

## Foundation President

Sal Anelli

It's the year 2008, I can't believe that 2007 came and went. As it is with every year we have a chance to look back and reflect on the positives and the negatives of the past 12 months and hopefully the ups outweigh the downs. For me, as I look back, the most glaring negative was the loss of our good friend, Past Governor and Sponsored Youth Chair, Anthony "Tony" Palangi. It's still hard to accept that at future meetings, Tony will not be with us. I'm not sure that anything that we accomplish will ever outweigh the loss of Tony. I am sure that he would be the first to say, "Go forward and have a positive upcoming year." So let's go forward and do what we do for the children of our district and make Tony proud.

Let me give you some of the positives that have occurred to date; first, I had a hard task to perform – finding someone who can take the sponsored youth chairmanship vacated by the loss of Tony Palangi. I really wanted someone who had the same fervor for our sponsored youth. I wanted someone who was a worker and qualified to take the job. Well, I found that person, or rather that person found me. It gives me great pleasure to announce that Mickey Leamey will be the Sponsored Youth Chairwoman. As you all know, Mickey is a tremendously hard worker and has been involved with our youth for as long as I remember. Thank you Mickey for volunteering and welcome aboard.

I welcome Garrett Lacara as an appointee to our board; Garrett will be in charge of procuring grants from various government and other agencies. He is a dynamic individual and wants to help our cause, thank you Garrett and welcome.

Another new appointee to our board is the sitting Lt. Governor from the Suffolk East Division, Joe Weiss. Joe will be chair for special events and the first project is already in the works. Joe is hosting a Super Bowl Party at his home and the proceeds are earmarked for Kamp Kiwanis. If you want to find out more on how you can support this fundraiser, email Joe at joeweiss@optonline.net. Thank you Joe for all you have done and welcome aboard.

I want to welcome all of the other newly appointed board chairs, New York District board representative, Charles Kroglund; Kamp Kiwanis representative, Roger Sirangelo and Dr. Alan Alterman; Fundraising Chairs, Marty Neuringer and William Jackson; and Joe Eppolito as the returning Empire Club Chair.

The above new appointees along with the rest of our board make for a great positive for the upcoming year.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Kiwanians that responded to the electronic holiday card with donations to the Kamp, thank you so much.

My personal most positive experience for 2007, was being elected president of this

# Kiwanis Walkers Raise \$\$\$ In "Walk For A Child's Dream"

The Kiwanis Club of **SOLVAY-GEDDES-CAMILLUS**, Ontario Division – sent seven walkers to join with some 50 other Kiwanians from the New York District joined International President Dave Curry to raise some \$10,000 in pledges from a 10-K Walk held in the Kamp Kiwanis in Rome, NY.

