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New York District Kiwanis Foundation

## Mid-Year Conference to be Educational, Fun

The 2014 Mid-Year Conference will offer a wide variety of learning opportunities for attendees, and also will give the district an opportunity to thank Immediate Past Gov. Al Norato Jr. and his board of lieutenant governors for their service during the 2012-13 Administrative Year.

Registration is now open for the conference, to take place Feb. 21-23 at the Holiday Inn on Wolf Road in Albany.

If you are a new member (since Oct. 1) you will be able to get a discounted registration to the event.

There will be two major themes for the event.

There will be many opportunities, including a three-hour program on Sunday morning, for participants to learn more about the Eliminate Project and the district's progress on meeting its goals.

The other is the Kiwanis' effort to protect children from abuse and how that will impact Kiwanians working with the Service Leadership Programs.

Event and forum schedules for the conference are available on Pages 6-7. Check the district web site for the latest schedule updates.

Supplies will be collected for the district's Disaster Relief program. Clubs and divisions are invited to bring a basket for the Basket Raffle, and then buy tickets for your chance to win. This year

there will be an award presented by Gov. Joe Aiello for the best basket.

Proceeds from the basket raffle will be used to support the Governor's Project, "Open Your Heart to Autism".

Judging for the Bulletin and Scrapbook contests will take place during the weekend. Clubs which want to compete in the Bulletin Contest must send bulletins to Past Gov. Bill Risbrook, 115-17 172nd St., Jamaica, NY 11434 or by e-mail to [wmajestic25@aol.com](mailto:wmajestic25@aol.com). Scrapbooks should be brought to the event and dropped off by Saturday morning at

10 a.m. at the district office.

There will be an opportunity to get involved with the First Lady's Project, "Boxes for the Troops" on Saturday morning. Supplies to support the project are needed, including toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, combs, shampoo, soap, face clothes, baby powder, soap and small packs of tissues.

Registration information and forms have been sent to all clubs. Online registration, which will be available until Feb. 17, is encouraged. See the district web site for more information.

## All Island Kiwanis Club Formed

Congratulations to Metropolitan Division Lt. Gov. Chris Rubano as Past Distinguished Lt. Gov. Sean O'Sullivan organized a new club called the All Island Kiwanis Club. The club conducted its organizational meeting on Dec. 5.

The Charter President is Helen Pollari Lanino. Helen was a Key Clubber, a charter member of the New Paltz Circle K club in 1999-2000 and the Circle K Governor in 2005-06. The charter secretary is Steve Argentine.

The club was chartered with the required 15 members and will try to grow to 25 by Charter Night, which is planned for March.

The new Kiwanians have already been busy. They donated 25 turkeys to a local church for Thanksgiving, are running a toy drive for Christmas, volunteered for Sandy Relief work day and voted to charter at least one K-Kids Club.

The club will meet bi-weekly at 8:30 a.m. on Thursdays at the Hampton Inn, 1st Floor, 1112 South Ave., Staten Island.

Past Gov. Joseph Eppolito, New Club Building Chair for the current year, has issued congratulations to all those involved and a welcome to the New York Kiwanis family.

## Club Sponsors Shopping Trip

The Huntington Kiwanis Club once again conducted its annual Christmas Shopping Tour on Dec. 10.

The club took 50 of Huntington's neediest children shopping. The children, ages 5 to 8, are teamed up with Key Club members from the club's four Key Clubs - Huntington High School, Harborfields High School and Half Hollow Hills High Schools East and West.

The project, which the club has sponsored for 43 years, is organized by Kiwanian Jerry Asher. Funding comes from local churches, businesses and individuals. The whole project costs over \$8,500.

The children were brought to Sears by school bus, where the Key Club and Kiwanis volunteers met them. The project has become a Key Club favorite; this year there were more than 150 Key Club volunteers.

After two hours of shopping, everyone goes to another location where the Key Club kids wrap the children's gifts while the youngsters have lunch with Santa.

The wrapped gifts are packed and made ready for the parents when they pick up their children after the shopping tour.



Gov. Joe Aiello is Santa's helper at the Huntington Club's annual shopping program

**Treasurer/  
Assistant  
Secretary  
Justin  
Underwood**



Welcome to the New Year! Everyone finished up the 2013 calendar year in great style ... Lots of projects and more than 300 New Members! Congratulations to you all!

#### **Background Checks**

Yes, background checks are important. And this issue is not going away. In fact, you will be required to have background checks for each of your Kiwanis Advisors for each of your Sponsored Leadership Programs. (Advisors employed by the school involved do not need to have a background check through Kiwanis as they have (or should have) a background check done by that school.) Additionally, any Kiwanian that participates in an event that requires an overnight stay with students that are under 18 must have a Kiwanis background check through our insurance company. It is easy to do and is only \$20 or \$25. These functions absolutely include the NY District Key Club Leadership Conference, Key Club's International Convention, any of our Key Leader programs, etc.

The goal for each Kiwanis Club should be to have each club member go to [www.kiwanis.org/youthprotection](http://www.kiwanis.org/youthprotection) website and take the online course. There are also many documents that could be helpful for your club, such as a Question and Answer piece that really covers a multitude of situations. If you complete the on-line course, then you can print out a certificate of completion.

We are informed that Kiwanis Inter-

national, along with "Safe Hiring Solutions" is working to bring us a website that is easy to use for individual background checks.

#### **On Line Reporting**

There have been numerous questions about the new website for club secretaries to do their online reporting and club membership administration. If you have not done so, when you go to login you will find yourself at a new "Portal-buzz" Login page (mostly blue and no yellow tones) and a statement about creating a new password.

Everyone is going to need to get a new password. All you need to do is to click on the "Register/Reset Password" link towards the bottom of the page and under the blue Login button. Once you reset your password, you should find that the new website is easier to use and the membership management function is extremely easy to use.

Please be sure that you submit new members rather than using the old paper forms. It is faster and more accurately gets to us. The information gets into the International AND District databases very quickly!

Any problems? Please call Justin Underwood at (800) 419-8898.

#### **Time for clubs to file IRS Form 990**

The IRS Form 990 is an informational tax form that most tax-exempt organizations must file annually with the Internal Revenue Service. The form gives the IRS an overview of Kiwanis club's activities, governance and financial information. For those clubs with a foundation, they need to be reminded to file, as well. Please help.

