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Message From Lieutenant Governor Kerrie Hansen

Hello QW Kiwanians,
Thank you to all the individuals that participated in the last Divisional meeting. It was great to see everyone and to hear all the amazing things you are doing. Now that people are getting vaccinated and the weather is getting nice, it has been wonderful to start seeing you all again. I thought it would be nice to recap.



Club Elections: All Clubs have been requested to have their elections for next year's slate and submit the Club's results on their Secretary Administration Portal on-line.

Queens West Memorial: After two years, Queens West had the ability to bring back the memorial in a virtual setting. Condolences to all the friends and families of our 19 QW brothers and sisters that were memorialized. I personally want to say thank you to DPLtG Debbie Kueber, PLtG JP, and the committee for all the hard work and effort that went into the beautiful event. Thank you to all the Club members who attended and shared your memories with us. If you assisted with the coordination, shared pictures and bios, played the beautiful music, assisted with the audio-visual, spoke about our dearly departed, assisted with the communications or attended virtual meeting; you were key to making this year's Memorial a true memory moment.

Link: <https://drive.google.com/.../17U0.../view>

FEMA Financial Assistance: In April FEMA started providing financial assistance for funeral and cemetery expenses incurred after January 20, 2020 for deaths related to corona virus (COVID-19) to help ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the pandemic. PLtG JP offered to assist anyone that wishes to file for the financial assistance and any arrangements that might be required.

DPLtG Debbie Kueber Celebratory Dinner: DPLtG Debbie thanked everyone that participated in and shared in event at Terrace On The Park this past month. She was overwhelmed and touched by all the support and wonderful well wishes.

Governor's Project/Partner's Project: With the current great work the division is doing, please consider entering your Club for the Governor's Project and the Partner's Project. All New York Kiwanis Clubs are asked to be a part of this project because combining our resources and maximizing results, we can truly make a difference in our clubs and communities.

Governor's Project - Disaster Relief The Governor's Project for 2020-21 is to prepare for future disasters, both through people and supplies. Many of the QW Clubs have already fulfilled many of the requirements. For more information, please contact our project chairs. Additional details and forms can be found on the New York District Kiwanis International website (Kiwanis-ny.org).

Training: Take or host a training session in your community (i.e. CPR, First Aid, etc.)

Emergency Preparedness Kits: Create a plan for your own emergency kit Create Kits that will be stored for our Disaster

NEXT QUEENS WEST DIVISION MEETING

June 21st, 2021 - 6:30 PM @ Prima Pasta

QUEENS WEST DIVISION FUTURE DATES:

- ◆ **June 24-26:** Kiwanis International Education and Leadership Conference
- ◆ **July 7-11, 2021:** Key Club International Convention, Orlando, Fla.
- ◆ **July 25-28, 2021:** Circle K International Convention, Austin, Tex.
- ◆ **Aug. 11-15, 2021:** District Convtn., Doubletree Hotel, Binghamton
- ◆ **Sept. 24, 2021:** Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center Black & White Ball
- ◆ **Oct. 7, 2021:** New York District Kiwanis Golf Outing
- ◆ **Dec. 5, 2021:** Kiwanis Pediatric Lyme Disease Gala
- ◆ **2022:** International Convention

Welcome to our 6 new members in the Queen's West Division:

Club	New Member	Sponsor
Glendale	Al Crowe	Arcuri, Vincent
Glendale	James Dahl	Steven Hansen
Glendale	David Koehler	Gary Milau
Glendale	Karen Kramer	Bruce Kramer
Glendale	Daniel Kurzyna	Steven Hansen
Ozone Park	Sami Monjurul	Iqbal Mohammad Ali

• Per online reports, as of May 31st

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Summer is almost here. It is always a time of fun, lots of outdoor activities and of course a time to gather with friends and family. Our Kiwanis family is no different. I am thrilled that we will be having our annual district convention. It will be held in Binghamton, NY the weekend of August 13 at the Downtown Doubletree Hilton. Information regarding the convention will begin to be sent out mid-June. There will be celebrations, education, fellowship, and remembrance. To be able to meet in person as a whole district is something that I know I have looked forward to for a long time, and I am sure you have as well.