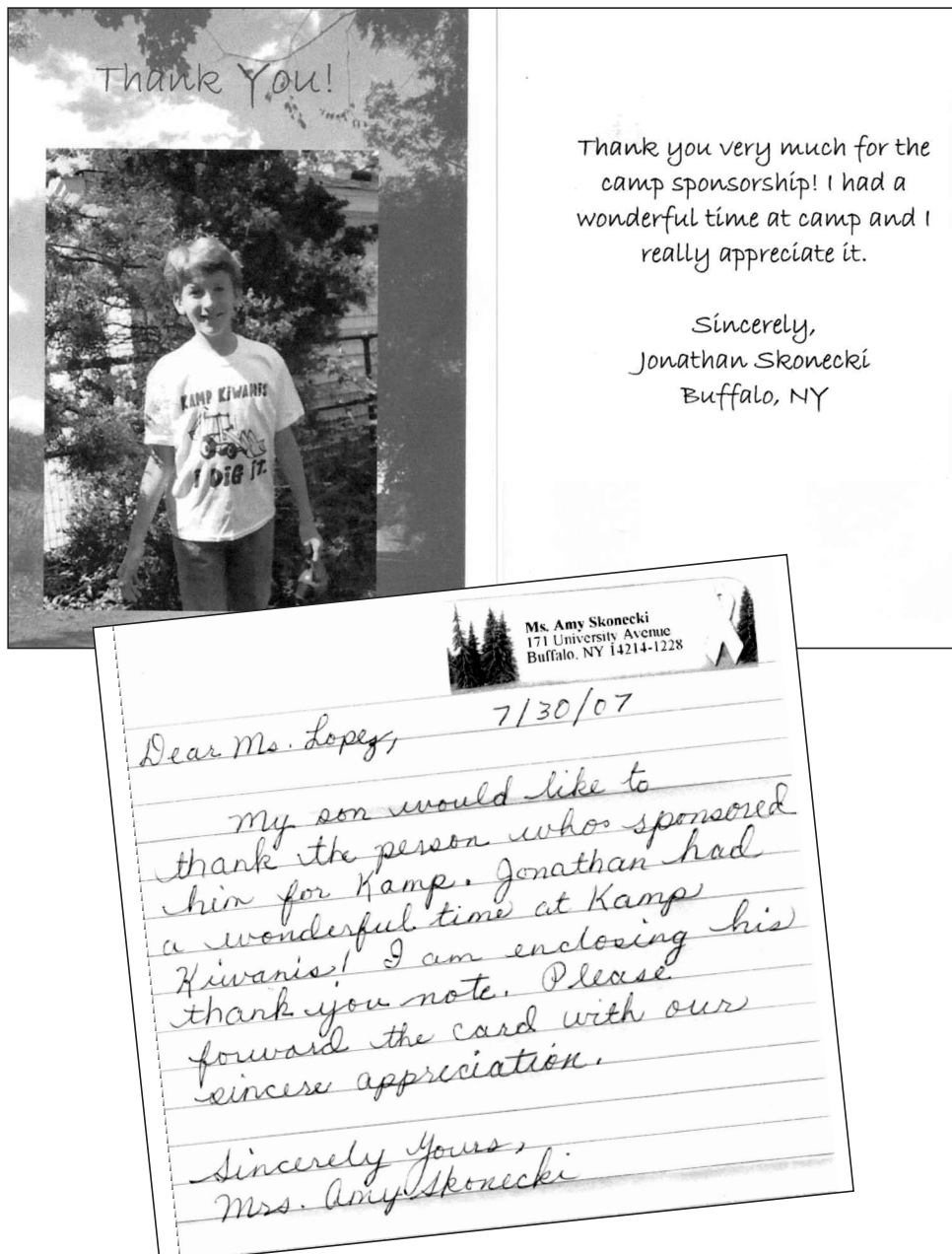
New York District Governor Don Herring organized the walk on October 17, as well as a second one on October 20 with area walkers from Key Clubs, Circle K clubs, and other Kiwanians from central and northern New York.

Together the two walks produced some \$20,000 in pledged donations. Half of the money goes to Kamp Kiwanis for its facilities and camperships for needy kids. The other \$10,000 goes to the Kiwanis Foundation for various youth programs throughout the state and the world. Several other clubs and divisions in the state are conducting walks and other fund-raisers to boost the dual-benefit programs.



*Photo above right: Kiwanis walkers who raised money in a "Walk For A Child's Dream" included from left, top row – Ellie Grella, Marlene Gosson, District Governor Don Herring, International President Dave Curry, First Lady Marlene Herring, JoAnne Underwood, Lisa Scali, and Mickie Leamey; front row – Kathy Ammann, Diane Howser, Rita Briggman, and Mary Burns.*

## Parents and Campers Thank Kiwanians for Sponsorship



## Disaster Relief

by Mike Malark

With so many disasters in the past few years, we have made a decision to be proactive. Instead of collecting and sending things 3 weeks after the disaster, our goal is to be able to send immediate help no matter where it is in the U.S. Please bring the following items to the Mid-Winter and District Conventions, so we can start our disaster relief collection.

### CLEANING ITEMS

Paper towels – rolled, Toilet paper, Kleenex – boxed and individual packages, Cleaning Products (409, Fantastic, etc.), Clorox, Tide Laundry Detergent, Dawn liquid dish soap, and Sponges.

### FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE KITS

(full sizes items please)

Shampoo, Body Lotion, Soap, Shaving cream, Toothbrushes, Bath Towels, Razors – men and women, Wash Clothes, Deodorant – men and women, Toothpaste, Johnson & Johnson Baby Powder, Women's personal hygiene items (kotex, tampons, etc).

### FOOD ITEMS

Canned Fruit and Vegetables, Canned Fruit Juice, Canned Soup, Canned Beans, Canned Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Meats such as Tuna, Spam, Chicken, Corned Beef.

### ALSO NEEDED:

Pasta: Spaghetti, macaroni, rigatoni, etc., Macaroni and Cheese, Hot Cereal, Peanut Butter and Jelly. We will be sorting and packing items as an on site service project.

Thank you in advance for