Club and foundation treasurers are required to file one of three Form 990 reports based on gross receipts on the 15th of the month, 5 months after the end of the fiscal year. For example, if the fiscal year ends Sept. 30, file your report by Feb. 15, 2014. You'll find suggested steps to follow and details about determining which form fits which

club's circumstances on the Kiwanis website ([www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org)).

The IRS website also includes related tools and resources. Kiwanis International does not have records of club's IRS history, but clubs can contact the Kiwanis International Office's Finance Department by email at [finance@kiwanis.org](mailto:finance@kiwanis.org) or call (800) 549-2647, ext. 153 or 146, for guidance.

#### **Are you ready for Tokyo Chiba?**

Be sure to check out the Kiwanis International Convention Website ([www.kiwanis.org/convention/2014](http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2014)). There you will find tours being offered and information about Japan and Tokyo. You can sign up to get e-mail updates. There is a trip planner that you can use, as well as a look back to the 2013 ICON and more information. Convention Registration opens Jan. 20.

#### **Things around the corner and other "stuff"**

- Kiwanis One Day is Saturday, April 5 this year.

- The Grant Applications to KI Foundation Deadline is April 15. All Kiwanis family clubs, districts and district foundations are eligible to submit grant applications.

- Kiwanis Magazine via your iPad is coming soon.

- Check out the cool retro sweatshirts for CKI now available in limited supply at <http://store.kiwanis.org/product/2814>.

- This summer, Circle K will launch the inaugural "CKIx" - the ultimate six-day experience that combines the best aspects of the Circle K International Convention and Large Scale Service Project. CKIx happens June 17-22, 2014 in Nashville, Tennessee.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact the District Office at ANY TIME!

Ann Sewert, NY District Secretary or Justin Underwood, Assistant Secretary  
1-800-419-8898 or [districtoffice@kiwanis-ny.org](mailto:districtoffice@kiwanis-ny.org)

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### **2013-14 Events**

**Feb. 21-23, 2014:**

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

**March 14-16, 2014:**

Circle K District Convention, Albany Hotel, Albany

**March 28-30, 2014:**

Key Club Leadership Training Conference, Desmond Hotel, Albany

**May 1-3, 2014:**

Kamp Kiwanis Work Week and Open House

**June 30-July 6, 2014:**

Key Club International Convention, Anaheim, California

**July 17-20, 2014:**

International Convention, Toyko-Chiba, Japan

**July 19-22, 2014:**

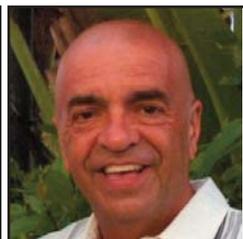
Circle K International Convention, Nashville, Tenn.

**Aug. 13-17, 2013:**

District Convention, Desmond Hotel, Albany

## Governor

Joseph  
Aiello



This year's holiday season will soon be coming to an end. All the hectic racing around displaying decorations, going to parties and exchanging gifts are behind us. Now is the time for new beginnings; a beginning of a new year and a new beginning for our New York Kiwanis District 2014. I want to thank you all for all of the wonderful things you did to make our district, and indeed, our world a better place in 2013. I want to also wish you a Wonderful, Happy and Healthy New Year for 2014.

As everyone around us makes their resolutions this year, let us all resolve to work together to make our New York District the best it has ever been. At this time of renewal and new beginnings I encourage everyone to renew your commitment to Kiwanis. Let us rebuild our clubs and our divisions. Let us reaffirm the importance of Kiwanis in our communities and around the world by educating our members to the goals and objects of Kiwanis. Let us build our membership and add clubs to our organization so that the work of Kiwanis can be spread out to all those places in need. To sustain this positive feel let us work closely with our sponsored youth. They are our future.

At this year's Mid-Winter Confer-

ence, to be held Feb. 21-23, we will introduce some new ideas and make some changes to help revitalize our district. I will encourage you all to reach out to your clubs to make an added effort to invite guests to become new members of Kiwanis. I will ask you to consider family, friends, members of the community and our sponsored youth, specially the Circle K, as potential members.

Let's get more members and sponsored youth involved in our educational forums, and all the other events we have planned for this conference. I urge all members to do their best to attend this conference in Albany.

All the presidents and secretaries have received their registration packets. We urge them all to contact their clubs and to spread the word about this year's conference. We plan to make this a most enjoyable and educational weekend.

Any division wishing to host a hospitality suite is urged to contact our district secretary as soon as possible. This year we are asking each hospitality room to have a theme. There will be a governor's award and trophy for the best hospitality room. This is a great time to informally meet with our fellow Kiwanians.

We are also asking that clubs or divisions supply gift baskets to be raffled off during the conference. Again, there will be a governor's award and trophy for the best basket. Contents of the baskets are your choice. All proceeds for this year's raffle will go towards the Governor's Project - Autism.

On Saturday of the conference we will recognize all of our new members and

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sponsors. Throughout the weekend we will be recognizing the achievements and outstanding work of the clubs over the last several months. Some of the things we will focus on will be growth, years of service, and special events such as birthdays or anniversaries. I am asking you to send me any special milestones your club may be having and an event that your club has done that is clearly above and beyond the call of duty. These clubs deserve to be recognized and I wish do to so.

On Saturday night Immediate Past Gov. Al Norato Jr. will present awards for the achievements of his dream from 2012-13. Let's be on hand to show support to Gov. Al and his team of hard-working Kiwanians. We are proud of their work.

This is our district and we are extremely proud of all the fine work we do as volunteers for this great organization. Kiwanis is in our hearts and our hearts are in Kiwanis. Let's build those bridges to the future for our children. Let us reach our goals for 2014.

Again, on behalf of the First Lady and myself, we wish you and your families a Happy, Healthy and Productive New Year.

## Child Protection

Jim  
Mancuso



One of the things I like most about Kiwanis International is the volume and variety of website content available to members. They go out of their way to provide us all with the tools we need to make our volunteer experience a great one and help those who we serve. The Kiwanis International content engine has now turned its focus to the Youth Protection Program.

