

Kiwanians Busy With Holiday Events



Glens Falls

The Kiwanis Club of Glens Falls continued its Christmas tradition of giving books to the Head Start children. On Dec. 21, Kiwanian Bob Hafner, playing Santa, visited with some of the classes at the Head Start Center, reading to them, and giving each child a gift-wrapped copy of the book.

Central Adirondacks

Each Christmas, Central Adirondack Kiwanis provides more than 975 gifts, toys, mittens and food for 55 families and more than 325 kids in the Central Adirondacks including Woodgate, Otter Lake, Thendara, Old Forge, Eagle Bay, Inlet, Racquette Lake, Indian Lake and Long Lake.

Funding for this program comes from various projects. Each year Kiwanis members solicit funds at the door of George T. Hildebrant Recreation Center during the 40th Annual Central Adirondack Association Snodeo exposition.

Southwest Rochester

On Dec. 8, the Kiwanis Club of Southwest Rochester organized its bell ringing volunteer service to include Aktion Club and RIT Circle K. The newly formed Aktion Club officers rang the bells outside in cold, windy weather.

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Patchogue Runners Supply Gifts

Out of 1000 entrants, blazing record times were achieved by competitors in ideal cold and clear race conditions for the annual 5K Santa's Toy Trot sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Patchogue.

The course started and ended at the Shorefront Park in Patchogue.

The male first place winner, Nicolo Filippazzo who posted a new record time of 14 minutes and 36 seconds. The female first place winner, Rolanda Bell, set a new record time of 16 minutes and 48 seconds.

Participants provided 800 new toys for Kiwanis distribution to needy community children for Christmas. Proceeds of the trot were earned for the club's many child service projects. Members of the Patchogue Kiwanis Club managed the event along with many volunteers including Key Clubbers who helped make the event a great success. Runners and their times may be found at Elitefeats.com. Photos may be found at Santas5KTroT.com and facebook page Kiwanis Club of Patchogue.

Mt. Vernon Kiwanis, Golden K

New York District Gov. Stephen Sirgiovanni attended the Annual Holiday Party for over 150 Mount Vernon Senior Citizens sponsored by Mt. Vernon Kiwanis and its Golden K Club.

Gov. Stephen took the opportunity to thank the "greatest generation" of Americans for all they have done for our nation and their families, and lauded the members of the Mount Vernon Golden K Kiwanis Club for its past and present service projects led by its club president Dorothy Rock.

Gov. Steve inducted four new members of Mt. Vernon Golden K, a club founded 16 years ago. Joining the Golden K members for the event were Mt. Vernon Kiwanis Presidents Geraldine Christiana, Jason Schaefer, PLG Rosemarie Cornacchio, Secretary Ruby Lohse, and Past International President Tom DeJulio celebrating his 50th year as a member of the Mount Vernon Kiwanis family.



Peninsula

Peninsula Kiwanis, assisted by the Molloy College Circle K and the Hewlett High School Key Club, held a Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 10 at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Inwood. More than 150 children had their picture taken with Santa. The children were able to select the background and leave with their photo. In addition 40 coats were given to children in need which had been collected by the

Woodmere Middle School Builders Club. Member Domenic Sciarrotta filled in for Santa.

Pictured are, in front, Kevin Cooney; Anthony Merendino, Sal Accomando, Dennis Brining, Frank Tavella, Larry Romanelli, Santa, Paul Curra, Chris McGrath, Dominick A. Curra, Vic Liotta, Father Fasano, Michael Gliner, Howie Tompkin, Anthony Russo.