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Changing of the Guard

What a year it was and how quickly it has come and gone. It seems like only yesterday that Ricky was handing the reins of the club over to me. I was nervous but at the same time excited to leave my mark on the 10-year old club.

This year was quite successful. We had record member participation at Meals on Heels and Bowery Mission, which was definitely appreciated by those in need. Additionally, we supported the troops, gave blood, and still managed to have fun cruising around Manhattan and rooting for the Mets.

On a bittersweet note, this year we watched as one of our long time Board Members Meg Deiss relocated to San Jose. Although she is no longer physically with us in New York, we look forward to keeping in touch and hearing about her future Kiwanis experiences in California.

As I now turn the reins over to Jennifer, I wish her the best of luck and have no doubt that she will continue to make the club better than she found it.

Yours In Service,
Mike Weigand – NYCYPK Club President – 2010-2011 Service Year

Welcome to the 2011-2012 service year! Outgoing President Mike Weigand has left me with some big shoes to fill - both figuratively and literally! - but I have learned a great deal from the club's leadership throughout the years as well as you, the members, and look forward to serving as the next President of our amazing club.

The success of our club is due to the energy, enthusiasm, and ideas that the membership brings to the table every day. I thank you for all of the invaluable contributions you have made in the past and invite you to continue to do so this year. Feel free to reach out to me at JSL55.nyc@gmail.com. I welcome your ideas for further broadening our diverse range of service projects and expanding our reach in the community.

Last but not least, it is my privilege to invite you to join us both in service and in celebration this year because, in addition to all of our great service projects, our NYC Young Professionals Club will be celebrating **ten** fabulous years of service with its 10th Anniversary Party in November. I look forward to adding to this great legacy with you, as our club embarks on its eleventh year!

Signing on,
Jennifer S. Lee – NYCYPK Club President – 2011-2012 Service Year

The Kiwanis Club of New York City Young Professionals meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM at:

The Press Box
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Dinner is \$25 for a 3-course meal (vegetarian option available). Visitors welcome!

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In the News – Recent Events

We're on a Boat!

by Steven Chin

The New York City Young Professionals of Kiwanis celebrated their second Summer Boat Cruise Social on Friday, August 5th on a warm summer evening. Leaving from the New York Skyport Marina in the east side of Manhattan, over 30 Kiwanians and their friends departed on the 'Majestic Princess,' a 110-foot yacht.

The weather was perfect for a cruise around New York City, providing dazzling views of the skyline, including the Statue of Liberty, Brooklyn Bridge, and... uh... Jersey City. And of course, after a buffet meal and several drinks, the dance floor opened up! Dancing was a little rocky (either due to the drinks or the boat, we'll never know) but it was definitely a fun time.

Whether it was just sitting on the bow enjoying the stunning skyline or tearing up the dance floor deck, the cruise was enjoyed by all and a great success. As an added bonus, a portion of the discounted tickets will help fund our club's future volunteering efforts, which in the past included helping our sponsored youth attend leadership conferences and divisionals. We look forward to seeing you all at our next social!

Take us out to the Ballgame

by Steven Chin

Play Ball! On Thursday, September 1st, 2011, the Young Professionals headed out to Citifield in Queens to take in a ballgame! It was a cool crisp late summer day as the Mets took on the Florida Marlins. This social outing was well-attended, with over two dozen Kiwanians, friends, and family members. We took over our own section of the promenade and cheered like crazy, enjoying Nathan's hot dogs and Shake Shack burgers. For several members it was their first Mets or even baseball game, just another way our community shares experiences and good times!

The Mets beat the Marlins 7-5 in a come from behind victory. Special thanks to board member Matt Herlihy who set up the event, hopefully the first of many social outings with the Kiwanis family!

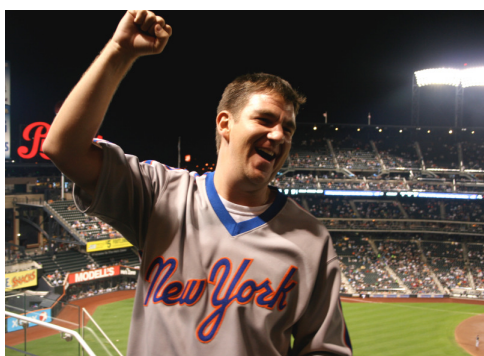


Photo left: Charlotte, Jenn, Jason and Marissa enjoy the Shake Shack food court. (Courtesy Steven Chin)

