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New York District Kiwanis Foundation

## District Mobilized Hurricane Sandy Relief

District  
Foundation

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I usually write this article to update you on the state of the New York District Kiwanis Foundation and especially what's going on at Kamp Kiwanis.

However since Oct. 29, 2012, we have been consumed with nothing other than the relief effort for victims of Super Storm Sandy. I want to tell you about the Herculean efforts that have been put forth by New York District Kiwanians to help out the victims of this devastating storm.

I want to tell you about one particular Kiwanian who has put his life on hold and in jeopardy to help out in any way he could to bring relief to those devastated areas.

Distinguished Past Governor Mike Malark mobilized a relief effort within days of the storm. He contacted clubs throughout the District that had supplies to donate, rented a truck and went

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around the district collecting those supplies and then headed down to the areas affected by storm Sandy.

He didn't do this once or twice, this man made more than 12 trips to all of the Sandy-affected areas, and is probably on the road as you read this article.

Kamp Executive Director Rebecca Lopez accompanied him on several trips.

Other humanitarian efforts are those of The South Shore Club in the Metropolitan Division with the help of Staten Island Borough President Molinari. They fed more than 650 Sandy victims for Thanksgiving; the borough president provided the school auditorium and transportation, and the South Shore Kiwanis Club provided all of the turkey dinners.

Lt. Governor of the Metropolitan Division, Forbes Irvine, set up a tent in the Midland Beach area and has fed anywhere from 250 to 450 people a day for almost three months. That location has also been a drop-off point for supplies and many of the people in the area have been able to pick up much needed supplies.

Joe Mure, a member of the Bensonhurst and Bay Ridge Kiwanis Club, has a fund raiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation every year at his home in Breezy Point. He was recently featured in an article in the October Kiwanis magazine.

His home was devastated by Sandy but he decided that he would do the annual "Little North Pole" fund raiser anyway, with the proceeds going to the Sandy victims in his area.

The Bensonhurst and Bay Ridge Club funded the event and the "Little North Pole" was a tremendous success not just

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for more on  
Hurricane Relief Efforts

for the money raised, but all the children in the area and from other devastated areas were able to enjoy a little Christmas joy.

Governor-Elect Joe Aiello and many of the Queens West division Kiwanians whose division covers Howard Beach and the Rockaways has been picking up and delivering much needed food and supplies to those affected. Dennis Rosa from the Bronx-Westchester South Division has been making many trips to affected areas delivering much needed supplies. Distinguished Past Governor Dave Rothman, who is also a victim of Sandy, has been organizing drop-off locations and relief effort to those in the Long Island area affected. I am sure that there are many more Kiwanians that are out there doing what they can to help their neighbors and I wish that I had all their names for me to thank on behalf of our District and our Foundation.

There is another group of people that I would like to say thank you to. First, to all the individuals and divisions from the New York District that not only donated money, but went out of their way to put together food and supplies for pickup so that it can be delivered to the victims. It seems that the New York Kiwanians are always there to help and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

I would also like to thank the Kiwanians around the country and around the world that have so generously sent in monetary donations to our relief effort.

As you can see we have truly been overwhelmed by the response from around the country and around the world.

I write this article to tell you that I am honored and proud to be a Kiwanian, not just a New York District Kiwanian, but a member of an organization that truly exemplifies the principles on which it was based on, service to those who are in need.

### Mid-Year Conference Is Feb. 22-24 in Albany

The annual Mid-Year Conference will take place Feb. 22-24 at the Holiday Inn on Wolf Road in Albany.

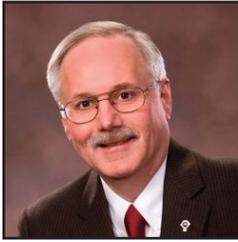
The event will be an opportunity to meet other Kiwanians, attend training sessions and learn the latest on what's happening in the Kiwanis world.

Immediate Past Gov. Bill Risbrook and his lieutenant governors will be honored for their work during the 2011-12 Administrative Year.

More information, schedules and registration forms are available on the district web site, [www.kiwans-ny.org](http://www.kiwans-ny.org).

**District Secretary**

**David Booker**



I hope that the holidays brought hope for better times to all.

Administratively there are a number of things going on that need our attention.

Hopefully, if your club has not already done so, it will be making plans to send some members to the Mid-Year Conference (February 22-24 at the Holiday Inn on Wolf Road, Albany).

The registration forms are posted on the district web site, [www.kiwanis-ny.org](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org); the schedules for the conference and forums should be published on the web site by the time that you read this. Please go to [www.kiwanis-ny.org](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org) to get

the latest information on this important weekend.

As has been announced a number of times, the Kiwanis International Board has approved a new "Standard Form of Club Bylaws" and clubs will be required to adopt these new bylaws.

The new club bylaws present clubs with fewer rules and more options than in the past, plus new club policies that can be adapted to each club.

Club bylaws will now be entered directly on the Kiwanis International web site. This will provide time-savings, easier editing, more secure archiving and self-serve access which gives the club the ability to download a copy anytime (once the new version is submitted online).

Although it was intended to be operational by December, the online submission process is yet to be completed.

In the meantime, go to [www.KiwanisOne.org/NewClubBylaws](http://www.KiwanisOne.org/NewClubBylaws) to preview the new copy and consult the updated FAQs. Hopefully, we will be

able to offer a forum on this issue at the Mid-Year Conference.

