

Minutes of the Fourth meeting of the
Van Rensselaer Division Council
for the 2009-10 administrative year.
Hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Hoosick Falls, NY
at the Hoosick Falls Country Club
on Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Welcome and Report by Lt. Gov. Noreen Barrett:

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Lt. Gov. Noreen.

Roll Call of Clubs:

Castleton - 6, East Greenbush - 4, Hoosick Falls - 14, North Greenbush - 4, Rensselaer - 4, Sand Lake - 9, Troy - 5

Also present - Lt. Gov. Noreen Barrett, Lt. Gov. Elect Wendy Prout, Secretary Jim Prout, District Governor David Booker, candidates for District Governor Elect, Bill Risbrook and Michael Siniski

Approval of the minutes:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Third Division Council were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Upon a motion duly made and seconded and carried on a voice vote the Treasurer's Report was accepted for filing.

NY District Governor Dave Booker greeted the council, and distributed his team's official pins to those in attendance.

Lt. Governor's Report: Lt. Gov. Noreen drew attention to the packets she distributed to each club representative present, containing information of banner patch requirements and upcoming division and district events.

Division Committee Reports:

Webmaster: Ken Ormiston updated the council on the contents of the division website. He asked each club to email him event information to post on the division web site. He also asked that clubs forward him event photos for the website.

Sponsored Leadership Services: Circle K Lt. Gov. Jacquie Fable reported that the first Circle K divisional was sponsored by the Russell Sage Circle K Club. She reported on the Kiwanis One Day project held at Frear Park in Troy, and the March for Babies walk. The RPI Circle K has several upcoming events, including a Senior Prom to be held at the Eddy Memorial Geriatric Center in Troy, the Elmira College Circle K Olympics fundraiser, and participation in

the Kamp Kiwanis spring clean up effort. She also announced that there will be several Circle K members living in the Troy area this summer, so that if any Kiwanis Clubs need help with any summer projects, Circle K members will be available to help out.

Key Club Lt. Gov. Emily Gicewiez, read a thank you letter to the division from Elissa Prout, former Assistant to the Governor for Division 18, for all the support given her last year, and particularly for the financial support to attend the Key Club District Convention. Emily then told the council a little about herself, and asked if the division would consider supporting members to the Key Club International Convention. She also provided the council with her contact information: egicewiez@gmail.com.

Dale Hall announced that he had a copy of the NY District Key Club Convention program for review by any members of the council.

Old Business: Eve Ward of the Sand Lake Club reported on the details of the “Governor’s Visit”. It will be held on June 5th at Butler Park, Gettle Road, Averill Park. 3:00 PM hors d’oeuvres, 4:00 PM dinner (roast pig, BBQ chicken, etc.). Beer, wine, soda, and water to be provided - but no other alcoholic beverages may be brought into the park due to town regulations. The cost is \$30 per person, prepaid with reservation. RSVP no later than May 12 to Eve Ward, 12 Hillcrest Drive, West Sand Lake, NY 12196. Contact information: 674-2994, wsandlake@aol.com. Casual dress, but no shorts or jeans please.

Eve Ward made a motion that the division contribute up to \$250 towards the cost of the Governor’s visit in order to keep the cost lower for attendees. Seconded, motion carried.

New Business:

Division Picnic: will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2010 at Schodack Town Park. Ken Ormiston, co-chair of the event, asked that each club president email him the name of a club member who will serve on the planning committee.

Division social activity day - May 23, 2010. Joe Behsen reported that there will be tennis in the morning at Averill Park High School. Racquets and supplies will be made available. For more information contact Joe. In the afternoon at 2:00 PM (after showering from tennis) there will be a bowling party at Hi-Way in Wynantskill. The cost will be \$2.50 to bowl, and \$2.50 to rent shoes. For more information, contact Lt. Gov. Noreen.

Charter Night in East Greenbush - to be held on June 12, 2010 at Birch Hill. Tickets will be \$30 per person. More information to follow.

Jean Andrick reported on a proposed division social activity: a pot luck tailgate picnic and theater social at The Theater Barn, 654 Route 20, New Lebanon, NY 12125. The possible dates are Saturday, July 17th at 3 PM, Sunday July 18th at 12 noon, Saturday July 24th at 3 PM, or Sunday July 25th at noon. She asked that clubs consider these dates, and that a decision will be made at the June division council meeting.

Public Relations - Jean Andrick made a motion that \$2000 which has been raised over the past several years at division fund raisers be used to purchase billboard space in the East Greenbush / Rensselaer area, promoting the new East Greenbush Club. Motion seconded. Discussion concerning mentioning all other clubs on billboard since it was purchased with division money. It was clarified that the billboard would in fact mention all clubs in the division. Also discussed that billboard should be purchase as a public service announcement, thus reducing the cost. Discussion ended, and the motion was passed. Post motion note: John Brownrigg would be the division coordinator of the project.

Club announcements:

Troy Club- Giffy's Chicken BBQ held at St. Michael's Church on Bloomingrove Road in North Greenbush on May 21, 2010 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased from any Troy club member. Invitation extended to the division to attend Troy's annual prayer breakfast on May 11, 2010 at Buchman Pavilion on the Russell Sage campus. Starts at 7:30 AM and ends at 8:30 AM. Speaker is The Rev. Sandra L. Tatem, Deacon Assistant at St. John's Episcopal Church in Troy. Cost is \$10. RSVP to Jim Prout by May 6th.

Rensselaer Club - Music in the Park will be held on Wednesday evenings in July and August at the Dunn Memorial Park.

Sand Lake Club - the annual Summerfest will be held from July 1 through July 4, 2010 at Butler Park. Food, rides, Alonzo fireworks, bands, and fun activities throughout the festival. Anyone wishing to help can contacted Sand Lake members. Also, they will continue the Concerts in the Park series every Sunday evening in August at Butler Park.

Hoosick Falls Club - Golf tournament at Hoosick Falls Country Club on June 4, 2010. Also, Chicken Barbecue on June 8, 2010.

Castleton Club - Concerts in the Park at Schodack Town Park every Tuesday in June from 6 to 8 PM. They will be participating in the Memorial Day parade. Reported on their Kiwanis One Day activity: the making of 30 birdhouses, and installation of some at the Schodack Town Park.

Special Program: The two candidates for New York District Governor Elect, Bill Risbrook from the Kiwanis Club of Hempstead, New York, and Michael Siniski from the Kiwanis Club of Sayville, New York were introduced, and gave us information about their candidacies as well as their visions for the New York District.

Next meeting: Held in conjunction with the Governor's Visit on June 5, 2010 at Butler Park, Averill Park, New York.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,
James E. Prout, Secretary