Photo right: President Mike Weigland gears up the crowd for a big cheer (Courtesy Kristen Wending)

Upcoming Club Events

- **3rd ANNUAL LIMITED RAFFLE – PROJECT ELIMINATE FUNDRAISER** Drawing November 11th -- while tickets last!
Project Chair: Jason Steiner <ianjs@aol.com>

Our annual fundraising raffle is underway! This year we are aiming to help out **two** special causes. Help send our sponsored youth to their District Leadership Conferences! The proceeds from this fundraiser will help off-set the cost of transportation for these youth. A portion of the funds raised will also be going towards the **new Kiwanis International Worldwide Service Project “Eliminate”**. Kiwanis International and UNICEF joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT). This deadly disease steals the lives of nearly 60,000 innocent babies and numerous women each year. Tickets are \$50.00. **Top prize is \$1250!** There is also a \$750 and \$150. Drawing will be held at our 10th Anniversary Dinner on November 11th – Winner need not be present. Tickets are going fast so buy yours soon! For ticket information, contact Treasurer Jason Steiner. For more information about Project “Eliminate”, go to:
<http://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/en/theELIMINATEproject/home.aspx>.

- **NYC YOUNG PROFESSIONAL 10TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY** FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, 2011 – 6:30PM-9:30PM
Location: The Ketch – 181 Pearl Street, New York, NY
Project Chairs: Marissa, Steven and Matt

Ten Years already? Join us in celebrating a decade of community and service at the Ketch! Drinks, food, dancing, and good times will all be had as we look back on our history, with possible visits from Kiwanians old and new! Look for additional updates via e-mail and new newsletters. Hope to see you there!

- **KEY TO YOUR FUTURE DAY** SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH
Location: TBD
Project Chair: Frederica McLean <youngyup1@gmail.com>

Save the date! Key to Your Future Day, the Young Professionals signature event, is fast approaching! Working with our Circle K'ers, we spend the day teaching workshops on college essays, business etiquette, financial literacy and more to dozens of Key Clubbers from around our district. Our most well-attended event that makes a big difference on the leaders and future Kiwanians of tomorrow! Planning is currently underway, so if you are interested in participating in a workshop, let us know!

- **MEALS ON HEELS** FIRST SATURDAY EVERY MONTH – 10:30AM-12PM
Location: Carter Burden Center (ground floor, Hans Jus Church) – 351 East 74th Street
Project Chair: Alison Guardino <allieguard@gmail.com>

Join us in one of our most popular recurring events – delivering food to the homebound elderly! Splitting up into teams, our volunteers deliver pre-made hot and cold meals along different routes. A great way to start your weekend by helping others – they are really grateful and a pleasure to talk to! We often go out to brunch afterwards to those that are interested. Contact Alison if you're interested!

- **BOWERY MISSION SOUP KITCHEN** MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 -- 6:30PM-8:30PM
Location: 227 Bowery (between Prince & Rivington Streets) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27 -- 6:30PM-8:30PM
Project Chair: Michael Weigand <mike.weigand08@gmail.com> MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14 -- 6:30PM-8:30PM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 -- 6:30PM-8:30PM

The Bowery Mission is a landmark New York City Soup Kitchen. Millions of hungry and homeless New Yorkers rely on the Bowery for food. Come and help prepare the kitchen and distribute food during the dinner rush. Dates for this service project have been secured for the entire year so feel free to join us at any one of our trips to the Bowery!

Upcoming Events in our Division

The many clubs in our division have their own installations coming up! Get to know the other clubs in our district! Contact Jennifer Lee <JSL55.nyc@gmail.com> if you are interested in attending any of these events:

Thursday September 29th – Metropolitan Divisional hosted by the Staten Island Club @ The Staaten

Tuesday October 4th – Metropolitan Division Golf Outing – Pebble Creek Gold Course, NJ

Thursday October 6th – Kiwanis Club of Staten Island 87th Installation – 7PM to 11PM @ The Staaten

Friday October 7th – Kiwanis Club of Chinatown Installation

Tuesday October 11th – Kiwanis Club of South Shore Installation – 7PM @ La Fontana

Monday October 17th – Kiwanis Club of Richmond Installation – 730PM @ The Lake Club

Wednesday October 19th – Kiwanis Club of North Central Installation – 730PM @ The Staaten