

# Central Adirondacks Christmas Project Provides 966 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 and in recent years has added Long Lake and Indian Lake.

In 2015, the program provided 966 gifts and toys to more than 322 children in the Central Adirondack community.

The total distribution included 966 gifts, 171 stuffed animals for the younger children, 90 theatre tickets for the older children, 86 knitted articles, 58 books, 108 sets of scarves, hats and mittens and 58 hams. The scarves hats and mittens were provided by the Old Forge Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

This year Kiwanis again partnered with the Marine Corps League Toys for Tots Program, which greatly helped in providing the appropriate gifts for chil-

dren of all ages. Gift and toy collection locations were at Adirondack Bank, Community Bank, Inlet Department Store (ACE), Kinney Drugs, Old Forge Department Store (ACE), Old Forge Hardware, Smith Marine and Souvenir Village. In addition, there were toy collection sites at the following Post Offices: Old Forge, Eagle Bay, Inlet, Thendara and Woodgate.

The Strand Theatre assisted with discounted movie tickets and Old Forge Department Store donated wrapping materials. The employees of the Enchanted Forest/Water Safari, Water's Edge Inn & Conference Center and the Old Forge Camping Resort did an internal gift drive and the employees of Smith Marine used the tips from their concession at Snodeo to purchase toys.

The Town of Webb Schools Key Club and a number of community volunteers were major contributors to the

success of the wrapping party. The Dec. 16 gift wrapping party was held at the VIEW.

Chris Gaige, Past President of Kiwanis and Chairman of the Christmas for Kids project and Linda Kurtz project co-Chair commented, "There were more gifts and toys and more help and cooperation for this year's project than ever before".

Chris also recognized the generosity of the entire Central Adirondack Community. "Kiwanis volunteers conducted a Christmas Raffle during Christmas On Main Street which raised more than \$1,300, and solicited funds at CAA's Snodeo which raised over \$1,700. This year's Snodeo attendees were more generous than ever. In addition, a number of community members made financial donations. The complete support of the community is what makes this project such a success".

## Clubs Jointly Sponsor Dinner

The Kiwanis Club of Ken-Ton We held our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 26.

The annual event was started decades ago as an Eagle Scout Project, sponsored for years by the Serotoma Club (a local service club that no longer exists) and is now sponsored by the Ken-Ton Kiwanis, Kenmore Lions and Zonta Club of Kenmore.

As a true community dinner though, there are many others involved as well.



## Bronx-Westchester South Participates in Alzheimer's Walk

On Oct. 4, Kiwanians, Circle K and Key Club members from the Bronx Westchester South Division participated in the Alzheimer's walk on at White Plains High School.

Members from the Yonkers, East Yonkers, Hartsdale, Riverdale, Bronx Shore, Westchester Village, Bronx: Parkchester, North East Bronx, Mount Vernon, Morris Park, Fordham, Bronx.

Circle K members from Fordham, and Key Club members from the Saunders High School also participated.

