CAPITAL DISTRICT KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

Quarterly Committee Report & Committee Evaluation

Committee: Teenager of the Year **Date:** 07/08/2024

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 was not necessary for the District committee for judging to be appointed until after January 1, 2024. Committee was completely staffed in March 2024. As of March 1, the other district committee members included Mary Hester Anton and Wesley Brown. District chair Cipriano has declined to chair the ToY committee during 2024/25, believing that one person should not monopolize district leadership roles. Either Mary or Wesley would make an excellent chairperson in the future.

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

GOAL	% Complete
Review the ToY District application and amend as necessary by October 31, 2023	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, 2023. 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, 20223	100
Ensure that all clubs have received application materials and were reviewing them by February 1, 20234	100
Have club winners submitted to Lt Governors by March 1, 2024. Have Lt Governors submit division winners to the ToY chairman by April 3, 2024. Have the district committee certify its winner to the District Governor by May 1, 2024.	100

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

All work at the district committee level was conducted through emails and Zoom conference calls. No budget was requested other than the actual stipend ($2,500) and travel to district convention by the district ToY finalist (Luke Pelletier) and his parents or guardians.

There is still a challenge that not all of the reference letters can be submitted through the applicants form on the district web site. Consequently, the committee sometimes has difficulty collecting each of these letters so the the applicant has a complete package. I cannot make a recommendation to correct this because some school districts simply will not allow their staff to provide a student with his/her letter so that they may directly transmit it in the appropriate place on the application form.

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. t is my pleasure to announce that the District ToY committee has announced Luke Pelletier (Division 12) to be the Capitol District 2023/24 Teenager of the Year. I thank the District for the opportunity to have served as District ToY Chair for the last two years. I am grateful for my stellar committee members; - Mary Anton and Wesley Brown), who have been extremely dedicated to the program as well as to each of the teenagers that we have reviewed. . Collectively, we each agree it's a very difficult task to certify one individual over another as each division winner is a striking force of altruism within their respective schools and communities. We are always in awe of what each of these brilliant young men and women accomplish. Perhaps, only a thought, the District could examine the possibility of giving each a one-year free membership to their local Kiwanis Club after their senior year in high school or once they complete their college education. Somehow we should be the first to recruit these individuals into our midst. Once again, I thank my committee members for their service and thank the District for allowing me to chair this wonderful program.

SIGNED: Rocco C Cipriano (07/08/2024)