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To:

Lieutenant Governor Verdia's Message



"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters, compared to what lies within us". This thought came to mind following a comment by one of our Key Club Lt. Governors. He was so overwhelmed with the majestic order of the convention that his first words on the way home was "I am so proud of Queens West Division". A lot of people were here, so much going on this weekend, Lieutenant Governors and a Governor, WOW!!!" He was just talking, but he spoke with such emotion and pride in his voice. Quite a summation for a great weekend, and a great convention reflecting a significant accomplishment, coming from one young leader. But I was proud of him for saying it, because I am sure the same thought ran through the minds of

many of the youth who were present. So compared to what lies within.... Kiwanis does not define us. What defines us, is really our unique "ability" to inspire, motivate, and connect with those around us through dedication, pride, and perseverance, and being persistent yet patience, because we are Kiwanians changing the world one child one community at a time. Thus another accomplishment... making a difference with our youth. We definitely get President Tom's message.

And, so the Queens West contingent of delegates, friends and family, arrived back from a dynamic New York District Convention in Henrietta, New York on Sunday, August 18th. This year there were 279 delegates and 44 delegates at large for a total of 323 delegates. I can tell you the house was in an uproar upon the confirmation and at the installation of our own Governor Elect Joe Aiello, as Governor and Carol as First Lady of the New York District for 2013-2014. Installation of the 2013-2014 class of Lieutenant Governors soon followed, which included Queens West Lt. Governor for 2013-2014 Steve Sir Giovanni. There was representation from nearly every club in the Division giving us at least 25 delegates and alternates, many of whom stayed on for the installation ceremony of the outgoing Governor and Lieutenant Governors and incoming Governor and Lieutenant Governors on Sunday morning. Welcome aboard Steve!!

That there is "much work to be done", seemed to be an underlying theme at the District convention, and is it not a wonderful thing, to have more to do? I would say "yes", most definitely! This month, in particular, we can be reminded that there are monthly reports for this administrative year that must be entered by September 30th. New members to add and/or "recruit", and a few more service projects to get done for the year. And because you are just so fantastic, I know all reports are completed except September, Right?? Because, again we are not winding down, we are gearing up to 2013-2014, which is designated a year of promise, of future excellence and success. Membership, membership, membership!! Governor Joe wants 1,000 members from the NY District. I am sure Queens West will do our part and then some!

However, at this time, I also strongly urge you to complete your distinguished club form for 2012-2013. Below is the information that pertains to becoming a distinguished club, division and district. There is a link to the on-line application for the 2012-13 Distinguished Club Award Program as follows. Go to: <http://www.kiwanis.org/1213distinguished>

Highlighted within this newsletter from Kiwanis International are a few important things about the "credit" award system. To be eligible for the 2012-13 Distinguished Club Award, a club MUST earn "12 credits":

"A maximum of three (3) credits are awarded for a minimum of three (3) new members added this administrative year to the club roster, a "plus 3" not a "net 3". The names of those members must be enrolled with Kiwanis International and receive a Member ID. The Member ID number must be entered on this form. We cannot count "prospective new members"; we need to enroll, educate, and involve new and younger members immediately to address the ever-growing needs in our communities."

"A club must certify that the President and Secretary have completed the mandatory "face-to-face" or on-line Club Leadership Education (CLE) requirement during 2012-13. Club leadership education is critical to a club's success and accordingly, we must make this a critical criteria to gain eligibility for the Distinguished Club Award. One (1) credit will be awarded for required criteria."

"With these FOUR (4) REQUIRED CREDITS, a club must then check boxes to receive eight (8) additional credits in any of the other criteria within the Six Objects categories."

"When a total of TWELVE (12) boxes are checked, and when the required boxes are filled out at the end of the form, the on-line application will be submitted electronically to Kiwanis International. Joan Wilson will make sure District Governors and District Secretaries/Executive Directors receive periodic reports of clubs submitting these on-line applications for Governors' review and approval."

"No club will receive the Distinguished Club Award without the review and approval of their 2012-13 District Governor."

"Because this is a new program using on-line applications, the deadline for submission has been extended to NOVEMBER 15, 2013 and all club awards will be announced in late December or early January."

