

Governor - Elect's Message

Carol and I are so honored to serve as your Governor-Elect for 2009-2010. We are excited about the team that Governor Donna has assembled and are ready to get to work. As we begin to plan for the next step in the progression to serve as your Governor and First Lady, Carol & I want to thank each and every one of you who work tirelessly on behalf of children... Thank You! We are all going to have to chip in and help with membership growth and retention. Past Governor Bob Randolph is leading the way with new ideas on retention, we all need to listen and learn from Bob. Invite a friend to your next Kiwanis meeting, make your meetings more meaningful with quality programs and speakers, and call a member who you have not seen in awhile. They are waiting for your call. Just say "hello, we miss you". We must reverse the trend on membership retention.

We want to thank everyone who helped out with the Caring Corner this year in Orlando. All of the funds raised from the Caring Corner go directly to help support our Service Leadership Programs. It has been said that we can justify our existence by sponsoring our Service Leadership Programs.

We cannot believe how fast this year has gone by. I want to thank Governor Dave Liddell for all of his leadership & hard work on behalf of children this past year. We love you and wish you well.



Tom, Carol & Rachael Ramiccio

Treasurer's Message

Let me begin my tenure as a member of the Executive Committee by expressing my profound gratitude to the overwhelming majority of the delegates to our recent DCON and to all who supported my candidacy for District Treasurer 2009-10. I wish all of you could have experienced the feelings I had just after my victory was announced. It was electric!

As Treasurer, I am responsible for raising money to assist our SLPs. Historically this has been done through the Caring Corner. Carol Ramiccio, following in the footsteps of other spouses of the Treasurer did a great job this year. I thank her for her hard work and dedication. As I have no spouse, I have turned to my very special friend, Carol Reynolds, President of my home club, Kiwanis of Gulf Beaches. Carol is a retired Pinellas County teacher and Club Advisor to the largest K-Kids in the world and a Builders Club that Kiwanis International just recognized for having the best single service project in the world. Few appreciate the need to support our SLPs more than she does. Carol will be traveling to all the Zone Conferences and will serve as point for the Caring Corner. If at any time you need to contact her, call her at 727-398-1360 or email her at carolmrbch@aol.com

I am going to ask you to begin our journey to greatness by setting an ambitious but very reachable goal of raising \$100,000 for our SLPs. I will give you complete details very soon. I will share this: If each Florida Kiwanian would do his or her part, no one would have to give more than a quarter a week.

Governor Donna has everything in place for us to truly make a difference this year, and have tons of fun while we do it. Be sure you and all your club members become engaged in Making A Difference, the children we serve deserve nothing less from any of us.



Eddie Lee

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