There are a few tools I recommend that you take advantage of as soon as possible:

- Online Youth Protection Training - In this well done, self paced video presentation you can easily get a great overview of the Youth Protection Pro-

gram. It really does a fine job of all of the ins and outs including important topics such as adult to child ratios when adults are staying overnight or travelling with children, important rules for children who need to take medication when under Kiwanis supervision and guidance when it comes to interaction with kids on social media such as Facebook. To access this training, go to the "member login" icon on Kiwanis.org. Once you log in click the "education" icon on the left side of the screen and select "Youth Protection Guidelines".

There is also a pre-recorded webinar at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/658553970> where members can learn even more entitled, "Youth Protection Guidelines and You."

- Youth Protection Club Policies - Check out this page [www.kiwanis.org/clubpolicybasics](http://www.kiwanis.org/clubpolicybasics) to better understand club best practices related to background checks, information security, record retention and criminal records.

- Liability Insurance - Review the optional insurance resources guide at <http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanisone/learn/risk-management> on this topic to make sure directors and officers are protected. The best protection is to make sure your club follows the Kiwanis guidelines, but proper insurance coverage is a prudent step to take as well.

With the tools Kiwanis provides there is no reason not to be educated on a topic which is of importance to your club. It is all there for the taking and it only takes a little bit of time to make sure we are protecting our kids and our members.

There will also be a Youth Protection training forum at the Mid-Winter Conference, which will take place Feb. 21-23 at the Holiday Inn in Albany. I look forward to seeing you all there so we can dive into this all too important issue of protecting our youth.

**Governor-Elect**

**Eric G. Paul**



Happy New Year! I realize that it may be late January or early February when you read this, but with 2013 just behind us, and with the excitement of looking toward a great 2014, I can't resist the greeting.

Being Governor-Elect of this great Kiwanis District is all I ever imagined it to be. I traveled to Indianapolis for training in November, and again in early January with our Sponsored Program Administrators. Both were great experiences where I was able to trade

information with other districts on how things were done there, developments in Kiwanis, and about how we (different districts) are all so different, but really the same.

As we approach our 2014 Mid-Winter Conference, I want to ask a favor. I need volunteers to do the many "jobs" our Kiwanis District has for hardworking people looking to work to improve our district. Remember these are jobs with duties, not just titles!

These positions range from district committee member to district chair, and from membership to club building and regarding club activities.

I ask you please send me an email detailing what areas you would like to serve in, and why, to [egpaul99@gmail.com](mailto:egpaul99@gmail.com). Or, stop me at the conference in Albany to talk!

I look forward to seeing everyone in Albany on Feb. 21.

**Aktion Club**

**Debra Rothman**



I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. By the time this comes out I will have returned from the SLP Conference at Kiwanis International headquarters in Indiana and one big point of discussion will be background checks.

Criminal history background checks for Kiwanis advisors working with Aktion Club members will be required for the Kiwanis 2013 year and going forward.

The background checks should conform to applicable local and state/provincial laws and requirements. In the absence of such regulations, Kiwanis clubs are expected to undertake confidential background checks for all adults who will be working directly with Aktion Club members. It was the decision of the KI board to enforce these new regulations.

If you have any questions you can contact our liaison, Katie Griffin at Kiwanis International..

**Marketing & PR**

**Jim Mancuso**



Did you ever want to be on the silver screen? Well, soon you will have your chance as the New York District focuses on the power of marketing to constantly remind the world of why we need their support and try to drive membership. Announcing the "Kiwanis Oscars" where your club gets a chance to showcase itself to your community and fellow Kiwanians.

We all love going to the movies so why not use the same media to promote your club? At first, I know the concept sound a little daunting: "How can we make a movie?" It is easier to do then you think and I promise you'll have at fun doing it! At our upcoming 2014 Mid-Year Conference, to take place Feb. 21-23 at the Holiday Inn in Albany, there will be a forum titled "Kiwanis Oscars" where we will show you all you need to know to make a great movie about your club (and/or your division, if you so choose).

Did I mention that this is a contest? That's right; you will be in competition with your fellow New York District Ki-

wanians. But, no matter whether you win or lose the contest you will all still win! That's because the movie you create will be a great marketing tool for your club. You will be able to use it into the future to show anyone in your community why your club is a great community organization (i.e. posted on your website). Here is how it will all work:

- As previously stated, The Kiwanis Oscars are being held as a contest. Prizes will be awarded just as they do in the real Oscars for Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Director and other areas applicable to what we do such as: Best Community Service Message and Best Membership Recruitment Movie.

- Each movie will need to be between 4-7 minutes long to qualify for the contest.

- The winning movies will be played at the District Convention to take place at the Desmond Hotel in Albany, Aug. 13-17.

I hope many clubs will choose to get into the spirit of things. I believe if you do, this will be a rewarding and valuable experience. Movies and videos capture our hearts - just look at the success of the websites such as YouTube. As we continue to look at ways to make people aware of what we do, the Kiwanis Oscars will inspire you to release your creative club marketing energies.

So, I guess there is nothing left to be said except "Lights, camera, action!" and "See you at the movies!"

**Governor's Project**

**Kevin Kamper**

Happy New Year. Thank you for your Governor's Project submissions. For those who have not gotten started, with the cold weather upon us, it is a good time to plan a program for your club meeting. There are plenty of resources you can use: your local children's hospital, your school district or community center that works with special needs students. Also feel free to send any stories on the project to [webmaster@kiwanis-ny.org](mailto:webmaster@kiwanis-ny.org).

Feel free to contact any committee member if you have any questions and remember to return the project form to receive your banner patch. If you are attending the Mid-Year Conference you can participate in the Governor's Project forum.

## Central Adirondacks Distributes 630 Gifts

Each year the Kiwanis Club of the Central Adirondacks collects and distributes gifts and toys to special families in the Woodgate, Thendara, Old

Forge, Eagle Bay, and Inlet area. Last year Long Lake was added and this year Indian Lake was added to the project area.

In 2013, the total distribution included 630 gifts, 84 stuffed animals for the younger children, 88 theatre tickets

for the older children, 86 knitted articles, 118 books, 108 sets of scarves, hats and mittens and 59 hams

This year Kiwanis again partnered with the Marine Corps League Toys for Tots Program, The Town of Webb School Key Club.

