



New Jersey KIWANIAN

A One in a Million: Anthony Affatati

On February 13, 2018, Immediate Past Governor Anthony L. Affatati, Sr. passed away.

A native of Brooklyn, NY, Anthony moved to New Jersey in 1985. Tremendously active in business and community service, he was the owner/operator of the Applied Title and Abstract Company and served as the President of the National Association of Independent Land and Title Agents, an Air Force veteran, served on the board for Right Your Life, worked with Bayshore Community Hospital,

Additionally, he was a Freemason and Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Marlboro, a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Middletown and the Kiwanis Governor of the New Jersey District (2016-2017).

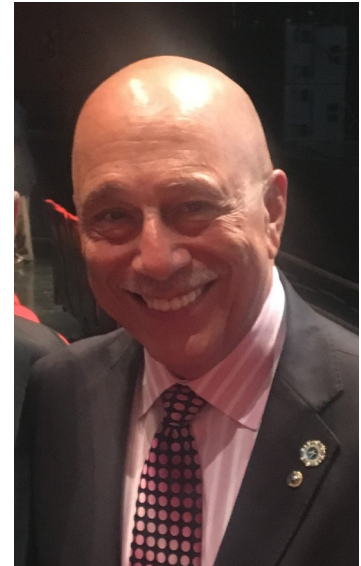
But he will always be remembered for his energy, his positivity and warmth. He had time for everyone and their problems became his problems. He may not have been able to solve all the ills, but always gave his all in trying! His ever-present smile and his distinctive, genuine laugh were his trademarks. With the mindset of a Brooklyn streetfighter, he fought his disease to the end, always full of optimism, never wallowing in self-pity. He was an inspiration to us all.

Anthony's life was certainly one to celebrate and emulate. Please keep Maria and his other family members in your thoughts and prayers.

Submitted by Steve Gandley



At International



RIP Anthony Affatati
(For remembrances and more photos, see pages 2 and 3.)

It's What's

Inside

That Counts

- Pages 2-3.....Anthony Affatati photos
- Page 4-5.....Mid-Winter Wrap-Up
- Page 6.....Remembrances
- Page 7.....Key Club Scholarships
- Page 8.....Save the Date Golf Outing
- Page 9.....Circle K DCON
- Page 10.....Wreaths Across America
- Page 11.....Fundraising Dinner

International President Jane Erickson pins Governor Anthony in August, 2017 at New Jersey



“Anthony Affatati was a walking, talking, legacy of love. With character, courage, commitment and caring he drew you in with his amazing smile and then engaged you in helping kids all over the world. He saw needs others didn’t see and saw solutions to make the world a better place. He didn’t stop until he was satisfied that the children involved were better off than when he started. Anthony was our hero.

“Anthony Affatati was a walking, talking, legacy of love.”

***Immediate Past International
Kiwanis President Jane Andrews Erikson***

Anthony was my 2016-17 governor; more importantly Anthony was my friend. I join each of you as you grieve his loss and celebrate his incredible life. His total love of God, his precious family, his Kiwanis family and his friends are examples for each of us to emulate. And in true Anthony fashion he would laugh, shake his head and say, “Come on, let’s get going on this.” So my friends, smile and let your heart sing for our precious friend, leader and hero, Anthony Affatati.”

Printed with permission from Jane Andrews Erikson



Photos by Susan Dougherty

**Governor Anthony
at Paris Convention**

**Governor Anthony
presiding at NJ
DCON 2017.**

**Remember
Him with
Smiles**



“To the man who supported me from the first day he met me, I always knew if I was down at a Key Club event, all I had to do was walk over to you and everything would be better. You knew what to say to motivate us a board meetings and you made sure we knew how much our hard work meant to you.

Bobbie Boettinger, Key Club member

Memories of Our Governor Anthony

Behind every Great Man...

At last August's DCON, Governor Anthony gives his secretary **Gwen Walding** a hug.



