

# Lights, Camera, Action!

Over 1,000 “Super Model” Kiwanians attended the Florida District Convention in Marco Island on August 24th-26th to celebrate a year of accomplishments and to get revved up for the new Kiwanis year.

The weekend began with an inspiring keynote speaker, who spoke about his life after surviving a near-fatal accident as a child that took his right arm. His attitude was admirable and he was a true testament to the amazing things that can be done with hard work and determination. On Friday evening, the Las Vegas show *The Indian and the White Guy*, kept everyone laughing and the jokes continued throughout the weekend.

At an early morning House of Delegates Donna Parton was voted to be your 2007-2008 Treasurer. And we showed our support to our Governor-elect David Liddell and our fearless leader Governor Mark Taylor.

The weekend continued to be well worthwhile as Kiwanians were surrounded by high quality, interesting workshops tailored to fit everyone's interests. Workshops were planned and organized in a professional manner, and a CD was even made available that included every workshop presentation. After a day filled with learning, Kiwanians put on their best attire to say a formal farewell to our 2006-2007 Governor, Phil Yorston.

One major reason for gathering at our District Convention is to acknowledge the successes and achievements of our District, and did we ever have something to celebrate! Several Kiwanians were honored with awards for their dedication to the Florida District:

- Dave Schmitt, LTG Division 10 - Outstanding Lt. Governor
- Carmen Calzon, LTG Division 25 - Earl Pegram Award
- Eddie Lee, LTG Division 13 - Otis Jenkins Award
- Yvette Neil, LTG Division 26 - Tony Russo Award
- Laura Beagles, Division 8, Master Chair Service Leadership Programs and LTG Liaison - Outstanding District Chairman
- Joyce Taylor, Division 16, Master Chair Education and Training and District Chairs Liaison - Outstanding District Chairman
- Ed Ethington, Division 15, Master Chair Administration, Key Leader District Site Coordinator
- Ralph Davis for Florida Kiwanis District Most Valuable Player
- Glenn Johnson, Division 5 - Outstanding Long Term Chairman's award for service in many chairmanships over the years and for a distinguished career in Kiwanis of over 50 years with 46 years service as club secretary.

While learning, celebrating and enjoying exciting events, Kiwanians also shared many wonderful experiences together with old and new friends. Fellowship and fun filled the air during each and every event - this enthusiasm set the stage for all Florida clubs to have another incredible year! Remember, Be a Super Model to all those around you!