## Builders Clubs

Joanne Underwood



I think most Kiwanis Clubs who look to charter a Builders Club are already sold on the fact that the Builders Club will make a positive impact on the students who join it and through them, a similar impact on their school and community. What may be scaring off some Kiwanis clubs is not knowing exactly what their responsibility is to the Builders Club. That is what I hope to explain here.

A sponsoring Kiwanis Club makes contact with a Middle or Junior High School, and "sells" the principal or administrator on the value of having a Builders Club in their school. If you need help doing this, you can reach me,

one of the district's Builders Club Committee members, an advisor from another Builders Club, or your Lt. Governor to help you. We can get you a DVD from International, you can copy articles from the ESK, go on line to the Builders Club website, etc. But don't be afraid, you know what a Kiwanis Club is; a Builders Club is simply a student run Kiwanis club (with the guidance of a faculty and a Kiwanis advisor).

Once the school, school district, or a community organization agrees to have a Builders Club, there are chartering papers to be filled out and sent (along with a chartering fee) to Kiwanis International. These forms are not hard to complete. The club needs to appoint a Kiwanis Advisor to the Builders Club. The Faculty Advisor and the Kiwanis Advisor can get to know each other while getting these forms completed.

The Kiwanis Advisor does those things that Kiwanians do best. They make sure the student officers are

trained so they know what their job as president or secretary is, and how to run a meeting. That doesn't mean the advisor has to train them; they can get members of their Kiwanis Club who have held these offices to explain the basics to the Builders Club officers.

The advisor then helps the officers when they have questions or problems with their duties. And, as with your Kiwanis Club, there are lots of resources available from Kiwanis International to help do these things. For the Kiwanis Advisor and any Kiwanians who choose to become involved, it's a project they will quickly become very proud of.

This age student knows no limits, has an abundance of energy and time for their projects. They will in many cases, outshine the sponsoring Kiwanis Club!

All of which means, with your community and your Kiwanis Club will be so much better because you chose to sponsor a Builders Club. What are you waiting for?

## Key Club

John Goldstein



Happy New Year fellow Kiwanians. While we have started the new year, 2014, we in Kiwanis are already 3 plus months into our administrative year. However, Key Club's administrative year is almost over. The administrative year for Key Club starts in April right after the annual District Leadership Training Conference. This year the Leadership Training Conference (LTC) is being held March 28-30 at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center and Albany.

I would like to remind you of the following. The Key Clubs should be holding their club elections in February so

the new officers can attend the LTC in March. The new officers usually shadow their predecessors through the end of the school year. They should then hold an officers planning meeting sometime in June, July or August. This will prepare them for a great start in September.

The Lt. Governor should be elected in January so he or she can be installed at the LTC in March. We also elect the District Governor, Secretary and Treasurer and endorse any candidates for International Office at the LTC. The first Key Club District Board meeting is held at the end of April.

How can you help? You, as Kiwanis Key Club Advisors, should work with your Key Club Advisor to make sure that the club elections take place in February. Then you should be ask your Kiwanis Club to help finance the LTC attendance of your new Key Club Officers. This year the cost for a student to attend the LTC is \$275. We recommend that the Kiwanis Club pay one-third for

three to four officers. We also recommend that the Kiwanis Club pay the LTC registration for the Key Club Advisor. This year the Advisor registration is \$300.

I also want to mention the Key Club International Convention in Anaheim, CA. The date for the New York District tour is June 30 through July 5. The cost will be approximately \$1,400 and will include a tour of the City of San Francisco and the surrounding area and Yosemite National Park. We will need your financial assistance to help send the District Board to this great training event.

Finally, I want to talk about the Youth Protection guidelines. Kiwanis International asked that all Kiwanis Advisors to our Service Leadership Programs have background checks. There are other guidelines but this is the most important and I encourage all Kiwanis Key Club Advisors to attend the Key Club workshop at the Mid-Winter Conference in February.

# RJK Middle School Builders Club is Busy

Members of the RJK Middle School Builders Club were busy this Fall with many community service projects.

They collected \$140 by selling pink paper ribbons for \$1 each to parents, teachers and students to promote awareness of Breast Cancer and to raise money for services offered by the Women's Health Center of the Catskill Regional Medical Center in Harris, New York. The ribbons were proudly displayed on the school's main lobby bulletin board.

The students sent holiday greeting

cards and included personal messages to veterans at the Veterans Medical Center at Castle Point. They wanted these veterans to know that their services and commitment to our country are appreciated and they wished them good health and a happy holiday season.

They are now collecting items that will be delivered to the Sullivan County SPCA animal shelter in Rock Hill. Another project that is under way is making tie fleece pillows as a "give back" project for residents of the

skilled nursing unit at Catskill Regional Medical Center. The students will deliver the pillows to the residents in January.

The Builders Club is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Monticello. Middle School Technology Teacher William Oefelein is the Club's Advisor and Jane Sorensen is the Liaison to the Builders Club as well as the Kiwanis President.

# Port Chester- Rye Brook Celebrates 50th

The Kiwanis Club of Port Chester-Rye Brook celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a gala dinner on Oct 19 at T&J Villaggio Trattoria Restaurant in Port Chester.

During the event, which was attended by 145 people, the club honored World War II veterans actively serving in community organizations.

Kiwanis Club veterans honored were Dominick Bologna, Sebastion (Sonny) Mangini, Dominick Morlino, Angelo Muto, and Charles Parlato. VFW Post #1576 veterans honored were Gregory Armeno, Rocco Barrese, Frank Bellantoni, Vito Buccino, Louis DeLeo, James DiSanto, Joseph Guarino, Joseph Lagano, Daniel Mecca, Rocco Morabito, Angelo Sciandra, Alfred Vita, and Eugene Wells.

Proclamations from various elected officials were presented to the club in honor of its 50th Anniversary.

For 50 years the members of the local Kiwanis Club have helped to make a positive difference in the lives of the residents in the community. While looking back with pride on all that has been accomplished, the club looks forward to continuing its programs and services.