Our communities need us more than ever before. We need to continue our commitment to those communities, providing them with events, programs, and services that they have come to rely on. Below is a link to achieving club excellence. Check out the surveys that you can send not just to your communities' leaders but also to your own club to help strengthen them.

<https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/training/division-leader/club-strengthening/achieving-club-excellence>

Thank you for all the good works that you all are doing in the Queens West Division, helping the world, one community, one child at a time.

Brenda Leigh Johnson
NY District Kiwanis
Governor 2020/21

GLENDALE KIWANIS

Amazing ladies from Glendale Kiwanis preparing to drop off beautiful gift bags for expecting Mom's at Wyckoff Hospital.



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Relief efforts.

Non-Perishable Food Collection: Collection of nonperishable food items for local pantries and for our district's Disaster Relief.

Partner's Project-Veterans in need! Support your local America Legion, consider Support General Needs, Ltd.

For more information, please contact either the project chairs or the First Partner directly. Peter Johnson, First Partner 2020-21 peter.t.johnson44@gmail.com (516) 972-1133.

Membership: Sunnyside and LGA are happy to announce they have each recently sponsored a new SLP Club. The Baccalaureate School for Global Education (K-Club), soon to be chartered. Bard High School was chartered in March, and The Baccalaureate School for Global Education is in the process of being chartered.

The next QW Divisional will be resumed in person at Prima Pasta on June 21st @ 6:30 PM. I look forward to seeing our Clubs in person.

"K"ordially yours,

Lt. Gov. Kerrie Hansen (2020-2021)

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KIWANIS CLUB OF LAGUARDIA AIRPORT



The Kiwanis Club of La Guardia Airport partnered with the NAACP Corona-East Elmhurst Branch and Councilmember Francisco Moya of the 21st Council District to distribute 200 Boxes of food to the families and the workers at the Malcolm X Early Child Hood Educational Center in Corona Queens. This event was held on May 7, 2021. A second event is scheduled for Friday June 4, 2021 to distribute another 200 boxes of food. The Club is also donating personal hygiene items once a month for the families at the Center. It brings us joy when we are able to do work for Kiwanis. Our mission to serve keeps us strong.

George R. Dixon,
President

QUEENS WEST CELEBRATES

On Sunday, May 16th, a dinner was held at Terrace on the Park in Corona. The occasion was a celebration of the outstanding year our Division had last year, in the face of a challenging pandemic. There were ten clubs represented, and for many, it was the first time they had been to an event of any kind in quite a while. We came together to recognize the leadership our clubs demonstrated during the year, especially our Distinguished Past Lt Governor, Debbie Kueber.

There were several dignitaries in attendance as well, and they were introduced by our Master of Ceremonies, SDPLG Bob Kueber. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards presented a Proclamation designating Sunday as "Lt Gov Debbie Kueber Day". City Councilman Robert Holden (a proud member of our club) said he didn't have the authority to name a day, but congratulated Debbie and the Division for continuing to serve their communities, even when it wasn't convenient to do so.

DPG Joe Corace presented Debbie with a beautiful award, and thanked the Division for the \$12,500 donation from the Queens West Foundation. DPG John Gridley was on hand to present Debbie with a Brittney Fellowship, and noted that his wife Rosemarie made a donation to the Lyme Disease Foundation in Debbie's name to elevate the fellowship to Emerald level. He also thanked the QW Foundation for the \$12,500 donation his Foundation received as well. Several clubs also presented Debbie with gifts, thanking her for her leadership and dedication. Debbie's home club, Glendale, gifted Debbie a life time Kiwanis membership. We also found time for some good old Kiwanis fellowship, singing, and most importantly, laughter! It was an amazing afternoon, and we congratulate Debbie and the entire Queens West Division for a job well done.