Please remember the upcoming September Club events: September 2013 Foundation and Division Meeting-September 16th at Bruno's on the Boulevard, Ozone Park Comedy Night-September 21st, Glendale's 60th Anniversary-September 22nd at Noon, East Elmhurst/Lefrak Golden K Charter Night-September 22nd at 5pm, LaGuardia Kiwanis Kids Day, September 28th, 12Noon until 4:00 PM. Additional details, as to location and/or time will be placed on the division website and will be available at the September Division meeting.

My fellow Kiwanians, I have had an amazing year! I have learned so much from you. Faced with many challenges, particularly during the months of hurricane Sandy, we continued to be a family, united, and together we were determined to strive forward. I wanted to make sure that each individual club achievement was a success for all, and I really enjoyed working with you to create division projects that would reflect the rewards you so desired because you could not do it alone. Working together and supporting one another, the division has grown by increased club membership, two key clubs, two Circle K Clubs, and one Kiwanis Club, thanks to you. And, I cannot thank you enough for the hospitality that you afforded me during my term. Thank you... club presidents and secretaries, executive committee, advisors, division meeting team, committee chairs and SLP advisors. You have all helped promote this great division to another level. Many thanks for your support, I love you and appreciate each and every one of you for your knowledge and experience in helping maintain stability and dignity within this office. I am grateful to have had your faith in me to lead this division. To Governor Al, Secretary David and President KI Tom, President KIF Peter, Gov. Joe, your positive thinking, insight, and incredible support will always be appreciated by me and our membership. And I want to thank our SLP leadership and members who never failed to join us at the club, division and district level. I am still getting use to their energy.

And last, but certainly not least, it has been an honor to have been given the opportunity to serve as your Lieutenant Governor. As we move on to continue the work of Kiwanis together, this indeed, has been a time in my life that I will always remember. Thank you one and all!! You are the greatest!!!

Therefore, as we have an opportunity to serve, and to help others, let us make others dreams come true, giving back to the community and the children who represent its future.

*Yours in Kiwanis Service,
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO OUR OCTOBER DIVISION MEMBERS

Oct. 1st:	Virginia Merschoff	Lefferts/Lib.
Oct. 2nd:	Thomas Casey	Woodside
Oct. 3rd:	Beatrice LoCascio	Rich Hill/Wdhaven
Oct. 4th:	Irwin Petschauer	Glendale
Oct. 5th:	Edward Ghossn	Howard Bch.
Oct. 6th:	Horton Hargrove	Corona/E. Elm.
	John Spagnuolo	Howard Bch.
Oct. 8th:	Britta Heizmann	Queens Blvd.
Oct. 10th:	Marly Gurino-Rizzo	Lefferts/Lib.
	Richard Reichert	Maspeth
	Henri Billharz	Sunnyside
Oct. 11th:	Ronald Carbone	Howard Bch.
Oct. 12th:	Karl Albrecht	Howard Bch.
	Kerrie Hanson	Glendale
Oct. 13th:	Dr. Bhupendra Patel	Astoria/LIC
Oct. 14th:	John Cerulli	Lefferts/Lib.
	Russell Targrove	Jackson Hgts.
	Praful Pandya	Forest Hills
Oct. 16th:	Arthur Daigneault	Ozone Park
	Dr. Avrum Musnik	Howard Bch.
Oct. 17th:	Lisa Pierce	LaGuardia
Oct. 18th:	Nicole Bailey	Corona/E. Elm.
	Neil Koenig	Glendale
Oct. 19th:	Frank Dehler	Glendale
Oct. 20th:	Joseph Aiello	Glendale
	Jerome Amadeo	Howard Bch.
	Michael Porcelli	Glendale
Oct. 21st:	Linda Montano	LaGuardia
Oct. 22nd:	Rachel Amar	Maspeth
	Richard Rodriguez	Howard Bch.
Oct. 24th:	Edward Ligon	LaGuardia
Oct. 25th:	Gus Antonopohlos	Astoria/LIC
Oct. 26th:	Adam Herzog	Glendale
	Sebrina Jacobs-Tulloch	Glendale
Oct. 27th:	Sam Rabinowitz	Queens Blvd.
Oct. 31st:	Anthony Gasparello	Ozone Pk.



Stephen A. Sirgiovanni
Lt. Gov. Elect

As the 2012 – 2013 term is coming to an end, I am looking forward to picking up the torch and continue to build on the achievements of my predecessors to make Queens West a great division. I am also anxious to work with our Governor Joe Aiello to help him achieve his goals of increasing the membership by 1,000 members. I expect to make the Queens West the forerunner in supporting our Governor's efforts and make Queens West Division the exemplary division in the New York District.