At the time of this publication, the District Office has received two notices of candidacy for the office of Governor Elect for the Kiwanis Administrative Year 2013-14. The announced candidates are: Lt. Governor Eric G. Paul, Kiwanis Club of West Seneca, Niagara Frontier South Division and Immediate Past Lt. Governor Candace Corsaro, Kiwanis Clubs of Niagara Falls and Amherst, Niagara Frontier North Division.

Shortly information supplied by the campaigns will be published on the district web site and both of these candidates will be campaigning at the Mid-Year Conference. Take the time to get to know both as in August we will be picking the next leadership for our District.

Speaking of campaigning the New York District Policies concerning campaigning are available on the district web site.

## Plan Now for Vancouver Convention

The 2012-13 Kiwanis International Convention will take place June 27-30 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

The 98th Kiwanis International Convention will be presided over by our own Past Governor, International President Thomas DeJulio.

Registration is now open through the Kiwanis One web site ([www.kiwanisone.org](http://www.kiwanisone.org)), and tickets also can be purchased for the ticketed events.

The registration fee is \$185 until April 2, when it will rise to \$235. After May 15, only on-site registration will be available at a cost of \$250.

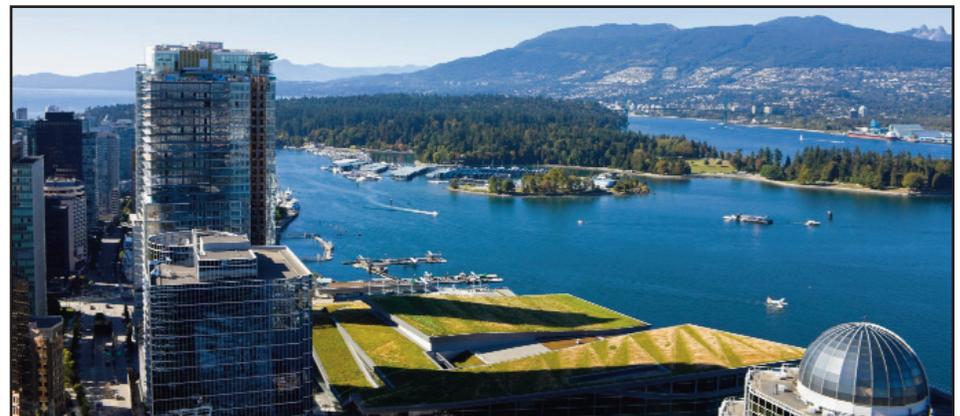
Ticketed events during the convention include a performance by The Mid-

town Men on Friday evening.

The speaker for the opening session will be John O'Leary, who as a 9-year-old received burns to 100 percent of his body and was given less than 1 percent chance of survival. He endured months in the hospital and dozens of surgeries. He overcame those challenges to graduate from college and become a business owner, hospital chaplain, the ambassador for Big Brothers, Big Sisters, and international speaker, husband and

father.

At the closing session, Sarah McLachlan will be honored with the 2013 World Service Medal. The singer and songwriter will be honored for her dedication to music education. The Sarah McLachlan School of Music in Vancouver provides music education to under-served and at-risk youth at no cost. The school is dedicated to helping young people build community and find their voice.



The Vancouver Convention center and its green roof.

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### 2012-13 Events

**Feb. 22-24, 2013:**

Mid-Year Conference, Holiday Inn, Wolf Road, Albany

**June 26-30, 2013:**

International Convention, Vancouver, British Columbia

**Aug. 15-18, 2013:**

District Convention, RIT Conference Center, Henrietta

**Governor**

**Al Norato Jr.**



On behalf of Dr. Jenny and I, we wish you and yours a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Since last writing, we have, as a district, undergone some tremendous events. On Oct. 1, we organized a new club, with at least 28 new members.

Within weeks, most of the lower region of the district was struck by Hurricane Sandy.

Just two weeks later, we held our K-Family weekend, in which the theme was unity. Interspersed within all this, Dr. Jenny and I have had the honor of attending club anniversaries, installations and Governor's visits.

To close out the year, in a subdued manner, we celebrated the holidays, while reflecting on the tragedies and unspeakable events that occurred in nearby Newtown, CT and our own Webster, NY.

I'm proud to report that while Kiwanians has been battered by the storms and saddened by the recent random acts of violence, we are strong -- some-

times stronger than ever -- and working hard.

While they try to teach you what you can expect as governor, the events that have started this term are not the things that one ever expects to deal with, nor can they teach you to handle. You simply do the very best you can.

Once power was restored, I learned of the tremendous need it would take to help not just our neighborhoods, but Kiwanians themselves, who had been impacted. I've been working with clubs, divisions and districts from throughout the world who simply wanted to know what they could do to help.

It is comforting to know that many who responded, including those from the Upstate region of this district, did so recalling just how much they had been helped in previous instances.

Likewise, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the many Kiwanians, led by DPG Michael Malark, Kamp Kiwanis Director Rebecca Lopez and Governor-Elect Joseph Aiello, who have given so much time and energy in service to their community as a result of the storm.

We will continue do all that we can to help restore those clubs and divisions that were impacted get back up on their feet. We are with you!