"While we knew he was not well, Anthony's upbeat attitude to the end led us to believe he would live forever. His compassion is an inspiration to all."

Mickey Cohen



"Anthony was there when my son **Milan** was installed as a K-Kid treasurer in 2013. I, too, admired and respected Anthony. He gave of himself for so many."

June Lazaro



Former NJ District Governor Gordon Meth, welcomes his successor, Governor **Anthony Affatati, Sr.** Above are members of the Kiwanis family including past governors **Michael Mulhaul (2007-08)** (far left) and **Rosemarie Gibardi, (2011-12)** (far right). In a Facebook post, **Gordon** said, "In a great testament to the kind of person he was, he did not wallow in pity. He accepted his fate and still wanted to find ways to contribute to the greater good and participate in life. I watched him elevate and inspire so many people, including my sons."



Passing the Baton... In August 2017 at the NJ Kiwanis DCON, Anthony introduces Governor Elect **Rosemary Oarsley**. Always ready to share his knowledge, Anthony knew how to help others by building them up and encouraging them.



Mid-Winter 2018 Brings Out a Crowd

Photos submitted by Joseph Schmelz



Key Note Speaker. Helene Meisner, Director of the Norwescap Food Bank in south Jersey and long time Kiwanian, speaks of hunger in our state and what the foodbanks of our state can do to alleviate the problem. She told of the work of our teens: \$47,000 was raised by Key Clubs this year for the food bank.

“Be more thoughtful,” she told the audience. She suggested that backpacks for food insecure children could be something our clubs could put in its budget. “We need to be more thoughtful in our approach,” she suggested.



In Someone Else’s Shoes. In an eye-opening exercise at the session run by **Chris Martz** from International, Kiwanians put themselves in the shoes of members of three different age groups.



Honor Bestowed
Past NJ Kiwanis District Governor **Mark Esposito** receives a Legion of Honor pin.



For the Good of the Order

Gwen Walding

Sharing the same title at one time or other in the K-Family organization... Decades of membership are represented by these honored members. **Bruce Marich, Manny Alvarez, Donald Cox** (the first VP of Circle K International) **Steve Nagel, Ron Weber** (seated) and Micky Cohen (current administrator). **Kelly Sharp**, far right, is the PA District Circle K Administrator).



Mid-Winter Conference Recap

Education and information are always foremost for Mid-Winter day-long conference. This year's Mid-Winter was no different. The above friends gathered for a photo, reminiscing about serving in the capacity of Circle K Administrators.

A note from **Governor Rosemary**: Thank you to NJ Kiwanians who attended, presented and shared at Mid-Winter Conference. Special thanks to Chris Martz who I believe deserves much appreciation for always going above and beyond in his presentations. It was indeed gratifying to see so many first time attendees. I thank the clubs and the efforts of my team of Lt. Governors for getting the message out about the value of attending these events."

One of the day's speakers, **Rudy Hernandez**, gives new ideas and tips for treasurers. His invaluable material helps us yearly.



The Eye of the Tiger Watches... Governor Rosemary Oarsley passes congratulatory watches to **Jenny Kopec**, secretary of the Greater Hamburg Club, president **Anita Collins** and Past Governor **Steve Nagel**. (and **Richard and Kelly Moore**, not pictured) Mr. Nagel donated his watch for an impromptu auction that netted \$400 for the NJ District Foundation.

Remembering our Kiwanians with Love

Bonnie Bakely of the Egg Harbor City Kiwanis Club passed on February 3, 2018 at the age of sixty-one while surrounded by loved ones. Sadly, she was predeceased by her husband Bill by only four days.

Self-proclaimed “two peas in a pod”, they will now get to spend eternity together. Recently retired from the William J. Hughes Technical Center as an Editor, Bonnie enjoyed many hobbies. She was an avid cook and crafter who enjoyed making things for everyone she knew. One of her favorite pastimes was going for drives with Bill.

