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Message From Lieutenant Governor Carol Masiello



I can't believe it is already February! In a few weeks we will be heading to Albany for our Mid-winter conference. I hope many of you applied for the various awards that are distributed at this conference. Traveling around from club to club, I'm aware of all the great work that is happening in Queens West. I also know that too often, we fail to publicize

our activities or document them in our on-line reports. Hopefully, many of you will travel up to Albany on Feb. 16 and join in the weekend's festivities. It promises to be both informative, with a variety of forums & organizational displays, and fun with the 60's bash on Friday Night, the Basket raffle, the Governor's dinner, etc.

During the month of January, I had the pleasure of joining the Queens Blvd. Club at their annual Vasilopita Breakfast. This event, one well attended by the Division, is always enjoyable. President Lottie and her team always put together an event filled with good food and great prizes.

I also attended the January meeting of Key Club Division 8A. The January meeting is the one where they hold elections for their next Lt. Governor. I'm always impressed with the way these young people organize and conduct their meetings. As a Key Club advisor myself, I work with high schoolers who come to Key Club as shy freshmen and truly blossom into self-assured leaders by the time they reach senior year. Candidates were nominated, speeches were given and by the end of the meeting a new leader was elected for 2018-19. The new Lt. Governor will take over on April 1, the beginning of the Key Club year. Division 8A's current Lt. Governor, Shu Gao, was kind enough to write an essay for this newsletter, describing what Key Club has done for him. Please take the time to read it. It will make you smile. Right now, Key Clubs all over NY State are getting ready to send members to their Leadership Training Conference, which will be held in Albany the end of March. Please reach out to your sponsored Clubs to see if you can assist them. Most need some financial assistance and/or chaperones.

This is a good time to think about plans to organize an event that will satisfy the requirements for this year's governor's project, if you have not already done so. Governor Candace has designated two project priorities: the first is "No Veteran Left Behind". The second is "Children with Special Needs", with an emphasis on children with Down's Syndrome. In both cases, she suggests doing something that will touch targeted individuals, such as a dinner for veterans or a children's party at a special education facility.

Finally, it's not too early to start thinking about the Kiwanis International Conference, which will take place in Las Vegas from June 28-July 1. I'm sure that this year we will have more folks in attendance, given the location. If no one from your club plans to attend, please consider asking one of our past Lt. Governors to act as a delegate for your club so that your club's voice can be heard on items up for a vote. Past LTGs can do this if they are not already committed to representing their home clubs. Naturally, any clubs seeking an acting delegate should be prepared to help defray the cost of attendance for that person.

And just a gentle reminder... PLEASE make sure all dues are paid.

Lt. Gov. Carol Masiello 2017-18
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	KimberlyAnn Ragonese	Astoria/LIC
Mar. 3rd:	Anita Wunsch	Glendale
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Mar. 4th:	Sharon Toledo	Lefferts/Liberty
Mar. 6th	Ronnie West	Howard Beach
Mar. 7th:	Fred Velepec	Glendale
Mar. 8th:	Dana McCann	Forest Hills
Mar. 9th:	Richard Defrank	Howard Beach
	Nissy Morel	East River
Mar. 11th:	Robert McAdams	LaGuardia
Mar. 12th:	Sandra Johnson	LaGuardia
Mar. 13th:	Roxanna Ramos	Astoria/LIC
Mar. 14th:	Antonio Marano	Lefferts/Liberty
	Richard Reip	Howard Beach
	Joan Cardino	Lefferts/Liberty
	Kate Brennan	Richmond Hill
Mar. 16th:	Joseph Crowley	Woodside
	Joseph Vessio	Glendale
Mar. 17th:	Antoine McCoy	Rich Hill/Wdhaven
Mar. 18th:	Nancy Escobar	Forest Hills
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	Phillip Hardt	Glendale
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	Llise Reilly	Glendale
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	Larina Hooks	E. Elmhurst
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	Tom Ritter	Glendale
Mr. 25th:	Annemarie Chirichigno	Glendale
Mar. 26th:	George Ries	Glendale
Mar. 27th:	Bob Lee	LaGuardia
Mar. 28th:	John O'Kane	Maspeth
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Sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs who have a Circle K Club(s) and/or a Key Club(s) who wish to attend this year's district conventions and conferences, please note the following dates and deadlines.

