

Minutes of the Fourth Division Council Meeting
of the Van Rensselaer Division
for the 2011-2012 Kiwanis Administrative Year
hosted by the Kiwanis Club of East Greenbush
at the Holiday Inn Express, 8 Empire Drive, East Greenbush, NY
on March 27, 2012 at 6:30 PM

Meeting called to order by Lieutenant Governor Bob Loveridge at 6:56 PM

In his welcoming remarks he thanked everyone for the large turnout for this meeting.

He then called on Secretary Booker to conduct a Roll Call of those in attendance:

Clubs:

Castleton: 11 attending including President Ed Brewer & IPP Harleen Hilton;
East Greenbush: 14 in attendance including President Lynne Catelotti & Secretary Mike Cronin;
Hoosick Falls: two present including President Jim Miner & Secretary Gale Leva;
North Greenbush: seven members present including President Brad Clowe, Secretary Noreen Barrett & IPP
Jude Ethier;
Rensselaer: eight members including Co-secretary Don Bink, Co-secretary Jenn Lyon & IPP Wayne Simons;
Sand Lake: 11 including President Pat Lane, Secretary Dave Booker & IPP Skip Patton;
Troy: seven members in attendance including Secretary Cary Lombaro & IPP Jim Prout.

Division Officers present:

Lieutenant Governor Bob Loveridge
IPLG Wendy Prout
Treasurer Bob Pasquarelli
Secretary Dave Booker

Division Committee Chairs:

Governor's Project/ First Lady's Project/Distinguished Club and Kiwanians: Claire Dalton
Membership Growth: Joe Behson
NYD Foundation/Kamp Kiwanis[®]/Young Children Priority #1: Bob Loveridge
Nominations & Succession: Jim Prout, Wendy Prout & Gale Leva
Kiwanis International Foundation/Project Eliminate: Lynne Catelotti
Social Events: Noreen Barrett
Webmaster/PR: Ken Ormiston
Service Leadership Programs: Dale Hall

SLP Guests:

CKI Capital Division Lieutenant Governor: Claire Farnung
Lieutenant Governor-designate Shane Stuart
Key Club Division 18 Lieutenant Governor: Sarah Brady
Key Club District Treasurer: Emily Gicewicz
Columbia HS Key Club President Jillian Dolder
President-designate Jerry Ciom

Other guests: Irene Samuels and David Gonsalves (East Greenbush)

Secretary Booker announced that the required quorum was present – and that the required quorum for the Annual Meeting and Elections was also present.

Approval of the minutes of the February 15, 2012 Division Council Meeting: Lt. Governor Bob requested and received a motion to approve the minutes of the Third Meeting of the Van Rensselaer Division Council (February 15, 2012) as published; the motion received a second and was carried on a voice vote.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Bob Pasquarelli presented the report, copy attached, with the summation that the Division is in "good condition right now." Lt. Governor Bob requested and received a motion to accept for filing the Treasurer's Report; the motion received a second and was then pass on a voice vote.

Presentations: Lt. Governor Bob called on IPLG Wendy Prout to make some presentations, introducing her as "a very special person – the Immediate Past *Distinguished* Lt. Governor." IPDLG Wendy noted that two of the Division's Clubs were recognized at the recently held Mid Year Conference as having been designated as "Distinguished Clubs" by Kiwanis International. Having congratulated the membership of the Sand Lake and Troy Clubs for their service last year which resulted in this honor; she then congratulated and presented the Distinguished Past President and Distinguished Past Club Secretary pins to IPP Skip Patton and Secretary Dave Booker (Sand Lake) as well as IPP Jim Prout and Secretary Cary Lombaro (Troy). Also recognized at the Conference were the recipients of the NY District's Achievement Awards for the 2010-11 year. Recognized for the "Best Service Project in the area of Youth Service for the Emerald Group" for their participation in the *Minor League Baseball Youth Leadership Academy* (sponsoring community youth in this program) was the Troy Club. IPDLG Wendy called on IPDP Jim and Chairman Michelle Skinner to explain the program and accept the certificate. Also recognized for the "Best Service Project in the area of Business and Public Affairs among the clubs in the Ruby Group" was the Sand Lake Club for participation in the *Stars for Troops* project (in which individual stars from the field of a retired flag are cut out and packaged with a short poem and sent to active duty troops stationed around the world). IPDP Skip and Chair John Brownrigg accepted the certificate and explained the project. IPDLG Wendy then noted that the awards were made based, not only on the merits service projects themselves, but also on the information contained in the Monthly Club Reports submitted by the club secretaries. She thanked the two secretaries (Cary Lombaro – Troy and Dave Booker – Sand Lake) for their diligent work throughout the year and encouraged the other secretaries to pay close attention to the reports in the future.