They both especially loved their trips to Vermont. Bonnie had a kind, giving heart and was always trying to help others. She will be greatly missed by the Egg Harbor City Kiwanis Club and her Mays Landing community.



action in the Battle of the Bulge. He later attended Penn State and joined the family Weiss True Value Hardware business upon graduating in 1949. Newt was also dedicated to his community while serving on the Gibbstown Zoning Board for fifteen years, as

a former president of the Beth Israel Synagogue in Woodbury, and as a Kiwanis member for over fifty-five years – serving as club president twice. Please keep his widow Ruth and family in your thoughts and prayers.

Robert A. Chiappone of the Glen Ridge Kiwanis Club died on November 13, 2017 at the age of sixty-six. A graduate of Bloomfield High School and Villanova University, Hank was a Certified Public Accountant running his own practice in Montclair for thirty years.

He was also an active member of Kiwanis for almost thirty years, serving as the Glen Ridge Club President in 1998-1999. Please keep Bob and his widow Susan and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

Newton Weiss of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Woodbury, passed away on February 16, 2018. Newt, a graduate of the Paulsboro High School class of 1942, was in the inaugural class of inductees to the Hall of Distinguished Alumni. Newt served in the U.S. Army during World War II seeing

The Jersey City Kiwanis Club is sad to announce the passing of one of its members: **Dr. Michael Winds**. He was a Director with the Jersey City School District and former Principal of Lincoln High School in Jersey City. **Mark Rowan**, at bottom left, with **Dr. Winds**.



Kiwanis Clubs: Key Club Needs Your Help!

The mission statement of Kiwanis is to help children reach their full potential. That means different things in different environments. With the Eliminate project, it meant giving every child in the world a shot at life. In New Jersey, this means helping all children, regardless of financial means, achieving their highest and best education level.

- Kiwanis clubs in New Jersey help this crisis substantially, though giving out over \$200,000 in scholarships annually. Unfortunately, this support is not provided equally across the entire state.
- Thirteen (13) Kiwanis clubs give over \$5,000 in scholarships per year to Key Clubs they sponsor. Twenty-three (23) Kiwanis clubs give \$1,000-\$5,000 in scholarships per year to sponsored Key Clubs.
- At Key Club District Convention last year, 21 scholarships worth \$21,500 were given out. This amount hasn't increased substantially over the past 6 years. These scholarships are open to any Key Club member in New Jersey. Most years, over 100 scholarship applications are received. A committee reviews these applications and recommends awardees.
- Nearly half of the money for these scholarships is donated by Kiwanis Clubs, individuals, or the District Foundation. The remainder of this amount (\$12,000) is raised at the Key Club Fall Rally event in October. Unfortunately, Fall Rally attendance was very low this year because of rain, so most of this amount wasn't raised this year. Key Club will be forced to award fewer scholarships this year and will have trouble providing matches for many other scholarships.
- Of the 21 scholarships currently given out, eight (8) are memorial scholarships dedicated to deceased Kiwanis members. The funding for these comes from four (4) Kiwanis clubs, the NJ District Foundation, and Key Club. Four (4) other scholarships are donated by living Kiwanis members.

CONSIDER establishing scholarships to be given out at Key Club District Convention.

This scholarship can be dedicated either as a memorial to a deceased member, as a club specific scholarship, or otherwise. Encouraging members to leave money during estate planning to fund a scholarship in their name is also a worthwhile concept. In this manner, scholarships can become available to Key Clubbers without sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs, or those where sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs are not in a position to give scholarships. Reasonable specific criteria can be created for any given scholarship. This may be of particular interest to clubs that give scholarships but suffer from a lack of applicants and/or members to review applications. The Key Club District will be happy to assist these efforts by awarding your scholarships at Key Club District Convention!

Please help us maintain and grow the number of scholarships given out at Key Club District Convention for the benefit of all Key Clubbers in our state.