NYD Circle K
District Convention

Date: March 16th - March 18th, 2018
Where: Desmond Hotel, Albany NY
Registration: Deadline is February 28th, 2018
Journal: Deadline for journal ads is March 5th, 2018
Full-Page: \$100; Half-Page: \$60
Make check payable to New York District Circle K International
Send ad to Alison.mandel@gmail.com

Registration and other information can be found on their website:
<http://nycirclek.org/events/dcon/>

NYD Key Club
Leadership Training Conference

Date: March 23rd - March 25th, 2018
Where: Desmond Hotel, Albany NY
Registration: Priority/guarantee deadline is February 19th. The deadline for online registration is March 7th and the payment deadline is March 14th.
Journal: Deadline for journal ads is February 12, 2018
Full-page: \$100; Half-page: \$60; Quarter-Page: \$40; one-line: \$10
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<http://ltc.nydkc.org/>

Also note to sponsoring clubs, Key Club attendees must be accompanied by a chaperone. Those arrangements must be made in advance and chaperones must register as well.

Queens West Kiwanis Foundation

On Sunday, March 4th, the New York District Foundation and Kamp Kiwanis will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our Kamp. The event will be held at the Crest Hollow Country Club, 8325 Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury, N.Y. Cocktail Hour begins at 1 PM with dinner to follow. Ticket costs are \$75-Per person.

The Queens West Kiwanis Foundation has sponsored a gold page on behalf of all the clubs in the Queens West Kiwanis Division. Our Division has fully supported Kamp Kiwanis over the years. Our clubs have sponsored the most children to attend a week at the Kamp. In past years our Foundation has dedicated bridges, purchased kitchen appliances and most recently paid for the construction of a library/computer center.

Our Foundation President and Lieutenant Governor encourage each of our clubs to purchase at least two tickets to this event. It would be most fixing to have representation from each of our sixteen Kiwanis Clubs in the Queens West Kiwanis Division. For additional information and/or ticket purchase please contact either Foundation President Joseph Aiello or our Lieutenant Governor Carol Masiello.

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Thursday, February 15th,
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2. If you would like to lead us in Sing-a-Long Karaoke please let me know so we can arrange a tune.

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All seats must be reserved! Please call!

Thank you, Tommy.
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**The Key Club Kids at
the January meeting of Division 8A**



Lieutenant Governor Carol Masiello presenting a check from the U.S. Columbarium to Key Club LTG Shu Gao. This kicked off the fundraising for the Queens Key Club LTGs' trip to the International Key Club Convention, to be held in Chicago this July

My Dream to Become a Fried Chicken

One night, my mother returned from work holding a plastic white bag decorated with a bold orange logo: POPEYES. As soon as she opened the bag, the smell filled the grim apartment with a joyful scent. Inside the grease-filled cardboard box were three pieces of juicy chicken tenders and a load of Cajun-spiced fries. For my mom, it was a lazy night of not having to prepare dinner, but for me, it was the night that I found my goal in life. I want to be that fried chicken. I want to bring the feeling of joy to other people like the way Popeyes did for me.



My journey to becoming a fried chicken took off in high school. Upon entering a new school, I realized that I was nothing more than a flavorless lump of uncooked meat in a school filled with four thousand students. In the crowded hallways, everyone had their Cajun fries who they were happy to see every day. I had no one. As I dread my days through tests and projects, I encountered a human-sized poster in the hallway. "Need community service hours? JOIN KEY CLUB!" Without a second thought, I handed in my application in hopes of completing my service requirements and graduate.

Anxious and intimidated, I was afraid that my awkwardness would detach me from the other members during the first club meeting. To my surprise, I was greeted by warm smiles and kind individuals who accepted me as one of them. When I volunteered at my first club event, The Color Run, these individuals quickly became my Cajun fries. From cheering on exhausted runners to flapping like a wild chicken on the dance floor, I made friends who intensified the colors at the run. Back in school, I finally had friends to smile for in the hallways. Fast forward into junior year, I decided to prep myself for the next step of cooking. With more than fifty service hours dedicated to civic activities ranging from tutoring kindergartners to beautifying city parks, I was able to season myself as an active member of Key Club. From the gawky teenager who was afraid to make eye contact to the friendly volunteer who can initiate a conversation, I was determined to become the club vice president. When it was my turn to give the speech, my head was suddenly flooded with flashbacks of the times that I stumbled over words during class presentations. Unwilling to sacrifice this opportunity, I turned nervousness into excitement. Before I realized, I was comfortable standing in front of thirty people delivering a five-minute speech. The election results did not disappoint.

However, taking on the duty of a leader was a stressful transition because everything was new to me. At times, I even thought of quitting, but I'm glad I didn't. By learning from other club officers and attending various training conferences, I-the frustrated vice president-was now able to raise over three hundred dollars from a movie night. Still, my term as a club officer only battered me up for the next step. Ultimately, stepping into the position of Key Club Lieutenant Governor was the oil that fried me up. The vice president who had trouble leading a single club of two hundred members is now holding the responsibility for eleven clubs across the western division of Queens. When I signed the contract to officialize this duty, I was ready to become crispy.

Vasilopita: A Traditional Celebration



On January 20th, Queens Boulevard Club was joined by eight other Queens West Division Clubs and Lt. Governor Carol Masiello and all gathered at Flagship Diner. Our purpose was to celebrate the popular Greek custom, Vasilopita.