On Dec. 14, 2012, the world was stunned when we learned that 20 precious children and six adults were taken

from us by violence. Many Kiwanians felt compelled to "do something". Their need to act was understandable. Many have children; some are or have been school teachers; and, after all, Kiwanis is all about making this a better and safer world for children. On that night, I sent out a message. The essence was to hold our children a little longer and a lot tighter and tell them that they are loved. I also asked that we pray for those lost and that we send letters of condolence to anyone who resides in Newtown, CT.

As we were about to celebrate Christmas Eve, in Webster, NY, hero firefighters were ambushed by the acts of a madman. We honor their memories and mourn for their families and community. Only later did we learn that one of the slain firefighters was a Kiwanian from the Webster Club. His name was Michael "Chip" Chiapperini. He was a police officer, a volunteer fireman, a father of three and a Kiwanian. In his honor, this edition of the ESK is dedicated to his memory. May this hero, and all the other heroes who never make the front pages, but give the ultimate sacrifice, Rest in Peace.

In life, there are some forces - natural or man-made - we must face that we have little to no control over; nevertheless, we must face them and strive to be stronger. Working together, we will be stronger - than ever before.

**Governor Elect**

**Joseph Aiello**



I want to take this time to thank all the clubs Upstate, Downstate, Kiwanis International, and across the U.S., for the disaster relief efforts from Hurricane Sandy.

Special thanks to the Key Clubs, Circle K Clubs putting together the disaster kits at the K-Family weekend. Distinguished Past Gov. Mike Malark spearheaded the efforts.

Mike also has been sending trucks to stricken areas. I will be putting a full disaster relief team together 2013-14. The team will consist of volunteers from Upstate and Downstate, with Malark as the team leader. I will be looking for volunteers.

This disaster was another hurdle that we came together as a Kiwanis Family and made an impact on those in need. That is why we are Kiwanians. Nothing stands in our way to help those in need.

I'm so proud that I have made a commitment to lead this great District.

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I have completed my Governor training at Kiwanis International. It was educational, interesting and fun. Now it's time to start to build the team for next year.

If you are interested to be part of the team, please contact me via e-mail at joa9014@nyp.org or by mail to 69-16-68TH Place Glendale, NY 11385. You can also contact Distinguished Past Gov. David Rothman or Distinguished Past Gov. Joseph Joe Corace.

I encourage whoever is interested, has the time, the commitment and the enthusiasm to be part of the team.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

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Do you have what it takes to be a leader?

I'm looking forward to meeting the lieutenant governors for 2013-14. The lieutenant governors-elect should start to have a Dream, Vision, and Mission.

You should be asking yourself, How am I going to impact the division? You, as a lieutenant governor must be energetic, a motivator, be positive and have fun. As lieutenant governors you can't accept any negativity and always re-



**Aiello sorting supplies for Hurricane Sandy Victims.**

main positive. So let's get inspired to be motivators and believe in yourself and your dream.

In 2013-14, we will make a difference in the district. Kiwanis is in our hearts.

Keep the first week of May 2013 open for training.

# Bayside, St. Albans Receive Charters

Immediate Past Governor Bill Risbrook helped to start two new clubs in his own Queens East Division, the Kiwanis Clubs of St. Albans and Bayside.



Past Governor Bill Risbrook (standing fifth from right) is all smiles as he celebrates Charter Night on Nov. 30, 2012, with Bayside Kiwanis Club. Seated far right is Charter President Margaret Mora with Lt. Governor Nodia Chambers. Standing far left is Immediate Past Lt. Governor Carson Johnson. To Governor Bill's left is Immediate Past Lt. Governor Laura Prange who is an honorary member. Also present is Past Governor Joseph Corace. Special thanks to Past Governor and honorary member David Rothman for helping him to start the club.



Past Governor Bill Risbrook (seated third from left) is very proud at the Charter Night of the St. Albans Club which took place Oct. 15, 2012. Seated to his left is Charter President Vivian Glover. Standing far right is Past Lt. Governor Carson Johnson, Past Governor Joseph Corace and sixth from the right is Lt. Governor Nodia Chambers.

## Chester Kiwanis Sponsors Toyland Project

The Chester club's Toyland Project held Dec. 15 was a successful event.

The club served 66 needy families and was able to provide more than 800 gifts, plus a large number of stuffed animals, for 230 children. Drawings were held for many larger toys and a decorated Christmas tree.

The club also collected clothing and the adults were able to take whatever

they needed for themselves and their children. Three bags of clothing that were left over were taken by Larry Schall to the Salvation Army.

Some members of the Key Club and other adult volunteers did the gift wrapping.

Between Friday night and Saturday, we had 21 Key Club members and 4 Builders Club members helping out. Their faculty advisors, Jen Burreto and Gabe Horn, were also in attendance and assisted.

On Friday evening 17 Kiwanians helped with for set up, and on Saturday there were 22 members who helped with distribution and clean up.

Also, there were at least 10 additional adult volunteers wrapping and assisting the parents who came to shop.

There were two Kiwanis members helping to entertain the children while their parents "shopped".

Hot cocoa and refreshments were served in the lobby as families waited their turn in the gym.

**Think  
39**

**Kristen  
Reed**



Who will carry your club's banner in 2039?

