

# Monticello K-Family Members Give Back for Holidays

The Monticello Middle School Builders Club and High School Key Club have been busy doing their share to help make the holiday season happy for many children and their families in the community this year.

Both of these school service leadership clubs are sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Monticello.

The Builders Club recently traveled to the Monticello Walmart to purchase \$200 worth of toys and games to donate to the United Way of Sullivan County Project Care Program. They used funds from their club account as well as donations from individual Builders Club members. Members of the Monticello Kiwanis Club also assisted by donating money, toys and games at a recent meeting. Donned in Christmas hats and reindeer antlers, the students carefully selected items for children in various age categories. They were accompanied by Builders Club Faculty Advisor William Oefelein and Kiwanis Club members Pat Monteverde and Sheila Lashinsky.

When their purchases were completed, they got back on the bus and traveled to the United Way. Executive Director Julian Dawson thanked the students for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

Key Club members helped bring in the holiday spirit by ringing the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign at Walmart in Monticello for four hours on Friday, Dec. 11. They were able to raise \$321.47.

The funds will go to help families and individuals in the community, not only this Christmas, but throughout the year.

Participants included Key Club Officers Adrian Mierzwa (dressed as Santa's helper), Cristiane Salcedo, Jaclynn



A young boy donates to the Salvation Army.

Sorensen and Michele Rodriquez as well as Club members Rebecca Bass, Gerardo Barrera, Sara Sorensen, Victoria Simonova and Veronica Simonova. Faculty Advisor Steven Raabe and Kiwanis Key Club Advisors Jane Sorensen and Sheila Lashinsky were also in attendance.

# Sea Cliff K-Kids Host North Shore INN for Holiday Event



The Sea Cliff Elementary School K-Kids played host to the North Shore INN on Nov. 24.

K-Kids faculty advisor Mark Mihopoulos greeted NS INN volunteer committee co-chairs Harriet Lewis and Beth Fedirko and K-Kid members welcomed them.

The K-Kids Toothpaste and Toothbrush Drive project, with the theme "give back to our community" involves the entire Sea Cliff Elementary School to participate in helping others who are in need. The goal is to have as many as possible new individually packaged toothbrush and/or a new 4 oz or smaller tube of toothpaste to be sent to the NS INN for distribution to those less fortunate in our community.

Harriet Lewis and Beth Fedirko kicked off the meeting by explaining the mission of the NS INN then followed it up with a question and answer period. Looking on were Olga Scileppi, North Shore Kiwanis K-Kids Liaison and Past President Herb Schierhorst.

## Key Leader

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I'd like to start this year off by thanking all those who have supported the Key Leader program for the last 11 years. Without you, we wouldn't be back for our 12th.

Ann Holevinski and I are looking forward to another great year a Camp

Stella Maris. We can't wait to see the returning students and meet the new ones.

As always, I come hat in hand to our New York District, seeking funds to educate students on what it means to be a Servant Leader. To this end, I am asking any club that is unable to send students to please send \$100 to the district towards sponsoring a student.

If your club is still sponsoring students to attend, we are grateful and look forward to their attendance. If you would like to help defray the costs for other students to attend, then please send a donation of \$100 and some student, somewhere in New York will be

able to attend.

Students will enjoy three days of learning and making new friends as well as reconnecting with friends they may have made at past events.

I am proud to serve as the district coordinator and I know Ann loves being the site coordinator. We look forward to serving the district once again.

There is something new on the horizon from Kiwanis International regarding the Key Leader events, so stay tuned. As I learn more, I'll keep everyone informed.