

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.