Break for meal: After the presentations Lt. Governor Bob suggested that, as the meal was ready to be served, the meeting be recessed for the meal.

When he restarted the meeting LG Bob thanked the members of the East Greenbush Club, who had prepared the meal, and commented positively on the selection of a "New Orleans themed meal." He then used this to move directly into discussion of the June Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans, LA and the August NY District Convention in Niagara Falls, NY. He encouraged Clubs to send delegates to both important events.

Club Reports: LG Bob then moved to the Club Reports, calling on East Greenbush to report.

President Lynne Catelotti first requested that Irene Samuels join her at the podium and proceeded to present Irene with the *Everyday Hero Award* from the East Greenbush Club. Irene was being recognized for her volunteer work preparing tax returns for low income people in the area. Joining Irene was her husband David Gonsalves.

East Greenbush: planning an Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Clean Up of the East Greenbush *Miracle League Field*.

Castleton: KI has approved the change in the club's name to the "Kiwanis Club of Castleton-Schodack." Built and, with the "assistance" of the students assembled a "Lost & Found Table" at the local elementary school.

North Greenbush: Planning a "New Member" night in May and delivered takeout meals to seniors during the recent "Corned Beef Dinner."

Rensselaer: Planning for the "Music in the Park" concerts, two chicken BBQs and a raffle for a trip to NYC for a baseball game.

Troy: Planning a Kiwanis One Day event with the CKI – a cleanup of Frear Park.

Sand Lake: Sponsorship of a Builders Club at Algonquin Middle School is ready for chartering.

Hoosick Falls: planning a bowling event and a park cleanup with the K-Kids.

Committee Chair Reports:

Ken Ormiston (PR and Webmaster): Ken reported that the Rensselaer Club now has a web site and renewed his request for Club Events that he could include on a Division Calendar. LG Bob noted that listing such events might result in greater interclub support of each other's activities.

Claire Dalton (Governor's Project/First Lady's Project/Distinguished Criteria): Claire noted that there was information about the Governor's and First Lady's Projects on the tables. She also asked those clubs that had already completed a project to review them for the other clubs. Sand Lake reported on programs at their meetings by a local volunteer fire department on household fire safety and a presentation by a doctor about childhood asthma. Hoosick Falls reported that they passed out informational handouts and coloring books at a car wash/cake sale fund raiser. East Greenbush reported on how they obtained handouts from the EPA that they shared with the public at East Greenbush's Winterfest.

Dale Hall (Service Leadership Programs):

CKI LG Claire introduced LG-Designate Shane Stuart from SUNY Albany. LGD Shane reported on the recent District Convention and the planned activities for Kiwanis One Day and the RPI "Ironman Cooking" Competition/Fund Raiser.

NY District of Key Club Treasurer Emily thanked the Division for the support that she had received during her years as LG and District Treasurer.

LG Sarah noted that she had written a "really great speech" thanking the members of the VR Division for their support of Key Club; specifically the help in chartering the new Key Club at the Tech Valley High School but she left it at home! She noted that the Lt. Governor for Division 18 had not been chosen yet – but that the VR Division should learn about the new LG soon. She also noted that she intends to join CKI when she attends college.

IPP Jillian thanked the East Greenbush Kiwanis Club for their support of the Columbia HS Key Club and the support of the Sand Lake Club before the East Greenbush Club assumed sponsorship of the Key Club. She introduced President Designate Jerry.

Division Chair Dale remarked that the VR Division has always been among the best supporters of their sponsored clubs. He also reviewed the KI policy toward the non-serving or consumption of alcohol at all events intended primarily for members of the SLPs. He also suggested that any member who would like to attend the upcoming Key Club Leadership Training Conference should make the effort to attend as it will be held at the Holiday Inn in Albany.

