

Fourth Division Council Meeting for the 2010-11 Kiwanis Administrative Year
Hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Hoosick Falls
Hoosick Falls Country Club, Richmond Avenue, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090
May 17, 2011

Call to order: by LG Wendy Prout at 7:25 PM

Appointment of temporary secretary: Due to the absence of Division Secretary Jim Prout, LG Wendy appointed Dave Booker as the temporary secretary for the purpose of recording the minutes of this meeting.

Roll Call of Clubs – Castleton-on-Hudson – two members present;

East Greenbush – five members present;

Hoosick Falls – 19 members present including President Ruth Ormsbee and Secretary Gale Leva

North Greenbush – two members present including Secretary Noreen Barrett;

Rensselaer – five members present including President Wayne Simmons;

Sand Lake – nine members present including President Skip Patton and Secretary Dave Booker; and

Troy – two members present.

Division Officers: present LG Wendy Prout, IPDLG Noreen Barrett and Treasurer Bob Pasquarelli

SLP District Officers: present Key Club District Treasurer Emily Gicewiez

NYD Officer: present IPG Dave Booker

Past LGs: present Bob Pasquarelli, Joe Ruggiero, Dave Booker, Ken Ormiston, Jean Andrick, Gale Leva and Noreen Barrett

Opening remarks: In her opening remarks, LG Wendy welcomed every one and thanked them for coming. She also congratulated Emily Gicewiez of the Averill Park High School Key Club for having been named a Key Club Distinguished Lt. Governor and also for having been elected as NYD of Key Club District Treasurer for 2011-12.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – the minutes submitted by Secretary Jim Prout for the third Division Council Meeting held March 23, 2011 and hosted by the Kiwanis Club of East Greenbush, were accepted without change. The minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting, held at the same time and place as the Division Council Meeting, were also accepted as submitted.

Treasurer' Report – Treasurer Bob Pasquarelli submitted the Treasurer's Report, a copy attached, remarking that the Division was solvent and that all the clubs had paid their dues to the VRD. The report was accepted for filing without change.

LTG's Report – LG Wendy Prout reported that on a conference call (including the District's Membership Growth Team and the Lt. Governors) she learned that the VRD is doing very well in terms of membership growth and she encouraged the clubs to continue their excellent work recruiting new members.

Koins for a Kamper: LG thanked the clubs for collecting over \$500 to send a child to Kamp Kiwanis® for a week this summer. She held the drawing, with the names of all the clubs included, and the Kiwanis Club of Rensselaer won the right to send an additional Kamper to Kamp this summer.

Governor's Project: LG Wendy encouraged all the clubs to submit the paperwork required to earn the 2010-11 Governor's Project Banner Patch. And reminded the clubs that the Governor's Project is a multi-faceted membership growth project.

Monthly Reports: LG Wendy noted that, while most of the clubs are submitting the required monthly reports on time, there are some clubs that are either late or totally remiss in the filing of the reports. She noted the importance of the reports in the evaluation of the clubs and their important service work in their communities and asked each secretary to bring the filings up to date.

Club Election Reports: LG Wendy asked Dave Booker to address the reporting of the Club Elections. He noted that the deadline for filing the reports of the 2011 Club Election is June 1st and that only three of the seven clubs had filed any report at this time. He noted that the secretaries should report the results of their club elections on line (through the KiwanisOne Club Management web site) and that it is perhaps the easiest report to file.

District Convention: LG Wendy brought the dates of the NYD Convention, August 10 through 14, to the attention of the clubs and urged that the incoming presidents and secretaries (as well as any one else who would like) attend the convention for the training.

Reports by Divisional Committee Chairs:

Governor's Project: Wendy Prout – to date the VRD has had thirteen new members and their sponsors reported to the New York District. She urged the club secretaries to not only report the new members to Kiwanis International in a timely manner but also to the New York District Office so that the clubs, new members and sponsors might receive the appropriate recognition. She noted that with the (now) fourteen new members there was only one "Distinguished Kiwanian" recognized by the NYD to date and urged all the new member sponsors to complete and file the paperwork for this award.

Sponsored Leadership Services –

Circle K LG. Claire Forman, unable to attend due to the vacation break at SUNY Albany, sent her remarks in a letter which LG Wendy read to the clubs. She introduced herself and remarked that she was looking forward to working with clubs of the VRD. She asked for financial assistance from the clubs which would allow her to attend the upcoming CKI Convention at Virginia Beach June 22-26.

Key Club District Treasurer Emily Gicewiez reported on a very successful Leadership Training Conference (NYD Key Club Convention); she thanked those clubs that assisted the attendance of members of their sponsored clubs, but noted that only two of the 18th Division's eight clubs were represented. She noted the upcoming Key Club International Convention in Phoenix, AZ at the end of June and requested that the clubs consider assisting both LG Sarah Brady and herself as both are required to attend and the cost will be \$1,400 each! She again thanked the clubs of the VRD for their support last year and presented LG Wendy with a Key Club T-shirt.

