



Think 39

Rick Levine

I hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season. Erroneously the ESK reported, the Middletown Club which had 7 under 39ers. for the year ending 9-30-03. As a result, they jumped ahead of Kingston into 3rd. place. My apologies to the Middletown Club and please keep up the great work.

As usual, we are off to a slow start, but the great New York District always gets the job done. Thus far the following clubs have reported at least 1 new under 39 member: Eastridge Ironderquoit, Pembroke-Corfu-Darien, Sand Lake, Malone and Kingston. The Five-Towns Club leads the District with 2. This list was compiled as of 12-1. All other reports will be mentioned in the next ESK.

PLG Bruce Brooks has informed me that the patches for last year will be ready shortly. As soon as I receive them, I will mail them out to you. — Thanks again, and don't forget to: "Think 39."

Southport Kiwanis Makes A Birthday Wish Come True

The Kiwanis Club of **SOUTHPORT**, Chemung Division — In late September 2003, SSG William A (Tony) Cecchini sent an email to his wife Amy with a birthday wish. It seems that his unit of the 82nd Airborne Division is detailed to restore or build schools for Iraqi children near Mahmudiyah, Iraq. Building progress was quick and hundreds of children have schoolrooms where they could begin to learn their ABC's. There was one blaring problem. There were none of the basic supplies, (pencils, paper, pencil sharpeners, erasers, etc.) so as his birthday wish Tony asked Amy to request, not gifts for his upcoming birthday for himself, but, school supplies for the Iraqi children.

Tony had a twofold reason for his request, one was compassion for those children who have been deprived of almost everything in life. Second was possibly a way to show the adult Iraqi's that Americans also care for the future of their children and their country.

Amy sent an email to her father in law (Tony's Father), relaying his request. Family and friends began to gather what they could. And during a telephone conversation, Tony's father told a friend, who is a member of Southport Kiwanis which meets weekly in Pine City, New York.

Well the story was told at a KIWANIS meeting and the response was overwhelming. Everyone wanted to help. Needless to say the paper, pencils etc started coming in by the bag full, the local Builder's Club pledged \$300 immediately and Jim Caywood, owner of Caywood Funeral Home and Gardens donated \$100 dollars to the effort, and the ball was rolling. The first shipment is going out to SSG Cecchini before Thanksgiving so that the supplies will arrive to him before Christmas, and if the shipment is somehow early it just might make it there in time for Tony's Birthday.

Troy Kiwanians Walk in 40th Troy Trot for Governor's Project - Kiwanis and Kids Fit Together



Pictured from left to right are Dale Pells, Nicholas Pells, Molly Pells, Dean Pells, Member Lauren Pells, Miranda Pells, Mark Davies, Olivia Prout, Alison Stipkovich, Emily Stipkovich, Anna Stipkovich, Harry Prout, Troy Member Wendy Prout, Troy Member Elissa Prout, John Stipkovich. Missing from photo were Troy Kiwanis Members: Elliot Schuebel, Bill Aram, Todd McDonald, and Kileen Davies.



Foundation Scholarship

George Wells

Remember:

The deadline is April 30th

1. Any Kiwanis Club in the New York District of Kiwanis International may nominate a candidate for a scholarship. Only one (1) nomination per year is permitted each club.
2. Nominations are to be made on the form provided by the Foundation or a reasonable facsimile, and must be delivered or postmarked to the New York District Office by April 30th of the current year. It is requested that the winners be awarded their scholarships at commencement in June or at an awards program, if preferred, by her/his high school.
3. This program is instituted by the Foundation to recognize and promote good citizenship among the youth of New York State. Winners will be selected by a committee of the Foundation on the basis of which nominees, in its opinion, best meet the established criteria. All aspects of the program, including the criteria are subject to change by the Foundation Board of Directors.
4. Each nominee must be a resident of New York State and plan to graduate from a high school in New York State, the June of the year of their nomination. The scholarship may be used towards the recipient's cost of obtaining higher education. The award shall be payable to the recipient.
5. There will be a total of five (5) \$1,000 one-time awards payable towards the recipient's first year expenses. The awards are not transferable.
6. A nominated student will be evaluated based on scholastic achievement, merit, need and career goals. Each of the four criteria will be weighed equally.

Send the completed nomination forms to: New York District Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship Program, 1522 Genesee Street, Utica, New York 13502, Attn: Foundation Scholarship Committee.



Kiwanis International

June 25-29

KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP FORM

YEAR

The Kiwanis Club of

Hereby nominates:
(name of nominee)

Street

City, State, Zip

Phone () - - - - - Date of Birth / / - - - - -

Social Security No. - - - - -

High School

Please fill in the necessary information and attach required exhibits

A. Scholarship Achievement

1. The Nominee's Rank in class is _____ of _____ Students

2. The Nominee's combined SAT scores are _____ or the composite ACT score is _____

Please include a copy of her/his high school transcript

B. Merit

1. The Nominee must include a list of activities he/she participated in, both in and out of school.

2. List any awards or achievements received by the Nominee during her/his high school years.

3. Submit three letters of recommendation on behalf of the Nominee: e.g., teachers, counselors, employers, clergy or community leaders.

C. Need

The awards will be evaluated based on the family's net taxable income for the prior . . . taxable year. Nominee's must include a copy of parent's or guardian's State or Federal Tax Return for the prior year (or year previous tax return if prior year is unavailable). Nominations without the requested tax returns will not be judged!

D. Career Goal

The Nominee must write a short essay that describes why he/she wants to attend a program of higher education and his/her plans aiming towards a meaningful career, beneficial to both themselves and the community.