The NY District Kiwanis Think 39 Program is designed to encourage NY District Kiwanis Clubs to recruit members under the age of 40 to join clubs to increase membership, assist in growing community relations, and also ensure stability for clubs in the future.

Finding young adults to recruit to join your Kiwanis Club can seem like a pretty daunting task. To assist in your recruitment needs take a look at the eight recruitment tips below to help make it easier to get started growing your membership with young adults. If you have any questions or comments

please feel free to contact NY District Kiwanis Think 39 Chair Kristen Reed at [kristenreed@gmail.com](mailto:kristenreed@gmail.com).

**Think 39 Recruitment Tips – Getting Started**

1. Ask current members to recruit within their family. Children and grandchildren of Kiwanians are a great source for membership.

2. Contact the local college or university to ask if your membership chair can speak at the next Faculty Senate meeting. This is an excellent way to recruit professors and other professionals to join.

3. Attend a local Circle K club and find out if any graduating seniors plan on staying in the area and would be interested in joining Kiwanis after graduation.

4. Call or e-mail area businesses and ask if you can post flyers or set up an informational workshop in their lunchroom for a day.

5. Partner with your local Boys and Girls Club for a joint service project. This is a great opportunity to meet parents of children and reach out for them

to get involved.

6. Encourage the young adults you are recruiting to invite their spouses, friends and family members to attend a service project. Young adults enjoy doing activities in a group and will feel more comfortable if a friend or family member can attend with them.

7. Work with your local elementary, middle and high schools to set up informational meetings or presentations at Parent-Teacher Associations.

8. Young people gravitate toward others like themselves, and a good approach is to recruit with your youngest members. Seeing someone of a similar age, lifestyle and perspective enjoying their Kiwanis International member experience is reason to join for fellowship and networking. Once you have two or three young adults in your club, ask them to join your club's committees membership, recruitment, or Think 39 Chair.

Think 39 forms are available on the staff web site at <http://www.kiwanis-ny.org/forms.htm>

**Key  
Leader**

**Mary Jean  
Sprague**



Happy New Year Fellow Kiwanians. I am writing to you to officially invite you as a Kiwanian, to attend our Key Leader weekend, May 3-5 at Camp Stella Maris in Livonia, south of Rochester, as an adult chaperone.

I am not sure how much you know about the specifics, but we need a certain number of adults to be at the camp throughout the entire weekend, including sleeping in the cabins with the students (supervising/chaperoning). Everyone sleeping at the camp must complete a limited background check done by Kiwanis International. I am looking to fill the compensated slots with adults who will be there for the

whole weekend.

While it isn't necessary to have all of the adults present be Kiwanis Leaders it will go a long way in bringing the Knowledge and Enthusiasm for Key Leader back to your clubs and divisions.

I would appreciate an answer by March 1, please, so you may register and be sent the application for the background check in good time. It takes four weeks to process. If you are interested in coming but not for the whole weekend, that would be great too.

The role of adults at a Key Leader weekend is active. The adults are in their own group and complete all of the same activities as the student groups. It is a really nice message for the students to see the adults involved in the process of service leadership too. The adults are very much part of the weekend. Then, there are some other duties as assigned relating to chaperoning and supervising everyone. Key Leader weekends are casual - t-shirts, jeans, sweatshirts, etc.

Now for some really exciting news, we are currently working towards a second

program in the Port Jervis Area! I am very excited to be working with Lt. Gov. David Morse and Circle K President Kelly Chan from Queens College to make it happen, David has graciously accepted the pending position of Site Coordinator, Kelly Chan who has a lot of experience at Leadership Training weekends has enthusiastically requested a position as a chaperone. I do need another site coordinator and about 9 more chaperones to say nothing of the students! We will still need to recruit and sponsor 60 more students for this event. As Port Jervis is located centrally in the Hudson Valley area, I believe students from the Capital District as well as Long Island could be accommodated.

Registration is open for the May 3-5 event at Camp Stella Maris. If you have students interested please have them register right away! We are limited to 80 students, and require at least 60 students to run the program. Registration can be done by the student at [www.Key-Leader.org](http://www.Key-Leader.org) As always if there are any other questions please email me.

## Woodbridge Distributes Dictionaries

During November the Kiwanis Club of Woodridge went to each third grade classroom at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School and handed out new dictionaries to all of the students.

Woodridge member Marilyn Brizel, Wendi Smith, President Sue Kasofsky and Hudson River West Lt. Governor David Morse explained the dictionary's importance to the students and had them look up words and homonyms in the dictionaries.

This is the sixth year Woodridge is doing the project. The club sends letters home to parents in English and Spanish explaining the importance of dictionaries and that this is sponsored by the Woodridge Kiwanis Club and it includes contact information for our club. It is such a fun project and the student are beaming when they realize that the dictionary is theirs to keep.

## Club Sponsors Movie

On Dec. 15, the Kiwanis Club of the Central Adirondacks, in cooperation with Bob Card and Helen Zyma of the Strand Theater, sponsored the annual free Bob Thayer Memorial Holiday Movie for Kids.

Santa and Mrs. Claus greeted the kids and handed out presents and books to all children 10 and under.

The event drew 140 people.



## Bronx Westchester Walks to The End

More than 40 members of the Bronx Westchester South Network walked in support of the end of Alzheimer's Disease led by outgoing Lt. Governor Mario DeGiorgio and incoming Lt. Governor Warren Golden.

