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Message From Lieutenant Governor Carol Masiello



I never heard of Kiwanis when I was growing up. I became aware of Kiwanis shortly after I accepted what I thought would be a temporary job as a drug prevention counselor at a local junior high school. At the time, I was completing my Master’s Degree in psychology and I had a totally different career track in mind. While working as a prevention counselor, I realized the need to network with the community. Kids were only in school six hours a day. A large part of drug prevention involves providing kids with positive alternatives to the negative behaviors some of them gravitated to. I got involved with the Youth Committee of the local Planning Board, which afforded me the opportunity to connect with all of the youth serving groups in the area. That’s when I first learned about Kiwanis. The Kiwanis Club of Sunnyside adopted my school and sponsored several drug prevention educational events in the school. As the prevention coordinator, I was the community liaison. We were very grateful for their help. In the mid –eighties, the country was in the midst of a major drug crisis (the crack epidemic) and funding for additional resources was always welcomed. Ironically, this is not unlike the opioid crisis our country is currently in.

Over the years, I realized that this was not going to be a temporary job. I completed my degree, earned additional certifications in drug counseling and crisis management and was promoted to clinical supervisor for my program. I continued to serve as community liaison and my Principal joined the Kiwanis Club of Sunnyside. He brought me to a Kiwanis meeting and I gained a lot of insight into what the Club was all about. I wanted to join but family responsibilities and work commitments left me no time to get truly involved. I promised to join as soon as I thought I could to fully participate. I try to give 100 percent to everything I do.

Fast forward to 2003... I officially joined the Kiwanis Club of Sunnyside. In my time as a member of the club, I served as a board member, vice president, five years as president and two years as secretary. About ten years ago I was encouraged to attend a Kiwanis convention. My eyes were opened up to the vast reach Kiwanis has around the world. I was the only one from my club attending, but the other clubs in the Division made me feel very welcomed. Since then I have attended most of the conferences, conventions and Division meetings. I also became a member of the Queens West Foundation Board.

When I joined Kiwanis, I never dreamed that I would be a Lieutenant Governor. I’ve always been someone who likes to work “behind the scenes”. When I was asked to consider taking on this responsibility, I responded that I would only consider it after I retired. I retired on December 29, 2016, after working for 39 years in the same school. Here it is, less than a year later, that I find myself assuming the role of Lt. Governor.

I am extremely honored to have the Division place its trust in me. I promise to do my best to attend as many events as possible and to help out wherever I can. I will always welcome suggestions. I’m not afraid to try new things. New ideas move us forward. I’m looking forward to a wonderful year!

Sincerely,
Lt. Gov. Carol Masiello 2017-18
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	Sara Sanchez	LaGuardia
Nov. 3rd:	Michael Verdi	Lefferts/Lib.
	Marina Damsky	East River
Nov. 4th:	Hon. Margaret Markey	Maspeth
	Leonard Masone	Maspeth
Nov. 5th:	Shaw Mohamed	Leffert/Liberty
Nov. 9th:	Helen McKinley	E. Elmhurst
Nov. 11th:	Caryn Schwab	Astoria/LIC
Nov. 12th:	Edel Quinn	East River
	Joni Siano	Forest Hills
Nov. 13th:	Terence Hughes	Astoria/LIC
	Martin Schulman	Woodside
Nov. 14th:	John Renda	Sunnyside
Nov. 15th:	Vanessa Womble	LaGuardia
	Harry Beltrani, Sr.	Howard Bch.
Nov. 16th:	Frances Cottone	Glendale
Nov. 17th:	Angela Job	Corona/E. Elm.
	Herman Ovadia	Woodside
	Pasquale Napolitano	Lefferts/Lib
Nov. 19th:	Tom Lai	Queens Blvd.
Nov. 20th:	Janet Falcone	Glendale
	Frank Congemi	Howard Bch.
	Veronica Fajardo-Iacontino	Forest Hills
Nov. 21st:	Barbara Hoffman	Rich Hill/Wdhaven
Nov. 23rd:	Joseph Fuoco	Glendale
Nov. 25th:	Doris Mellina	LaGuardia
	Katharina Piringer	Queens Blvd.
Nov. 26th:	Kenneth Voisin	Glendale
Nov. 27th:	Hon. Elizabeth Crowley	Middle Village
Nov. 28th:	Anthony Cosentino	Howard Bch.
Nov. 29th:	Robert LoCascio	Howard Bch.
	Stephen Sirgiovanni	Howard Bch.
	Dr. Panagiotis Manolas	Astoria/LIC

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DISASTER RELIEF

Past Gov. Joe Aiello & members of several downstate Kiwanis, Circle K and Key Clubs organized and packed disaster relief items for hurricane victims.



L-R: Alexis Felicio - Molloy College
Circle K, myself, Joe Aiello and John
Bartunek - LTG Bronx/Westchester S.

QUEENS WEST FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

September 18, 2017 Flagship Diner

At the Foundation meeting, donations were made to a former Glendale member and to the Kiwanis Disaster Relief effort. Supplies will be taken to Texas during October and then to Florida. President Joe Aiello is spearheading the collection and will be traveling to Texas to deliver the supplies collected. We are selling thank you cards in packs of 25. Contact John Stahl for details. We continue to collect shoes as a fundraiser. Please bring your gently used shoes to our Divisional or call Herman and Rebecca Ovadia for instructions. Our Community Service Award winners have received their awards. If you can help with the creation and updating of our Web site please contact Anthony Pappas.

Respectfully submitted,
Herman Ovadia
Foundation Secretary

Sidetracks

Official Location of the Queens West Division

THE NEXT DIVISION MEETING IS ON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017
Sidetracks Restaurant

45-08 Queens Blvd., Sunnyside, NY 11104
7 pm

*The Queens West Foundation will meet at
6:00 pm at Division meeting's location.*

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On September 16, 2017 we had a full house at our President's & Secretaries training as most of the clubs in the division sent representatives. The training session was run by the always informative, Rich Hall and our Lt. Governor Designate, Carol Masiello. Thanks to all who attended!!



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September 2017 Divisional

The final Division meeting of the year for Lt. Governor Rebecca Ovadia was held on September 18, 2017. The program included a special presentation of NY State Kiwanis Governor plates to Steve Sirgiovanni, as well as the transition and exchange of the banner for new Lt. Governor Carol Masiello. Congratulations to Rebecca on an excellent year and best wishes to Carol for the coming year!



Governor Steve's Cruise, Official Governor's Visit

On September 23, 2017, Queens West hosted the final Governor's Visit for Governor Steve Sirgiovanni. A great time was had by all as we cruised along the water from Queens to Manhattan and back again. Thank you to Lt. Governor Rebecca and Jackie for arranging a great night!!

