

*Van Rensselaer Division Fourth Division Council Meeting
April 16, 2008 at 6:30 pm
Hosted by the Kiwanis Club of North Greenbush, NY at Paolo Lombardi's Restaurant*

Welcome: Following a very short meeting of the North Greenbush Club, Lt. Governor Gale Leva called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm; welcomed all and thanked them for attending.

Roll Call:

Clubs present Cambridge Valley – 0; Castleton-on-Hudson – 2 (including president); Hoosick Falls – 4 (including secretary); North Greenbush – 11 (including President & Secretary); Rensselaer – 3 (including president); Sand Lake – 7 (including secretary) and Troy – 1 (secretary).

Division Officers present: Lt. Governor Leva, Lt. Governor-Elect Rogers and Secretary Booker.

Guests: Circle K Governor Amanda Brennan, Circle K Lt. Governor Nicole Kennedy, Circle K District Editor Chelsea Saccu, Russell Sage Circle K President Katrina Sierson, RPI Circle K President Jacquie Fable and Vice President Mengdi Lu, HVCC Circle K President Michael Besare and Circle K Faculty Advisor Jessica Litwin. Chelsea Saccu and Key Club Lt. Governor Elizabeth Derderian.

Acceptance of the minutes:

At the request of the Lt. Governor and with out objection the minutes of the Third Division Council Meeting (March 6, 2008) were accepted as presented.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report:

At the request of the Lt. Governor and with out objection the Treasurer's Report was accepted for filing for filing (copy of report attached).

Reports of the Division Committees:

Sponsored Youth Committee reports:

Circle K Governor introduced Lt. Governor Nicole Kennedy who remarked that she was looking forward to working with the Van Rensselaer Division in the coming year.

Key Club Lt. Governor Liz thanked the VR Division for all the help she received last year as Lt. Governor and remarked that she was looking forward to her second year as a Lt. Governor. She reviewed plans to hold a fund raiser in May for the Pediatric Lyme Disease project of the NY District. She also requested financial help from the Division's Clubs which would allow her to attend the Key Club International Convention in Denver this year. She alerted the club that she intended to hold a Divisional Meeting on May 1 or 2 at Tamarac High School and invited any interested Kiwanians to attend.

NY District Key Club Committee member Dale Hall asked that the Division's clubs encourage their sponsored clubs turn in in a timely manner not only the monthly reports but also the 2008-09 Election Report. He passed out a packet which included information on the sponsoring club's responsibilities to their sponsored clubs.

First Lady's Project – Chair Barrett announced that she had the kits available from the NYD that can be used to package age appropriate books for distribution to youngsters.

Relay for Life – DPLG Bob Pasquarelli reviewed the plans of the American Cancer Society to hold the 2008 Relay for Life at the Joe (Joseph Bruno Stadium at HVCC) on June 13 (Friday) and 14 (Saturday). He invited all the clubs and sponsored organizations to be involved in this major fund raising effort and he offered raffle tickets (in support of the Relay) for sale.

Orlando International Convention – Lt. Governor Gale suggested that all clubs be represented at the up coming International Convention in Orlando, June 26 – 29. She also requested that she be kept informed as to who was going to the convention and if there were any PLG who would be going and might be able to represent another club with no one going.

Turning Stone District Convention – Lt. Governor and Secretary Booker reviewed the arrangements (as known at the time) for the NY District Convention to be held at Turning Stone Casino August 3 through 10. The Division will have a hospitality room and there will be a candidate's table both of which will need volunteers. Lt. Governor Gale encouraged all the clubs to have three delegates to the House of Delegates on Saturday even if they can not participate in the entire convention.

PR Committee – PR Chair Rogers reviewed the schedule for the publishing of the Kiwanis Korner and thanked those clubs that had already had an article in the papers. He also presented the District's PR Banner Patch of 2007-08 to the four clubs which had earned it (Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer, Sand Lake & Troy).

Remarks of the Lt. Governor Designate – Jim Rogers requested that he be informed of the results of the club elections as soon as possible and informed the clubs that the Club Leadership Education had been initially scheduled for July 26 (Saturday) at the Lakeview and encouraged all interested parties as well as the presidents and secretaries designate to attend.

Club Reports:

Castleton – total membership 49 - one new member.

Recruitment tool: Holding several scheduled meetings to formally discuss possible new members.

Additionally prospective members are invited to participate in service projects.

Upcoming events: on May 21 the club will honor the "outstanding senior" at the high school; the annual Memorial Day pancake breakfast and cooking at the July "concerts in the park" sponsored by the Town of Schodack.

Hoosick Falls – membership 38 – two prospective members.

Recruitment tool - changing to evening meetings; celebrating the members' birthdays on a monthly basis and starting to have "Happy Dollars".

Upcoming Projects: June 6 golf tournament at the HFCC; June 10 Chicken Bar-B-Que and May 13 Student Recognition.

North Greenbush – one new member and loss of one member = membership 27.

Recruitment tool – sponsoring the HVCC Circle K and hold joint projects with the Circle K will hopefully result in Kiwanis memberships after they graduate.

Upcoming events: Adopt a Highway and April 25 Circle K Service Project at HVCC.

Rensselaer – no new members/ total membership 23.

Recruitment tool – PR and sponsorship of an “Elvis Night” to get the name of the club out in front of the community. There will be a short presentation on the history of the Rensselaer Club at the performance.

Upcoming events: the “Elvis Night”, concerts in the park and camperships to the Boys and Girls Club Summer Camp.

Sand Lake – zero new members/ total membership 59.

Recruitment tool – the second meeting of the week is “Invite a Community Guest Night”.

Upcoming events: Summerfest 2008.

Troy – no new members/ total membership 45.

Recruitment tool - We ask all program presenters to join.

Upcoming events: Joint project with Tamarac Key Club volunteering at the Salvation Army.

Old Business – all old business was tabled until the next meeting.

Next Division Council Meeting scheduled for May 7 at the meeting of the Castleton Kiwanis Club.

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Booker,
Division Secretary.

Treasurers Report for the Van Rensselaer
16-Apr-08

Beginning balance as of October 2007 Feb. 26th 2008 \$2,969.92 \$2,969.92

Expenses

	Budget	Actual	This period
Lt. Governor	\$600		
Divisional Secretary	\$60		
Club Building/TAG	\$200		
Website Contract	\$135	\$134.35	
PLG Plague	\$105		
Sponsored Youth D. Council	\$300	\$120	
Circle K Convention			\$210
Total Expenses			\$210.00

Revenue

240 members @ \$4 each	\$972	\$848	
Tuscany Trip	\$500	\$500	
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	
Club donations for Circle K			\$95.00
Total Revenue			\$2,854.92

Actual balance as of January 15,2008 f April 11, 2008 \$2,854.92