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## Message From Lieutenant Governor Kerrie Hansen

Hello Queens West!

Many thanks to all that participated in our January and February Divisional. It was wonderful to see so many of our clubs represented. Many thanks to LaGuardia's President George Dixon and Corona's President Entrateca Robinson for hosting the meeting in February for Black History Month. Both of you did a wonderful job. As announced in the meeting, all Clubs in attendance can claim this as an inter-club for both LaGuardia and Corona. Additionally, I also would like to thank the Forest Hill's President, Walter Sanchez for talking with us about some communication opportunities that are available with his publications.



IPLG Debbie Kueber and PLG JP DiTroia shared with us at the last divisional, that planning for the Kiwanis Queens Memorial has begun. The date for the memorial is May 17th. All Clubs were sent the details last week.

It is great to hear and see all the activity the Clubs are doing though out the Division. Even with the challenges of COVID, clubs are still meeting, fundraising, and conducting community service. It might be done a bit differently than we had in the past, but we are still managing to support the our communities, as well as enjoy our fellowship.

The midwinter conference has been moved to **March 18-21st, 2021** at the Desmond Hotel in Albany. It will be a hybrid conference, with workshops being offered virtually, and limiting in-person attendance to members of both past Governor Joe's Board and Governor Brenda's Board. Please keep an eye on your email for updates and registration information. With the virtual meeting being available, to all it would be nice to have all clubs participate.

It was recently announced, that The International Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah scheduled for June 23-26th, 2021 has been cancelled. Information will continue to sent out to all members, as it is released.

Congratulations to The Kiwanis Club of Forest Hills on their installation of officers. Even during a blizzard, installations can happen. If your Club wishes to inter-club (virtually or in person) please contact the Club's secretary or president.

The Queens West Division is looking for a Lieutenant Governor Elect for the next term, Oct 1, 2021-Sept 30, 2022. The only prerequisite is that you have served as a Club President. The annual training for the 2021-2022 class Lieutenant Governors will be held in mid-May, therefore the Division needs to hold a meeting to elect the incoming Lieutenant Governor by the last week in April. Governor-elect Jim Mancuso had indicated that he prefers a Board made up of new Lieutenant Governors. If anyone is interested, or has questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

If your Club hasn't done so already, please work on your Club Boards to determine next year's slate of officers.

Stay healthy and safe.

*"K"ordially yours,*

**Lt. Gov. Kerrie Hansen (2020-2021)**

**Queens West Kiwanis**

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### NEXT QUEENS WEST DIVISION MEETING

Mon, Mar 15, 2021 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM (EST)

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### QUEENS WEST DIVISION FUTURE DATES:

**Mar. 18-21, 2021:** Mid-Year Conference, Virtually broadcasted from the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center, Albany

**Postponed:** Kiwanis Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation 20th Anniversary Gala

**May 17, 2021:** Queens Memorial Service

**Jun. 23-26, 2021:** International Convention (details TBD)

**Aug. 11-15, 2021:** District Convention, Doubletree Hotel, Binghamton

**Sept. 24, 2021:** Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center Black & White Ball

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## Welcome to our 11 new members in the Queen's West Division:

### Club

East River  
Glendale  
Glendale  
Howard Beach  
La Guardia Airport  
La Guardia Airport  
Lefferts-Liberty  
Lefferts-Liberty  
Lefferts-Liberty  
Ozone Park  
Queens Boulevard

### New Member

Josephine Orgas  
Leone Hansen  
Lou Leschitz  
Gerald Fink  
Frank Watts  
Felicia Yearwood  
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## Sunnyside Community Services Virtual Valentine's Party

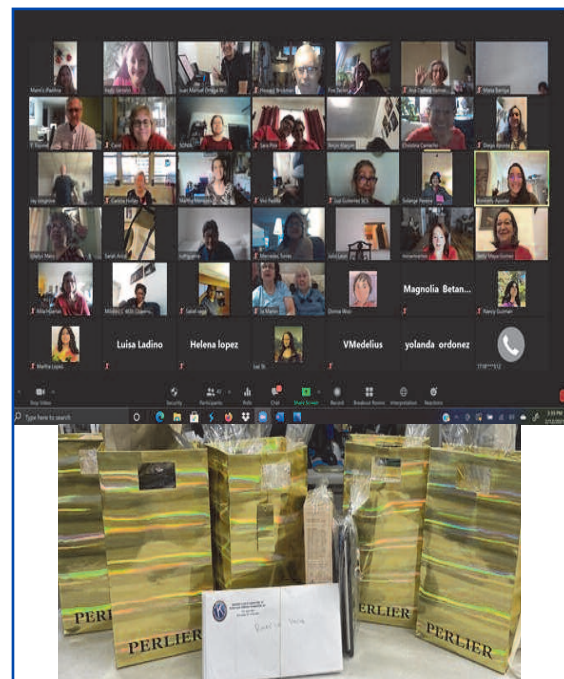
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Traditionally, this party takes place annually at the senior center. It has been supported by the Sunnyside Kiwanis for many years. This year, due to COVID, we turned to Zoom to provide the seniors with some Valentine's fun. Over 40 participants played a virtual trivia game and listened to live music. Some even got up and danced. Thanks to the hard work of Sunnyside Kiwanis president Howard Brickman and Board member Sabel Vega, there were plenty of prizes to be won during a virtual "Spin the wheel" game. A good time was had by all!

## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES THIS QUARTER

Congratulations to the Queens West clubs in the New York District completing another year of community service and celebrating an anniversary this quarter:

Club Name	Organization Date	Years of Service
Astoria-Long Island City	January 7, 1987	34
Lefferts-Liberty	January 25, 1983	38
Howard Beach	February 1, 1962	59
Kew-Forest Richmond Hill	March 14, 1927	94
Corona-East Elmhurst	March 25, 1989	32
Ridgewood, NY 3-2-1	April 4, 2018	8



## MASPETH CLUB UPDATE

The Kiwanis Club of Maspeth this past month partnered with a local restaurant called Gibbons Home to provide new signage for their local fire department. Gibbons had fundraised for the Club in the past, and their board thought it was appropriate to use the funds for Fire House's new sign.

Take care and stay safe,  
President Barbara



## KIWANIS CLUB OF FOREST HILLS

Congratulations to The Kiwanis Club of Forest Hills on their installation of officers which took place during a blizzard!



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## Message from Brenda Leigh Johnson, New York Governor 20/21

When we boil down to the very core of what Kiwanis is all about, it is all about the love that we give to other people. We listen, we care, and we help. It is what we do. We need a plan to do all the service and fundraisers that we do.

As we enter the second quarter of our Kiwanis year, now is the time to take a check of the clubs strategic plan. Are you doing the things that make a club successful? Are you meeting either virtually or in person? Are you following the best practices for your financials? Have you filed the 990 that the IRS requires? Are you doing service in your community? Is there Kiwanis Branding in your photos? How does your social media appear to others outside of Kiwanis?

We need to continue to check on all members of our clubs, whether it's by email, phone call or a short note, everyone in our clubs need to be reached out to. The member experience is even more important in these uncertain times.

Open your mind and hearts, make a plan, create a survey, and be prepared to evolve into what your members and communities need.

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.

## Kiwanis Club of Queens Blvd. Raffles

Dear Members and Friends:

For our Queens Blvd. Club, this mid-winter season is usually the time of Vasilopita Celebration. Covid-19 was the cause of cancellation. This was also to be the time of our Raffle Drawing. We have postponed the drawing which will now take place at our Mothers Day Luncheon scheduled for May 1st. Raffle sales are continuing. Please contact Treasurer, Julius to arrange purchase of tickets at \$5.00 per ticket. Prizes are in amounts, \$200.00, \$100.00, \$50.00. Julius Richter's contact information: Phone – 718-894-4498; 65-39 78th Street, Middle Village, NY 11379; email: erichter47@verizon.net. Looking forward, please save the date, May 1st to celebrate Mothers Day with Queens Blvd. and enjoy a delicious luncheon at Alba Restaurant, share good company and the excitement of the long awaited Raffle Drawing.

Yours in Kiwanis Service,  
Sylvia Sherman, Secretary



## Glendale Kiwanis

Glendale Kiwanis ended the 2020 year with our annual tree lighting at the corner of Myrtle and Cooper Avenue in which a special guest, Santa drove by and flipped the switch. The following day we again partnered with East Coast Car Association and had a non-traditional Christmas Motorcade Parade. Twenty-five vintage and decorated vehicles drove through the streets of Middle Village, Ridgewood and Glendale bring smiles to the many spectators.

After a three week layoff due to the Holidays, we have continued our social distant outdoor meetings at the Zum Stammsch Beer Tent. To start the year Councilman Bob Holden provided an update in the neighborhood – if the seniors contact his office “free” shoveling is available. The following weeks the 104 Civilian Patrol provided a program, followed by a two luncheons program on Emergency Preparedness.

The following weeks Pres. Elect Mike Liendo hosted the "Newlywed Game" for Valentines Day and then we honored our Past President's. Sandwiched in between we weathered a Thursday snowstorm in which 12 Krazy Kiwanian's were in attendance.

We have our St. Patrick's Day Celebration planned in March and we are in the planning stages for our Baby Shower at Wyckoff Hospital and our Scholarship Program.

Steve Hansen  
President, Glendale Kiwanis





## SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES VIRTUAL VALENTINE'S PARTY

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## QUEENS BLVD. - THE 22 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

December, known as the month of giving, was one of the most punishing Covid-19 periods as well. Our Queens Blvd. club was facing challenges, how to meet, to raise funds, deliver service. Yet, we kept focused on our goal, which was to have our collection of Holiday Toys and Gifts ready for the children at the Briarwood Family Residence by December 22nd. We collected, accepted, solicited gifts from friends and neighbors. We stored, counted, organized, packed, and eventually transported the gifts to the Residence. We delivered over 200 items for children of all ages, to the appreciative staff on December 22nd, thereby giving them sufficient time to prepare for Santa's delivery on Christmas Eve. We persevered, kept our eyes on the prize, to bring a smile to a child's face, and a loving feeling to a young heart.