RIDGEWOOD 3-2-1 CLUB



Ridgewood 3-2-1 celebrated English Day, Cinco de Mayo, German Day and Polish Day. With 85% of attendees vaccinated, Ridgewood 3-2-1 is back to averaging nearly 40 members and friends at its meetings. DPLG Debbie Kueber came to present Distinguished Immediate Past President Gino Ancona and Distinguished Club honors, along with 5 District Awards. President Janine Mahon is having a banner year and it only promises to get better as the summer approaches.

KIWANIS MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE U.S. COLUMBARIUM 2021

On May 17, 2021 we had a heartwarming Queens West Kiwanis Memorial at the US Columbarium in Middle Village, Queens NY. We honored 19 members who died between 2019 and early 2021. The event was hosted by Lt. Governor Kerrie Hansen, Past Lt. Gov. Debbie Kueber, Past Lt. Gov. Anthony Pappas, Past Lt. Gov Bob Kueber, Past President Tina Di Troia, Past Lt. Governor and current president of the U. S. Columbarium, JP Di Troia and their bereavement dog Gina. A moving service was conducted by Reverend Sutterlin. Past Gov. NYS Kiwanis Bill Risbrook, along with Past President Ken Voisin of the Glendale Club, provided a perfect musical accompaniment. It was a virtual event hosted on Zoom and was produced by Daniel Scarpati of Passing Planes. As many of the families members eulogized, I realized that there was a terrible memorial void created by the Corona Virus Pandemic. Many families were not able to fully memorialize their loved ones because of the restrictions. It emotionally struck my heart strings as I sat and listened to them and I knew we did a good thing. This event has been hosted for Kiwanis by the Columbarium for the last 5 years, and we were once again privileged to have this solemn service for the Kiwanis families.

JP Di Troia



Daniel Scarpati, our video technician, at the Kiwanis Memorial Service at the US Columbarium



Past Lt Gov Debbie Kueber presenting 10 of the 19 Kiwanis Members who died 2019 - early 2021



Rev Gregory Sutterlin providing a moving memorial service at the historical US Columbarium



Past Lt Governor and President of the US Columbarium DiTroia, presenting a check to Lt Gov Kerrie Hansen from the Friends of Fresh Pond Foundation to be donated to NY Kiwanis Foundations



Bill Risbrook and Ken Voisin performing at the Memorial



Gina the bereavement Dog at US Columbarium

MEMORIAL HONOREES - MAY 17, 2021



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Patricia Thomas
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Ray Mayo
LaGuardia Airport



Frances Luhmann-McDonald
Astoria East River



Barbara Jackson
Corona-East Elmhurst



Diane Foushee
Corona-East Elmhurst



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Corona-East Elmhurst



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PP Charles Gering
Glendale



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Glendale



DPG Ed McGowan
Jackson Heights Maspeth



Nick Sangiamo
Ozone Park



Donna Maucere
Ozone Park

Not Pictured:

Catherine Butler Muzio

Lefferts-Liberty

CORONA EAST ELMHURST ***THE LIFE CYCLE OF A BUTTERFLY UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL!!***

In recognition of "Earth Week", K-Kids began a project to experience the cycle of life of a butterfly, up close and personal. Each student in grades K-8 were given a kit that included a caterpillar, food and a container. They also received a caterpillar journal to record their observations daily. *(See pictures below)*

Seeing a caterpillar nibble on food and eventually spinning a cocoon, to turning into a beautiful butterfly was so exciting to them. Some students named their butterfly before setting it free to fly away.

This was an important project for everyone. They experienced nature and the many things earth produces. *See picture below and the expression on the Jael's face.*



QUEENS BLVD..... WE'RE BACK - MAY 2021

New York was opening up, Covid-19 numbers coming down, vaccination rate going up.

Queens Blvd Club felt the time was right, right for our traditional Mothers Day celebration to be held - in person. We had our concerns - if we hold it - will they come?

On May 1, 2021, we held our luncheon. We enjoyed a delicious meal at Alba Restaurant. Thanks to our devoted, generous members and friends and the support of our Queens West Division, this was a great success.