As many as 10 family member clubs participated to raise several thousand dollars.

Fordham Circle K president Hannah Besl said, "Although Kiwanis focuses on youth projects, all of us want to help find a cure, not just for the older members of our families who might be afflicted, but also for our future, too. We hope many more young people will rally and support the fight against a disease that affects all of us directly and indirectly".

## More than 600 Runners Contribute to Toy Trot

The Toy Trot sponsored by the Patchogue Kiwanis Club drew 600 entrants. Many impressive times were achieved by runners of all ages, in carriages and in a wheel chair on Sunday, Dec 2.

The 5K course meandered up and down various streets, around Patchogue Lake and then finished where it started on Jennings. The field was one of the largest in the history of this annual race.

In addition to the entrant fee for the race, runners were asked to bring a toy for a needy child. Almost 600 toys were collected from the runners and packaged by the Patchogue Medford High School Key Clubs and Venture Crew for distribution to needy children in the Greater Patchogue area.



## Key Club Supports Thangiving Dinner

The North Shore Key Club helped prepare a Thanksgiving dinner at the North Shore Inn.

The Key Club has been participating in this event for more than 15 years. The North Shore Inn is a non-profit that provides food to hungry people in the Glen Cove area.

Home made pies, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes and fresh veggies are always on the menu.

Volunteers for the event were Fallon Blacharski, Allison Black, Anton Cefalu, Angelina Corozzo, Stephanie Damiano, Cleo Fleming, Matias Gonzalez, Sarah Halioua, Alex Wilhelm.



# Monticello Presents Books to Pupils

Second graders at Kenneth L. Rutherford Elementary School were recently paid a visit by the members of the Monticello Kiwanis Club, who presented a number of story books to the students at a special assembly.

The Kiwanians distributed books dealing with the subject of friendship. Janet Siano and Jane Sorensen each read a book to the children, who were very attentive and participated in discussing the books.

The books were distributed to each classroom where they were read and discussed by the teachers and students after which each student was given a book to take home and encouraged to share their thoughts and feelings about the story with family members.

"We all enjoyed our visit and interaction with the students and are looking forward to returning in the spring with a new supply of books to distribute to the students for their summer reading pleasure," said Sheila Lashinsky.

The club thanked Kiwanian Doris Motl, also the Reading is Fundamental coordinator, who made the arrangements and to Jane Sorensen, who stepped in to lead the assembly as Doris was unable to attend.



Second grade students from Rutherford Elementary with Monticello Kiwanis Club members Sheila Lashinsky, Janet Siano, and Jane Sorensen.

# East Meadow Supports Farm For Community Education

East Meadow Kiwanis President Mitchell Allen's President's Project came to completion in October 2012 with a harvest ribbon cutting ceremony.

The farm, located on Merrick Ave and Luddington Road, is one of the last remaining farms in Nassau County. The land was acquired in a partnership with the East Meadow Kiwanis Club, the Cornell Cooperative Extension, the East Meadow Chamber of Commerce, Nassau County and County Legislator Norma Gonsalves.

With the cutting of the ribbon, the educational farm was transferred to the control of the East Meadow School District as an agricultural education project for students from elementary school to high school.

The school district will encourage teachers and their classes to plant areas of the farm, study agricultural methods and conduct environmental science research.

On hand to reap the first harvest were student members of the Bowling Green K-Kids and the Woodland Middle School Builders Club. Guided by science teacher and Woodland Faculty Advisor Nanda Sundri, the SLP members planted tulip bulbs, garlic and onions that will come up in the spring. They also harvested carrots, kale, coriander and tomatoes.

The harvested fresh vegetables were donated to local needy families.



# Penfield-Perinton Celebrates 50th Anniversary

On Sept. 14, 2012, the Kiwanis Club of the Penfield-Perinton Townships celebrated its 50th anniversary.

The celebration also provided the club with an opportunity to honor its longest serving and charter member, Past Governor Robert "Bob" Calabrese.

The dinner celebration was attended by 104 supporters of the club, which included Past Kiwanis International Foundation President Jack Harten, Past Kiwanis International President Jerry Christiano, Past New York District Governors Jack Tetamore, John Gridley, Patrick Cooney, Joe Eppolito and Doreen Pellitteri; and 14 past lieu-

tenant governors.

Civic leaders in attendance included retired state Supreme Court Judge Andrew Siracuse (former club President), New York State Senator James Alesi (club member), Penfield Supervisor Anthony LaFountain, Penfield Councilwomen Linda Kohl and East Rochester Mayor Fred Ricci (club member).

Past Lt. Gov. John Vogel from the Niagara South Division, an original member of PG Bob's Board, was also in attendance.

Letters of congratulations to the club and Past Gov. Bob were received from Kiwanis International President

Thomas DeJulio, Kiwanis International Foundation 2012-13 President Peter Mancuso, New York 2012-2013 District Governor Albert Norato Jr. and New York District Past Gov. Justin Underwood.

Past Governor Bob Calabrese was awarded the Brittany Fellowship by Past Gov. John Gridley. The Town of Penfield presented Bob with the Town Service Award and a rosewood pen and recognized the club for its record of community service.