## 2014 Mid-Year Conference Schedule

Friday, Feb. 21, 2014

Registration.....	3-7 p.m.
Board Luncheon.....	Noon-12:45 p.m.
Basket Raffle and Display Tables.....	3-7 p.m.
Board Meeting.....	1-4:30 pm.
Welcome Reception.....	3:30-5:30 p.m.
Welcome Dinner.....	5:45-7:15 p.m.
Opening Session.....	7:30-9 p.m.
Ice Cream Social.....	9:30-10:30 p.m.
Hospitality Rooms.....	10:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014

Past Governors Breakfast.....	7-9 a.m.
Breakfast (on your own).....	7-8:45 a.m.
Lt. Gov. Elects Breakfast with Gov.-Elect Eric G. Paul.....	7:45-8:45 a.m.
Registration (closed during lunch).....	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Basket Raffle and Display Tables.....	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Forums.....	9-11:45 a.m.
First Timers/Member Recognition Luncheon.....	Noon-1:30 p.m.
Forums.....	1:30-4:15 p.m.
On To Japan.....	4-4:30 p.m.
Past Lt. Gov. Meeting.....	4:45-5 p.m.
Gala Reception.....	6:15-7:15 p.m.
Gala Governor's Dinner and Awards.....	7:30-10:15 p.m.
Hospitality Rooms.....	10:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012

Breakfast (on your own).....	8-9:30 a.m.
Foundation Board Meeting.....	9-11 a.m.
Eliminate Project.....	9 a.m.-Noon

*Schedule is subject to change.*

*See [www.kiwanis-ny.org](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org) for the latest information.*

# K-Kids Were Busy Preparing for Holidays

From collecting food for needy classmates to raising more than \$1,000 for the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at North Shore, the Bowling Green K-Kids captured the holiday spirit by giving to those in need.

The K-Kids' flurry of holiday service began with a school-wide food collection for Thanksgiving, helping the East Meadow High School Key Club serve more than 300 senior citizens a hot turkey dinner with all the fixings and sorting food donations into baskets for needy neighbors with the East Meadow Kiwanis Club.

These service projects were followed by a special meeting to make ornaments for the CASA community Christmas tree and hanging the ornaments with younger children attending the tree lighting. The next day, the K-Kids hosted "karoling" for the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at North Shore. With support from members of the WT Clarke Builders Club, WT Clarke Key Club and the Adelphi University Circle K, the K-Kids "karoling" raised more than \$1,000 to assist the trauma center



**K-Kids Treasurer Tara Connolly and K-Kids Member Amanda Connolly put out merchandise at the Joey Foundation booth.**

to continue its training programs in pediatric trauma, purchase child-sized medical equipment and support the Safe Kids programs for elementary school children.

The K-Kids continued their holiday-related community by service volunteering at the Joey Foundation's jewelry booth at the Tri-County Unique Bazaar.

The proceeds from these two Saturdays were donated to spread the message of Kiwanis International through the organization's Rose Parade Float.

The K-Kids kicked off their holiday recess by helping the East Meadow Kiwanis Club sort food into baskets for Christmas delivery to more than 100 local needy families.

## Mid-Year Forum Schedule

**Friday, Feb. 21, 1-3:30 p.m.**

Secretaries Training .....PG David Booker  
Eliminate Project .....Eliminate Coordinator Sr. Anne-Marie Kirmse

**Saturday, Feb. 22, 9-9:30 a.m.**

Key Club .....Administrator John Goldstein  
Eliminate Project .....Eliminate Coordinator Sr. Anne-Marie Kirmse  
Open Forum: Ask the Governor .....Gov. Joe Aiello, PG Joe Corace,  
PG David Rothman

**Saturday, Feb. 22, 9:40-10:15 a.m.**

Circle K .....Administrator John Keegan  
Eliminate Project .....Eliminate Coordinator Sr. Anne-Marie Kirmse  
Kiwanis International Foundation .....IPP KIF President Peter Mancuso,  
PG David Rothman

**Saturday, Feb. 22, 10:20-11 a.m.**

Aktion Clubs .....Administrator Debra Rothman  
Youth Protection .....Chair PLG Jim Mancuso  
Pediatric Lyme Disease .....DPG John Gridley  
First Lady's Project .....First Lady Carole Aiello

**Saturday, Feb. 22, 11:05-11:40 a.m.**

K-Kids .....Chair Mickie Leamey  
Youth Protection .....Chair Jim Mancuso  
New Member Education/Retention/Protocol .....Master Trainers PLG Rich Hall,  
PLG Alison Mandel

**Saturday, Feb. 22, 1:30-2:15 p.m.**

Builders Club .....Administrator Joanne Underwood  
Kamp Kiwanis .....Foundation President Sal Anelli  
Risk Management .....Chair PLG Steve Bernheim  
New Club Building .....PG Joe Eppolito and PG Bill Risbrook  
Kiwanis Oscars and Marketing Media 21 .....Chairs Jim Mancuso, Chuck Eckert

**Saturday, Feb. 22, 2:20-3:15 p.m.**

Governor's Project .....Chair PLG Kim Scharoff  
Membership Growth .....Chair J.P. DiTroia, Kiwanis Area Director Lanton Lee  
KPTC .....PG Joe Corace, PLG Rick Sturm, PLG Stan Thompson  
Kiwanis Oscars and Marketing Media 21 .....Chairs Chuck Eckert, Jim Mancuso

**Saturday, Feb. 22, 4-4:30 p.m.**

On to Japan .....Chair PLG Nydia Corace

**Sunday, Feb. 23, 9 a.m.-Noon**

Eliminate Project .....Eliminate Coordinator Sr. Anne-Marie Kirmse



## World Record Attempt Planned

One Square Mile of Hope and Kiwanis Club of the Central Adirondacks of Old Forge have announced that on Sept. 13, 2014, they will attempt to regain their place in the Guinness Book of World Records.

The goals are simple: beat the record and regain our title as World Record Holder while raising funds for a great cause. One difference from the 2008 and 2011 events will be that the committee is planning to disperse some of the funds for breast cancer awareness and prevention at a local level. All of the specific recipients will be identified following further research.

On Nov. 20, 2013, it was announced that the Suttons Bay Flotilla in Michigan had set a new Guinness World Record for the "Largest raft of canoes and kayaks" at 2,099 this past August, breaking the record of 1,902 set in Inlet in 2011. The Kiwanis Club of the Central Adirondacks and the One Square Mile of Hope 2014 committee have formed a partnership with the goal of retaking the record while again raising funds to help with breast cancer research and awareness.