Sincerely,

Gordon Meth
NJ Key Club Financial Counselor

In Remembrance



George Santos, a longtime member of the Kiwanis Club of **Saddle Brook**, passed away recently. George was a true snow, bird spending six months in Melbourne, Australia and six months in Saddle Brook, NJ.

George co-founded the Melbourne, Australia Kiwanis in 1968 and retired years ago as the head of the art department of one of Australia's leading colleges.

As a member of the Saddle Brook Club, George was very active having organized their Key Club as well as a senior women's sewing club who made over 1,000 Hospital Dolls for distribution at local hospitals.

He also volunteered every Tuesday at the veterans' home in Paramus. George also donated much of his art for auction at Saddle Brook's St. Jude Day with all the proceeds being donated to St. Jude's Hospital for Children.

The Kiwanis Club of Glen Ridge notified us that a long time member of the **Kiwanis Club of Glen Ridge** and Past President of the **Kiwanis Club of Bloomfield Joe Connolly** died unexpectedly. He served with distinction as the Chair of the joint Kiwanis and Key Club collection drives like the one pictured above for many years. RIP Joe.

He's pictured here volunteering with his fellow Kiwanians.

Circle the Date

Monday, July 9

23rd Annual **Dominick J. Luccarelli Golf Outing**

*Sponsored by the
Kiwanis of Holmdel*

For Corporate, Hole or Tee Sponsorships,
contact:

Frank Allocco (732-673-7262) fal-
locco3@comcast.net

Ron DeLuca (732-241-7634) Bris-
tol@USA.com

or **Jim Colby** (732-539-0748) ori-
oljim27@yahoo.com





LBI Club Celebrates Teens

The Kiwanis Club of Long Beach Island was proud to honor some of the present and past members of the Southern Regional High School Key Club on their 30th Anniversary in January. LBI members hosted a delicious pot luck dinner and a beautiful anniversary cake for the special occasion. The Key Club has had tremendous growth and consistently has done an excellent job in conducting truly outstanding service leadership programs. Kiwanis International has regularly recognized the high school club for its excellent performance. The Kiwanis LBI gave them a new banner as a gift of appreciation.

Rules for Kiwanis Leaders:

...to grow better gardens
...and better meetings

Plant three rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful in attendance
Lettuce be kind to fellow members
Lettuce really love everyone

Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip about members
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling about club leadership
Squash selfishness

Be sure to include turnips:

Turnip for Kiwanis meetings
Turnip for community service
Turnip to district conferences

To conclude our garden, we must have thyme:

Thyme for prayer
Thyme for pledging allegiance to our country
Thyme for each other
Thyme for the children in our community

Penned by Jane Andrews Erikson, Immediate Past International President of Kiwanis Club

Share your news for the NJ Kiwanian to:

NJ Kiwanian Editor

Susan Dougherty

crusadersue@hotmail.com

or call at 732-382-5367.



Taken from Facebook

Circle K DCON

“It was an amazing weekend, celebrating service, leadership and fellowship at the New Jersey Circle K District Convention. Great job Governor Anjani and her Board!”
Joey G.

Perhaps your **Key Clubs, Builders Clubs** and **K-Kids** write thank you notes to veterans in veteran homes for Veterans Day.



Maybe they make valentines for Vets in February .



Submitted by Mike Dixon

What is your club doing?



ACROSS WARREN COUNTY

MARCH 3, 2018

10:00 AM

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MEET AND GREET**

We need our community to make this 1st Annual event a success!

We need your help in this most solemn project. What a way to honor our heroes that have passed, to lay a wreath at their final resting place. This event is to Honor and Remember the Men and Woman of our Armed Forces who put themselves in harm's way and now Rest in Eternal Peace!!

Help us honor our Veterans buried in Warren County!

Learn how your town, group, troop, club or organization can be part of this worthy and honorable event, this holiday season.

