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MESSAGE FROM LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR DEBBIE KUEBER

Hello Queens West! I do hope this letter finds you and your family well. It's been 4 months since the Pandemic has hit and this has certainly been an unprecedented year. I applaud every President, Secretary, Board Member and Active Member for all you have been doing. Many clubs have adapted Virtual Meetings and haven't missed a beat in holding their meetings. Most clubs have organized service projects. Unfortunately, many events were cancelled. The Kiwanis International Convention and the District Convention were cancelled, as well as the Key Club and Circle K's Convention's. Our usual Ronald McDonald House BBQ and the Queens West Memorial Service at this time being cancelled or postponed. However, let's not look back but forward! We have a lot of time this year for service, fundraising and recruiting new members.



Kiwanis International has approved a new member fee waiver for the remainder of this year. Our District has actually started a Contest for the rest of our year. For the member who recruits and most new members from June 1 - Sept. 30, they are giving cash rewards! \$300 for the 1st place, \$200 for the 2nd place and \$100 for the 3rd place winners. They are also giving 2 free registrations to the next Conference at the Desmond Hotel, to the Club that brings in the most new members! In our Division, I am also matching the 3 prizes for new members brought in. That's right, \$300, \$200, \$100. So, you could actually win up to \$600 just for spreading the Kiwanis message. There is a separate article I have put together with some ideas on helping your club to thrive. Please read and even if you do only one idea, it will improve your club and help it to thrive!

I am looking forward to continuing to meet with all your clubs. Let me know when you are meeting, and I will do my best to be there, virtually. If you need anything, I am here for you.

Lt. Gov. Debbie Kueber 2019-2020
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IDEAS TO HELP YOUR CLUB THRIVE

Looking for ideas to help your club thrive while social distancing? Now is a perfect time to define your club's purpose, evaluate your club's service projects and create a list of people to invite to your meetings. Clubs are meeting virtually, electing officers for the 2020-21 administrative year, conducting social distancing service projects and rethinking fundraising projects. Here are some ideas for your club's online meetings.

MEETINGS

- Expand your speaker base to include presenters relevant to current events. Here are a few ideas -
 - 1) A presenter to speak about mental health during the pandemic.
 - 2) A doctor from a local hospital to discuss COVID-19.
 - 3) A physician, to speak about government support during the pandemic.
 - 4) A local pastor who has participated in community outreach.
 - 5) Host a virtual happy hour. Online meetings do not need to be all business. Enjoy a little social time. • Have fun.
 - 6) While meeting virtually, host spirit days such as crazy hat day, Kiwanis wear, blue shirt day, etc.
 - 7) Invite Service Leadership Programs members. This is a great time to recognize the clubs for their service and to honor graduating members of Circle K or Key Club.
 - 8) Ask your local Chamber if you can co-sponsor a virtual Chamber gathering and provide a member with the expertise to discuss a pertinent topic.

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Happy Birthday To All Our **MAY**, **JUNE** & **JULY** Division Members

MAY

May 1	Gerald Khan	Ozone Park
	Michael Manniello	La Guardia
May 4	Saul Belsky	Howard Beach
May 5	Rebecca Ovadia	Woodside
May 6	Michael Smith	Howard Beach
	Carol Ann Verdi	Lefferts Liberty
May 7	Frank LaDone	Howard Beach
	Brent O'Leary	Sunnyside
May 8	Giovanna Reid	LaGuardia
May 9	Walter Sabolboro	Glendale
May 10	Mike Miller	Glendale
May 11	John Bekios	Maspeth
	Thomas White	Maspeth
May 12	Nino Colletti	Maspeth
May 15	Maureen Allen	Jackson Hts
	Michael Feinberg	Forest Hills
May 17	Lisa Terry	Maspeth
May 20	Bill Underhill	Glendale
May 22	John Knief	Howard Beach
	Maurizio Troia	Maspeth
May 24	George Mantikas	Glendale
May 26	Bill Dobranski	Glendale
May 29	Louis Bekios	Maspeth
May 30	Pamela Winter	Sunnyside
May 31	Joseph Allen	Ozone Park

JUNE

June 3	Barbara Camarinos	Astoria / LIC
June 4	Rao K. Boddu	Queens Blvd.
June 5	George Bonetti	Richmond Hill/Woodh
	Frank Pantina	Howard Beach
June 6	James Bonner	Glendale
	Rosemary Kruh	Maspeth
	Roger Recker	LaGuardia
June 7	Paul Cynamon	Woodside
June 11	Joanne Billharz	Sunnyside
June 13	Alphonse Gentile	Middle Village
	Edward Horn	Astoria / LIC
	Anthony Parolisi	Howard Beach
June 14	Vincent Montera	LaGuardia
June 15	Monika Wenzl	Queens Blvd.
June 16	Eileen Halvatzis	Astoria / LIC
	Michelle Masone	Maspeth
	Randolph Weekes	Corona / East Elmh.
June 17	Ciro LoCascio	Glendale
	Diane Rufus-Foushee	Corona / East Elmh.
June 18	Finney Kurian	LaGuardia
June 20	Daniela Cazan	Glendale
	Hank Kraker	Ridgewood 321
June 25	Antonio Mazzara	Astoria / LIC
	James O'Kane	Maspeth
June 28	John D'Angelo	Ozone Park
June 29	Anthony Siano	Astoria / LIC