Dale Hall: in his remarks Dale mentioned that CKI LG Claire's Capital Division included the areas serviced by the Kiwanis Clubs in the Mohawk and Capital Divisions as well as the CKI clubs in the area serviced by the VRD. Although the LTC at the Holiday Inn in Albany was indeed successful, those incoming officers of the Key Clubs not attending would have to receive the very important training that was offered at the conference in some other way.

Public Relations – Pat Lane had nothing new to report. IPDLG Noreen noted that she was in negotiations with the billboard company as how to compensate the division for the fact that the "Billboard" was taken down two days early.

Project Eliminate/International Foundation – Gale Leva urged the clubs to ask their members to view the video concerning this international project to eliminate Maternal/Neonatal Tetanus which is downloadable on the KiwanisOne.org web site.

Young Child Priority One – Karl Cote called the clubs' attention to the brochure, available on-line, concerning projects suitable for YCP#1 service.

Social Activities – Mary Lou Kulpa and Doe Warland

Division Picnic 24 September at the Schodack Town Park. This is for ALL the members of the VRD Kiwanis Family.

Theater Barn : July 23 Agatha Christie Tickets are \$24. Bring a dish to share for the tailgate. Contact Jean Andrick.

Webmaster – Ken Ormiston: PLEASE submit club activities that should be included in a Division Calendar.

Club Reports:

Castleton: currently the club has 52 members having added four new members since October 1st and there are two additional prospective members at this time. Significant projects have included repairing buildings at Camp Scully; collecting of food for a local food pantry; adopt-a-highway clean up; support of the sponsored youth clubs and a chicken BBQ fund raiser.

East Greenbush: currently 33 members having added one new member. Projects included highway cleanup and a Comedy Night fund raiser to be held this week.

Hoosick Falls: currently 35 members with one having been inducted at this meeting and one additional prospective member in the “works” at this time. The club has held its annual prayer breakfast and annual student recognition night. Scholarships have been awarded by the club’s Howard Haynes Scholarships.

North Greenbush: currently 21 members having added one new member this administrative year and there are three prospective members interested in joining the club. Projects included an Easter Egg Hunt for the town’s youngsters; a chicken BBQ fund raiser and a pizza party honoring the sponsored CKI, Key Club and Builders Club members.

Rensselaer: currently there are 24 members and three prospective members have expressed interest in becoming members. Upcoming projects include the Rensselaer Music in the Park Concerts each Tuesday evening starting July 5th (the club received an \$8,000 grant to sponsor the series) and awarding of the club’s annual scholarships. The club now meets at the Rensselaer Senior Center.

Sand Lake: the current membership is 57 having added seven new members so far and one prospective member is attending meetings. Projects have included Highway cleanup with members of the Averill Park Key Club and the sponsorship of a new K-Kids Club at the West Sand Lake Elementary School. Upcoming projects of interest include Summerfest and the annual work night a BSA Camp Rotary.

Troy: current membership is 37 having added three new members to date, there are two additional prospective members. Projects have included the HOBY CLEW, a chicken BBQ, the HOBY BBQ (in conjunction with the Latham Kiwanis) and an Applebee’s Pancake Breakfast fund raiser.

Old Business – Koins for Kamp: all seven VRD clubs participated with over \$515 contributed. The Rensselaer Kiwanis will send an addition child to Kamp Kiwanis®.

New Business- Next Division Council Meeting, Wednesday, July 20, 2011 Castleton

Announcements:

Comedy Show, Thursday May 19, 2011 See an East Greenbush Member for tickets. Tickets are \$50.00 Dinner and Show at the Comfort Inn at Exit 10 of 1-90.

Castleton’s Concerts in the Park July 5th thru and including August 30th. We will be holding our meetings on Tuesday nights at the Music in the Park events at the Schodack Town Park, route 150. We will be cooking and serving hamburgers, etc. This is a great community event, starting at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome. Bring you lawn chair and enjoy a meal, live music and the sunset.

Theater Barn: July 23 Agatha Christie Tickets are \$24. Bring a dish to share for the tailgate. Contact Jean Andrick for more details.

Rensselaer Music in the Park: Tuesdays starting July 5 “under the bridge” 6PM.

Hoosick Falls Chicken BBQ: Tuesday June 14 tickets are \$10.00 and going fast.

Castleton Pancake Breakfast: Memorial Day 7 to 10AM.

CMT: the Annual Children's Miracle Television Network Telethon will be held June 5th – members are urged to contact Dale Hall or Rick Strum (Capital Division) if they are interested in assisting.

Adjournment: LG Wendy adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Respective submitted,

David E. Booker,
Secretary-designate