIC Queens Blvd. Middle Village

HearShare



HeartShare Human Services of New York is a human services organization. HeartShare has a Developmental Disabilities Division which has group homes, day habilitation programs, respite/recreation, and service coordination. HeartShare/St. Vincent's Services provides foster care, adoption, prevention, after school and housing services. HeartShare also has a clinic called Wellness. HeartShare has been operating in New York for the past 100 years. It is ironic that in 2015 Kiwanis will also be celebrating their 100 year Anniversary. Although began in 1914, it was not until September of 1982 that HeartShare began educating preschool children who were diagnosed with disabilities. At that time we served 20 students in Queens and 10 children in Brooklyn. During those years, we rented space in local Parochial Schools to educate those students. As the need for the services grew, so did our need for space and in 1986 we identified a building on 101st Avenue and 115th Street in Richmond Hill Queens to move our program to. In order to secure the building, HeartShare went to the bank to secure a "Bond." As the school social worker at that time, I worked with the families and was charged with helping HeartShare raise \$10,000 to show our investment in remaining in the South Queens neighborhood. During a meeting with the parents we decided to try and raise the funds by selling candy bars and holding a Dinner/Dance complete with journal and raffles to raise the money. Due to our location the likely place to go for the event was The Villa Russo. That visit not only secured our venue but put us in touch with the "Kiwanis" club of Lefferts/Liberty. George Russo, charter member, advised us to contact the club to help us.

That my fellow Kiwanians was the beginning of a beautiful 28 year relationship. Angelo Monte Maltaghati was made chairman of the project and he promised me no dollars, but he promised that the HeartShare name (actually Catholic Guardian Society at the time) would be known throughout the community. That club did more than what was promised. They came in to meet the children and tell stories, they held open houses to bring the community in to see what was going on behind those brick walls, and they had me speaking at Pancake Breakfasts, Pasta Nights, Division Meetings at The Cordon Blue and every event that Kiwanis held. We sold our candy bars at Victory Field at the Harvest Festivals and when we were ready to expand to our new site in Howard Beach, they came in droves to help us paint, build furniture, clean up boxes and get the classrooms ready for the opening of school. Kiwanis had just begun, they did more, they introduced us to neighboring clubs who have been invaluable resources to our programs. Our annual donations from the Ozone Park club, Glendale club and most recently Howard Beach clubs have helped us immensely especially in light of the benign neglect the 4410 preschool programs get from the Legislators of our State. This is year six with no increase to our budgets and our programs continue the struggle to provide the quality services we do. Our relationship with Angels on the Bay, also through Kiwanis via charter member of Lefferts/Liberty Frank Russo, Sr., has been a blessing to us.

One would think that was enough for Kiwanis, but it was not. With our growth to now four early childhood programs for preschoolers with disabilities including Autism Spectrum Disorders, and one school age program for children diagnosed with Autism, Kiwanis is still standing by our side. Last year, our Governor Joseph Aiello not only talked the talk, he walked the walk. He helped our students get a Prom from the 86th Street Kiwanis club in Brooklyn and he agreed to be our honoree at our benefit dinner last May. He gave our students T-Shirts that they proudly wear. They let people know that it is okay to "Open Your Heart to Autism." Our Lt. Governor, Stephen Sirgiovanni helped raise money for HeartShare even at the August convention. I could go on and on to tell you how Kiwanis has been helping HeartShare but suffice it to say that Kiwanis is part of the HeartShare family. We are proud to have Kiwanis standing side by side with us through all our projects whether building playgrounds, lobbying for us, helping raise needed funds and just being there for us day in and out. HeartShare will continue to provide the education, and any related therapies such as speech, physical and occupational therapy at our Schools. The children work hard each day to gain skills to help them become productive members of society. We must always remember that no man stands as tall as when he bends down to help a child. Thank you Kiwanis for always bending down to help our children. We are eternally grateful.

Respectfully,
Carol Verdi, Vice President of Education Services HeartShare and Proud Member of Kiwanis Club of Lefferts/Liberty

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Queens West Division - Upcoming Events:

- January 16, 2015 Howard Beach honors IPLG Stephen Sirgiovanni, 7pm, Romaview \$70 p/p
- January 17, 2015 Kiwanis' 100 Year Celebration with KPTC @ 7pm, \$55 p/p, Chateau La Mer in Lindenhurst, RSVP to Doris Mellina (516) 967-2375
- January 19, 2015 Division Meeting, Villa Erasmo @7pm
- January 24, 2015 East River Kiwanis Charter Night -7pm Brousko's Mediterranean Restaurant 41-15 34 Ave., Astoria, NY \$75 p/p. Contact Jackie or Donna - eastriverkiwanis@gmail.com
- February 16, 2015 Division Meeting, Villa Erasmo @7pm
- February 20-22, 2015 2015 Mid-Year Conference, at the Holiday Inn, Wolf Road, Albany.



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Letter From a Former Key Clubber



The Maspeth Club received this e mail from a former Key Clubber. I thought I would share this with our division. It makes me proud to be a Kiwanian and was glad we were able to be part of Jensen's Success. I am sure there are many more stories like these and someday these young Kiwanians will become once again a part of our Kiwanis Family.

Hello Again, It's Jensen Cheong, one of the scholarship recipients from 2011. I just wanted to drop in and express how thankful I am again for the support and consideration I received when I received this scholarship. With only one semester left at Cornell University before I graduate, I started to look back at the last three years and all the people who have helped me along the way. Being a first generation American, I knew I would have many obstacles because my socioeconomic status. Every little bit of support and encouragement I received counted towards my eventual successful completion of my degree at Cornell. I want to give a special shout-out and thank you to Mr. Di Troia for inviting me to that one Kiwanis meeting way back when I was a Key Clubber and providing me with countless words of advice and encouragement here and there. Over the last three years at Cornell, I had the opportunity to study abroad twice, play four years of varsity athletics, and meet people from all backgrounds. In June, I will also earn my commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and fulfill my childhood dream of flying. Thank you again for your support!

Jensen Cheong, UG Student
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Happy New Years Queens West!

My name is Richard Kim and I am currently serving as the Empire Division Lieutenant Governor for the New York District of Circle K International. In the division, there are three CKI clubs at the following schools: Queens College, St. John's University, and Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology. Right now, Circle K has few months left in our 2014-2015 service year and we have made a lot of progress.

Our most recent district event was New York Speaking Fall Conference which was held in Lake George, NY on November 7th-9th, 2014. We passed the district attendance goal and the members left with new friends and new skills. Our upcoming district event is District Convention which will be held on March 20th-22nd, 2015 at the Hotel Albany in downtown Albany. The Convention Honoree is Jack Tetamore and Glen Fitzpatrick Alumni Award will be given to Richard Hall so the Circle K district is very excited for this event. I hope that you are able to join us for this event as registration is due February 27th.

For the Empire Division, the clubs are preparing for the spring semester as they will recruit more members at their schools' club fairs when they return from winter break. I am planning a fellowship event in January for the division where we are going to go bowling and get dinner at Buffalo Wild Wings before classes start again. Lastly, I have been working hard to re-charter the CKI club at Brooklyn College to expand the Empire Division. I will make more progress in the spring semester.

If there are any events you would like Circle K members to volunteer and if you have any questions, please feel free to email me at richard.kim@nycirclek.org.

Thank you very much for all of your support!

Yours in Service, Leadership, & Fellowship,

Richard Kim

2014-2015 Empire Division Lieutenant Governor



Middle Village and Lt. Governor JP, awards checks to Christopher De Simone for his Eagle Scout Project.



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