# Zellers Support Eliminate Project

The Walter Zeller Fellowship was created to support Kiwanis International's Eliminate Project.

Many of them have been presented around the district already, including many recent presentations.

Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse, New York District Eliminate Project coordinator, presented Walter Zeller Fellowships to members of the Chinatown club: President Grace Law, Vice President Sophia Ng, Distinguished Past President James

Tong, Distinguished Past President Patrick Ng, Distinguished Past President Fred Chan, Nancy Ng, Distinguished Past President Anne Miao, Wing Kwong, Distinguished Past Lt. Gov. Kenneth Wan, Distinguished Past Lt. Gov. Peter Yu, and one Eliminate Project certificate of appreciation to Grace K. Tong. Chinatown Kiwanian and Past Distinguished Lt. Gov. Kenneth Wan received a Zeller as well.

As part of its support for the Eliminate Project, the Patchogue Club also has honored four members with Zellers: Past Presidents J. Glen Charvat, Jeffrey Vollmuth, Robert Walch and Nicholas Harding Jr.



## Patchogue Donates \$32,500

Shown is the symbolic presentation of \$32,500 being made by the Patchogue Kiwanis Club in support of the Eliminate Project. Presenting the check, from left, are the two most immediate past presidents of the club, Mark Charvat and Robert Walch. The funds were raised as a major emphasis project in their terms of office. Receiving the check are Suffolk East Division Lt. Gov. Lorri Schneider and New York District Gov. Albert E Norato Jr.



## Central Adirondacks Trick or Treat

The Central Adirondacks Kiwanis family consisting of Town of Webb School Key and Builders Clubs and Community Youth and Activity Center collected cash contributions rather than candy on Halloween. They raised more than \$225 that will be donated to the Eliminate Project.

### Eliminate Project

#### Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse



The New Year of 2013 has begun. It comes with promise and possibility -- and for us in Kiwanis -- it comes with participation in the EliMiNaTe Project. Since I last wrote this column in October, we have received two major gifts of \$25,000 each and two new Model Clubs have formed in Sayville and Patchogue. We have also been blessed with a gift of \$50,000 from the trust of a gentleman who recently passed away. Our SLP's continue to inspire us with all they are doing for EliMiNaTe. I wish we could all plug into their enthusiasm for the Project!

These are some of the larger gifts that we have received. But there are many touching stories as well that I do not want to go unnoticed nor unmentioned.

I was at a club meeting and after my talk, members of the club began bringing donations up to the club coordinator. One gentleman said that his family has been so blessed that he wished to do something in response. He wrote a check for \$180 to protect 100 mothers and their babies. As other people were placing their donations, I noticed a woman opening her handbag and looking through her wallet. This she did several times. Finally she took two one dollar bills out of her wallet, and placed them with the other donations. Tears came to my eyes as I saw these two gestures of generosity, and the memory has remained with me ever since. The \$180 check and the two one dollar bills (as well as everything else in between) represented gifts from the hearts of those who gave.

Few of us can donate a major gift; more of us -- but certainly not all of us -- can contribute a Zeller. But we all can do something, This past October neighborhoods in Staten Island, Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk were severely impacted by Hurricane Sandy. The New York District came together (as we always do) as a family to help those who lost their homes, cars, and personal possessions. It will take these



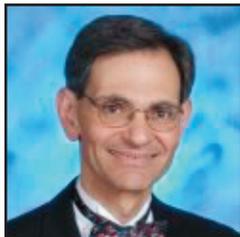
folks a long time to settle back into their homes and resume their lives. Can those of us who were not so severely affected by this super storm now work a little harder for EliMiNaTe in their stead?

The area in which we need to concentrate is obtaining a Club Coordinator for each of our clubs. This is our biggest challenge. Only 19 percent of our clubs are listed as having someone serve in this position. Yet I am sure that many clubs have someone functioning as a club coordinator, perhaps with a different title. We need a point person in each club, especially as we go forward. Please contact me if you are not sure as to whether or not your club has a club coordinator officially registered.

I realize that a great deal is being asked of us, but we can do it--after all, we are the New York District, the land of Excelsior!

## International Foundation

DPG Peter Mancuso



Your donation to the Kiwanis International Foundation makes a positive difference in children's lives. We know because we've seen it happen.

Your gift to the Kiwanis Children's Fund supports grants that help the Kiwanis family serve more 125,000 children each year:

As violence erupted in 2010 near Shilong, India, and an economic blockade closed medical centers, businesses and roads throughout the area, local families were displaced from their homes and children in the rural village of Maram were no longer able to attend school. Seeing the need to help children caught in emergency situations, Kiwanians from the Texas-Oklahoma District requested a foundation grant to expand their Shilong Children's Center

program, which originally could serve only seven children at a time. The thriving center now provides shelter, food, transitional education and other services for up to 30 children and family members coping with emergency situations.

A gift of \$500 can enable 10 children affected by violence to live in safety for one year.

In Faribault, Minnesota, many of the low-income children who qualify for free school lunches run the risk of going hungry over the weekends when there may not be adequate food available at home. In 2010, the Kiwanis Club of Faribault received a foundation grant to continue its backpack food program, enabling them to provide 100 disadvantaged children with a backpack full of healthy food to bring home each weekend.

A gift of US\$250 can provide 1,250 meals for hungry children.