This year the primary recipient of the funds raised will be The Breast Cancer Research Foundation, located in NYC. The mission of The Breast Cancer Research Foundation is to achieve prevention and a cure for breast cancer in our lifetime by providing critical funding for innovative clinical and translational research at leading medical centers worldwide, and increasing public awareness about good breast health. Currently, 91 cents of every dollar spent by BCRF is directed towards breast cancer research and awareness programs.

"The last two One Square Mile of Hope events were proven to be successful community wide activities that raised substantial money to fight breast cancer. Kiwanis is both honored and excited to be working on such a worthwhile project along with the great people on the OSM committee," said Kiwanis President Mike Griffin.

## Richmond County Sponsors Christmas Party

The Richmond County Kiwanis Club led by President Keith Cummings hosted a Christmas party for 60 special needs children from PS 37 School in Staten Island.

The children, staff and counselors were treated to music, food and games.

A special visit from Santa Claus insured everyone got a present and treats.

Cummings said it was a magical afternoon everyone was happy the kids were great and the club looks forward to doing it again next year.



## Eliminate Project

Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse



Happy New Year! I hope that the holidays were a special time with your family and friends and that you feel refreshed and renewed as 2014 begins.

January takes its name from the Roman god Janus, who is usually represented with two heads. He looks both to the past and to the future, which is a good way for each of us to approach the New Year. 2014 is a blank canvas right now. How will we Kiwanians leave our mark on it? As of the last giving report Dec. 15, the New York District has raised \$725,233, for EliMiNaTe, which is 40 percent of the goal set by the multi-division and division coordinators who took part in the cluster meetings last year. So far, 60 percent of our clubs have participated. So much for the past; let's look to the future.

Believe it or not, 2014 is the last full year of our campaign to rid the world of

maternal neonatal tetanus. KI hopes to reach the goal of \$110 million by the International Convention by June 2015. We New Yorkers have much work to do this year for the EliMiNaTe Project! So it's time to roll up our sleeves, put our shoulders to the wheel, and do whatever it takes to contribute our part of the goal.

The EliMiNaTe Campaign Team in Indianapolis has designed a program for all districts to strategize for the months ahead. Similar to a football huddle, it is a time to regroup and refocus our efforts to achieve our goals. All multi-division and division coordinators are expected to attend. Since these district meetings were planned to take place between January and March, I scheduled our "huddle" to take place during our Mid-Winter Conference in February. This will avoid the necessity of planning another meeting with folks from all over the state traveling during the winter months. Gov. Joe and his executive team have graciously scheduled two forums on Saturday morning and given us space on Sunday morning to accommodate the time that is needed. The EliMiNaTe forums were planned so as not to interfere with other forums that MDCs and DC's need to attend, so



please plan your travel itinerary around these times. Any other EliMiNaTe club coordinator or interested Kiwanian is also welcome to attend.

There will be Zellers available at Mid-Winter, and time to present these at the Saturday evening banquet. If you have been thinking of obtaining a Zeller for yourself or someone else, this is the time to do so! Have you honored your past president or your past lieutenant governor? There's no time like the present!

I have a dream ... that we can announce at Mid-Winter that New York has raised \$1 million here and that all of our clubs have participated.

Opportunity is knocking at the door of our New Year. Let's welcome it in and continue to make our world a better place by working to EliMiNaTe maternal neonatal tetanus once and for all!

Excelsior!

## LISC Presents Eliminate Project Experience

After months of preparation, the LISC K-Family welcomed representatives from UNICEF, Kiwanis International Foundation Immediate Past President Peter Mancuso and Kiwanis International Immediate Past President Tom DeJulio as well as all three New York District K-Family Governors for The Eliminate Project Experience. Hosted by the Bowling Green K-Kids at their school, the event took place Dec. 6.

The Eliminate Project Experience provided a look at each country where maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT) still kills a mother or newborn baby every 9 minutes. At each country's table participants were invited to taste a food or beverage, play a game, hear a story or make a craft. Foods and beverages included lemongrass iced tea, cassava, plantains, yams and polvorone. Crafts included shadow puppets, lanterns, shell bracelets and mardi gras masks, while games included Sey and Shax. Participants also had the opportunity to have their hands or wrists decorated with henna.

The event also spotlighted successful fundraisers run by local K-Family clubs for the Eliminate Project. However, the highlight of The Eliminate Experience took participants on the "Vaccination



**Marci Brenholz explains the "Cold Chain" used by UNICEF to get vaccines to women in the developing world.**

Journey" through which UNICEF representatives explained in detail how donated funds are used to eliminate MNT by vaccinating women in the hardest to reach corners of our world.

The Eliminate Project Experience was planned and produced by a committee of LISC K-Family members ranging from Kiwanians to K-Kids. The LISC K-Family Eliminate Project Experience Committee was co-chaired by new Kiwanians Rickie Santer and Emma Reed. The primarily educational event

raised about \$1,000 for the Eliminate Project through admission donations and a baby-themed bake sale.

"Being part of eliminating a deadly disease from our world is an amazing feeling!" commented Host Club President Aline Asarian of the Bowling Green K-Kids.

"Our club has raised over \$7,000 to save mothers and babies since the Eliminate Project began. We are really proud to be helping," added K-Kids Secretary Elianna Rivera.

## Key Leader

Mary Jean Sprague



We at New York District Key Leader are ecstatic to be offering two events this year!

The first event will be in April in the Hudson Valley area, at the beautiful Huguenot YMCA campgrounds in Huguenot, NY, on Friday April 25 through Sunday April 27.

The second event, and only second by days, is our long-running event at the inspiring Camp Stella Maris in Livonia, NY, on Friday, May 2 through Sunday May 4.

Students are welcome to come from any part of New York to these events!

Key Leader is a life changing leadership program for 14-18 year olds. We accept students for our program

regardless of where they fall academically in their class. We believe that everyone deserves a chance to grow, learn about themselves and reach beyond where they are today. Key Leader impacts the potential of these students by encouraging and supporting growth in personal integrity and community building. Every day you meet young people with promise and potential, and you can tell they would excel if given the opportunity. Key Leader is one of the best opportunities that Kiwanis offers. We reach out to students who are not necessarily in Key Clubs and give them a chance to lead. Key Leader is a unique and powerful opportunity for reaching out to these students and inspiring them to be more.

Please have students sign up early at [www.Key-Leader.org](http://www.Key-Leader.org).