We had the opportunity to hear DP Governor Joe Corace speak on behalf of Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center. DP Lt. Governor Debbie Kueber honored Queens Blvd. and other clubs, distributing our "Distinguished" Certificates and Pins. We had the pleasure of welcoming Lt. Governor Kerrie Hansen and her Family. We particularly thank Glendale, Ridgewood 321 and Sunnyside Clubs for being with us.

In addition to numerous raffle gifts and cash prizes, everyone was welcomed with a surprise gift bag and all women were gifted with a lovely plant as we said our farewells.

This was an afternoon of good food, fun and friendship. Queens Blvd. Club sincerely says it's so good to be back.



PRIDE DAY AT RIDGEWOOD 3-2-1



The Kiwanis Club of Ridgewood 3-2-1 celebrated Pride Month with a meeting on June 2nd at their Clubhouse. Distinguished Immediate Past President Gino Ancona was the Chairperson for this awesome and colorful meet that drew over 60 members and guests to recognize the history and struggles of the LGBTQ+ communities over the past 50 years. This may be the FIRST TIME that a meeting dedicated entirely to Pride Day has been celebrated in Queens West Division and NY District. Congratulations Gino, his awesome committee and Ridgewood 3-2-1 for coming out and celebrating gender equality. It is our belief that Ridgewood 3-2-1 may be the most diverse club in NY District.

NY DISTRICT FOUNDATION

JOSEPH AIELLO
DP GOVERNOR

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Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter to ask for your support. On October 7th 2021, the New York District Foundation for Kamp Kiwanis is going to have a special golf outing (see flyer). The proceeds of this event will go to the children of First Responders, Essential workers and those children who would otherwise will not be able to attend our prestigious Kamp Kiwanis in 2022.

I volunteered to be a front line essential worker the past 16 months. I helped in the distribution of the Covid Vaccine at The Armory where thousands visited daily. Most of our volunteers gave up their own time, some worked tirelessly 7 days a week. Like myself, I met so many people, heard so many heart-warming stories and learned so much these past months. It made me a better man to know I was able to do my part in some small way to help during the most difficult months of the Pandemic. While volunteering at The Armory, I also heard stories from patients at my job who lost loved ones, who were ill and/or fighting the after effects of Covid; their bills, their health struggles and stories are insurmountable.

Thankfully we are now on the upswing, starting to recover and that's why I wanted to do organize a golf outing for our children in need. I have always spoken from the heart, so I am asking for your help. We need golfers and sponsors. On the flyer, you will see a list of things you can do. Please try and help us and do the best you can do! We all joined the KIWANIS family to change one community and one child at a time. This outing is way to contribute to the children. So many of these children lost family members, their homes, their parents lost jobs, and are financially hurting. Your sponsorship will make this happen.

We will have some great prizes—how about a new car for a "hole in one", or a brand new television with surround sound? There will be many more exciting prizes. If you don't play golf, why don't you just come out and join us for the cocktail party and dinner/dessert for \$80.00 dollars per person? After this past year, it will be nice to see one another again for this great cause.

Your sponsorship would be a wonderful way to say "Thank You" to all those who put their lives on hold to save lives.

Respectfully,

DP GOVERNOR, Joe Aiello

New York District Kiwanis Foundation Golf Outing

Thursday, October 7, 2021

Tee Time: 1:00 P.M.

Location: **Stonebridge Golf Links and Country Club**
2000 Raynors Way, Smithtown, NY 11787

\$250 per person / limited to 25 Foursomes plus a gift to each golfer!

\$250 includes: Barbeque Lunch and Cocktail party, Hot Buffet Dinner

Beverage cart includes: snacks, beer, wine, soda, water and cash bar

Dinner only: \$80

Prizes go to: *low score, high score, worst golfer, closest to pin, longest drive, closest to the line*

Hole in One - NEW CAR - sponsored by Security Dodge - Long Island



Sponsorships:

Tee Sponsors:	\$150	Golf balls:	\$500
Cocktail party	\$1,500	Beverage cart:	\$750
Lunch:	\$1,500	Sponsor an essential/frontline worker:	\$250
Dinner:	\$2,500		

All proceeds to go to the KAMP's next season 2022!!



