CAPITAL DISTRICT KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

Quarterly Committee Report & Committee Evaluation

Committee: Teenager of the Year Award **Date:** 07/25/2023

Chairperson: Rocco Cipriano

To be completed by the Committee Chairperson and submitted to the District Secretary and supervising District Trustee no later than 21 days before each quarterly District Board Meeting.

1. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Committee fully staffed: Yes ☑ No ☐ [Note: Regions without representation below.]

It is not necessary for the District committee for judging to be appointed until after January 1, 2022. Committee will be completely staffed in March 2023 with recommendations by the District Governor and those of the chairman. As of March 1, the other district committee members included Mary Hester Anton, Catherine Cummins and Wesley Brown. District chair Cipriano has accepted Governor-elect Eric Lamb's invitation to chair the ToY committee during 2023/24.

2. KIWANIS YEAR GOALS (list all committee's annual goals)

GOAL	% Complete
Review the ToY District applicatio and amend as necessary by October 31, 2022.	100
Send application details to all Lt Governors. Request that Lt Governors encourage Club Presidents to distribute applixcation materials to all schools including public, private, charter and parochial schools by November 15, 2022. Materials were	100
Follow up with Lt Governors to ensure that application materials were received and distributed to each club, Where and when it is needed, assist assist each Lt Governor educated district members about the ToY program by December 1, 2022.	100
Ensure that all clubs have received application materials and were reviewing them by February 1, 2023.	100
Have club winners submitted to Lt Governors by March 1, 2023. Have Lt Governors submit division winners to the ToY chairman by April 3, 2023. Have the district committee certify its winner to the District Governor by May 1, 2023.	100

3. **CHALLENGES OR ASSISTANCE NEEDED** (use continuation sheet if necessary):

All work at the district committee level is anticipated to be conducted through emails andZoom conference calls. No budget requests are wnticipated other than the actual stipend ($2,500) and travel to district convention by the district ToY finalist and his/her parents or guardians.

4. **COMMENTS** (use continuation sheet if necessary):

District Secretary Jeff Wollf has been extremely helpful in accepting all of my edits for the ToY program on the Capital District website and has also assisted in distributing my initial correspondence to all of the Lt Governors. On 25 April 2023, the District Committee selected Ava Stamatakis (Division 4) as the Ca[ital District's ToY. Ava was selected from a strong slate of applicants from a total of 9 divisions. Hopefully even more divisions will participate in 2023-24. During the judging process, it was noted that it is against school policy for students to directly handle heir letters of recommendation. As a result, these applicants could not upload such letters with their application. This resulted in a confusing stream of emails from student references to the ToY chair. Later, these references would have to be compiled and sent separately to the applicant's local club, then to the division Lt Governor, and finally to the District Committee members. This creates and undue amount of letters in each mailbox that must then be cross referenced with the missing letters in the corresponding application. As I already indicated, it creates significant confusion. Because school policies do not allow a student to upload their own reference letters, the District Committee recommends exploring the possibility of allowing referees to directly upload their letters on their student's application.

SIGNED: Rocco C Cipriano (07/25/2023)