



Oceanside Holiday Happenings

On Dec. 13 the Oceanside Kiwanis Club and the Oceanside Department of Community Activities hosted their annual Holiday Happenings.

The free event is attended by more than 500 children and their families. The morning started off with the Middle School Swing Choir leading us in song. The children were then invited to make crafts, decorate holiday cookies, have their face painted or head over the Santa's workshop to sit on Santa's lap and have a free photo taken.

All of Oceanside's Service Leadership clubs, six K Kids clubs, Builders Club and Key Club, helped run this event.

Guinness Certifies Record

Guinness World records has advised One Square Mile of Hope and Central Adirondack Kiwanis "We are thrilled to inform you that your application for Largest raft of canoes/kayaks has been successful and you are now the Guinness World Record Title Holder!"

On Sept. 13 by gathering an estimated 3,150 boats in one raft and raising nearly \$185,000, One Square Mile of Hope (OSMH) and Kiwanis Club of the Central Adirondacks of Old Forge regained its place in the Guinness Book of World Records.

More than 3,150 boats with participants from 31 states, 2 Canadian provinces, Thailand and Belgium converged on Fourth Lake in Inlet to shatter the Guinness World Record for the largest raft of canoes, kayaks and guide boats. The raft, held together only by hands, fulfilled a Guinness rule by free-floating for at least 30 seconds.

This year the primary recipient of the funds raised will be the Breast Cancer Research Foundation (BCRF), located in New York City. So far \$75,000 has been committed to BCRF, \$10,000 to Upstate Cancer Center at University Hospital, \$10,000 to the Clara Condie Fund at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital and \$5,000 to Central Adirondack Kiwanis.

Corning Stages Leadership Conference

The 20th annual Corning Kiwanis Leadership Conference sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Corning was held on Nov. 7. Fifty three sophomores from the Corning Painted Post High School experienced a full school day of activities designed to develop their leadership skills, learn teamwork, encourage volunteerism, and gain an understanding of themselves and others around them. Six seniors were the junior counselors to help implement the activities.

Ardith Kurchey was the workshop leader. Robertta Bittel, president of the NYS Advisor Students Association, was the keynote speaker.



Queens West volunteers serving dinner.

Queens West Visits Ronald McDonald House

On Dec. 20 members from clubs in the Queens West Division sponsored an event at the Ronald McDonald House organized by the Queens West Division Foundation.

The volunteers arrived at 4:30 p.m. to prepare to serve a meal to the 50 to 60 families at the facility.

Santa arrived at 7 p.m. and each child had a chance to sit on his lap and share their most secret wishes.

Parents snapped their photos and

toys were piled high for distribution. A group of teenagers from Bethpage entertained with Christmas carols.

Queens West Foundation was well represented by 18 volunteers from the following clubs: Glendale, Sunnyside, Howard Beach, Woodside, Maspeth, Forest Hills, Corona-East Elmhurst, East River, LaGuardia and Bayside. Also participating were members from Mapleton, Brooklyn and Huntington, Suffolk West.

Boy Scouts Honor Kingston Club

The Kiwanis Club of Kingston recently received a certificate of appreciation from the Rip Van Winkle Council of the Boy Scouts of America for 25 years of service in support of the annual food drive.

The certificate recognized the club's support of the Scouting for Food program for more than 25 years. Volunteers from the Kiwanis Club have helped receive, sort, pack in boxes, and deliver food picked up by Scouts from homes in the greater Kingston area to multiple food pantries and soup kitchens. More than 600,000 items of food have been delivered from 1989 to 2014.

The Boy Scouts with the help of many adult volunteers have helped feed the needy throughout Ulster and Greene Counties with nearly 2 million items of food delivered to over 40 food pantries and soup kitchens. About one third of that food was from the Kingston area.