



Van Rensselaer Division New York District Kiwanis International

Minutes of the January 15, 2015 Division Council Hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Rensselaer At the Rensselaer Area Senior Service Center East and Herrick Streets, Rensselaer, NY 12144

Call to order: Lieutenant Governor Jim Prout called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

Lieutenant Governor's Opening Remarks: Lt. Governor Jim thanked all for coming to the meeting and reviewed the contents of the packets prepared for the meeting.

Roll Call: Lt. Governor Jim asked Secretary David Booker to call the roll.

Clubs present:

Castleton-Schodack: Five members present including President Ted Kupla and Secretary Marty Ray;

East Greenbush: Five members present including President Lisa Compe-Reis and Secretary Noreen Barrett;

Hoosick Falls: No members present;

North Greenbush: Four members present including Secretary Noreen Barrett;

Rensselaer: Nine members present including Internal President Mollie Schook; External President Don Bink and Secretary Pamela "Patti" Sanders;

Sand Lake: Seven members present including President Linda Ellis and Secretary David Booker; and

Troy: Five members present including President Tenika Wilcox.

Division Officers present:

Lieutenant Governor James Prout;

Lieutenant Governor Elect Patricia A. Lane;

Immediate Past Lieutenant Governor Harleen Hilton;

Division Treasurer Robert S. Pasquarelli;

Division Secretary David E. Booker.

Division Committee Chairs present:

Eliminate Project: Lynne Catelotti;

The Formula Club Councilors: Olivia Prout and Noreen Barrett;

Service Leadership Programs and Facebook: Olivia Prout.

Service Leadership District Officers present:

NY District Key Club Governor Jacob Spencer.

Previous Meeting's Minutes: The minutes of the December 2, 2014 meeting of the Division Council had been emailed to the presidents and secretaries of the clubs and the division officers; published on the division's web site and included in the packets prepared for the meeting. A member of the Rensselaer club made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, this was supported by a member of the Sand Lake club; the motion was declared as "passed" on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Robert Pasquarelli noted that there had been an error in the last report – the spreadsheet he had used was adding rather than subtracting the negative amounts in some fields. Treasurer Bob noted that, unlike in the past, the division has sizable balances in both the administrative and the service funds. A motion to accept the report for filing was made by a member of the North Greenbush club, a member of the Sand Lake club supported the motion. Lt. Governor Jim declared the motion “passed” on a voice vote.

Report of Key Club Governor: Key Club Governor Jacob Spencer called attention to the fact that the Averill Park, Maple Hill, Troy and Columbia Key Clubs had not paid the club dues for the 2014-2015 year. He announced that the district membership had passed the 10,000 member mark last week! He asked the clubs to consider financially assisting members of their sponsored Key Clubs so that they might attend the March 20-25 District Leadership Training Conference. The costs for the conference are \$280 for Key Club members and \$300 for advisors/chaperones. There will be over 40 workshops/forums offered and the keynote speaker will be from the Thirst Project – which works for clean water in third world countries.

Report of Key Club Lt. Governor: Lt. Governor LeeAnn Owens was unable to attend the meeting because of a rescheduled basketball game; she filed a division update which was included in the packets prepared for the meeting and a report for the division council meeting (this was received too late for this meeting and is attached to these minutes.

Club Announcements:

Castleton-Schodack: the club will be holding a Chicken BBQ on Sunday, January 25 from 12 p.m.to 5p.m. at the Castleton Fire House.

East Greenbush: the 2015 Comedy Night will be held on Saturday, February 28 at the Comfort Inn, 99 Miller Road, Schodack at 6:30p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door.

North Greenbush: the club will hold a Bowl-a-thon on Sunday, February 22 at the Hi-Way Bowling, 115 Main Avenue, Wynantskill starting at 9p.m. the cost will be \$20.

Sand Lake: the paperwork for two new K Kids Clubs has been submitted to Kiwanis International. These will make a sponsored club in each of the three elementary schools, the middle school and the high school.




Introduction to *The Formula*: Lt. Governor Jim introduced the *Tag Team* of Olivia Prout and Jim Prout to make the first presentation on Kiwanis International's *The Formula*.

Basically it is intended to produce *Club Excellence* and ultimately to raise membership. Lt. Governor Jim and PLG Robert Loveridge have been trained as Club Openers and Troy President Elect Olivia and PDLG Noreen Barrett have been identified and/or trained as Club Councilors for existing and new clubs. Kiwanis is serious about this effort and trained them either in Pittsburg or St. Louis. There are to be Club Openers and Councilors in each division in every North American district. Kiwanis International is providing training and materials for the multi-year project.

The Club Openers are, as the name implies, to coordinate the formation of new clubs - work has begun on restarting a club in the city of Hudson.

The Club Councilors are available to any club and will assist in applying The Formula at the club level to increase the strength of the club and recruit new members.

The three aspects of the Formula are:

- 1)  LOVE IT.
- 2)  SHARE IT.
- 3)  LIVE IT. (The *It* is Kiwanis or our Kiwanis membership.)

Lt. Governor Jim explained what he loves about Kiwanis. One reason is that he can meet persons that he might never have met otherwise. As an example he noted that as a Lt. Governor he meets and works with many from around the state. After a district board meeting an individual he had just met sent him a photocopy of a document, a Kiwanis certificate that had been presented to this individual's grandfather by Jim's father in 1968. Jim also noted that while he was growing up many of his parents friends were members of his father's Kiwanis club. They not only served as Kiwanians but also would met socially. Jim noted that

today some of his best friends are Kiwanians and that his wife, daughters and even his sister, the secretary of an Italian Kiwanis club, are members.