Registration is \$200 inclusive of lodging, meals, snacks, materials and Lead Facilitator. Students returning to Key Leader interested in being a Student Facilitator should indicate that on their registration and answer

***'Key Leader is a life changing leadership program for 14-18 year olds. We accept students for our program regardless of where they fall academically.'***

a few simple questions. Student Facilitators register for \$115. Key Club Members register for \$175.

We do need event chaperones, who also need to register early as a background check is required a minimum of four weeks before the event.

Those interested in joining this leadership team and help inspire young people to excel should contact me at [askmj@hvc.rr.com](mailto:askmj@hvc.rr.com) for a code to enter when registering. May your year be full of amazing opportunities, enriching experiences, inspiring moments and of course Key Leader!

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions.

## Pediatric Lyme Disease

DPG John Gridley



Centers for Disease Control (CDC): States that Lyme disease is tied to cardiac deaths.

Three young adults died suddenly in the past year of severe heart inflammation induced by Lyme disease, a cardiac manifestation that has surprised some medical investigations. One of those deaths occurred in New York, but not on Long Island, say federal scientists at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, who emphasized that sudden cardiac death is possible in young people infected by Lyme bacteria. Before these three Lyme related sudden deaths, only four cases had been reported in medical history.

Lyme disease was first discovered and described in 1976. Writing in an issue of the CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, a team of the agency's researchers noted their investigation began after the death of a young man whose car had careened off a road. Inexplicably, his heart had stopped. Equally puzzling was the unusual tissue pattern doctors found in his heart muscle upon autopsy. The man had suffered from carditis, an inflammation of the heart muscle. Further investigation revealed an invasion of his heart by the Lyme bacterium, the

source of the severe cardiac inflammation. As the team continued looking into Lyme-related carditis, it found two other young people, identified only as between the ages of 26 and 38, having also died of sudden cardiac arrest. The deaths occurred between November 2012 and July 2013.

Dr. Jorge Benach, a Lyme disease expert at Stony Brook School of Medicine, said the sudden deaths of people so young especially without underlying cardiac problems, is highly unusual. Yet, Lyme-related carditis is not an anomaly, he said. "We have known about Lyme related carditis since the beginning," Benach, a professor of molecular genetics and microbiology.

"About 8 to 10 percent of Lyme cases have carditis," Benach said. Nevertheless, sudden cardiac arrest has occurred among people who were infected by both the Lyme bacterium and the parasite that causes babesiosis, a malaria-like illness, which like Lyme, is transmitted by ticks. Although worrisome, the three sudden cardiac deaths do not suggest recent genetic mutations in the Lyme bacterium that make it more virulent, Benach said. CDC scientist said doctors and patients should be aware of Lyme carditis, which can cause heart palpitations, chest pain, lightheadedness, fainting, and shortness of breath. These symptoms occur in addition to the commonly recognized manifestations of Lyme disease, such as fever, rash and body aches.

Though Lyme related carditis is relatively rare, Benach said, his laboratory research shows that Lyme bacteria have an affinity for the heart. "When mice

were infected with the Lyme disease organism, it preferentially goes to the heart," Benach said. "Carditis is an invasion of the heart muscle by the organism and following this invasion, inflammatory cells move into the heart tissue."

CDC researchers, meanwhile, found that all three victims of sudden cardiac arrest lived in high incidence Lyme disease regions of the Northeast where Lyme has been on the rise in recent years. Long Island is part of an active Lyme belt, which stretches throughout the Eastern Seaboard. So as I have always said, if you know of a child who thinks that they have been bitten by a tick go to your doctor as soon as possible and get a blood test. If you know of someone who needs financial help with treatment or medication just give me or any member of the Lyme disease board a call. Thank you to all of our Kiwanis family members for your support of the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation, without it we could not do what we do.

At this time I would like to announce that the second level of the Brittany Fellowship Award is now available. It is called the Emerald Brittany and is available to only those who have already received the Brittany Fellowship Award. It is available at a cost of only \$250. If you are interested and would like to continue your support of the Pediatric Lyme Foundation just give Past First Lady Rose Marie Gridley a call and she will get it to you.



From left, Gov. Joe Aiello, with Middle Village Kiwanis members: Immediate Distinguished Past President Tina Di Troia, Donna Russo and incoming President Al Gentile. Aiello was presenting Russo with a Zeller Award, which provides support for Kiwanis International's Eliminate Project.



The Aktion Club of FEC/HRW, which is sponsored by the Chester, Middletown and Minisink Kiwanis clubs, collected food for first three weeks of November, then met on Nov. 25 to pack the food baskets and deliver them. They prepared Holiday Boxes for three families for Thanksgiving. They had collected enough to fill additional boxes as well.

## Oceanside Hosts Community Holiday Party

"Holiday Happenings" is the name of an event co-sponsored by the Oceanside Kiwanis Club and the Department of Community Activities, which is where Long Island Southwest Division Lt. Gov. Nancy Baxter works as a recreation assistant.

This year's event took place on Dec. 14 at Oceanside School #6 in Oceanside. It is a community event for all, young and old.

The day started with a sing-a-long by the Oceanside Middle school and High

School choirs. Then Santa arrived to surprise the children and adults. Santa went to his "Workshop" to take pictures with the children and give them small toys.

Outside on the track was a free horse drawn wagon ride, sponsored by the local community groups -- Kiwanis, Chamber, Rotary, Fire Dept and Education Foundation as well.

This is one of the Oceanside Kiwanis' biggest events, next to our Super Bowl pancake breakfast (coming in Feb). And this is all free to the community. Kiwanis pays for the gifts, cookies etc and the Department of Community Activities pays for some staffing.

## International Foundation

DPG David Rothman



The Mid Winter Conference is soon upon us. I hope you will be attending. There are several big changes that the Kiwanis International Foundation has instituted in the form of Club and District recognition that effects us all. They will be covered during Saturday's forum session. Please make every effort to attend.

In the meantime I would like to tell you about a simple way way to raise funds, donate and support the International Foundation. Goodsearch.com !

Goodsearch.com will donate money to the KIF when you use it to search the Internet, shop online or dine out at local restaurants.

Using Goodsearch to search the Net, they will donate a penny per search to our cause. When shopping online they will donate a percentage of every purchase and offer over 100,000 coupons to help you save money too.