Each year, the Kiwanis International Foundation grants significant funds to support Key Leader and other Kiwanis-family youth programs. These transformative experiences develop leadership skills, build lasting friendships and

teach young people the value of service. Recent Key Leader participants had a lot to say about the program: "It was the absolute best experience on leadership I've ever had." "I loved getting out of my comfort zone, meeting complete strangers and becoming their friends. The camp was amazing and the weekend taught me stuff I'll use all my life!" "I really enjoyed Key Leader. It has and will change my life."

A gift of \$100 can fund four scholarships for youth to attend a life-changing Key Leader event.

Join us in making a difference for thousands of children across the U.S. and around the world each year. Go to <http://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/en/Foundation/Help/IndividualGiving.aspx> to make an online gift -- it's easy and secure. Or download a gift or pledge form at [http://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/Libraries/Foundation/Kiwanis\\_International\\_Foundation\\_Gift\\_or\\_Pledge\\_Form.sflb.ashx](http://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/Libraries/Foundation/Kiwanis_International_Foundation_Gift_or_Pledge_Form.sflb.ashx) to give by mail or fax.

Thank you for supporting Kiwanis International's efforts to serve the children of the world, one child and one community at a time.

## KPTC North Shore

PG Joseph Corace



As we start a new year, we hope that the New Year will not give us some of the challenges last year gave us.

My thanks to all that support our KPTC program that provides medical attention, a KPTC Kit Program, and

Safety programs provided by our Service Leadership Committee, made up of our Key Club and Circle K members at schools and health fairs.

Please give us the opportunity to join one of your club meetings to extend a thank you to your club and an update of what your support has meant in "Saving children's lives in our communities."

Please take a look at our web site, [www.kiwanispediatrictraumacenter.org](http://www.kiwanispediatrictraumacenter.org).

A special thank you to clubs that sponsor service leadership programs. They are outstanding.

This month we went Christmas Car-

oling with The Bowling Green K-Kids. The North Shore Key Club had a night at Moe's Restaurant and a car wash. This is just an example of what our Sponsored Youth does year after year.

Our Service Leadership Committee is doing a Walk For KPTC indoors at LIU Post on Feb. 9, 2013. Please help make this fundraiser a success. Let's join them and walk the indoor track or support them with a T-shirt ad.

Every club that supports this effort will be given a banner patch as a thank you. For information contact [rickie.nycki@gmail.com](mailto:rickie.nycki@gmail.com) or our KPTC web-site above.

## WT Clarke Builders Club, Key Club Go "K"aroling

The WT Clarke Builders Club and WT Clarke Key Club joined the Bowling Green K-Kids for the K-Kids' annual "K"aroling for KPTC and Hot Chocolate Party.

This year's event was the most successful yet thanks to the large turnout and a very generous special donation from the family of the newest K-Kids member, Tatiana Valdes.

The evening began with a greeting from East Meadow Kiwanis President Debbie Kirsh who told the Service Leadership Club members how proud the club is to be their sponsor. She also took a few moments to present WT Clarke Builders Clubber Aashini Shah with her medallion for winning first place in the Builders Club International Speech Contest.

Three groups were formed with each being assigned an adult supervisor and a vocal leader. Special thanks to the many K-Kids parents who went out with each group and assisted the adult supervisor.

The vocal leaders included Circle K DPG Rickie Santer, WT Clarke Key Club President Gina Principato and Key Club Division 6 Lt. Gov. Paul with his Executive Assistant Anusha Syed. The vocal leaders helped the groups select an appropriate song based on the decorations at each house, made sure everyone in the group sang together and insured that the work of KPTC was explained to each donor.

Back at the school, WT Clarke Builders Club President Queenie Ho presented a check for \$300 to KPTC

Foundation President Joe Corace. In recognition of its donation, DPG Joe presented the club with the new KPTC Service Award. Bowling Green K-Kids President Kira Gruber followed with a similar donation and the Bowling Green K-Kids received the second KPTC Service Award.

Other donations were recognized; when the donations were complete, KPTC had received more than \$1,300.

Bowling Green K-Kids President Kira Gruber received an Impact Donor's 175 lives saved pin, recognizing the K-Kids \$550 donation to the Eliminate Project through their Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF campaign.

## Feeding Sandy Victims

The Glendale and Lefferts Liberty Kiwanis Clubs returned to Hamilton Beach in Howard Beach the weekend of Nov. 10-11 to provide some hot food to area residents still without power due to Superstorm Sandy. The clubs were there from dawn to dusk, cooking and distributing supplies to disaster victims. Hundreds of families were fed; goody bags were given to the children. The Kiwanians even fed workers with Con-Ed and National Grid.



Kiwanians from the Metropolitan Division helping distribute donated supplies to hurricane victims.

## Bayside Club, Tx-Ok District Partner on Sandy Relief

Kiwanians from Bayside Kiwanis Club in New York partnered with the Texas Oklahoma District of Kiwanis to bring backpacks to many of the children affected by the ravages of Hurricane Sandy.

Clubs of the of the Texas Oklahoma District purchased backpacks and collected \$2,500 in donations. They shipped everything and partnered with Bayside Kiwanis of New York to purchase items, fill the backpacks, and distribute them to the affected areas.