Jim and Olivia suggested that when asked to describe our Kiwanis clubs we look behind the service projects and use the underlying values to explain what Kiwanis is.

Jim called attention to the materials available from Kiwanis International and urged the clubs to order more of whatever they might like to use.

The educational portion of the February meeting will be presented by Bob Loveridge and will describe *Share It*.

Lt. Governor Jim called attention to a email from NY District Formula Chair Joe Aiello (included in the packets) congratulating the division on its 22 new members (net growth of 22 members) noting that IPG Joe suggested a target of 50 new members this year for the division.

New Business:

Reimbursement for first timers: At the last meeting Lt. Governor Jim asked that the clubs consider, as an incentive for first timers, reimbursement by the division for the registration fee for Mid-Year Conference. A member of the North Greenbush club made a motion to reimburse clubs for the registration fee (\$40.00) for up to two attendees who are *first timers* at the 2015 Mid-Year Conference. A member of the Rensselaer club supported this motion and Lt. Governor Jim declared that the motion “passed” on a voice vote.

Van Rensselaer Kiwanis Day at the Albany Devils: Immediate Past President Stephen Vadney explained the arrangements he had made with the Albany Devils hockey team for discounted tickets (\$13) for the game on Saturday, January 24 at 2p.m. He urged anyone interested in attending this division social event to make reservations as soon as possible.

Reimbursement to clubs supporting Key Club members attending the Leadership Training

Conference: Treasurer Bob remarking that all here already *love it* (Kiwanis) and that the division is in a position to do the same for Key Clubbers as it had just done for first-timer Kiwanians. He explained that a long time tradition was for an attendee’s Key Club to pay 1/3 of the registration fee for the Leadership Training Conference, the sponsoring Kiwanis Club to pay 1/3 and the Key Club member themselves to pay 1/3. He then made a motion to provide that the division reimburse the clubs that support their sponsored Key Club(s) in this manner for 1/3 of the registration fees for up to three Key Club members attending the 2015 LTC (\$93.34 each or \$280 total for three attendees.) This motion was supported by a member of the East Greenbush club and carried on a voice vote.

Lt. Governor’s closing remarks: Lt. Governor Jim thanked everyone for coming. He thanked Rensselaer member Jim Casey and the staff from *Casey’s Restaurant* for the excellent meal. A round of applause added the attendees’ support.

Lt. Governor Jim announced that the next Division Council meeting is scheduled to be hosted by the Castleton-Schodack Club on Wednesday, February 11 at Scarnato’s Restorante, 133 Scott Avenue, Castleton-on-Hudson. More information will be forwarded to the clubs. He also announced that the Van Rensselaer Division elections will be held at the division council meeting to be held on April 1 and hosted by the North Greenbush club. A Lt. Governor for 2015-16 (presumably Lt. Governor Elect Patricia A. Lane), a Lt. Governor Elect, a Division Treasure and a Division Secretary are to be elected. Any past president in the division is eligible to be elected as Lt. Governor Elect and Lt. Governor Jim urged all past presidents to consider serving as Lt. Governor Elect.

Adjournment: Lt. Governor Jim adjourned the meeting at 7:37p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Booker, Division Secretary



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VAN RENSSELAER DIVISION OF KIWANIS

Treasurer's Report for the period ending 1/14/2015

	admin	service	
Balance as of 5/18/2014	\$4,681.39	\$1,461.00	\$6,142.39
income	480.00		
	1,963.29	2,000.00	
expenses		-50.00	
Balance as of 1/14/2015	\$7,124.68	\$3,411.00	\$10,535.68

Income	Budget	Actual
Dues	780.00	480.00
Golf Tournament	4000.00	
Expenses		
Admin Acct		
PLG Plaque	110.00	
Lt Gov Expense	2000.00	
Div Secretary Expense	100.00	
Club Building	500.00	
Web Expenses	180.00	
Division Ad	50.00	
mid year & conv basket	300.00	
Service Acct		
Sponsored Youth	250.00	
Key Club - Convention	1450.00	
Circle K Convention	200.00	
K Family Picnic	50.00	
Eliminate	1000.00	
Total Expenses	\$6,190.00	\$0.00

Respectfully submitted
Robert S. Pasquarelli
Treasurer

Report of Key Club Lt. Governor LeeAnn Owens

"Hello Kiwanians! I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday season! I'm sorry I cannot be here tonight, my basketball game from last week was cancelled and rescheduled for tonight. Division 18 has been very productive in the last couple of months. Most clubs did one or two service projects during the holiday season. A few clubs sold Bells of Life with their sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs. Stillwater, our newest club is adjusting! They did three service projects during the month of December alone. If any clubs would like to know what specifically their sponsored Key Clubs are doing please email me! We will be electing a new Lieutenant Governor at the January Divisional on Wednesday, January 28th at the East Greenbush Community Library from 6:00-7:30. All are welcome to attend! We're going to be making T-Shirt dog toys and collecting hotel/travel toiletries for a shelter in Long Island. In the last few months of our service year Division 18 clubs will be fundraising for and attending our District Conference, selling water bottles for the Governor's Project (Water: The Key to Life) to buy water filtration systems for a town in Haiti that was severely damaged by the 2010 earthquake. We'll be having a fashion show in late April to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. At our February Divisional we will have a guest speaker from the Thirst Project there to present. This will be the last week in February, once again all are welcome to attend. This would be a great opportunity to learn about how your clubs can alleviate the suffering of people in developing nations. I will send out a date for that meeting ASAP! Please email me if you have any questions about any of this! Thank you for your time, and sorry again that I can't be there tonight."

Thank you!

Yours in service,



LeeAnn Owens

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