Learn about Wreaths Across America, Across Warren County program. Our mission is to Honor, Remember, Teach, with coordinating a wreath laying ceremony in your very own area.

REMEMBER
HONOR
TEACH



MEETING PLACE:

**BERNARDINE MAY
AMERICAN LEGION**
321 Marshall Street
Phillipsburg, New Jersey

908-343-9836-Diane

908-339-2288-Dennis



Caldwell—West Essex Hosts Esteemed Guest

On February 22, 2018 at the Caldwell University, Newman Center, **Dick Gersh** who was the manager for Jackie Gleason entertained the Kiwanis Club of Caldwell-West Essex. Pictured are **Garrett Jones, Dick Gersh** and **Janet Oscar**. For further information about Kiwanis, go to their website, www.caldwellkiwanis.org.



Kiwaniis[®]
Kiwaniis Club of Caldwell-West Essex

All-You-Can-Eat Beef Steak Dinner

At Charlie's Place, Notre Dame Church

359 Central Ave., North Caldwell

Saturday, March 10, 2018 6:45-10:00PM

Wine, Beer and Soft Drinks included

Filet Mignon catered by *Nightingales*

Funds raised will support Kiwanis sponsored youth programs throughout West Essex communities
Silent Auction - 50/50 - Tricky Tray

Reservation deadline March 5, 2018
No walk-ins – Limited seating

Checks payable to: *Kiwanis Club of Caldwell-West Essex Foundation*
Please reserve seats for me. I've enclosed my check for __ @\$40. per person

Please mail to: Barbara Peck, Kiwanis Beefsteak Dinner
c/o 1 Sunset Dr.
No. Caldwell, NJ 07006

Flea Market to Support Barrington's Wish Upon a Star Playground

BARRINGTON: An indoor flea market and yard sale will be held Saturday, March 24, 9AM-2PM, at the Barrington VFW Senior Community Center with stall rentals benefitting the reconstruction of the Wish Upon a Star Playground.

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of the Haddons, stalls are available for \$15 if you bring your own table, and \$20 if Kiwanis provides the table. Set-up opens at 7AM. Refreshments will be available for sale. The Barrington VFW is located at 109 Shreve Avenue, Barrington, and has on-site parking.

Applications for stalls are available from Pamela DePompo Stalcup, pameladepompo@aol.com, or by download at www.Facebook.com/HaddonsKiwaniis.

Our Kids are Giving Back

What are your kids doing for the community? This is the reason we exist. Make sure that you recognize them! Get the parents involved with ideas of service, too.



Cape May K-Kids Card Project

The K-Kids at Cape May City Elementary School (CMCE) with the **Kiwanis Club of Cape May K-Kids Adviser, Michele Bennett** along with **Megan Reed**, faculty support, wrote out Holiday wishes and encouragement for Coast Guard recruits. The K-Kids enjoyed the activity and the time spent for the recruits who were not going to be home for the holidays.

The K-Kids at CMCE have been listed as a Distinguished Club the past 2 years by Kiwanis International for their service projects. Many of the students in Cape May are from the Coast Guard base.

Cape May County, a Coast Guard Community, is an honor claimed by only 18 cities and **one other county in the nation**. The designation, which is confirmed by the United States Congress and United States Coast Guard, is recognition of a strong and special relationship between the people of Cape May County and local Coast Guard personnel.

Thinking of Others

Teens from the **Westfield High School's Key Club**, under the direction of their president **Sarah Ward**, and their adviser **KC McGinley** take time at their meetings to do a mini-project. Over the last two years they have written thank you notes to veterans for Veterans Day, made valentines for Veterans for February 14th written letters for Macy's Believe program for charity.

At their last meeting, above, they wrote personal notes of condolence to the survivors in Parkland, Florida who lost classmates and teachers/coaches in the recent shooting. "What do I say?" asked one girl to her Kiwanis adviser.

"Tell them your heart is breaking for them, that you don't know what they are feeling and that words are not adequate," she was told.