



**2014 Honoree for the  
Joseph M. Wuest Kiwanis Club  
of Morris Park**

*Anthony Sassone, Sr.*



Our honored guest Mr. Anthony Sassone Sr. ("Tony"), has been a dedicated servant to Kiwanis and the community for the last 54 years.

Tony was born on February 7th 1936 in Brooklyn NY and attended a Parochial Elementary School and Westinghouse Vocational High School.

In 1953 Tony joined the marine Corp. to serve his country.

He married his lovely wife Maria Regina ("Mary") on September 22, 1957. They had their first child Rosemarie in 1958 and then their second child Anthony in 1959.

In 1959 Tony founded Pelham Bay Air Conditioning, Inc. which he has built into a very substantial business and continues to service many prestigious clients, some of which are with us this evening.

In 1960, Tony was sponsored to join the Pelham Bay Kiwanis Club where he went on to serve as Secretary (1961-1964) and Club President (1969-1970).

Tony also served as a Stand-By Engineer for Freedom Land U.S.A. in The Bronx from 1960 to 1965.

In 1966 Tony and Mary's third child, Regina, was born.

It is noteworthy that Tony also founded and presided over the Kiwanis Youth Organization and was the founder of S.T.O.P. "Service Through Organized People". And, in 1972 he received the Citizen Award from the North Bronx Republican Club for the recognition and participation in Community Affairs. To this day, Tony remains a Pillar of the Community.

Finally, in 1980, Tony became a member of the newly formed "Morris Park Kiwanis Club" and in addition to all of the other functions he participated in, since 1985 he has been the Executive Chairman and Fund Raiser for our club's annual Holiday party held for and at the Institute for Special Education. Also, in 1985, he was elected by the membership to become a Life member of Kiwanis International. In the same year, he received the coveted "George F. Hixon" fellowship award. And, in 2010, Tony was inducted into the "50 Year Kiwanis Legion of Honor"

Presently, Tony is also blessed with four grandchildren, Mario Jr., Alexis, Christina and Anthony IV. He also has two great-grandchildren, Mario III and Giuliana.

All of the members of the Joseph M. Wuest Kiwanis Club of Morris Park (formerly the Morris Park Kiwanis Club), are proud that Tony has graciously agreed to be our honoree and we congratulate him on a long life filled with service to the community and his family.

**JOSEPH MICHAEL WUEST**  
**Kiwanis Club of Morris Park**