The first stop was the VFW Distribu-

tion Center in Broad Channel. Next was dropping some off to the Point Breeze Volunteer Fire Department who were hosting a Holiday Party for the children of Breezy Point. The next day Bayside Kiwanis headed with more backpacks into Neponsit to an amazing annual event referred to as "The Little North Pole". On Christmas Eve Bayside Kiwanis headed to the



Volunteers putting articles into the backpacks.

Broad Channel Volunteer Fire Department with more of the backpacks.

# New York District Kiwanis Foundation



## \$10,000 to Support Hurricane Relief

The Switzerland-Liechtenstein District of Kiwanis has donated \$10,000 to the New York District Foundation for Hurricane Sandy relief. District Gov. Robert Jenefsky and his wife Helen, made the presentation to Kiwanis International President Thomas DeJulio, New York Gov. Al Norato Jr., and Sal Anelli, president of the New York District Kiwanis Foundation. Anelli said Jenefsky asked the foundation to use the money to pay for children from the affected area to spend a week at Kamp Kiwanis this summer. Pictured, from left, are DeJulio, First Lady Dr. Rosemary DeJulio, Anelli, Robert Jenefsky, Helen Jenefsky and Norato.



## South Shore Busy

On Dec. 3, Past Gov. Mike Malark (second from left) delivered supplies to assist the South Shore effort. Others on hand included members of the South Shore, Richmond County and North Central clubs.



These scarves were among the 115 made by the K-Kids of Bettie Weaver in Midlothian, Va. The club's members wanted to something for the New York kids affected by the storm. The district foundation received the scarves and they were given out at the Kiwanis Relief Centers in Staten Island and Long Island.

## Sandy aid came from Louisiana, others

Donations to the New York District Foundation for Hurricane Sandy relief have been coming in from individuals, clubs, divisions and districts around the world.

Here is a list of some who have supported the effort:

### Europe:

The District of Switzerland-Lechtenstein.

### Canada:

Kiwanis Club of Ottawa Foundation, Ottawa, Ontario; Kiwanis Club of Ottawa, West Ottawa, Ontario.

### California:

San Jose Kiwanis Club, San Jose; San Jose Kiwanis Club Foundation, San Jose; Thomas Arthur Downey, San

Francisco; Simi Valley Kiwanis Club, Simi Valley.

### Louisiana:

Daniel and Debra Trotter, Slidell; The Kellers, Covington; Thomas Scheib, Covington; Wendell and Carolyn Aldrich, Covington; Kiwanis Club of Greater Covington; Kiwanis Club of Camellia City, Slidell; Kiwanis Club of Northshore, Mandeville; Kiwanis Club of Pontchartrain, New Orleans.

### Also:

Chaffee-Sardinia Kiwanis Club, Terry and Debra Kurtz of Long Beach Miss.; Indiana District Kiwanis Foundation and Donald Ciota of Ridgefield, Conn.



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**Pediatric  
Lyme Disease**

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Does Lyme disease turn "A" students into failing students? Can it render athletic kids wheelchair-bound or transform happy children into suicidal children? The answer is yes. This puzzling infection has been called "the new great imitator" (syphilis was the previous great imitator) because it causes vague, flu-like symptoms and a circular rash that is easy to miss. Lyme disease can both look like and lead to learning disabilities, mood disturbances, depression, anxiety, attention deficit disorder, and even manic or psychotic behavior. Experts do not yet know with certainty how Lyme disease wreaks havoc on the brain.

Researchers aren't certain how frequently *Borrelia burgdorferi* -- the corkscrew-shaped bacteria that causes Lyme disease -- attacks the brain or nervous system. Dr. Brian Fallon, an associate professor of clinical psychiatry at Columbia University and director of its Lyme Disease Research Program, estimates that if diagnosed and treated early, less than five percent of sufferers will develop brain or nerve complications -- a condition known as neuroborreliosis. If left undiagnosed and untreated, the Lyme bacterium may attack the brain or nerves in as many as 40 to 50 percent of patients. The Lyme bacterium can attack the brain within weeks to years after first infection, causing meningitis symptoms including stiff neck, headache, light sensitivity, and fatigue. Over time, vague symptoms such as thinking difficulties, school performance problems, and mood changes can develop.

Our kids are at risk. Children love to roll around in grass, dive into piles of leaves, and explore the woods. These outdoor amusements, unfortunately, also take place in environments very friendly to the deer ticks that transmit Lyme disease. Children as young as 1 or

2 years of age are getting Lyme disease, according to the Center for Disease Control Lyme Disease Program, which suggests ticks may also be found in maintained areas of the yard. Avoid thick brush, overgrown grass, marshes, leaf and woodpiles, and gardens. Even beaches can harbor ticks. If your child does go to a high risk area, be sure they wear protective clothing including light colored clothing so ticks are easily spotted, long sleeves buttoned at the cuff, long pants tucked into the socks, and a hat.

Although summer and fall have passed, Lyme disease is still here. So please remember, that if you know of a child with Lyme disease in need of financial help, contact me or any member of the Lyme Disease Foundation Board and remember: The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing. In this case the main thing is our children.

Thank you to all the Kiwanis members, Circle K, Key Club, and Builders Club members who have taken time to care and share through fundraising, donations and by honoring someone with a Brittany Fellowship. Without you none of what we do would be possible.