The Long Island Circle K Division’s Murder Mystery for ELIMINATE was a huge success, and we raised over $3,300 from that night. There were four branches of the Kiwanis family involved and over 200 attendees. The event was an interactive murder mystery, where attendees were able to observe different locations for evidence (in break-out rooms that we set up with all kinds of props and scenery) and interview the suspects. It was a 1950s themed event.

Advice I would give to another club or division that wanted to plan a murder mystery is:

- Pick a fun theme that will entice people to come.
- Create believable and fun characters.
- Make sure there are exciting ways for the audience to get involved (ex: setting up the crime scene to investigate, allow them to interview suspects, etc.)
- Leave plenty of time for planning. When writing the script, for example, make sure all the evidence leads where you want it to. Rehearsals with your cast takes a lot of time and attention to details.
• Advertise to the whole Kiwanis family! Members of all branches and all ages can have fun at an event like this, and you can have great Kiwanis-family bonding as well.