Since we are all volunteers, and our work has a profound impact in our community, we all give a lot of dedication and commitment to our projects. However, we should also keep in mind that there is an aspect of fun and the rewarding feeling of helping others in need.

I would personally invite everyone to attend my first division meeting to be held at Lenny's Clam Bar and Restaurant, 161-03 Cross Bay Blvd., Howard Beach on October 21st. I would also like to see all the members whose birthday is in October attend our meeting for a special tribute.

*Yours in Kiwanis,
Stephen A. Sirgiovanni,
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Your Next Division Meeting Monday, September 16, 2013 @ 7pm

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The award was originally for one at \$1,000 but Chair JP Di Troia and co chair Rebecca Ovadia both could not just award one and not the other. These key clubbers have done some much in the community that we decided to split it between the two of them.



From left, Gov.-Elect Joe Aiello, Queens West Division Lt. Gov. Verdia Noel, Grace Lin, Carla Paxheo, and JP DiTroia.

Gov. Joe Aiello's Acceptance Speech



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2012-13 KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL DISTINGUISHED CLUB CRITERIA

FOCUSING ON THE SIX OBJECTS OF KIWANIS

1. GIVING PRIMACY TO THE HUMAN AND SPIRITUAL

- (a) _____ Participate in the ELIMINATE Project
- (b) _____ Honor a member or community volunteer with 25 years of service
- (c) _____ Enroll new member committed to Six Objects of Kiwanis

New Member Name _____ Member ID# _____

2. ENCOURAGING THE GOLDEN RULE IN ALL RELATIONSHIPS

- (a) _____ Complete a project involving Character Education
- (b) _____ Recognize a local hero who saved child from harm
- (c) _____ Enroll new member involved in youth services, mentoring

New Member Name _____ Member ID# _____

3. ADOPTING HIGHER SOCIAL, BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- (a) _____ Work with Service Leadership Programs (K-Kids, Builders Club) or other youth club to protect the environment
- (b) _____ Obtain \$50 (USD) or more donation payable to Kiwanis International Foundation from private business (minimum of \$50)
- (c) _____ Obtain \$50 (USD) or more donation payable to the District Foundation from private business (minimum of \$50)

4. DEVELOPING BY EXAMPLE A MORE AGGRESSIVE AND SERVICEABLE CITIZENSHIP

- (a) _____ Project advocating for Young Children /Early Childhood Development
- (b) _____ Certify club participation in Kiwanis education & training program
- (c) _____ Enroll new member who is former Key Club or Circle K member

New Member Name _____ Member ID# _____

5. FORMING ENDURING FRIENDSHIPS TO BUILD BETTER COMMUNITIES

- (a) _____ Connect and interact with Kiwanis club in another Kiwanis district or nation
- (b) _____ Initiate and complete a **new** service project involving at least two (2) new members
- (c) _____ Certify club participation in either:

International Convention _____ District Convention _____

6. CREATING PUBLIC OPINION TO SUPPORT PATRIOTISM AND GOODWILL

- (a) _____ Launch a traditional or social media campaign to promote Kiwanis service
- (b) _____ Complete a project to benefit the children or families of heroes
- (c) _____ Enroll new member involved in media or government service

New Member Name _____ Member ID# _____

To be a Distinguished Club the following criteria must be achieved:

- Enroll a **minimum of three (3) new members** in any of the Object categories; (multiple new members in any one Object category is acceptable)
- Certify completion of required **club leadership education** programs
- Satisfy at least **eight (8) additional criteria within the Six Objects** achieving a total of twelve (12) items completed.

District Governors (or those they authorize) must certify compliance with the above criteria before any distinguished status is granted.

A Kiwanis One web page will be created to provide suggestions for the various projects a club may undertake to achieve distinguished status.

NY Gov. Norato "Pins" Verdía Noel as IPLG



Happy 93rd Birthday to Ed Ghossn!



Charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Howard Beach.
It has been 52 years of community service.

Note: If any club that has members 90 years old and above, and would like to acknowledge in the newsletter, please send your pictures and a brief caption to Dino Bono, Division secretary at hbkiwanisdino@outlook.com

Thank you.