JULY

July 3	Yara Elborolosy	East River
	Thomas Savoca	Howard Beach
	Robert Spring	LaGuardia
July 7	Raymond Kayume	LaGuardia
July 8	August Agate	Howard Beach
July 9	Glenn Rudzewick	Maspeth
July 10	Timothy Ducey	Forest Hills
July 11	Michael Terry	Maspeth
July 12	Karamjit Dhaliwal	Glendale
	Leonard Licata	Glendale
July 13	Leonard Guerico	Astoria / LIC
July 14	Pat Gravino	Astoria / LIC
	Joseph Indelicato	Lefferts Liberty
	Cesar Pallo	Forest Hills
July 15	Tom Herrschaft	LaGuardia
July 17	Clorinda Antonucci	LaGuardia
	Frances Luhman-McDonald	Astoria / LIC
July 18	James Pierce	LaGuardia
July 19	Michael Cohen	Forest Hills
July 21	Fabio Cristofari	Maspeth
	Jacklyn Negron-Pappas	Astoria / LIC E.River
	Christopher Tabek	Maspeth
July 22	Hanna Mallette	East River
July 23	Christina Halvatzis	Astoria / LIC
	Nick Mulero	Glendale
July 28	Sharon DeVivo	LaGuardia
July 29	Eric Penkava	Maspeth
July 30	Barbara Jackson	Corona / East Elmh.
July 31	Janine Mahon	Ridgewood 321



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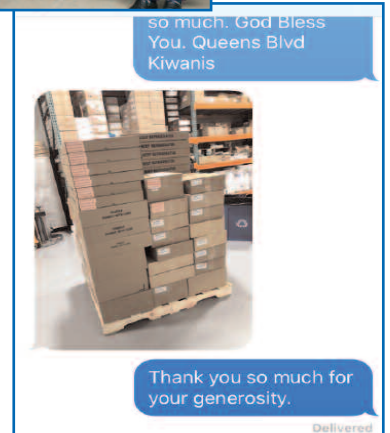
The Covid Pandemic: The worst of times. Yet, amazing as this is, the worst of times can bring out the best in people. As we Queens Blvd. members were feeling isolated, bored, annoyed, inconvenienced, maybe disgruntled, and somewhat challenged by virtual technology, we accomplished planning, organizing, delivery of needed donations of food and supplies to the workers at Jamaica Hospital Medical Center.

We started about one month ago, thinking how we could support our partners at Jamaica Hospital during the crisis. We wanted to involve the Alba Restaurant, the place where we meet, and celebrate special milestone events. The owner had just passed away, the family and business were suffering. Yet the restaurant was temporarily closed. The answer came from Community Affairs Director, at the hospital, Dr. Rubin, who advised to wait for the reopening of Alba. He explained that although the hospital appreciated our contributions, they also wanted to see us support a local business friend and neighbor.

Finally, on May 20th, after many coordinating calls and visits by our dedicated members Julius and Emma Richter, Alba prepared hero sandwiches for the true heroes, Ambulance Drivers and First Responders, who were honored with a luncheon at the Hospital. Previously, we had arranged to have many pastries sent by the Pani Dolce bakery, another family owned business. We all were surprised and gratified to learn that member Janice Bar was able to obtain much needed N95 masks and we were able to donate 300 pieces of this vital equipment as well.

Perhaps we are still feeling a bit bored, annoyed etc by the adjustments to the “New Normal” as it is called, but we are also feeling very thankful to be doing something which is good, and needed and helpful at this critical time. After all, isn't that just what we Kiwanians are about?

Sylvia Sherman
Queens Blvd. Club



TEMPORARY NEW MEMBER FEES WAIVED FOR EXISTING CLUBS

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on communities worldwide. More than ever, kids and communities need Kiwanis. To encourage existing Kiwanis clubs to continue to invite new members, the Kiwanis International Board approved a new member fee waiver to bolster membership and help Kiwanis clubs perform the service needed in the wake of this pandemic and beyond. The Board encourages districts and clubs to comply with this waiver due to the emergency conditions presented by the pandemic.



KIWANIS CLUB OF LA GUARDIA AIRPORT LEXINGTON SCHOOL AND CENTER FOR THE DEAF

The LEXINGTON SCHOOL AND CENTER FOR THE DEAF held its Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Assoc. (ESDAA) Girls Basketball Tournament on February, 7th - 9th, 2020. The Kiwanis Club of LaGuardia Airport is proud to be the Trophy Sponsors for the Event. **"Go Lexington Blue Jays"!**

The competition featured teams from OH, PA, RI, CT & MA Schools for the Deaf. The Blue Jays were victorious in the competition. The games were very exciting and full of action. Athletic Director Carl Sorrentino and the coaches had the Blue Jays well prepared for the event.

Attending the event were President George R. Dixon and members Gregg Coles, Ray Mayo and Cindy Casson. As President, I must say I am proud that our team won the competition; but there were no losers. The young ladies exhibited their skills and sportsmanship throughout the event. It was obvious they were all great athletes, and they enjoyed and respected the sport and each other.

Good luck and much success to everyone involved in the event.



(L-R): Ray Mayo, President George R. Dixon, and Gregg Coles



Lexington Blue Jays

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GLENDALE SCHOLARSHIPS

Since May 1954, The Kiwanis Club of Glendale have been awarding scholarships to students who have graduated the 8th Grade and 12th Grade. They must have participated in community service, be in good academic standing and complete an essay. They are then honored at a Scholarship Dinner, something that has been an excellent event for our club, the students and their parents. This year however, we had to be creative and do something different. So this year our President Gary Milau, the Scholarship Chair, Debbie Kueber and the Committee decided to hold "Drive-Bys" and hand deliver the 13 Scholarships directly to the students. We honked, cheered, applauded each one and gave them a Certificate, Check, Balloon and a Sign to Display. Overall, It was a success and the Club donated \$10,000 to these very deserving students.



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Have a great year as the leader of Queens West!

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