Sign up for the Gooddining program and they'll donate a percentage of your restaurant bill when you eat at any one of thousands of participating restaurants.

It's really simple, it's free and turns everyday actions into a way to make our world a better place by supporting our International Foundation.

Go to [www.Goodsearch.com](http://www.Goodsearch.com) to get started today.

## International Program to support Eliminate Project

Kiwanis International President Gunter Gasser and his wife, Christiana, are organizing a project they hope will raise as much as \$100,000 for the Eliminate Project, and it involves all the districts in the Kiwanis world.

Districts are being asked to collect 50 drawings or paintings from children interpreting the phrase "bridge to the future". The artwork, which should be 8.5 by 11 inches, will be sent to Kiwanis International about April 1 where it will be framed and then put on sale at the International Convention in Tokyo-Chiba for \$20 to \$50 per piece.

It is estimated the project will raise between \$40,000 to \$100,000 as a gift to The Eliminate Project.

See the District web site, [www.kiwanis-ny.org](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org), for a letter from Christiana Gasser about the project and the required permission form.

# New York District Kiwanis Foundation

**District  
Foundation**

**Sal Anelli**



As I sit here today, the very last day of 2013, I choose not to look back but rather to look forward. We can talk about all that we accomplished in 2013 with a major emphasis on the tremendous relief efforts that the New York District Kiwanis Foundation was able to provide to those affected by Super Storm Sandy, to the tremendous relief that the New York District Kiwanians brought to very needy children not only by sending children to Kamp Kiwanis but with all projects that helped

brighten the future of our children whether it be in our district or throughout the world.

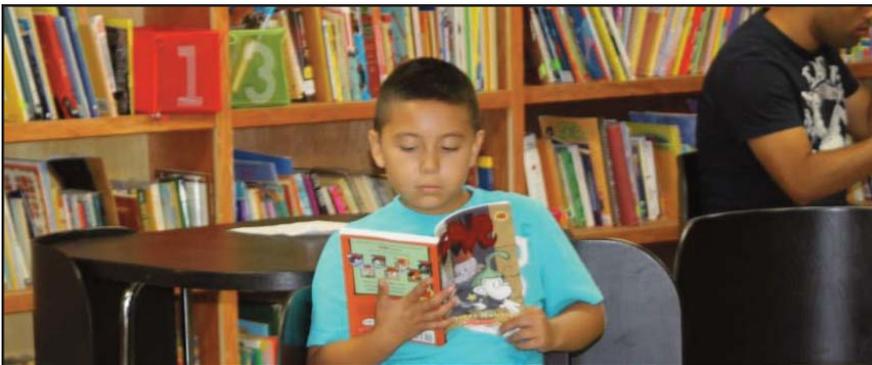
As I said at the outset of this article, I want to look toward the future, and that means keeping our Kamp going strong in providing a great experience to the underprivileged and physically challenged children that attend each year. The Kamp is your Kamp and it is the flagship of our District and we need all New York District Kiwanians to help out in whatever means they can.

Our Kamp is a business and we have to treat it in that manner, a business has overhead that does not go away if you don't have business and similarly our Kamp has overhead that does not go away once kamping season is over. Therefore we must try to fill the Kamp each season and we must continue our fundraising efforts to be able to under-

write the Kampers' tuition, that's the only way that we can maintain the level service that we provide to those children.

All of our board members, whether they are elected, appointed or because of their position in the New York District, have renewed their commitment to do whatever it takes to better the Kamp. To that end we are putting together some fundraisers that you will be hearing about soon.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our board members for their relentless commitment to our Kamp. I would also like to thank all of the New York District Kiwanis Clubs and all of their members for their commitment to the children of our great district and I wish everyone and their families a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. God Bless you all.



## 2014 Kamp Kiwanis Schedule

<b>Work Week</b>	<b>May 1-3</b>
<b>Open House</b>	<b>May 3</b>
<b>Adult Week 1</b>	<b>June 22-27</b>
<b>Adult Week 2</b>	<b>June 29-July 4</b>
<b>Child Week 1</b>	<b>July 6-12</b>
<b>Child Week 2</b>	<b>July 13-19</b>
<b>Child Week 3</b>	<b>July 20-26</b>
<b>Child Week 4</b>	<b>July 27-Aug. 2</b>
<b>Child Week 5</b>	<b>Aug. 3-9</b>
<b>Child Week 6</b>	<b>Aug 10-16</b>



## Kamp Scenes

Above, a kamper makes use of the new library at Kamp. At left, Foundation Board Member Mike Siniski and President Sal Anelli at work at a project at the kamp in 2013. At right, a winter scene showing the the pond outflow at the Kamp.



**KPTC North  
Shore**

**PG Joseph  
Corace**



Thank you to the schools, Kiwanis Clubs and Kiwanis Members that kept the Pediatric Trauma Center in mind during this Holiday Season.

The children, that's what this time of year is about. The kids that need care, love and yes TOYS are so important. And as always, each of you came through again.

Thank you on behalf of the children. This year I spent my time directing fellow Kiwanis members to collect and distribute toys while I could not be there. So I missed firsthand the best part which is seeing the children's faces. I must thank all of the Kiwanis help given to me.

As we start a new year our board of

directors thank you in advance for your support and we ask that you invite us to your clubs so that we can let you know in detail the achievements of the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center and what you have been a part of for over 20 years.

I myself am doing well and hope to see you soon, again "HAPPY NEW YEAR"



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## Key Club Works on Major Emphasis Program

The North Shore Key Club is very excited about the New York District Major Emphasis Project for 2013-14.

The club has various events taking place, starting with the Cohen Medical Center. Key Club members pictured as well as the trio team of Cleo Flemming, Jesse Hannon and Julia Albaise made paper flowers that were placed in vases to be given to Cohen children for the holidays to decorate their hospital rooms and put a smile on many faces.

The cards to accompany the flowers were written in many languages by the gifted members who have talent and can write in various languages; Cohen Medical Center has children who are patients from all over the world.

The club will continue with various other projects, including adopting a local Hospice Care Center and sending decorations to brighten up the rooms and put some joy and smiles on children's faces.

They will also send gift boxes to St Jude's Hospital and various other centers partnered in the Children's Miracle Network Group

