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## MESSAGE FROM LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR DEBBIE KUEBER

Good afternoon fellow Kiwanians!  
I do hope everyone is safe, staying in and healthy.

Thank you to the 27 people from our Division who joined us on our first *Queens West Virtual Meeting*. I think it was a success, just listening to each person talk about how they are doing, feeling and letting us know what Kiwanis business they've been able to do.



Thank you to Corona-East Elmhurst, Glendale, Howard Beach, Lefferts-Liberty, Middle Village, Queens Blvd and Sunnyside. The Door Prize was won by Sylvia Sherman!

We will be having another virtual meeting on **April 20th at 7pm**. You can join by clicking on this link on your computer, tablet or smartphone:

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I am hoping there will be a change of status after then, and we can resume onsite meetings.

### Update on last month's meeting:

• **Clubs with an outstanding amount:** Please send in your dues ASAP. Kiwanis Intl. will be sending out SUSPENSION NOTICES THIS MONTH. I would hate to see any of our clubs suspended. All the good works that you are doing will go unrecognized.

• Next onsite **Division Meeting** will be hopefully in May. April's meeting will be Virtual.

• **Wellness Fair** has been postponed until Sept. 12.

• **Pediatric Lyme** dinner has been postponed until May 31.

• **Kamp Kiwanis** has been cancelled for this year. However, the Kamp still has many expenses to operate the camp. So they are asking for every club to send a donation to the camp, even if it's just the Registration amount for the number of children that you were planning on sending.

• **Governor's Visit** is still on at this point for June 13th. Will be at the Onderdonk House. We will have a BBQ, Beer, Wine and Soda, and price will be \$50. A flyer is included in this newsletter.

• **Club Elections** should be done online or by email. There is a Kiwanis online tool and app that you can use. Please submit next year officers by May 15th if at all possible.

### • **Division Election for Lt. Governor and Lt.**

**Governor Elect:** I have extended the deadline for applying to April 20th. If you are interested, I need a letter of intent from you. The announcing of candidates will happen on April 21st. And the voting will be May 18th. Hopefully we can have a Division Meeting by then. Otherwise, we will have another Virtual meeting.

• **International Convention** will most likely be cancelled, but it's not official yet. They are expecting to cancel sometime this month. So stay tuned.

I know there is a lot of information, so if you have any questions, just give me a call. I'm sitting home and would love to hear from you!

Thank you all.

We're in this together, and we will  
come out of it

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than ever!

**Lt. Gov. Debbie Kueber 2019-2020**

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April  
Division Members**

April 3	David Fitzgerald	Glendale / Ridgewood
April 4	Roseanne Alafogiannis	Astoria/LIC
	Benedetto Napolitano	Lefferts Liberty
April 8	Verdia Noel	LaGuardia
April 9	Martin Kappauf	Glendale
April 10	Annette Alversa	Lefferts Liberty
	Fred Haller III	Glendale
April 14	Robert Temkin	Glendale
April 15	Donald Guarino	Howard Beach
April 16	Vincent Clarke	Glendale
April 17	William Butler	Woodside
April 20	Johnnie Dent	Corona/East Elmhurst
	Todd Pollins	Woodside
April 23	Lucien Matej	Glendale / Ridgewood
April 24	Paul Miceli	Glendale
April 27	Michael Demetriou	Maspeth
April 28	Daniel Golon	Howard Beach

**From Governor Joe Ruggiero**

Dear Queens West Kiwanians,

What happened? What a crazy time! BUT, we are in it. And you know what; we have to deal with this terrible sickness.

We have to look at this like a brief interruption. If we stay focused and above all stay connected, we might not feel this loss of time. I would recommend calling each other, calling a neighbor, especially an elderly neighbor and how about calling a member of another club. I think the most vulnerable of all members would be those that are new to us. Having this separation might make the new member lose interest.

Please also let's have a plan of attack. When we get past this we need to kick into high gear. I know we are behind on our goals, but I know through our dedication we can come back strong.

Thank you Queens West for all you do.

Yours in Kiwanis,

Joseph Ruggiero  
Governor



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**Lyme Gala Postponed  
\*\*New Date\*\***

Due to the ever changing nature of the current crisis it is necessary to reschedule the the Lyme Gala once again.