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Mail to 150 Magua Street, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779 by September 11, 2021.

Proceeds to go to sending children of essential/front line workers and children unable to afford Kamp.

SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY KEY CLUB

In spite of the pandemic, the Sunnyside Community Key Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Sunnyside, has been hard at work for the past several months. In addition to attending weekly Zoom meetings, members have been making bracelets for a service project sponsored by the Queens Boulevard Kiwanis Club.

The bracelets are destined for children living in a local shelter and disabled children, who attend a local program.



Since the Key Club has not been meeting in person for more than a year, we devised a way for members to pick up the materials and drop off the finished projects in a Covid-safe way. The Kiwanis advisor met up with the Key Club members at a pre-arranged time in the parking lot of a fast-food restaurant located across the street from their usual meeting place. This was a rather strange arrangement, to say the least, but it was effective. The Key Clubbers did a great job making the bracelets and the Queens Boulevard Club can distribute them to children who surely will be grateful recipients.

The Kiwanis Club of Sunnyside was very happy to collaborate with the Kiwanis Club of Queens Boulevard and we look forward to working on projects together in the future.

QUEENS WEST KIWANIS FOUNDATION

Two years ago, after much thought and discussion, the Queens West Kiwanis Foundation decided to dissolve. On May 5th, 2021 the board completed the final vote on how to distribute the funds to various charitable causes close to our hearts.

Thank you to the Board for their diligences and hard work. The funds were raised throughout the years with the generous help of all Queens West Kiwanians, which was greatly appreciated.

Balance on Hand 3/01/2020	\$50,942.54
Less Restricted Line Item Funds:	
Arthur Lingren Memorial Fund for Kamp Kiwanis	\$2,125.45
Ed & Eileen Romano Library	\$ 770.05
Key Club LTG Fund	\$ 25.00
Queens Memorial Fund	\$1,771.00
QWKF Disaster Relief Fund	\$3,075.00
Reserve for Taxes, Accounting/Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00
Total Restricted	\$8,766.50

Remainder After Restricted Funds	\$42,176.04
Proposed expenditures:	
Ronald McDonald House	\$15,000.00
Bullying Program	\$ 2,000.00
KPTC	\$12,500.00
Lyme Disease Foundation	\$12,500.00
Total:	\$42,000.00

NOTE: AFTER ALL BILLS ARE PAID, WE WILL NEED TO SPEND THE RESIDUAL WHICH IS ANTICIPATED TO BE LESS THAN \$250.

OZONE PARK KIWANIS / MASPETH KIWANIS

The Ozone Park Kiwanis and the Maspeth Kiwanis club, have been battling it out all year in the WORKS Little League Challenger Divisions. Both teams sponsored by Kiwanis clubs are having a great time learning and playing softball.

Thank you to our sponsors!



GLENDALE KIWANIS CLUB

As we continue to meet in person at ZumStammitsch, we just never know who's going to show up for fellowship and cheer. NYS Governor, Past Governor's, Lt. Governors, Past Lt. Governors, District Secretary and Treasurer, Foundation Presidents and let's not forget next year's International President Peter Mancuso. Our club participated with a local street cleanup, inducted 2 new members and gathered to honor our fallen soldiers at the Memorial Day Service. Our committee has reviewed scholarship applications and 12 will be awarded to students.



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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
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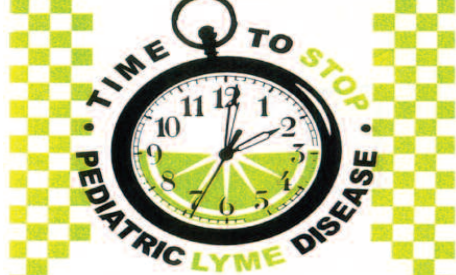
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