## OZONE PARK KIWANIS

The Ozone Park Kiwanis along with Ozone resident block assoc., COPCP and BACDYS, other groups started handing food to the needy of Ozone Park on every Saturday starting May. The Club took a hiatus during the holidays and started again 3 weeks ago. These wonderful groups get together and feed 1300 families a week.







## QUEENS WEST KIWANIS

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Dear Kiwanian,

Recently, you received the Queens West Memorial Notice taking place on Monday, May 17th, at 6:00pm at the US Columbarium.

In conjunction with the event, we have enclosed our KIWANIS Memorial Brick Program. This is where we engrave a brick in memory of a deceased KIWANIAN. The brick would be located near the Queens West Memorial Monument near our flag pole.

As noted in the flyer, when a brick is purchased, we will donate \$100.00 to the Queens West Lt Governor's Fund. Lt Governor Kerrie Hansen has stated that she would like these funds to be donated to the three Foundations (Pediatric Lyme Disease, Kamp Kiwanis and KPTC).

If your club would like to memorialize a member at the site, please complete and return the flyer with payment by March 31st. This will assure that the brick will be completed by May 17th. Please provide details for the engraving following the format shown on the flyer. We also ask that you send two 8 1/2" x 11" photos of the deceased for the service.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

PLG JP DiTroia  
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## GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Glendale Kiwanis celebrated Valentines Day at Zum Stammtisch. In the picture we show Game Host-President Elect Mike Liendo, game participants Bill and Connie Underhill, Bill and Pat Maher, Gary and Debbie Milau, as well as President Steve Hansen. Flowers and chocolate were distributed to club members and customers present.



## MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

The Kiwanis Mid-Year conference, originally scheduled for February 18-21, was postponed until March 18-21.

The district has revised their plans to hold a virtual Mid-Year conference with a small in-person component. In order to meet state health regulations, it will be necessary to restrict the in-person component to a small invitation-only group of Kiwanis leaders necessary to conduct the business of our organization. We believe, however, we can still meet our goals for the conference by holding the event virtually and by extending an invitation to attend to all our members cost free. The purpose of our Mid-Year conference is twofold. First, it is to share ideas and educational opportunities with our membership. Secondly, it is to recognize the efforts and successes of Immediate Past Governor Joe Ruggiero, our 2019-20 District Board and of our clubs during the past service year.

On the positive side it is also our hope that by holding the conference virtually we can extend the Mid-Year Conference experience to a wider group of Kiwanians, many of whom may not have attended a Kiwanis conference or convention in the past. All members of the district will be invited to attend our virtual Mid-Year. The on-line agenda will include speakers and workshops as well the recognition of Governor Joe, his board as well as club achievements for the 2019-20 service year.

Details on how to register will follow and we hope you will all be able to join us for this event.

## PICTURES FOR MID-YEAR

At the New York District Mid-Year Conference we traditionally present a slide show of the previous service year. This includes pictures of Governor Joe, our 19-20 District Board and especially club activities during the 19-20 year.

If you have pictures to share please forward them to the email address below: nykiwanispictures@gmail.com.

Only those sent to that email address will be included. Action shots of our members at work are the most appreciated.

Thank you for your help with this fun review of our past accomplishments!

## SALT LAKE CITY CONVENTION CANCELED

The Kiwanis International Board of Trustees declared that emergency conditions will exist through Sept. 30, 2021, because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This resulted in several other important decisions:

- The board determined that it would be impossible and impractical to hold a safe, accessible convention for its international membership due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Because of this, 2021 board elections will be conducted by the Kiwanis International Council to guarantee global representation prescribed under the bylaws and current pandemic restrictions.

- The board determined that an education conference will be offered for in-person and virtual audiences. In-person participation will be limited and will follow all local health guidelines.

- As was allowed last year, the board determined that districts may conduct 2021 convention business virtually using a house of delegates, council or other entity allowed in its bylaws.

- Additionally, the Kiwanis International Board decided to relocate the 2022 Kiwanis International Convention from Manila, Philippines, to a to-be-determined location. The board made the decision after reviewing global health forecasts from the World Health Organization and reiterated its desire to hold a convention in Manila as soon as possible.

Further information about the schedule, registration and events to occur during the Kiwanis Education Conference will be available once details are finalized.

### The Astoria - L.I.C. Kiwanis Club

For the next five months will be selling raffles, the drawing date will be on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 9 p.m. Antonio's Restaurant.

WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT.

- First Prize: \$1,000.00
- Second Prize: \$500.00
- Third Prize: \$250.00

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Glendale Club

**Best Wishes**  
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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**  
2018-2019 Queens West Lt. Governor and First Lady



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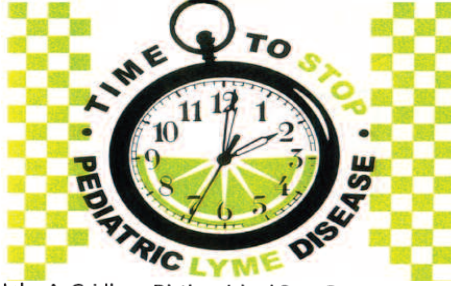


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