

Treasurer's Message & Caring Corner



Rachael, Tom & Carol Ramiccio

The Florida District Convention is quickly approaching, and we need your help with the Caring Corner. Every club should be making plans to donate gift baskets, antiques, hand-crafted items or something similar. If your club is unable to donate any of the above, then consider making a contribution of \$200.00 (check made payable to the Florida Foundation c/o Caring Corner). All funds raised from the Caring Corner go directly to our Service Leadership Programs.

We are very enthusiastic about the future of our great Florida District! Governor-Elect Donna has been hard at work preparing and motivating her team. She has completed multiple weeks of CLE Training, Lt. Governor Training, District Chair Training and general preparation for the incoming leadership team. Carol and I are truly excited and honored to be able to serve with this outstanding group of leaders.

Last month our daughter Rachael was installed as Key Club Treasurer at Cardinal Newman High School. For nearly 17 years Rachael has participated in various Kiwanis functions, including conventions, fundraisers, social events and service projects. We are so proud of Rachael for stepping up at such a young age and taking on this leadership role in her club. It is now her turn to serve the children of the world. We are very proud parents.

It is not too late!

Register now for the 2009 Florida District Convention in Orlando on August 27-30, 2009. Visit the Florida District Website at www.floridakiwanis.com for registration and hotel accommodations.



Special Messages



Stan Storey

Thank you from Stan Storey

The International Convention in Nashville was a great experience except for one little fact – I lost the election. Even though I didn't win, Elizabeth and I still have plenty of Kiwanis work to do, especially with our local clubs. I lost the election to a good friend and an excellent leader who will do a good job as he steps up the ladder to President.

I want to thank each of you who supported me during our campaign. Your encouraging words, your tireless hours of work in Nashville, much of that in the hot sun, and your personal and club contributions to the campaign are so very much appreciated. My three years as a Trustee was a super experience and is one of the highlights of my Kiwanis career. I feel we were able to make some significant changes and get some new initiatives implemented which will improve our membership growth outlook. There are still many changes and improvements which need to happen, and I trust our International Board will make those things come to pass. I've also been able to make lots of new friends throughout our District as well as the world, and this is one of the great side benefits of being on your International Board.

I am still available to assist you individually and your clubs. Please do not hesitate to call on me anytime. If I can't provide the help you need, I've made lots of friends on staff in Indianapolis as well as our volunteer members who can generally provide answers and solutions to your questions and problems. Thanks to each of you for all you do for your communities and for the children of our world.

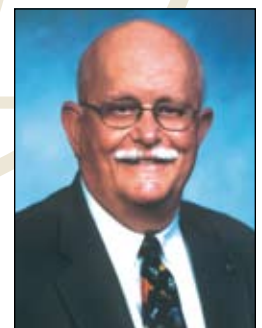
Thank You Again!

By Bill Rushing, Chair, Florida District Steering Committee

Folks, you are a member of the VERY BEST Kiwanis District in the world today! Do we always get what we want? No; but, do we always put forth a great effort? The answer is "YES!" The Florida District always gives more than 100 percent!

That is exactly what you did during the past year in working on Stan Storey's campaign to become the next Vice-President of Kiwanis International. Stan and all of us were terribly disappointed when the election didn't go the way we planned. You, as Kiwanians, did everything that was asked...you gave money and you gave your time... what more could have been asked!

I just want to say, from my heart, a big "THANK YOU!" You cannot imagine how much you always touch my heart when you work so hard on projects in which I get you involved. I must also say a very special "Thank You" to Carole because she worked much harder than I (as she always does) toward this effort!



Bill Rushing