The date, originally moved to May 3rd, has been moved again to May 31st. Same time and same location.

Any concerns please contact myself or John Gridley ([hmteam2316@aol.com](mailto:hmteam2316@aol.com)).

Respectfully,

Joe Aiello  
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## ONLINE MEETING PLATFORMS CAN KEEP YOUR CLUB TOGETHER

Some Kiwanis clubs have been using technology to meet for several years and won't miss a meeting during COVID-19 social distancing regulations.

The Kiwanis Club of Friends Across Borders Jamaica in the Eastern Canada and Caribbean District boasts members in the United States, Jamaica and the Eastern Caribbean. The club meets online monthly using [GoToMeeting](#).

And, the Coastal Valley Cyber Kiwanis Club in California has been an online club since 2008. "It began because many businesspeople, teachers and others potentially don't have the ability to get time off, even during lunch, to go to a Kiwanis meeting," said Marie Banuelos, club president. "Mothers at home caring for children, some of our most involved Kiwanis members couldn't just step away from home."

"This service is nice because you have the video chat option and can also share your screen. If you already have a [GoToMeeting](#) account, it is a good option. [Skype](#) is another option.

Banuelos, with the Costal Valley Cyber Kiwanis Club, says her club took advantage of growing cyber communications when it was formed. "After 12 years, our members are acclimated to cyber meetings, and new members adjust much easier than longtime members of a regular club," she said. "Be patient."

All agree that setting guidelines for club members and following an agenda are the keys to successful meetings. Roeslmeier says the online meeting is just like an in-person meeting, and Banuelos says the only thing missing is the meal.



Today's online platforms make connecting easy. And, the online gatherings haven't stopped the clubs from being active in their communities. Members of the eKiwanis Club of Greater Chicago perform two to three service projects a month, including volunteering at food pantries, nursing homes, homeless shelters and adopting families during the holidays.

"We use [FreeConferenceCall.com](#), which allows you to create an account for free," said Jennifer Roeslmeier, club president. A digital marketing and brands manager at a software company, she's familiar with using technology on the job.

Roeslmeier said the free conference line holds up to 1,000 participants. The platform also provides the ability to share a computer screen. "If you want to share a visual, you are able to send your club members a link that allows them to see your screen on their device," she said, adding she's used this option for board meetings. Roeslmeier said her club also uses [GoToMeeting](#) for video chats and will use that app for an upcoming board meeting.

### *Here are their tips to running online meetings:*

- Find an easy-to-use platform and provide instructions on how to use it.
- Test the technology before the first meeting.
- Notify members of the meeting time and date.
- Prepare an agenda and follow it. Keep the meeting concise so everyone stays engaged.
- Start the meeting on time. Open the video or phone lines at least 10 minutes before the meeting begins.
- When you begin the meeting, make sure everyone can see and hear the meeting leader and see the shared screen.
- Advise participants about when to use the mute button.
- Let members know they don't have to use their camera for video meetings.
- Select a host or moderator and ask that member to speak more slowly as attendees may feel lost during the first few meetings.
- Keep the first meeting short while members get used to the technology.
- Try to start with an activity or Kiwanis Moment to engage members.
- Consider inviting a guest speaker or another Kiwanis club to join your call. It's a good opportunity to reach out to Kiwanis clubs you wouldn't normally meet with or perhaps have a club join from another state.

## From Glendale Pres-Elect Steven Hansen

### USPS Update

**Employee Privacy** – there have been cases of COVID-19 which have been confirmed in postal facilities nationwide. The federal Rehabilitation and Privacy Act requires agencies and employees to follow certain rules when disseminating information about an individual

- You may want to know who is sick, however under Federal Laws, specific employee medical information must be kept confidential
- Postal Service cannot share the name or medical condition of any employee, including one who has tested positive

### **New Guidelines to help practice social distancing:**

- Employees must be 6 feet apart
- Retail locations will be placing tape on the floor indicating where customers are to stand
- Social distancing signs are displayed in lobbies
- Some offices limiting the number of customers entering the lobby
- Credit Card – customers are not required to sign the Customer Display Unit (CDU) for credit card transactions.
- Post Office Box Customers – during the COVID-19 the USPS is extending its 10 day grace period to 30 days for PO Box payments

### **Measures taken by USPS**

- Employees receiving gloves, masks and cleaners for their workstations
- Outside agencies are being utilized to assist offices
- Employee start times are being staggered to reduce office congestion on the workroom floor
- Alcohol sprayed the end of each night – timecards / time clocks / scanners / clerk terminals / vehicles / carrier work areas

Carriers will not be required to accept signatures for items needing signatures.