Lynne Catelotti (the Eliminate Project): Lynn reported on her three recent "road trips" to the Castleton Club, the Gloversville Key Club and the Troy Club and their sponsored Key Club to discuss the Eliminate Project. She offered to come to any club and discuss the project. She suggested that each club should plan one new project on behalf of Project Eliminate – the KI effort is scheduled for four years and not just this year. Lynn noted that the Castleton Club was donating \$200 to the project. LG Bob gave Lynn a \$1.80 donation – pointing out that this is all it takes to protect one woman of childbearing years and her unborn children from tetanus.

Bob Loveridge (Kamp Kiwanis[®]/NYDF): LG Bob noted that Saturday May 5th is the Annual Open House at the Kamp and urged anyone who has not yet seen the Kamp to make the trip to Taberg also they should consider sending a Kamper this summer.

Joe Behson (Membership Growth): The good news is that if the clubs fulfill their pledges for new members the Division will increase in size by some 34 members – that's more than two new clubs! The current Kiwanis year is now approximately one third done and clubs that have not added any new members are urged to hold a prospective member night. Joe also discussed the New York District Round Robin Banner Patch and interclubbing urging all the clubs to have as many interclubs with the other clubs of the Division as possible.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Annual Election: LG Bob called IPDLG Wendy to the podium to conduct the Election.

After reviewing the long standing VR Division rules for the election, IPDLG Wendy opened the floor for nominations for the office of Lieutenant Governor. The Castleton-Schodack Club nominated IPP Harleen Hilton. This nomination was supported with a second. As there were no more

nominations, IPDLG Wendy requested and received a motion to close nominations. This motion was supported and nominations were closed by a voice vote. A motion to direct the Secretary to cast one ballot for Harleen Hilton was duly made, supported and carried on a voice vote. IPDLG Wendy declared IPP Harleen Hilton of the Castleton-Schodack Club as having been elected Lieutenant Governor for the Van Rensselaer Division for the 2012-2013 Kiwanis Administrative Year.

The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Lt. Governor Elect. As there were no nominations forth coming the nominations were closed with the observation that nominations would be reopened at a future date when a suitable candidate is identified.

The floor was then opened for nomination for the office of Division Treasurer. The Sand Lake Club nominated PDLG Robert S. Pasquarelli. This nomination received a second and as there were no additional nominations, IPDLG Wendy requested and received a motion to close nominations. This motion was supported and nominations were closed by a voice vote. A motion to direct the Secretary to cast one ballot for Robert Pasquarelli was duly made, supported and carried on a voice vote. IPDLG Wendy declared PDLG Robert S. Pasquarelli of the Sand Lake Club as having been elected Division Treasurer for the Van Rensselaer Division for the 2012-2013 Kiwanis Administrative Year.

The floor was then opened for nomination for the office of Division Secretary. The Sand Lake Club nominated PG David E. Booker. This nomination received a second and as there were no additional nominations, IPDLG Wendy requested and received a motion to close nominations. This motion was supported and nominations were closed by a voice vote. A motion to direct the Secretary to cast one ballot for David Booker was duly made, supported and carried on a voice vote. IPDLG Wendy declared PG David E. Booker of the Sand Lake Club as having been elected Division Secretary for the Van Rensselaer Division for the 2012-2013 Kiwanis Administrative Year.

The elections having been completed IPDLG Wendy returned the meeting to LG Bob.

Kiwanis One Day (4/21/12): Lt. Governor Bob discussed this annual day of K-family service and the CKI plans to cleanup Frear Park with the Kiwanis Club of Troy. Any clubs with no plans of their own were urged to join in the clean up.

June Division Council Meeting: the Troy Club announced that the date for the Division Council Meeting that they are scheduled to host in June has been rescheduled to Tuesday June 5 at 7PM and will be a desert and coffee menu. Further details will be announced at the next Division Council Meeting.

Golf Tournament: plans are progressing for the Golf Tournament and all clubs are encouraged to get the word out about this event. Hole sponsors and foursomes are needed!

Adjournment: as there was no other business to consider and without objection LG Bob adjourned the meeting at 9:02PM

The next Division Council (the Fifth of the year) will be hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Hoosick Falls on May 15th at the Hoosick Falls Country Club, Richmond Drive, Hoosick Falls. Details to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Booker,
Van Rensselaer Division Secretary