We were led by Father Nick, Queens Blvd. President Lotte Reinprecht, Vice President Jimmy Skartsiaris, in the traditions of Vasilopita, focusing on giving to those in need at the beginning of the New Year. We

observed the ritual of cutting the beautifully decorated bread, searching for the gold coin within.

A sumptuous breakfast was served and all the while we enjoyed warm Kiwanis camaraderie. Special guests attending were State Senator Leroy Comrie and fellow Kiwanian State Assemblyman Mike Miller.

Vasilopita is an annual winter Queens Blvd. tradition and this was a most memorable and successful occasion.

-Sylvia Sherman



2017 Ronald McDonald House visit

Queens West attended our annual visit to Ronald McDonald House in New Hyde Park where we served dinner to the families and supplied toys and entertainment along with a visit from Santa. Always a great time and a meaningful visit for all involved.



East River Kiwanis Valentine's Day Bowling Event

Friday, February 2nd, 2018 the East River Kiwanis Club held their Valentine's Day Bowling Event at Astoria Bowl, located at 19-45 49th Street in Astoria. The event was a success and the proceeds will be going to Kamp Kiwanis.

The club had over 50 bowlers and 11 lane sponsors. Club members brought out family and friends to support as well as co-workers. Members of the Academy of American Studies Key Club were also there to support their sponsoring Kiwanis Club with over fifteen Key Clubbers. Fellow Queens West Kiwanis Clubs were also there to support. A special thanks to Astoria-LIC, Glendale, Woodside, and Sunnyside for your support.

Also, another special thanks to the Throggs Neck Kiwanis Club from the Bronx-Westchester South Division for participating in our event.

If your club hasn't tried a bowling night, our club highly recommends having one. They're great fun!



Glendale Kiwanis donates brand-new refrigerator and bundles of food to local pantry

There will be plenty of room to store more food at a pantry in Glendale thanks to a generous donation from members of the local community. The pantry inside the office of the Sacred Heart parish ministries on 84th Street recently received a brand-new refrigerator courtesy of the Kiwanis Club of Glendale, as well as several steel shelves from tool supplier Grainger Inc. Coupled with Kiwanis president Kerrie Hansen's focus on food pantries during her term, there should be no shortage of food in 2018 for families in need. "This is the first year that in mid-January I'm not concerned," said Nancy Baer, a pastoral associate for the parish who runs the pantry. "There's a lot of community support, and the church is really helping, so we're in very good shape."



Every year, the Glendale Kiwanis elects a new president who is tasked with choosing a specific emphasis for the club's charitable work. Hansen said that she had already been donating to food pantries in the area and it felt right to have the club do even more for them. Since Hansen took office in October 2017, the Kiwanians have held a food drive at the Stop N Shop on Myrtle Avenue on the first Saturday of every month and donated the collection to a variety of local pantries and organizations.

When the Glendale Kiwanis gave a donation of turkeys to the pantry at Sacred Heart before Thanksgiving last year, that's when Hansen realized the club could do something extra for the parish, she said. Hansen remembers trying to stuff all the turkeys into the pantry's only freezer and not having enough shelving space for the excess of donations that come during the holidays. They provided Thanksgiving meals to 120 families, Hansen said.

The Kiwanians were able to raise enough money to buy the parish a new refrigerator/freezer, and Hansen reached out to her friend Mike Williamson for advice on what shelving units to order. Williamson, a branch network manager for Grainger, took it a step further. "I didn't realize that he was willing to reach out to his company and ask if they would donate," Hansen said. "That was just a bonus. That was significant funding."

Complete with big red bows that Hansen made herself, the Glendale Kiwanis gifted the shelves and refrigerator to Baer along with the collection from their January food drive. Baer said that the Kiwanis "have really made this their project," but also acknowledged the importance of donations from the church, the Knights of Columbus, UNICO, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Senator Joe Addabbo and Assemblyman Mike Miller. "I've had other jobs where you don't always see a result right away, and that's not this," Baer said. "I can see it right away that we've made a difference and it's needed, so it's good that we have the support."

When asked about what is most rewarding about giving to families in need, Hansen brought back fond memories from the holiday season. "Handing those turkeys out and everybody being so full of smiles, that's what makes it worthwhile," Hansen said. "They don't feel that we're thinking anything less of them, they're just thinking we're helping them, and that's what you want. You want them to be feeling like there are people that have their back."

The food pantry at the Sacred Heart office of parish ministries is open Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and serves anyone who lives in Glendale and has food stamps or can prove they have applied for food stamps.

Our Monthly Food Drive - "Neither snow nor rain nor freezing temperatures can stop Glendale Kiwanis along with members of our Grover Cleveland Key Club from doing good where needed!"

