

Foundation President

Now that the holidays are over and the new year has begun, applications for the camping season are going out. We would ask each club to consider sending one more child then last year to Kamp Kiwanis. Please send your applications in as soon as possible together with your \$100 down payment fee. Our big fund raiser this year is a \$100 raffle. The raffle will take place on August 21st, 2004 at the District Convention in Buffalo. First prize is \$5,000, second prize is \$4,000, third prize is \$3,000, fourth prize is \$2,000 and fifth prize is \$1,000. We are hoping to use the profits to benefit the underprivileged and the handicapped children who attend the camp, and for camp improvements including enlarging the infirmary. Raffle tickets are available by contacting DPLG Steve Haller of the LISC Division at 561-731-4892.

My sincere thanks to Circle K in naming me as their honoree at their convention in March 2004 in Utica. This is actually an award which should be given to the entire Foundation Board. From the time I became President in 1997 to now, without the help and devotion of those men and women who served on the Board with me, this would not be happening.

Congratulations to Doug Hickey on the receipt of his Diamond Kaiser. Doug is President of the Riverdale Club and Doug, and his father Brian and the Riverdale Club have been great friends of the Foundation.

Special thanks goes out to DPLG Bob Kruse for his donation of \$ 10,000.00 to the Foundation. We are in need of grant writers. If you are one or know of one, please let me know. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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If you have any questions, or would like me to come to your club's meeting to discuss the Outreach Program or the Kamp construction, please call me at 732-730-1950.

Kamp Kiwanis Acre Adopted in Memory of Eric Seyfried



5th Charity Football Game Nets \$10,0000 for Campers

The Kiwanis Club of **WEST SENECA**, Niagara Frontier West Division – hosted the Fifth annual Bill's Charity Football Game at Ralph Wilson Stadium in Orchard Park, NY. Led by running back Travis Henry and receiver Josh Reed, the Bills defeated the Washington Redskins 24-7. The Bill's defense held the Redskins to 160+ yards.

At the pre-game tailgate party, over \$1200 was raised in a sports theme raffle/Chinese auction. Several items autographed by Drew Bledsoe, Takeo Spikes, Pat Williams and Sam Adams, as well as newly inducted Hall of Famer Joe Delamielieure were available as well as Bills-Miami tickets, etc. Two Buffalo Jill's cheerleaders were in attendance as well as former New York Jets and Buffalo Bills wide receiver Lou Piccone! Piccone and the cheerleaders added a lot of spirit to the festivities and a lot of photo opportunities! Plenty of food and liquid



refreshments sent everyone to the game in good spirits.

Governor Peter Mancuso and his daughter Cathy flew in from Long Island to join us for this event. The governor was presented with a Buffalo Bill's cap and his daughter with a baby Buffalo Bill's bear! They were Bill's fans for the day! Also in attendance were DPG's Patrick Cooney, Joe Eppolito, Jim Yochum and IPG Justin Underwood.

Twenty four clubs were represented from as far as Brighton and Canandaigua in the Finger Lakes Division; Lake Delta in the Central Division; Dryden from the Chemung Division; Tom Murphy's "Mob" from Glens Falls in the Mohawk Division; Liverpool in the Ontario Division; Middletown and Roscoe of the Hudson River West Division; the Mount Vernon Club in the Bronx Westchester South Division, and the Potsdam and Ogdensburg Clubs from the St. Lawrence division. We even had guests from Toronto, Ontario and Milan, Italy (guests of the Notaros - West Seneca Kiwanis Club).

After the game, Kiwanians returned to the West Seneca tent for a victory celebration with food, drink, good fellowship and good memories before heading home! The West Senena Club would like to thank ALL the sponsors and patrons who donated over \$6000 of the money raised for this







NYS District Governor Peter Mancuso and daughter Cathy enjoy the game.

year's event. A very special thank you to our PLATINUM SPONSORS: THE LEGEND GROUP "Providing Financial Security" and SAVILLE'S OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT (\$1000 each) and our \$250 Silver Sponsors: Chick-N-Pizza Works, Dunn Tire, PDG Tom & Rosemary DeJulio, LIN IPLG Ed (Woody) Ryder and the West Seneca Teacher's Association.

This event has totaled over \$30,000 for Kamp Kiwanis. The continued support of Kiwanians throughout the state is appreciated and essential for future success.

Additional thanks goes out to: Tom Murphy, who brought a group of 31 friends and members from his Glens Falls Club, LG Pat Blizniak of the East Aurora Club who along with Don Hayes brought a group of 17 from his club, and all those who supported this event either by their attendance or as a patron/sponsor.

Event Chairman Larry Jones would like to thank the West Seneca Kiwanis Club, who accounted for 119 attendees.

"Thank you to LG Scotty Burt and current President Greg Notaro for their support; Marge McLaughlin for her beautiful rendition of "Amazing Grace" played on her bagpipes; Joanne Pyle for organizing and running the raffle; and Jim Yochum for providing an album of pictures portraying images in a way words cannot. Finally I would like to sincerely thank the rest of my committee Diane Beres, John Blando, Scotty Burt, Darrell Jones, Pete Kosanovich, Charlie Markel, Greg Notaro, Joanne Pyle, Don Rauscher, Ivan Tarnopoll, and Bill Tober; and a special thanks my wife Carol, for her help and support."

At the K-Family weekend this past November at Friar Tuck Inn, Long Island South Central PLG Janice Seyfried donated \$1500 to the Adopt-An-Acre Program in memory of her late husband Eric. The Seyfrieds have been avid Kamp Kiwanis supporters throughout the years. Janice's generosity is greatly appreciated.