The 28th National Association of Letter Carrier (NALC) “Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive” scheduled for May 9, 2020 has been postponed until a later date.

### **From Queens Blvd Secretary Sylvia Sherman**

Dear Friends,

I hope you are all well in these very troubled times.

It seems so very long ago, but last October, you were with us at Hoover Park, cleaning, beautifying the area. We thank you and want to show you some of the fruits of your labor on that day.

Yes, the daffodils are blooming. *See the photos.*

Stay well.

Yours in Kiwanis Service, Sylvia Sherman



### **Sunnyside President Howard Brickman presents a check to Past Governor John Gridley**







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## From Howard Beach President Abe Garcia

My fellow Kiwanians, if you just woke up after an unbelievable New Years Eve Party, I have some bad news. The United States of America and the World are under a Code Red Alert due to the CoronaVirus (COVID-19). The Epicenter of this Terrible Worldwide Health Crisis is New York City, USA. Welcome to Existential Dread, 2020 Edition.

This current Health Crisis is affecting or will affect every American for months, years and decades to come regardless of age, race, gender, lifestyle, occupation, residency or social-economic status. Everyone will be suffering loss of one type or another. The greatest loss imaginable is the loss of life which is occurring in New York State and around the world at a terrifying pace due to this virus.

Right now we should listen to experienced leadership in the Medical field and our US President and simply “**Stay Safe by Staying Home**” away from any risk of catching or spreading this dreaded COVID-19 disease. Once again, our responsibility is to Stay Home but it’s not that simple for many. While many would rather go to work, they are forced to Stay Home. Others are forced to go to work when they would rather Stay Home. These dedicated hard workers include supermarket employees who provide groceries, taxi and Uber drivers who transport the sick, pharmacists providing medication, bankers keeping us close to our cash and front line providers of medical care. Doctors, Nurses, Home Health Attendants, and Healthcare Administrators chose their respective careers for similar reasons. At some point everyone of us will need medical assistance so these individuals decided, long ago, they wanted to be the person the public could depend upon for care. These medical care providers and their families are suffering more than most and they need our full support and obedience. Stay Home, if you can, to protect yourself and those who are in real jeopardy. God Bless those who continue to do their job of Saving Lives.

All Non-profits, Corporations, Sole Proprietors, Homeowners and Renters should take immediate advantage of **Disaster Loan Assistance** from the *Federal SBA Small Business Administration*. The Application can be completed in less than 3 minutes and grants issued in 7 days. <https://covid19relief.sba.gov/#/>

Everything we took for granted yesterday like the job we hated or the life insurance and medical benefits we didn’t need, are now more precious than gold, it’s as vital as Oxygen for our family.

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### Sunnyside Community Key Club Service Project

Back in November, the members of the Sunnyside Community Key Club were anxious to do something productive during their weekly meetings. This year we were able to recruit a relatively large number of new members, and attendance was better than it has been for a long time. After considering a number of ideas, the group settled on the idea of making dog toys out of old T-shirts and then donating the toys to an animal shelter. This idea was introduced to the group by one of our former Key Club members (and current Circle K member), who volunteers at Key Club meetings whenever she is available.

Once we settled on a project, we collected T-shirts and searched for a shelter that would appreciate the donation. I contacted a friend of mine who had relocated to a small town in rural northwest Georgia after her retirement. I knew she was running a very busy animal rescue. She frequently spoke about trying to keep up with the needs of her furry population. This shelter runs strictly on donations and an occasional grant. Needless to say, she was delighted to accept any toys we could send her.

The Key Club continued to make toys throughout the winter months. By our last meeting earlier in March, they had completed nearly six dozen dog toys. I packed them up and sent them down to Georgia. The box safely arrived and we’re looking forward to getting pictures of the dogs playing with them. The Sunnyside Community Key Club has now completed its first interstate service project!

SDPLG Carol Masiello



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